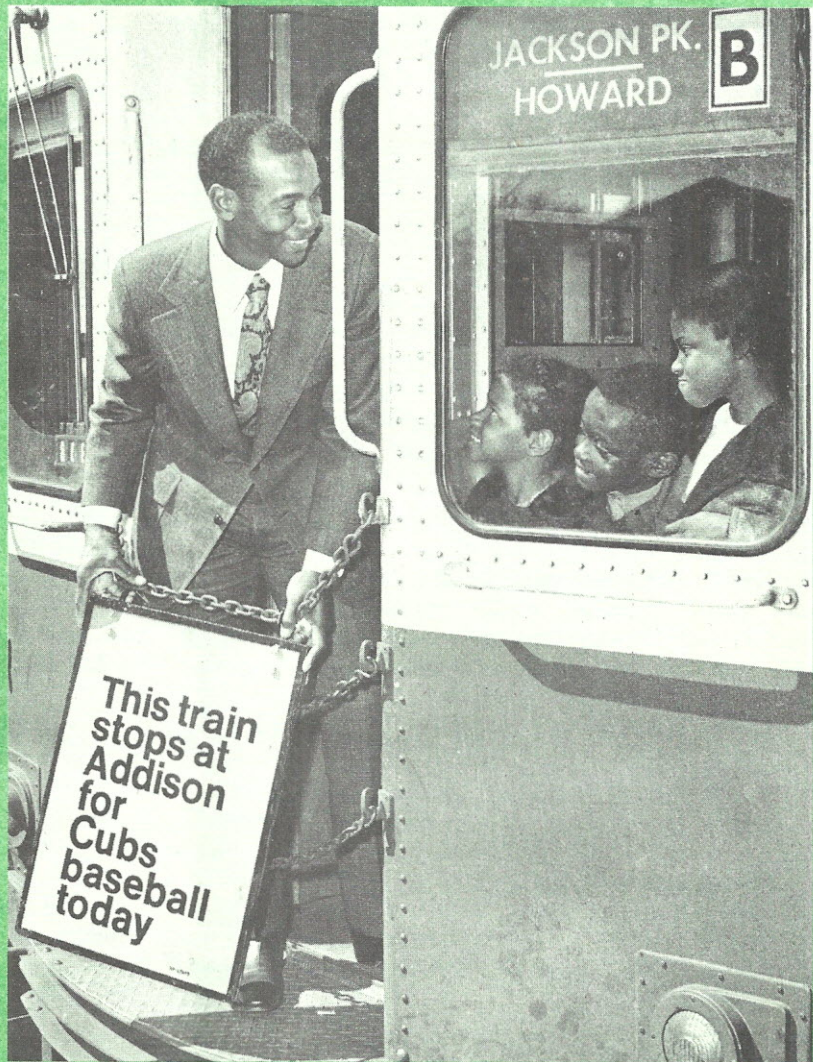


TRANSIT NEWS



APRIL, 1971



REPRESENTING 8,300 operating employees were five CTAers who recently took part in activities marking CTA's safest year-1970. Operating Manager C. E. Keiser congratulated them for their part in setting the new safety record and presented each of them with a memento of the record-breaking year. Shown in the picture are, from left, Janitor Patrick Hoban, Bus Operator Joseph Kovatz, Mr. Keiser, Ticket Agent Mary Ritter, Conductor Lawrence Few, and Motorman Elton Williams.

Operating Employees Feted

A CELEBRATION is just what is called for when a record is broken--and the new public accident record set by CTA operating employees in 1970 is no exception.

The year 1970 was the safest in CTA history. In fact, there were 1,265 fewer accidents than in 1964, the previous safest year--and that represents a decrease of 9.5 per cent.

CTA management was eager to show its appreciation for this accomplishment and recently treated personnel at all 21 operating stations to free coffee and rolls. Each of the male employees involved was presented a tie clasp which can be worn with great pride. Female ticket agents were given CTA pens.

The first to receive these safest year mementos were five CTAers who represented the 8,300 operating employees. The group included a bus operator, a conductor, a motorman, a janitor, and a ticket agent. While making the presentation in the CTA Board Room, Operating Manager C. E. Keiser congratulated each one of the five CTAers individually and expressed his personal thanks to all operating employees for setting a new safest year record.

General Manager T. B. O'Connor expressed appreciation for establishing the new record on behalf of all CTA employees. Commenting on the steady



downward trend in public accidents since 1948, he stated that setting a new record despite increasing traffic on city streets can be attributed to the training and skill of CTA personnel. "Judging by the accident statistics for the first quarter of 1971," Mr. O'Connor continued, "it looks like CTA is heading for another safest year. In these days of rising costs, accident reduction makes an important contribution toward holding expenses down."

Contributing much to CTA's new safest year record were seven operating stations which made 1970 their own safest year by beating their previous best year. On the surface system, the stations are 77th Street, Keeler, North Avenue, 69th Street, North Park, and Lawndale. On the rapid transit system, Ashland established its new safest year in 1970. Special plaques were provided for each of the seven stations and were accepted on behalf of operating personnel by the station superintendents.



Surface System Shops

Win Maintenance Award

LOOKING WITH pride upon the Maintenance Efficiency Award which was won by the Shops and Equipment Department are, from left, G. J. Clark, superintendent of shops and equipment; J. W. Dain, superintendent of surface system garages; J. A. Rosendhal, superintendent of surface shops, and J. J. Replinger, superintendent of surface system shops and garages.

The award was presented by the editors of Fleet Owner Magazine, the nation's leading business magazine serving bus, truck, and automotive fleets. CTA received the award because bus maintenance efficiency continued to improve during 1970, in spite of the increasing age of its fleet which cannot be replaced because of a lack of funds for new equipment.

OUR COVER: Displaying one of the new rapid transit baseball signs on a North-South route train is Transit Board Member and Chicago Cubs baseball star Ernie Banks. The two-sided signs, which are carried before all home games, include messages on an orange background for Cubs games and on a blue background for White Sox games.

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THOMAS B. O'CONNOR
GENERAL MANAGER



TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Once again, Chicago Transit Authority will conduct a month-long campaign to acquaint employees with the benefits of purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan. During the month of May, all employees will be contacted by a fellow worker and given the opportunity to begin a savings program or add to their present program.

The interest rate of Savings Bonds is now $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ when held to maturity of 5 years, 10 months. This higher rate makes them more desirable than ever when they are held for a long-range savings goal. Savings Bonds are a convenient, painless way to save for your children's college education, to save for a new home or car, or to establish a retirement fund to add to your CTA retirement plan. The fellow employee who contacts you can provide information about the advantages of a long-range savings plan.

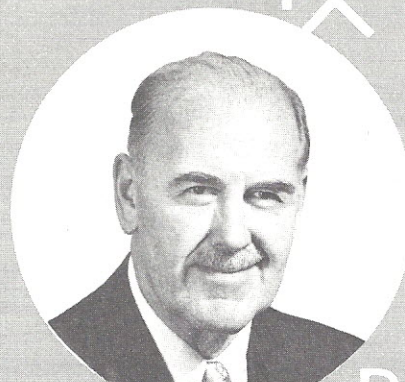
The payroll savings plan makes it easy for you to save. CTA does the bookwork, and you reap the benefits. The amount you put into the plan each pay period is shown on your check stub as a "deduction", but in reality it is an allotment, payable to you with interest when you cash a bond. And you pay no State income tax on the interest you receive.

I urge you to give careful consideration to this opportunity to sign up for the payroll savings plan or to increase your present allotment. Remember, U.S. Savings Bonds mean security for you as well as for your country.

T. B. O'Connor

Take stock in America.

Now Bonds pay a bonus at maturity.



Medically Speaking

by Dr. George H. Irwin

MEDICAL STATISTICS show that emotions and functional or nervous disorders affect 70 per cent of the people in the United States in the course of a lifetime.

An emotion is a strong feeling or internal impulse toward open action. Emotions may be divided into positive and negative groups. In the positive group we have love, hope, trust, courage, faith, joy, and optimism; most of which are beneficial to our health. In the negative group are greed, anger, disgust, grief, fear, jealousy, worry, and pessimism; which usually have a harmful effect on our health.

Functional disorders include those conditions or illnesses which are emotionally produced. They do not cause tissue destruction, but their symptoms are brought about by abnormal physiology of our body. Organic diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis, and appendicitis are different because they do cause tissue destruction.

Some of the common functional disorders are:

1. Psychosomatic disturbances—indigestion, constipation, nervous diarrhea, colitis, many skin rashes, certain types of rapid heart, much impotence, nausea, nervous tremors, insomnia, and wet hands and feet.

2. Hypochondriac—this person accumulates miseries, complains of aches, pains, weakness, and displays self-pity. He takes many different medicines every day and often lives to a ripe, medicated old age.

3. Chronic anxiety state—reasonable anxiety can often be a spur to proper behavior. If, however, it is carried to excess it will have a harmful effect on one's health.

4. Depressions are characterized by fatigue, apathy, discouragement, self-blame, and a feeling of uselessness.

5. Ineffectiveness—people who fiddle their lives away, both mentally and physically, without accomplishing any definite good. Many do not want the responsibility of success and they are so afraid of failure that they never succeed.

6. Chronic sour dispositions characterize people who rarely smile or laugh, offer no boosts for others, and have "down" attitudes on most everything.

7. The projectors generally say "You are not too hot yourself." They feel that everyone else is to blame. Fault-finding people project their own faults and then ascribe them to others.

8. Eating disturbances are very common and are physically and emotionally handicapping. Obesity is four-fifths psychological. One-fourth of the population in the United States is seriously overweight. Compulsive eating and compulsive use of alcohol are on the same basis.

9. Marital difficulties—although the majority of people marry, it can be a difficult adjustment. Marital problems are similar for all human beings. A good marriage, however, makes for healthier adults and happier children. It requires constant, intelligent, and loving effort.

10. Social and work problems—for example, how does man or woman meet society's prejudice against divorce? Or a young woman adjust to widowhood? What is a healthy attitude toward work, toward one's superior and toward a fellow workman? A good fellowship, teamwork, and unselfishness are the answer to many of these problems.

11. Aging produces difficulties that are physical, psychological, and social. No one can deny or laugh off these real situations. Most people are never ready for old age and do not like to be handicapped by it, but as Maurice Chevalier says, "I certainly prefer it to the alternative."

12. Intemperance—dependence on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs is increasing. This is because man mistakenly is trying to find some tranquilizer to make him more comfortable.

The treatment or management of functional disorders is an extremely complex one. Primarily, one must strive for better health, both physically and mentally.

To achieve better health, the right balance of all our activities is very important. This can be accomplished by the proper amount of work, rest, exercise, play, and general hygiene. At different periods in life these activities may have to be rearranged somewhat. In general, however, set up a program and stick to it.

Next, one must learn to control the harmful emotions. This is difficult but it can be done through re-education, understanding, self discipline, and personal adaptation to the realities of life.

Most of man's difficulties are the result of personal maladjustment and failure to make a complete readjustment to an entire situation. If intelligent control is to be restored and maintained, the individual must first adapt to the circumstances of his life as they are and then to himself as he is.

Once the decision is made and the adaptation or change started, it is easier to control emotions and make the necessary changes to better our living.

The theory of re-education is this: just as an individual can be physically retrained in new habits of walking or talking, so can he be retrained in new habits of thinking, feeling, and acting.

Transit Board Approves Isabella Station Closing

THE LIGHTLY-USED Isabella station on the Evanston rapid transit route was closed Friday, April 30, after the evening rush hour. Chicago Transit Board, in its continuing efforts to economize and improve service, authorized closing the station at the April 8 meeting.

Less than 250 passengers entered the Isabella station on an average weekday, making it the weakest of CTA's 149 rapid transit stations. The 130 passengers per day who walked to the Isabella station are within reasonable distance of either the Linden or Central stations, each only two blocks away. Both have adequate capacity and better facilities for serving these riders. Their platforms have full-length canopy protection. Furthermore, at Linden terminal riders may sit in comfort on a train while awaiting leaving time.

Kiss-n-ride and park-n-ride passengers who represented 40 per cent of the station's users could be accommodated at the Linden station, two blocks to the north, where CTA maintains a paved and lighted parking lot in which adequate space is available. Closing of the station will benefit the neighborhood by eliminating on-street parking by non-residents.

Service was improved for the more than one-half million passengers per year who use Linden station and who were delayed twice each day by the stop made at Isabella to serve an average of only one passenger per train.

About \$15,000 per year will be saved in agent's wages, maintenance, heating, lighting, and power costs for starting and stopping trains.

Suggestion Committee Names 28 Award Winners

IN ITS report for the first quarter of 1971, the Employee Suggestion Plan announced the adoption of 28 suggestions which were submitted by CTA employees.

Three employees who received cash awards of \$25 each for their accepted ideas were Chester J. Majerowicz, Engineering-West Shops; Ronald A. Seno, Transportation-Jefferson Park rapid transit, and Raymond Spatzek, Shops and Equipment-South Shops.

Winning \$25 cash awards for submitting their second adoptable suggestion within a year were two General Office and two Transportation employees: Mary Ann Bohat, Claim Department; Bernadette Kizior, Electrical Department; Raymond G. Frenette, Lawndale Station, and James R. Schumpp, North Section. All of the above cash award winners also had their choice of incentive awards—a \$7 gift certificate or a lighter/tape rule set.

Named for honorable mention awards because they submitted their first adoptable suggestion, making them eligible to receive either a Jewel-Osco gift certificate or Zippo lighter/tape rule set, were: General Office—William Cline, Reproduction Services; Regina H. Daren, Medical; Garfield Francis, Photographic; Bernadette Kizior, Electrical; Mary A. O'Reilly, Claim; Arthur J. Pinelli, Office Services, and Harold J. Rowbottom, Traffic Planning. Shops and Equipment—John R. Kalinowski, Oscar A. Landor, and Frances E. Louward, all of South Shops; Martin Hennessey, Skokie Shops, and John J. Ward, Forest Glen Garage. Transportation-Surface—John J. Jearas and Walter Lemons Jr., both of Limits Station; Henry E. Farley, 77th Street Station, and John R. Tosch, Keeler Station. Engineering—William C. Chamerlick, Donald L. Johnson, and Donald L. Rouse, all of West Shops. Utility—John C. Miller, Blue Island. Transportation-Rapid Transit—James R. Schumpp, North Section.

PLAN 1971 CTA GROUP TOUR FOR SEPTEMBER

TAKING ADVANTAGE of the cost-savings afforded by traveling in a group, CTA employees have been enjoying vacations to scenic areas around the world for several years now. And for the aspiring globe-trotter, the 1971 tour will certainly be no letdown.

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The Orient is being considered for a 23-day tour in September. The itinerary includes stops in Japan, Formosa, Philippines, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Thailand.

Active and retired CTA employees who are interested in learning complete details about the Orient tour should write to Miss Jane Mitchell, Chicago Transit Authority, Merchandise Mart - Room 734, P. O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

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AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

We were greatly shocked and bereaved by the demise of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT on Saturday, March 13. Our sympathy and condolences go to his family. Your scribe wishes to thank everyone in all sections of the Accounting Department for their contributions toward a memorial in his memory...Pensioner HARRY E. TANN-HAUSER of Revenue Accounting passed away on March 5. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family. It is still fresh in our memory that he came to this office to attend a retirement party and visited with his many friends...A welcome back goes to HARRIET KRYZAN upon her return to work after having surgery. She is feeling better and looks well...A welcome back is also extended to VIRGINIA HARRER after her recent illness...HAROLD F. BROWN, assistant general accountant, spent a week golfing in Biloxi, Mississippi. His companions in this outing were JOHN O'CONNOR of Research and Planning, and PATRICK McCARTHY of Engineering. Part of the trip was devoted to a weekend in New Orleans. By the look on their faces as they returned to work they had a very good time...On her vacation, GERI LA VINE spent five days in Curacao. It is an island in the Dutch West Indies and probably the most popular among tourists. The climate was ideal, never any higher than 83 degrees. Her stay there included some gambling in the casinos, a tour of the island, and shopping for some marvelous buys in jewelry, perfumes, and souvenirs. We in this department wish to extend a farewell to Geri. She successfully passed tests and will transfer to a new position in the Stores Department. She will be a short distance from our area and we will still enjoy seeing her every day...On her vacation, STELLA CIEZADLO flew to Miami Beach, Florida, by Delta 747. Her companions were two cousins, JULIA and KATHERINE, and they stayed at the beautiful Golden Sands hotel for nine days, taking in the surrounding sights and enjoying the sun. They also stayed at Ocean 71 hotel and enjoyed the crystal clear pool and private beach. Then they spent some time in the Johnina hotel in Miami Beach enjoying these surroundings. From there they went to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they stayed five days at the Sunny Harbor motel, going out daily to take in the sights and enjoy the sunshine. That's a beautiful tan you've acquired, Stella...PHYLLIS WHITE successfully passed the tests for a new position in the Claim Department and will be leaving this department in a few weeks to take up her new duties. Good luck and happiness in your new position, Phyllis.

- Jeane Fitzgerald

(Payroll) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to JOANNE STASI whose mother, Mrs. HELEN PARIS, passed away on March 11...One doesn't have to travel too far to discover interesting places; MARGE ORGAN found many unique antique shops in the picturesque town of Wilmot, Wisconsin, which is also noted for its ski resorts. Although Marge didn't participate in the sport, she was satisfied to be a spectator, and also enjoyed the quaint little restaurants in that area...VALERIE BOWMAN, DOROTHY NYCZAK, and ROSEMARY KENNY took part of their vacations for relaxation and recreation and to enjoy visits with friends...We all are looking forward to spring and the warm weather which will enable us again to enjoy many activities in the great outdoors.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

This has been a very sad month for a lot of people, but for me, they say when it rains it pours. First, WHITNEY YOUNG passed on and was a very close friend of my family, then CTA Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT who was a friend of all of us at CTA, and then RICHARD GILMORE, the policeman who was slain, who was like a brother and was a former CTA bus operator at 77th Street...Two of the loaders at 95th and Dan Ryan are off sick, W. JOYCE and JOE LAUTERBACH. Here's hoping they have a speedy recovery...Supervisor J. W. CLAYTON retired on April 1, and MARTENS had a sign hung on him reading, "I'm number one, at last"...Operator BANKS goes out of his way to find checker players. The fellows in the train room at the "L" even call him champ...Supervisor W. CLAIBORNE really has something to crow about. His wife gave birth to a little girl, two months early, and wife and baby are doing fine.

Congratulations to GEORGE B. EVANS, CTA Security, and his wife who are the proud parents of a baby girl, KIMBERLY ANN, born on March 21. Superintendent GEORGE E. EVANS is the proud grandfather, and is ready to take her for a stroll in the park...Operator CLARENCE COWAN is on the commendation list again, and he is one of the best. He believes in practicing brotherhood week every day in the year. If everyone followed this rule and judged each man on his self-respect, this would be a better world to live in. Keep up the good work, Clarence...We express our deepest sympathy to Pensioner JOHN CASSIDY in the loss of his wife; to Operator B. BARNES in the loss of his wife, and to Operator BOB TIERNEY whose father passed away.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CLAIM -

Before I get into the news of the article, I would like to say something of "The Generation Gap." A generous donation has been received for a memorial scholarship fund at Mississippi State College for Women in memory of THOMAS J. STEPP Sr., who was the father of our own THOMAS STEPP Jr., locator, and the grandfather of nine. His example of love and generosity will never die...On February 13, the Sharp Corner PTA of Skokie put on a play entitled, "We Did It for Our Kids." Involved in this spectacular production were Mr. and Mrs. JACK CHUNOWITZ and their daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. MIKE VITALE and their children. The presentation was a lot of work for everyone involved, but, as was the title, they did it for their kids...JOYCE VAUGHAN, age 13, the daughter of SAM and WIL-LIE MAE VAUGHAN, statementman and ticket agent respectively, won a special science award for her participa-

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tion in the John Shoop Elementary school science fair. Her project was entitled, "Drugs, It's Problems and Effects." Later, Joyce, along with other top winners, was selected to represent her school in the School District No. 18 science fair...How can a generation gap exist with people who care--care about their childrens' physical and mental health. Children do reflect their parents, and seeing this, it must not go unrewarded...Our annual DAI Credit Union party was a great success. Thank you, CHARLIE MARBLE, for doing the Polka with me...The best of luck, to TERRI KRAMER who has transferred to the Law Department...Congratulations to JOHN J. McGOVERN who now has another little grandchild, JEANETTE ANN LaFLEUR, who was born on March 8. This is his first granddaughter and he is a mighty proud grandfather...Speaking of people who should be proud, my dad, Limits Station Operator FRANK KOUBA, has a new addition to his family, JILL MARIE, who was born on March 16. This is his fourth grandchild.

- Ruth Kaminski

CONGRESS (Agents) -

JAMES CLARK and his wife, ARMADELLA, became the proud and happy grandparents of a baby boy, CHARLES CLARK Jr., who weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces on St. Patrick's day. It was the first child for CHARLES and EMMA CLARK. By the time James is ready to retire, the little baby will be ten and an ideal fishing partner...We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of FRANK DIXON on the loss of their beloved mother, RUTH, for whom services were held in Macon, Mississippi...We were sorry to hear that Pensioner MARGARET NOLAN, our former co-worker, passed away. Since her retirement, Margaret has resided in Cedar Lake, Indiana...THOMAS FREEMAN and his family will cure their spring fever with a trip to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where they have many friends...MARGARET BLEER's fifth grandchild, JENNIFER BLEER, was born on February 10 and was baptized on Sunday, March 28, at St. James church in Arlington. The happiest and liveliest of all the guests was the baby's great-grandfather who is 94 years old.

- Julia Brousek

CTA POLICE -

Hello to all from the CTA Police. Excuse us for being silent for so long. All the fine columns by scribes at other stations and departments give this rookie scribe plenty of good ideas to work with. We hope our news will be enjoyable...Our superintendent, A. F. STAHL, just got back from a vacation in the sunshine state. Retired Transportation Department Superintendents KRAUSE, KERR, and ERICKSON were a few of the friends he visited at Bonita Springs and Ft. Lauderdale...Assistant Superintendent N. N. GRAVER claims his new golf clubs are red hot. Anyone for a foursome?...Our sympathy and prayers go to RICHARD GISINER on the passing of his father, ARTHUR...Detective SAM RINI hasn't had his electric organ for long and already he has gotten some offers from some big name places. But Sam has turned them all down; he refuses to go commercial...Organ music was the order of the day at St. Alphonsus church March 27 when EUGENE SPATARO took pretty LYNN ELLEN FLAMMINI for his bride. Happiness and good fortune to the newlyweds...KEN PERRY, the son of HOWARD PERRY, is on the dean's list at Illinois Insti-

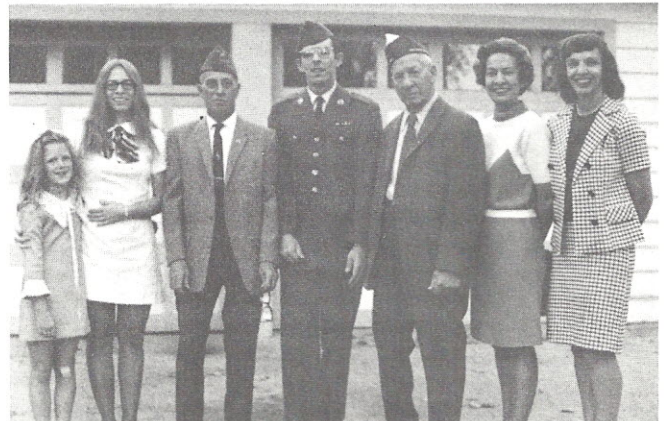
tute of Technology (it's OK to be on that kind of a list)...AL COOPER and GEORGE EVANS are the first CTA men to be sent through police school. They'll finish a ten-week course at the Chicago Police Academy April 24. Beginning May 31, BRUCE HENDERSHOT and WILLIAM MCKENZIE will be attending the six-week course of the Illinois State Police Training Institute at Champaign-Urbana...The recent job training bulletin for our department resulted in applications from 144 men. Our thanks to all these men for their interest in the CTA Police...BRUCE HENDERSHOT and JOHN FIRLINGER cleared up quite a few complaints when they made an arrest at Adams-Jackson in the Dearborn. Eleven victims signed charges...PAUL WALLACE and ROY SCHNEIDER arrested an armed man robbing the agent at 40th & Indiana. This arrest cleared up four other robberies on the rapid...WILLIAM JAQUEST got a letter of commendation from General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR for his work in preventing the robbery of a cab driver on North Wells street. Congratulations to all these men on a job well done!...Happy birthdays to HAROLD EICHAKER April 16, RAY WISNIEWSKI April 17, ROBINSON April 22, ROY SCHNEIDER April 24, JAY JONAS April 27, STEFFIC and LAATCH April 29, and DALE POTTER and RINI April 30...For benefits and good times join a police organization. See Sergeant TOM SULZER for the St. Jude League; Sergeant PETE GENUTIS for AMVETS - Police Post 18; Detective DAN MARTINIAK for the Fraternal Order of Police, and Detective PAUL WALLACE for the Illinois Police Association. South and Central unit men and footmen don't be bashful, send news about your areas to the office, in care of your scribe.

- Timothy O'Mahony

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

The chill winds of March didn't bother MARIE HAVLIK because she, along with her mother and sister, RUTH, of the Schedule Department, vacationed in Hawaii. They visited the Islands about a year ago, and no doubt found it just as wonderful the second time around...Happy to hear that DEL TOSH, chief power supervisor, is home from the hospital and recovering rapidly from his recent illness...TONY

IN THE proud tradition of his family, ROBERT NORSTROM is now serving in the armed forces of the United States as did his father, VERNE NORSTROM, and grandfather, WALTER SIMONSON. Pictured at a recent family gathering are, from left: KYLE KING, CAROL NORSTROM, Verne, Robert, Walter, LORRAINE NORSTROM, and LOIS KING. Verne is a West Section foot collector.





LOVELY JOYCE VAUGHAN, age 13, recently won a special science award for her participation in the John Shoop Elementary school science fair. Her proud parents are **SAM** and **WILLIE MAE VAUGHAN**, Claim Department statementman and South Section ticket agent, respectively.

ANDREWS, engineering assistant and our all-around athlete, bowled a 604 series with his Tuesday evening league. This isn't too unusual for Tony who also does pretty well in baseball, football, basketball, and tennis. He is definitely not a spectator sportsman but is right in there where the "action is."...Happy Springtime.

- Kay McAlister

(Blue Island) -

Well here we are in the month of April--time for spring vacations. **ANDY BOURNE** and his wife, **MARIAN**, spent a week in Palma, Spain; Mr. and Mrs. **CHARLES SCHUMAKER** visited for two weeks in sunny California, and **NELLIE** and **RALPH JOSSI** traveled by car to Key West, Florida. Received a card from Pensioner **J. WATERS** who was vacationing in San Jose, California...Our regular corned beef dinner in the Green Room at Blue Island was a huge success. In attendance were: **O'SAUVE**, **O'MATUSZEWSKI**, **O'DORGAN**, **O'COYNE**, **O'BOOTH**, **O'KUTCHINS**, **O'LOOS**, **O'CHARLETON**, **O'STAUNTON**, **O'LUNDIE**, **O'KURTIN**, **O'GIBBONS**, **O'NESSLER**, **O'POWELL**, **O'DAMROW**, **O'ARDUINI**, **O'FRIEDL**, **O'CANNUCI**, and one colleen, **DOROTHY O'DOLJANIN**...**RICHARD DORGAN** is a grandfather for the third time. His daughter, **MARY LOU**, presented him with a granddaughter, **KAREN ESTHER**, on March 6. The proud father is **STANLEY KORSGREN**. A baby boy, **ALLEN LEE AUSTIN III**, was born on March 18 to **ALLEN** and **KAREN AUSTIN**. Congratulations to all of you...They say every little bit of news helps, so everyone take note and keep those notes coming in...Our deepest sympathy to **PETER CALIFF** and his family in the loss of their son, **JAMES P. CALIFF**, in Viet Nam...Until the next issue, keep that news coming.

- William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

April showers bring May flowers, and also bring a new reporter to the Transit News staff. Your new "Snooper-Scooper" is **LINDA LE MONNIER**, a stenographer in the Engineering Department. I will be taking over as reporter for **CAROL BRADAC** who resigned from CTA last month and is presently attending beauty school and really enjoying it. Good luck, Carol. Please bear with me on my first few writings for the Transit News, as I am a little inexperienced at this sort of thing...I would like to take this opportunity to welcome **DARLENE JANSEN** to this department. She is the new posting clerk taking over where **Carol Bradac** left off. She came to the Engineering Department from the Purchasing Department where she was a clerk-typist. I hope you will be happy here Darlene...**PAT FLYNN**, who was temporarily assigned to the Engineering Department, has now been permanently assigned as a clerk-typist. Pat is presently doing part of her work in the presence of the Drafting Section where she has been tagged with the nickname Giggles, for very obvious reasons...Our Civil Engineering Section was really out vacationing this month starting with **PAUL SWANSON** and his wife, **INGE**, and their two-year old son, **SCOTT**, who left Chicago's cold weather, drove for two days, and arrived in Bradenton, Florida, where they were greeted with 80 degree weather (what more could you ask for). Among their activities were: swimming in the Gulf and soaking up the sun; visiting Ringling Brothers Circus museum and grounds; hitting a few golf balls, which is Paul's favorite sport aside from girl watching, and touring Busch Gardens in Tampa. They mainly "bummed around" for a week but enjoyed every minute of it...**CHESTER (Rusty) RUSAKIEWICZ** and his wife, **MARY**, spent a week in California visiting their son, **ROBERT**, who is stationed at Travis Air Force Base. Together the three of them toured Sacramento, Fairfield, and San Francisco. Along the way they visited the Napa Valley wineries where they named themselves the official tasters; they took a ferry boat ride on the San Francisco Bay, a bus tour of the Muir Woods, and just enjoyed every bit of the beautiful sunny weather. Rusty and Mary returned home to Chicago on one of United's 747's which was really a thrill and an enjoyable experience...**PAT MCCARTHY** spent a "hilarious" week vacationing in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Biloxi, Mississippi. Pat, along with **HAROLD BROWN** and **JOHN P. O'CONNOR**, drove there and back together. They spent their entire vacation golfing and eating sea food. He said their stay there was hectic, but every minute of it was great. Fore!...**JOHN B. (Jack) O'REILLY** sold his house this month in Evergreen Park, Illinois, and is now back in Chicago renting a large apartment. He said the reason for selling his house was so that he could have more free time to play with his granddaughter, **CHRISTINE**. Good luck in your new apartment...We are all sorry to hear about **JIM JOHNSON's** loss. We know Jim will greatly miss his gall bladder. Seriously, Jim, we all hope you will be back on your feet real soon and back to work. Also, a concerned get well wish to **FRED PETRINO** who was suddenly taken to the hospital on Monday. Hope it's nothing serious, Fred...We were all sorry to learn that **HELEN LOFTUS** passed away on April 6, 1971. She had just left Real Estate on a disability pension on April 1. Our condolences to her husband, **WILLIAM J. LOFTUS**, and her family. She was well liked and will be missed by her many friends.

(West Shops) -

First on the agenda for this month is to mention a long forgotten item that should have been in the January issue of the Transit News. **PATTY GILL**, painter foreman, and his son attended the Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas, Texas, on New Year's day. Sure sorry about that Patty, but better late than never. Now you can send this article to Ireland like you had planned to do in the first place...Bricklayer **PAT DOYLE** was recently blessed with number seven, a fine baby girl. Congratulations are certainly in order...We're glad (smile) to see Laborer **GENE REID**, better known as "the mouth" of West Shops, back to work

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after being off quite some time recovering from a recent operation...Recent vacationers are: GEORGE JERALD, carpenter, who enjoyed a lovely two-week vacation in Florida; BILL HEFFERNAN, track foreman, spent one week at home helping his wife convalesce after having a recent operation, and WILLIAM HASKINS, assistant steam-fitter foreman, vacationed in Florida for three weeks... Once again the annual Engineering Department retirement party is upon us. This year the event will be held Friday, May 7. Those of us who did not attend in recent years because the event was held on a Thursday night, will not have to miss out this year. The party will be held in the Peacock Room, 6146 W. Cermak road. Cocktails are served from 6 to 7 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner will be family style with plenty of variety for everyone. There is also dancing after dinner with music provided by a lovely orchestra. So CTAers let's support our 14 retirees being honored for their many years of faithful service to the company.

- Linda LeMonnier & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

Men, please take notice of our yardman. He is none other than WOODY OWENS, a fine gentleman who can give and take a joke...A surprise party was given for DANIEL MOLINARE of Park Ridge by his children, Mr. and Mrs. RUDOLPH MOLINARE and Mr. and Mrs. ALLEN BLUME, and his six grandchildren. Daniel retired on January 1 after 27 years of service...I've noticed that some of our depots have a "Clerk of the Year." Well, we here at Forest Glen will place Clerk PHIL MANGAN up for our station. This is one clerk you have to see to appreciate. His smile is from ear to ear, and he is letting his hair get a little long in the back. Along with operating small train sets at home, he has gone into bus building on a small scale...Welcome home, STEVE PANTOS. This young man is the son of one of our outstanding bus operators, CHRIST PANTOS...Operator PONDEL got all the way to work and discovered that he had the wrong hat on, so it meant a round trip for the old boy. Anyway, he made it back on time. Pondel, please check yourself a little better after this...Supervisor BILL LANE was spotted, again, trying to take over the janitor's job. Keep it up, Bill, and you will be named supervisor of the year at Forest Glen...A happy birthday to C. LAST. I'm not sure if you said 49 or 59, but do try and



OPERATOR RUDY NEURAUTER, Forest Glen, proudly displays the 333 pound blue Pacific marlin he caught while deep sea fishing at Kona, Hawaii, on March 7. It's difficult to say who was thrilled the most; Rudy, or his wife, EILEEN (Murph), of Public Information.

shine your shoes more often...Superintendent EARL PETERSON would like to thank all the men for their safe operation. Keep up the good work men, Mr. Peterson will be happy to get coffee for us again. Also, thanks to the credit union for the rolls last time. Let's make them cough up again...Speaking of our credit union, the fellows are willing to help. Vacations are coming up, so drop in and pick up some extra cash...Supervisor "Sweet Lips" LOFTUS will be on the terminal board for a month, so be kind to the old man. Operator LAST and myself (WILBUR) would like to say thanks for inviting us over for a bite to eat. But, fellows, if you ever stop at his lovely home, you will have to eat in the garage...Operator WEISS will be leaving us on May 1. He plans to ride the buses giving advice to all the operators...Very happy to have GENE BOHANNON back after being off for a few months due to illness. Gene is now a loader, and looking very healthy...Operator TOM MEAGHER has finally purchased his first new car...HERBERT SCHMIDT hasn't had any new grandchildren lately. He says the more the merrier, at least it keeps him young.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Employment) -

DONALD RIESS, interviewer IV, and his wife enjoyed a 17-day package tour by flying to such countries as France, Italy, Germany, Austria, and the Netherlands. They also traveled by bus and rail to various cities, and Don got in one day of skiing in Switzerland...LYNN HARRER, employment clerk II, is still on the sick list as of this writing and we hope to see her back at work soon.

(Insurance) -

ANTOINETTE (Toni) MISETIC, receptionist, is confined to Passavant hospital, and we wish her a speedy recovery. Get-well cards would be greatly appreciated...The welcome mat was extended to FRANCES CALPIN, temporary receptionist, MARGE HOLMES, hospitalization clerk I, and IRENE HERMAN, hospitalization clerk II...Congratulations are in order for PAT AUGDAHL who was promoted to hospitalization clerk II...Best wishes to TERRY MNICHOWICZ who left the company to await a blessed event.

(Treasury) -

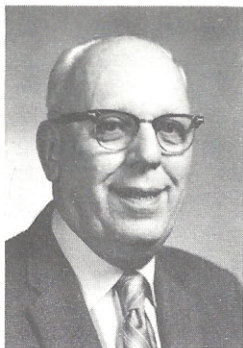
ROD HEFFERNAN, assistant to the treasurer, is the proud owner of a new Ford station wagon...Treasurer C. H. GRUBE and his wife drove to Mobile, Alabama, for a vacation and to visit with their son, EDWARD, who is a teacher there.

(Employee Relations) -

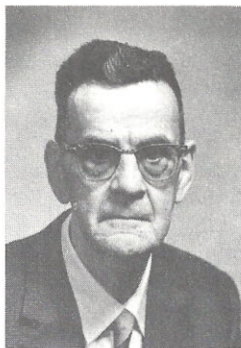
Wedding bells rang for SUSIE STENZEL, clerk-typist, when she became Mrs. LARRY MUCHA on April 17 at St. Cornelius church. The reception was held at Sokol hall...GERRY McMANAMON, file clerk, flew down to Albany, Georgia, with his mother and brother to be present at the wedding of his brother, VINCE, who is a lieutenant in the navy.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

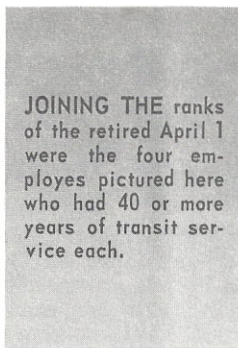
What a coincidence! Mrs. FABRY, clerk-stenographer, and her husband, RICHARD, took delivery on their new Oldsmobile Cutlass on St. Patrick's day. Its color--lime green...JAMES TRETTON, safety inspector, and his wife celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on February 22 with a visit to the French Quarter in the Palmer House...



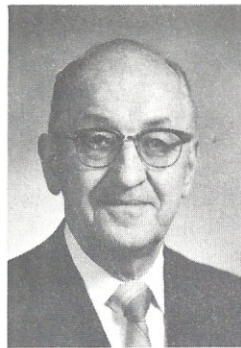
C. W. FRANK
41 Years



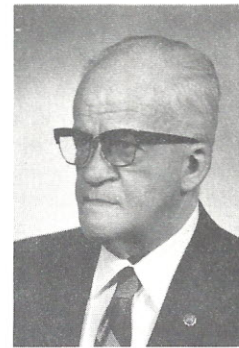
E. McDERMOTT
45 Years



JOINING THE ranks of the retired April 1 were the four employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.



F. R. SMITH
44 Years



G. A. FISHER
46 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

AARON T. AUSTIN, Painter "A",
South Shops, Emp. 7-30-51
JOSEPH M. BELLAMY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-27-34
JOHN CAMPBELL, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 11-29-56
JOHN W. CLAYTON, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 1-24-34
GEORGE A. FISHER, Schedule Maker,
Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 9-7-24
CHARLES W. FRANK, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 3-1-29
FRANK GOEDE, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 6-15-43
RICHARD V. HARRIS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 1-19-51
REINHOLD E. HIRSCH, Machinist Leader "A",
South Shops, Emp. 4-12-46
JOHN J. KALKA, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-24-37
ALFRED C. KOHLER, Towerman,
North Section, Emp. 10-12-45
GEORGE M. LARSON, Shopman,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 7-17-46
EDWARD McDERMOTT, Clerk,
Keeler, Emp. 6-15-25
JAMES B. McDERMOTT, B Electrician,
Electrical, Emp. 9-3-47

EDWARD J. McWILLIAMS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-7-33
MARTUS MYERS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-19-40
NEWTON J. MYERS, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 4-7-43
JEREMIAH A. O'SULLIVAN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 7-1-42
ANDREW SCAFIDI, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-5-41
JOSEPH S. SIMEL, Bus Repairer,
Beverly, Emp. 5-10-42
FRANCIS R. SMITH, Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 10-25-26
EDWARD A. WEISS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-5-42
CASIMIR J. WIECHOWSKI, Car Repairman,
Congress, Emp. 3-15-44
WILBUR WILLENUS, Bus & Truck Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 7-13-25
JOSEPH F. ZARUBA, Service Truck Chauffeur,
Utility Division, Emp. 4-1-47

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JUANITA V. HARRISON, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 10-26-57
HELEN R. LOFTUS, Steno IV,
Engineering, Emp. 11-22-46
HARRY MINGEE, Painter,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 2-11-46
JESSE F. SIMS, Sr., Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-23-52

ERVIN HARRIS, training aide technician I, turned out to be a supersalesman for the girl scouts in their recent cookie selling campaign. Erv sold 70 boxes of cookies...Speaking of supersalesmen, ART HUBACZ has enrolled several men of Irish descent in the Polish Legion of American Veterans. What's the inducement, Art?

(Reproduction Services) -

A luncheon was held on March 25 at the M&M Club for MARYANN DAUKSHIS, typist II, which was attended by her co-workers. She became Mrs. TIMOTHY TRACEY on March 27 at St. Philomena church with the reception at The Lido. Maryann's sister, SHARON HAMILTON, a former CTA employee, was one of the bridesmaids.

(Medical) -

Birthday greetings were sent to ARLENE PURALEWSKI, clerk II, who became 21 years of age on March 28.

(Executive) -

AILEEN MADDEN, typist, and her husband, JAMES, of the Insurance Department, flew down to Florida for a week's vacation in the sun.

(Public Information) -

Aloha! The NEURAUTERS are back to work in a swinging mood. MURPH and her husband, RUDY, bus operator at Forest Glen, came home from the Hawaiian Islands. After touring the islands which included Molokai this trip, they again went sport fishing off the Kona Coast on the charter boat, Kakina, with the best skipper on the island, John Honl and his assistant Tioni Judd. If there is a big fish in this area John will find it. Rudy proved to be a good fisherman when he pulled in a blue Pacific Marlin measuring over ten feet long and weighed in officially at 333 pounds. You can bet they have picture-proof plus that special "glow" when the word "fish" is mentioned...The welcome

mat was extended to MIKE CUSACK who transferred from North Park to become the assistant sales manager in the Charter Section. . . Also welcomed to the department was MAUREEN O'REILLY, clerk-typist, who transferred from the Claim Department.

(Research & Planning) -

Off to Tel Aviv, Israel, at noon on a Thursday and back again at his desk the following Thursday morning, a 14,000 mile round trip for a six-day visit! Who else but our literally "far-out" superintendent, GEORGE KRAMBLES. Called there for consultation by the State of Israel, Mr. Krambles tells us that Tel Aviv is ready for a high-speed subway and coordinated bus-rail system, and where better could they come than to Chicago to find out how to do it?

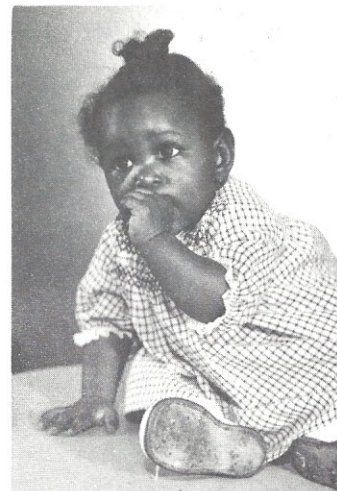
They'll even have a section in the median of a planned expressway, a la Congress, Dan Ryan, and Kennedy. Reports are that the climate is great, the food delicious, the people knowledgeable and industrious. While Mr. Krambles worked on both the Sabbath and Sunday and kept a judicious distance from the Golan Heights, the Jordan River, and Carmel Sheikh, he did not fail to pay brief respects at the holy places of the Christians, Jews, and Moslems in Jerusalem. . . JOHN O'CONNOR, together with PAT MCCARTHY, structural engineer, and HAROLD BROWN, assistant general accountant, all piled their golf clubs in the old jalopy and drove off to Memphis, Tennessee, for the start of a week's vacation. All that weight in the car must have triggered the blowout they had en route, and using all of their combined skills they managed to change the tire (amazing!). After that little episode, they drove to New Orleans and took a few rides on the streetcars. Many memories are brought to mind when riding one of those old cars. They also visited numerous points of interest in the French Quarter, and, believe it or not, the three little devils visited the cathedral. From New Orleans they went to Biloxi, Mississippi, where they had the best time of all doing what they liked best--golfing. All of them came back with a slight sunburn, and John has inherited the name "Flakey" because his bald head keeps peeling all over the place. All kidding aside though, we're glad they had a nice time. Welcome back! . . . No decent husband would make his wife cook on her birthday, so NORMAN OSWALD took KATHLEEN out for an evening of wining and dining at the Millionaires Club. A belated happy birthday wish to you, Kathleen.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neuraute

KEELER -

Ah April--the month of cleanup, paint up, fix up, and clean out for that income tax. A little boy asked his mommy if it was fact that we came from the dust of the earth. Mommy replied, "Yes dear, that's what the Bible tells us." The little boy said, "Well mommy, I looked under the bed this morning and someone is either coming or going." And thereby lies the tale, fellows. Already I have painters cramps and I'm still working too slowly for a certain lady who granted me the privilege 33 years ago on April 27 of sharing my name. So, VIRGIL, congratulations on snagging such a wonderful prize as me. . . Garageman ED McDONNELL and his wife, AGNES, made a parlay of 19 years on April 19. Congratulations, kids. . . Bus Serviceman WILLIE ELLIS Jr. blew out his birthday candles on April 25. . . Bus Repairman JOHN KOHMAN and his wife, STEFANIE, became proud parents on March 6 when a daughter, DENISE, was born. . . Repairman RICHARD HARTMAN's

CUDDLESOME SHARON JONES, the seven-month old daughter of **SHIRLEY JONES**, West Section ticket agent, and **DOYER JONES**, bus operator, 69th Street Station, seems to be enjoying her thumb more than being photographed.



lovely daughter, KAREN, became a very grown-up ten years old on March 23. . . Sorry we can't have more cheerful news about two more of our good repairmen, as CHARLES BOWMAN has been hospitalized and really missed by all of his co-workers, and likewise KEN SANDRIK. . . Almost fluffed this one--LAWRENCE HOUGHLAND became a proud papa of a baby girl on February 27. I didn't get a cigar, that's why it's belated. . . It was good to have Instructor JIM HENDERSON around Keeler for a few days, long enough to inform us that JIM Jr. and his new bride, GALE, are honeymooning in Miami. . . Not to be upstaged, Instructor CHARLEY WEYER entered greetings and happy returns to his wife, LORRAINE, April 12. Poor Chuck hopes April 12 is correct. . . Operator J. CARSON is no April fool as he birthdated on April 2, and his twins, JAMAL and JEROME, shared a one candle cake on April 8. . . Other April good guys are: Operators VALTIERRA, FILIPEK, HODGE, PANCIC, TOSCH, KUGELBERG, BREWER, CUBIE, and WISCHLER. Many, many more birthdays to all you fellows. . . A little late, but sincere verbal bouquets to Operator OTIS HAMPTON and his lovely wife, ADDIE, March 14, who marked the first milestone in, we hope, a long, long chain of marital remembrances. . . Of course we all can't be as fortunate as GEORGE and FLORENCE HAAK who just returned from their annual deep sea fishing vacation off the Florida Keys. . . If any of you fellows happened to notice a shortage in your paycheck, be advised that our paymaster, JOHN POPE, also spent a two-week vacation in Florida. . . Vivacious GLORIA really could ignore April 21 even though it is her birthday. It just doesn't show, Gloria. Incidentally, Gloria is the wife of Operator WILLIAM TABORN. . . In case you aren't familiar with our elite janitorial staff, be informed that all three men have picked the same jobs again. They are GEORGE LEVENBERGER, E. ZIELKE, and SY GOLDMAN. We lost relief man E. KONKEY to Forest Glen where he became the No. 2 man. George Levenberger just finished remodeling his home, and we are all anxiously awaiting the housewarming invitation. . . Now, good people, the next half hour of reading will be devoted to our custodial impressario, ERWIN ZIELKE. Until last month, Erwin had never made our column--so now he's making up with a vengeance. First, Erwin and his wife, MARY, celebrated 38 years of wedded bliss February 15. Mary also birthdated on March 27. His son, E. W. ZIELKE, was promoted to chief salvage agent for the Milwaukee Road on February 1. Ah, good old transportation. His grandson, DONN DIX, of Wheaton, enlisted in the air force



THIS PHOTO taken in September, 1944, shows RUSS KERSHAW and AL SHERIDAN in the doorway of an old Chicago Motor Coach double-decker bus. Russ is now a bus operator at Forest Glen Station, but Al resigned from the CMC before its acquisition by CTA.

and is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Granddaughter LORI SUE and her husband, GARY CLEM, made Erwin a great-grandfather on March 15 when 6 pound 11 ounce CHANDRA LEE CLEM was born. Not to be neglected, his nephew, JOHN MORGAN, who resided in Schaumburg, Illinois, enlisted in the air force reserve and left for Lackland Air Force Base on April 12. Meanwhile, over in Palatine, Illinois, another nephew, RICK KRABBE HOFFT, also got into the act by enlisting in the naval air corps at Glenview, Illinois. So, Erwin Zielke, if you think you haven't received equal coverage by now--SUE ME!..Our good and just boss man, Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN, along with the instruction staff wishes to thank the stalwart men of Keeler for their magnificent safety efforts in the past. However, guys, don't let up on those efforts...Well, gang, I know how you feel after receiving those Easter bills plus that tax heartbreak, but just bear in mind that money is like fertilizer--it's not good unless it is spread around.

- Ernest C. Carter

KEDZIE -

I received a post card from Pensioner JACK WILLIAMS who's down in Florida. In the past year, Jack has traveled over 26,000 miles, and he may even travel more this year. ..Operator J. RICHARDSON and his lovely wife are celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary, also Operator and Board Member W. REYNOLDS and his wife are celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both...Operator R. CARTER is in the Northwest hospital. I hope by the time this issue is out he will be back at work... Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday and help another in need.

- Raymond Graham

LAWDALE -

Lawndale mourns the recent passing of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE DeMENT and we pay tribute to a fine and dedicated personality...Former Assistant Superintendent STANLEY BITELE stopped by the other day and chatted awhile with the fellows, looking like the picture of health and still sporting his debonair smile...Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. STERLING MARTIN on the birth of a

daughter, KEISHA LINEA, on March 20, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces...Former Chief Clerk HERBIE BYERS was recently a passenger on my bus. He was on his way to see JOE NOLAN about the upcoming annual credit union meeting...I recently received a call from the wife of Pensioner JOHN HALVEY who said she had seen John marching down State street in the St. Patrick's day parade. However, Mrs. Halvey didn't recognize the man marching next to her husband. He was none other than Janitor EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI...Former Operator GEORGE PERKAUS stopped by to see a few of his old buddies. It was nice seeing you again, George...Operators BOB WEST and PAUL SPENCER visited the 1971 Automobile Show and came out owning their own new cars...Happy birthday this month to: W. ALLYSON, E. BAINES, D. COPELAND, H. COX, D. DeBUONO, B. HERRON, R. HOLAN, J. JEFFERS, F. JONES, JONES, W. KLECKA, E. MILLBROOK, L. MINOR, M. MORGAN, C. RIEP, D. STENNIS, W. STEVENS, T. STEWART, H. TERRY, T. THOMAS, J. VAN OOOY, C. WAIR, and W. WALKER...Mr. and Mrs. BILL RUDDLE are happy that their son has returned from Germany and will be stationed in Texas...Well that's all for this month. Remember, please everything with safety.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

Welcome to our new station superintendent, L. M. KEAG. May your stay with us be a long and pleasant one. Mr. Keag assumed his new post on March 1...Supervisor F. HENDERSON is back on the active list after being off for four months due to illness...FRANK PRADZINSKI is back in the hospital again after a relapse from his old illness. We all hope that this time you will have a complete recovery...AMBROSE PANICO is now working as a clerk at Limits Station. He reports he likes his work very much...Operator STAN DEMGE became engaged to a lovely girl by the name of JANET recently. The wedding will take place on June 26. Congratulations!..The officers of the Limits Credit Union wish to report that all shares in the credit union are now fully insured up to \$20,000...We were all saddened by the untimely death of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE L. DeMENT; he will be greatly missed by all. Though he has passed away, his contributions to the transportation industry will live on. Our sincerest sympathy to his family...We also extend our sympathy to the family of Pensioner J. HUBER who passed away last month...Pensioner CARL LEAF, formerly a motorman with the old Surface Lines, celebrated his 92nd year of life recently. He is now living in the Swedish Covenant home located at Foster and California avenues...Supervisor JOSETTI became a grandfather for the sixth time when his son and daughter-in-law, DAVID and KAY JOSETTI, presented the family with a baby girl, DEBORAH SUE.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

Gang Leader STEVE CUNNINGHAM's Loop cleaning crew certainly keeps our stations looking spick-and-span. The windows at Madison and Wells are a joy to behold, thanks to DON LIBERKO, Steve's No. 1 window man. Don started his vacation on April 11 and said he plans to have fun right here in our own city...K. McKENNY and M. NOLAN had a box-seat view of the St. Patrick's day parade

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from their booth at State and Lake...We are glad to have LOUISE DREWS, DOROTHY PARKER, and MARY STAN-CZYK back off the sick list. All three girls are looking great...JOHN FILIPEK and HERB SAFFRAHN are still off sick, but we hope it won't be too long before both are completely recovered and will join us again...CECYLIA ROPA has been missing from our assignment office and we have missed hearing her voice over the phone. We hear that she is in St. Elizabeth hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery. Hi, from everyone, Ceal, we miss you...JULIE MATTRAN has left the hospital and is recovering from her recent surgery at home. She wishes to thank everyone for their cards and calls during her hospital stay. Hurry back, Julie...Welcome to all our new assignment agents. We wish all of you success in your new jobs...Welcome to new agents MADISON PALMER, LAURA WAYNE (a law student - Circle Campus), and BARBARA MALLORY, a former ticket agent who left but decided to return after the birth of her lovely baby daughter...Another new agent, JOHN ANDERSON, had a birthday on April 11. Many happy returns. . . Belated birthday greetings to ARTHUR JEFFERSON, February 27. You don't look a day older, Art...You could never tell by looking, but Agent BILL PFEIFFER is an old-timer with CTA. Bill celebrates his 25th anniversary with the company in April. Congratulations, Bill, on you those years look good...Agent SHIRLEY TERRY will graduate in June from Chicago State Teachers college. Good luck, Shirley, we know you will make a fine teacher...Agent PEGGY HAYMON has entered the Windy City Beauty Pageant. If wishes can make it so, you have the crown, Peggy. . . On March 15 at 9:23 p.m. in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital, a tiny infant weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces entered our world. This birth made GABE BARNES an uncle for the 9th time; 3 girls and 6 boys. Gabe's sister, the mother of the baby, gave him the privilege of naming her son. His choice was LA RON DONNELL. Quite original, Gabe... GEORGE JARREL, our friendly maintenance man, took off in March to visit his daughter and family in Florida. George works hard, and we hope he enjoyed a good rest and had a good time on his vacation.

DOROTHY ADLER became a grandma for the first time last summer and was so proud. Now it seems she is going to catch up with the rest of us in a hurry. Her son and daughter-in-law are expecting a second child shortly, and her daughter is anticipating a September arrival. Dorothy plans to visit her daughter, who resides in California, when she starts her vacation in October. She can hardly wait for the blessed event to happen...It was great visiting with old friends we hadn't seen in a long while at the union meeting on March 23. Some of us had a cup of coffee and a great many laughs together before the meeting...Since the death of Richie the Rodent, MARY GALLAGHER has settled down and is calm, cool, and collected once again. JUNE BAREKMAN is a little lonely though--she misses her little pet... Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, had the pleasure of visiting with Retired Superintendent LEO BIEN. He asks to be remembered to all and wishes to convey his thanks for the retirement gifts and expressions of friendship he received...Agent SHARON LOVE will take her vacation in June, and if all goes well, she has plans for a trip to sunny California...We all hope that SLIM HOLMES is progressing nicely. Everyone misses him and wishes him well...We hear that Superintendent J. P. HALLAHAN will be vacationing very soon. We hope he will have a nice restful holiday...Belated birthday greetings to the following: JOHN FILIPEK, February 26; JULIE MATTRAN, March 20; Jani-

tor J. DOOREY, April 27; DOROTHY PARKER, March 14; CANDY CARR, the granddaughter of WILBUR STRASSER, is also one year older, and MINNIE DIKEMAN celebrated her birthday along with St. Pat on March 17. Here's hoping you all enjoyed many happy returns of the day...MARY OHNESORGE is home from the hospital and doing very well. Hope to see you back soon, Mary...Congratulations to DOROTHY FORD and DOROTHY DISMANG who received letters of commendation. A pleasant and kindly attitude with the passengers pays off every time. Good work, girls. . . Welcome to new Agent WENDELL VINES. We hope you will enjoy being one of us...DAVID ALLEN is the new gang leader of the cleaning crew in the Dearborn subway and is doing a great job. Keep up the good work, David, and much luck in your new job... Student Agent JOHN DeSTEFANO will graduate in June from DePaul university. John plans to live in Washington, D.C., and will be employed at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and company, the largest CPA firm in the world. John will be working in their tax department. Congratulations and best wishes for a bright future from all your CTA friends and co-workers... Many happy and peaceful years in the future is our wish for Janitor CAMPBELL who retired on April 1. Keep in touch with us, John, and tell us what you are doing...At this time of year there are so many people on the sick list, we find it hard to get all the names in our Transit News. We do wish you all well and hope you will all be up and around before this issue reaches you... To all our friends, please send us some news. Tell us where you plan to vacation, etc. We will certainly appreciate all contributions. Keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Spring is sprung! Vacations have been picked and everyone is making plans. Don't forget to let your reporters know how you're going to spend those hot, sweltering summer weeks. Not only are we interested, but so are your fellow employees...It's great to see LOUISE DREWS back to work and looking as healthy as ever. Louise wishes to thank everyone for their cards and good wishes. It sure makes being sick a lot easier when your friends remember you...Assignment Agents MIKE TOBIN and CECYLIA

THIS HAPPY couple is EUGENE and MARY O'ROURKE who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 30 with mass at St. John De LaSalle Catholic church. Gene formerly worked as a District "A" supervisor and retired on July 1, 1957. His son, TIMOTHY O'ROURKE, is a court assistant in the Claim Department.



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ROPA are both on the sick list. Hope to see them both back to work soon. We all miss hearing the familiar tune of, "Assignment, Tobin", and "Assignment, Ropa"...Although we try to keep this column as unsensational as possible, we could all use a little spice in our monthly reading. How about a murder? Yes, friends, Richard the Rodent, that friendly little terror from LaSalle and Van Buren has been murdered by the hands of one of our fearless janitors. Just a warning to the rest of you rodents at the CTA--watch out whose feet you get under...JIMMIE SEYMOUR is home from the hospital recuperating. Hope to see her back with us soon...Congratulations to M. MURRAY, M. MATTHEWS, A. CONNOR, A. RAY, and E. JOHNSON who were picked to qualify for the assignment agent pool. Good luck to all of you. I'm sure you'll love it once you learn what it's all about...EARL GILBERT is still in the hospital after suffering a heart attack. Hope to see him back to work soon...Welcome to all the new agents and to re-hired Agents SARAH KETTER and BARB MALLORY. It's good to have you both back with us again...Assignment Agent LILLIAN CULLINAN celebrated her employe holiday on St. Pat's day. It's bad enough Lil gets to be off on the feast of ol' St. Pat, but to be born on July 4, too? Lil, that's what we call a dirty patriotic turkey bird trick. We won't hold it against you, though. You just have as great a day July 4 as you had on your employe holiday...Student Agent GARY STUPKA finally got his new car. It's a '71 Pinto and we hear he's very pleased with it...Superintendent RALPH DEMARIA is back to work after his long stay on the sick list. We're all glad to see him back...It should be made known that the picture Agent GRAGIDO has been showing everyone is the winner and first runner-up of the KATY MORIARTY look-alike contest of 1966. Those pictured were FANNY and FLORENCE FARKLE, not lovely Katy Moriarty and her ravishing sister, KAREN, as he claimed them to be...MARY ANN JOSETTI, the daughter of HOWARD JOSETTI, and the niece of Motorman DAVID JOSETTI, was married to ARTHUR SMITH on March 27. We wish them lifelong happiness...BADER MOHAMMAD's sister, ADELAH, was married on March 21. Student Agent JIM HENDERSON was married on March 27. Congratulations to both young couples...MARY GILBERT and KATHERINE ROBINSON celebrated their first anniversary with the CTA. Hope you both enjoy many more years with us...Our sympathy is extended to Janitors FRANK and LAWRENCE DIXON and their family on the death of their mother...Best wishes to STANLEY KAULES Jr., the son of Collector KAULES, who has joined the naval air corps reserve. Stanley Jr. left for Great Lakes Naval Base on March 19, leaving behind a very proud father...FRED FRIEB spent his 25th anniversary with CTA enjoying the day with his son in McHenry...HELEN CHRISTNER is home from the hospital recuperating. Helen's son was in an auto accident on his way back to Great Lakes and ended up in the same hospital with Helen. Both are doing fine now and we hope to see Helen back to work soon...Six month old TANYA MARIE FLOWERS, the daughter of Collector FLOWERS, is quickly learning the ways of a woman. Not only does she want everything she sees in the store, but now she wants dad to let her get her own credit card. Keep up the good work, Tanya...While on his walking campaign across town, Republican candidate for Mayor Richard Friedman visited ROBERT KLUCZYNSKI at Western on the Douglas...Our sympathy to the family of Pensioner MARY MARGARET NOLAN who passed away March 25...ED RHODE spent his one-week vacation in Bellview, Michigan, visiting his mother and brother. Ed had a great time and, as always, just hated to come

back. Ed recently purchased a new half-ton Chevy truck. He now has a '65 station wagon for sale. Interested? Call NA5-0413...How about a '69 Olds 442 for a mere \$2200? Call 348-8288. Now that we've got our want ads in, anyone interested in some advice?

MARY GALLAGHER has returned from her vacation in Ireland. She has promised to bring back a husband the next time she goes there...Collector VERNE NORSTROM and his wife, LORRAINE, celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on February 22. Congratulations, and we hope they have many more years together...LILLIAN CONROY and GENEVIEVE HARDING took their pensions on March 1, and we all wish them a long and happy retired life...PETER GUR-ETZ has returned from his vacation in Peru, South America, with a nice tan and looks very rested...Former Stude: Agent DONNA RICKSON told us she is planning to get married soon...Former West Side Agent CHRISTINE STUPKA is now an assistant biology laboratory instructor at the University of Illinois Medical Center where she is studying pharmacy...Janitors R. HARRIS and JOHN CAMPBELL took their pensions on April 1. Don't get too bored, boys, you can always help around the house. Here's hoping you both have a long and happy retired life...FRED FRIEB bought his first new car, a 1971 Rambler Hornet, and says it is real great...VIRGINIA TOTCKE has returned to work after being off for three weeks due to a respiratory infection...Glad to see NANCY THOMAS back at work after a long illness...Still on the sick list are ELEANOR HASBROUCK and EARL GILBERT. Hope they are well soon as we miss them...BETTY RUSSO returned to work after having surgery, but had the misfortune to slip on the ice and hurt her back, so she was off for another week. Here's hoping she stays healthy in the future...SUE MATTHIEU went into the Mayo Brothers Clinic on March 10 for a checkup. ROSE PATELLARO went there with her. Sue also celebrated her anniversary with CTA in February...Some time ago, Conductor DUTKIEWICZ flagged down a Central Electric Rail-fan special at Irving Park Station, and received a good scolding from the supervisor in charge. Dutkiewicz was the trip director, and had missed his own trip--so he flagged the train...HELEN CHRISTNER had to go to California on business in February and said she could still feel the effects of the earthquake. Helen decided to stop in Las Vegas on the way back, and came home smiling, contented, and happy. She not only won money, but a husband besides. She was married to FRANK KRALJ on February 17. Congratulations to the lucky couple, it couldn't have happened to a nicer girl...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband attended the North-South annual Credit Union meeting on February 14 and won \$5 again. They also attended the Ice Capades in March and had a wonderful time.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

The following news item comes from Operator JOE CABAY. Former North Avenue Switchboard Operator RAY STRATTON, better known to us as Red or The Governor, suffered a mild stroke during the middle of January. After a four-week stay in the hospital, he is now home recuperating. Ray is looking forward to returning to his regular post as information clerk at the Mart. He says hello to all of us at North. We extend to him our greetings and best wishes for a speedy recovery and hope to be honored with a visit by him at our station soon...The Repair Depart-

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

LUDWIG ALTVATER, 90, North Section,
Emp. 8-28-18, Died 2-14-71

CHARLES D. BERRYHILL, 70, Beverly,
Emp. 3-11-26, Died 2-12-71

EDWARD A. BRION, 89, Statistical,
Emp. 9-1-11, Died 1-1-71

CLIFFORD M. BURKE, 70, Congress,
Emp. 7-24-45, Died 2-1-71

HOMER D. CALDWELL, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-6-14, Died 2-12-71

PRINCE H. CAMERON, 65, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-20-44, Died 2-7-71

FRANK T. CHARD, 65, Archer,
Emp. 4-3-43, Died 2-13-71

PETER CORRIDON, 78, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-20-26, Died 2-3-71

JOSEPH E. CUCULICH, 69, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-8-28, Died 2-2-71

GEORGE L. DeMENT, 67, Transit Board,
Emp. 7-2-63, Died 3-12-71

CHARLES DEVINE, 70, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-16-23, Died 2-5-71

JAMES J. DONNELLY, 68, North Section,
Emp. 8-30-26, Died 3-1-71

ANTHONY J. DRAPP, 64, Wilson Shop,
Emp. 11-26-43, Died 3-1-71

FRANK EARLEY, 83, Devon,
Emp. 10-1-18, Died 2-16-71

THOMAS E. FRANCO, 85, South Section,
Emp. 2-15-45, Died 2-6-71

HERMAN R. GEISLER, 74, Kimball,
Emp. 2-7-40, Died 2-25-71

JOHN GENTILE, 67, Track,
Emp. 5-26-41, Died 2-22-71

MARK A. GIER, 69, Claim,
Emp. 2-27-41, Died 2-9-71

DONALD GILL, 78, North Park,
Emp. 7-9-18, Died 2-8-71

ALFRED HAAS, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-27-43, Died 1-10-71

DOUGLAS G. HALLBERG, 64, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-1-36, Died 2-18-71

JOHN J. HENNELLY, 84, North Section,
Emp. 11-21-12, Died 2-17-71

JOSEPH HODYS, 64, West Section,
Emp. 12-28-26, Died 2-13-71

WILLIAM F. JACKUSAK, 82, West Shops,
Emp. 7-31-18, Died 2-11-71

CAROLINE V. JOHNSON, 79, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 2-4-19, Died 2-10-71

JOHN S. LANGE, 65, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-24-29, Died 2-22-71

GEORGE MALIK, 61, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-23-42, Died 3-26-71

DANIEL MALONEY, 69, North Park,
Emp. 11-20-25, Died 2-18-71

JOHN P. McCULLOUGH, 67, Archer,
Emp. 10-15-28, Died 2-26-71

JOHN McDONALD, 69, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 3-30-26, Died 2-3-71

MICHAEL F. McNICHOLAS, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-19-42, Died 2-27-71

WALTER F. McNICHOLAS, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-13-20, Died 2-21-71

PATRICK McPOLIN, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-30-19, Died 2-10-71

JOHN M. MUELLER, 73, North Park,
Emp. 2-3-20, Died 2-27-71

JAMES P. MURPHY, 58, Electrical,
Emp. 11-9-36, Died 3-31-71

JULIUS C. NEBER, 74, Devon,
Emp. 3-2-20, Died 2-4-71

MATTHEW J. O'CALLAGHAN, 63, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-18-37, Died 2-19-71

PETER OLISZEWSKI, 89, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-2-21, Died 12-10-70

JULIA B. O'TOOLE, 78, North Section,
Emp. 5-17-40, Died 2-11-71

FRED J. RADDATZ, 78, South Section,
Emp. 11-1-17, Died 2-21-71

CHARLES J. ROUBIK, 84, Beverly,
Emp. 2-14-23, Died 2-17-71

JOSEPH SAMELAK, 82, West Section,
Emp. 3-3-19, Died 1-29-71

NOBEL A. SHELTON, 71, West Section,
Emp. 1-22-45, Died 2-12-71

JOHN T. SMYTH, 84, Beverly,
Emp. 10-6-09, Died 2-22-71

JOSEPH THOMPkins, 59, South Shops,
Emp. 8-8-41, Died 2-14-71

GEORGE E. WEICHBRODT, 79, North Section,
Emp. 4-2-13, Died 2-20-71

EDWARD B. WRIGHT, 88, Insurance,
Emp. 5-11-43, Died 1-31-71

ment's EDWARD BARGER, GEORGE SLADEK, and FRANK SWEENEY were on the sick list, but we are happy to report they are back with us now...Operator BILL DIGIOIA joined the ranks of the pensioners March 1. He hopes to spend the rest of his life fishing. MARY, his wife, may have different plans such as having him help make that delicious homemade spaghetti and sausage that Clerk BILL PINASCO tells us about. Bill, we wish you a happy retirement and let us hear from you...All of you would-be private eyes step forward; Pensioner HANS HABBESTAD needs your help. He got a very lovely card from a man named Dan who mentioned that he had not been working since 1963, but who had evidently been a friend of Hans from the CTA. The card came from the Norwegian Coast. During his years with the company Hans knew many Dans but can't figure

out who sent this card. Hans and his Mrs. are enjoying their retirement and send their regards to all. We received a letter from another pensioner, our old friend BILL ECHOLS, who is also enjoying his retirement. He says hello to all...DAVID AMOS and his father, Operator AARON AMOS, will be happy to have wife and mother, CATALINA, home from St. Bernard hospital where she has been since early March. They expect to bring her home soon and we hope that by the time you read this she will be in tip-top shape again...RUDY GOODE of South Shops is building a mechanical horse. It is going to be jet powered and have wheels at the bottom. It will also have turn signals at the rear. I understand he is building it for Hopalong Cassidy, sometimes known as BILL KOSEK, because Bill has complained that his horse is too slow and the feed bill

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is too high. We are awaiting the day when the mechanical horse will be presented to Bill. He is urging Rudy to hurry so that he can ride it in the Polish Day parade at Humboldt Park. Rudy was also seen at the United States Patent Office; could it be that he is planning to put it on the market? ..We were all saddened by the death of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE DeMENT. CTA lost a fine and dedicated man. Switchboard Operator LOU DRAPP lost his brother. Pensioner MICHAEL McNICHOLAS passed away late in February. Clerk TOM HICKEY lost his mother-in-law. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling...My wife has a birthday April 20. She plans to celebrate it by having surgery at West Suburban hospital...Pensioner ALFRED HALE visited North to say hello to all his friends. He and his better half celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently. Al, the neat dresser with the bow tie and the friendly smile, was 73 years old on March 23. Many happy returns, Al. He is in fine health and works a part-time job...We hope all of you had a blessed Easter. And to our boys on the battlefields, may the message of Easter, hope, victory, and peace be with you; we all pray that very soon these blessings will be a reality...And now to your "Inner Sanctum" reporter, Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX...The month of March seems to be the month when some of the nicest people celebrate their birthdays, so here are very belated greetings to just a few. They are: Clerks BOB (The Storyteller) WITTENBERG and EDWIN (Volvo) WITEK; Mrs. M. NEUMAN, the very sweet young lady who is the mother-in-law of Superintendent BILL MOSER; Mrs. KOCAR, the wife of Instructor MARVIN KOCAR; our own better half, VIRGINIA BLIX, and last, but not least, we'd like to stray all the way over to Lawndale Station and extend these wishes to Clerk ED McDERMOTT and send him our best wishes on his retirement April 1. Ed was always a swell person to work with and our association goes all the way back to the days when both of us worked for the old Chicago Motor Coach company. Good luck, Ed...That red carpet that is used for VIP's at North Avenue has been getting a workout lately. It was used to welcome DON LEMM as our new night superintendent. Glad to have you with us, boss. I'm sure all of us will try not to give you too much trouble. We also welcomed back Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER who was on the sick list for a good while. A very welcome visitor to the office was Retired Instructor SCOTTY McINTOSH. He is a picture of health and is undoubtedly enjoying his retirement. Many is the tongue-lashing we got from Scotty while working on the old red cars. To be sure, they were well earned, but we remained friends...If any of you old-timers happen to drop around the station for a visit, be sure and drop in the office and ask Superintendent BILL MOSER to show you the enormous picture he has that was taken back in 1923. It shows hundreds of motormen and conductors who worked at North Avenue at that time. Perhaps you'll be able to help identify some of these old-timers. The picture was taken just outside the station with bays 1, 2, and 3 as a background...End of "Inner Sanctum" news...Pensioner JOE HIEBEL and his wife, CATHERINE, report that they are having a ball at Miami Beach with 75 to 80 degree temperatures.

- William Miedema

NORTH SECTION -

WALTER G. LINDBERG has returned to work after being confined in St. Francis hospital for surgery...To the

following employees goes our deepest sympathy and condolences: Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE and his sister, Agent BETTY FIFE, on the death of their father March 5; Collector JOE GOLDBERG on the death of his brother; Janitor HENRY DILLON on the death of his brother, and Agent M. HICKEY on the death of his father. Our prayers are with each of you...Your scribe wishes to thank each and every one of you for the many phone calls and cards which I received while in the hospital and the visits and kindness of my friends while at home...ED PLATH has returned to us off the retirement list. Welcome back, Ed...Happy birthday to Agent H. BARNES, January 17; A. LUCKY, December 31, and Agent LORRAINE ORR who celebrated on March 28...Collector REYNOLDS' son is home from service after having been wounded several times...Collector JOE GOLDBERG and his wife, BEVERLY, took a vacation to New Orleans. Joe said they really had fun the Mardi Gras...Do any of you watch Channel 26 on Sunday evenings? If so, look closely and you may see someone you know...At this writing Agents WARDEN MARKS, PAT ROSENGARTNER, and MINNA KING are off sick...West Side Ticket Agent EARLE GILBERT wishes to express his sincere thanks to all his many friends on the North Side for the calls, cards, and gifts. Earle, as I understand, is out of the hospital, but in a convalescent home. ..Belated birthday greetings to Supervisor HUBBARD on the Howard southbound platform...Clerk J. FORTE also had another candle this year...Sorry, fellows, Supervisor HARRY HORN has finished his training for instructor and is now utilizing all his spare time to qualify as a line supervisor. Good luck, Harry...My husband, GEORGE, wishes to thank his friends for the calls, cards, and visits. He's in Forkosh hospital and we hope he'll soon be home...Vacation time is starting, so how about a few items for our paper. We all like to read the news about our fellow employees. Leave it at Kimball Station or Howard Street Station, or call me on Ext. 480, North Side, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Congratulations are wished to BRUNO and STELLA GORSKI who celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary on March 17. The gift Bruno gave his wife was a trip to Florida and the Bahamas, and since he couldn't accompany her, his daughter, LINDA, and one of her girl friends went along. They drove to Florida and flew to Nassau where they stayed for seven days. Shopping was a must and they enjoyed every minute of it, and even brought something back for dad. They went swimming every day and came home with a beautiful tan. The weather was wonderful and they all had a great time...At the end of March, JACK and WANDA KRAUSE came to the Windy City, Chicago, for a short stay and to visit with their many friends. Wanda celebrated her birthday by going to dinner with Jack, BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE, and yours truly. We had a wonderful time. Incidentally, Wanda was hobbling around with the aid of a cane. No, it's not from old age, but from a mishap suffered when she fell and tore the ligaments in her knee. The next time she visits TOM and DOROTHY SCREEN, I hope she stays off those two-wheeled objects. Happy birthday, Wanda, and we wish you a speedy recovery.

(Traffic Planning) -

RICH and NANCY JOHNSON are now the proud owners of a 1971 Delta Oldsmobile. The car is gold and white with an

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all white interior, which ought to keep Nancy busy trying to keep it clean. Good luck with the new car.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

NORBERT GEWELKE recently vacationed in the land of sunshine. Yes, Florida was the place where he relaxed and enjoyed the scenery on the beach. He ventured out to Gulfstream one afternoon, but evidently didn't do very good as he didn't go there again. We're happy to say that he had a good time...We received a card from ED KENNEDY who was staying at Winter Haven, Florida, which happens to be the training camp for the Boston Red Sox. Ed went there to see his son preparing for the forthcoming baseball season. ...MIKE, the son of JIM ROCHE, is now wearing the uniform of the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington. Good luck, Mike...We're happy to see that WALTER KAKAUSKIS and LARRY HEISE are back to work after being off sick. We wish a speedy recovery to RICHARD O'GORMAN who is presently off sick and is now home recuperating...We extend our condolences to BOB CASEY whose brother recently passed away.

- Colette Szygancik

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Hello, and a happy spring to all of you...DAGMAR McNAMARA, Purchasing, looks so healthy; and what with the gorgeous weather she had while vacationing in the Caribbean we can understand why. She tells us with glee that she had an extremely joyous trip. Miami Beach was the first stop where she and her companions spent ten days. Two of her companions, by the way, are CTA employees, JANE MITCHELL of Executive and LAVERNE SCHULTZ of Office Services. They left from Port of Miami on the ship Boheme for a luxurious seven-day cruise. Dagmar shopped in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, with intentions of a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. McCARTER, formerly General Manager of CTA, but because of a late arrival she was unable to do so. They continued on to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Rough waters prevented them from landing in Haiti; however, it was said by them that "the cruise is the thing" and a wonderful time was had by all. What a lovely way to spend a vacation, Dagmar...What wonderful news. Your co-reporter, CATHY RASCHICK, Stores G.O., and HARRY CLOUGH became Mr. and Mrs. on March 9. They had a very lovely reception at the Red Lion in Steiger, Illinois, which included family and close friends. A one-week honeymoon followed. They viewed the White House in Washington, D.C., visited Arlington, Virginia, and parts of Maryland. Much happiness is extended to this couple in their future years together...DARLENE JANSEN, Purchasing, has transferred to the Engineering Department and will certainly be missed. You are close enough to visit us, though, Darlene...GEORGE LINDEN, assistant divisional storekeeper at Skokie Shops, is all radiant on hearing he will be a grandfather! His son, ALLEN, and his wife, LYNN, (nee Klopp, formerly of the Insurance Department), are awaiting the arrival of a child sometime in October. You'll have to come to the Mart to pass out cigars when the baby arrives--and bring along some Tiparillos for the ladies, George...On the other side of the city is located South Shops; and there, sitting at her desk typing away is JACKIE McLEAN, typist I, who is also awaiting a visit from the stork in the very near future. Jackie will be leaving the Stores working force in April, and at this time, we want to say she will be missed by many of her co-

workers. The very best to you, Jackie, and to your husband and also the new addition to your family...JOHN C. WILLIAMS, laborer, Storeroom 20, Blue Island, is the happy father of a bouncing baby girl, DENISE, who weighed in at 6 pounds 5 ounces. She entered the Windy City on February 27. Much happiness is extended to this very happy family...That's all the news for this month, folks. We hope to hear from many of you next month.

- Cathy Clough & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Our sympathy to the family of FRANK BENANTI on the passing of his father, GIOVANNI...Condolences to CHARLES TUCKNOTT, Congress, and his family whose two-year old son passed away...Best wishes for a long and healthy retirement are sent to C. WIECHOWSKI, Congress, who retired on April 1...We hope C. GUSICH is happy in his new job as repairman at Wilson...A. LONG paid his old friends at Congress a surprise visit...Our sympathy to BEA SUSMAN of Skokie on the passing of her dad...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to G. GRILLAERT, Congress, who had seven ribs broken when he was attacked during a holdup...Glad to see C. CARPENTER, Wilson, J. LaROSA, Howard, and J. HOFFSTAD, Howard, back to work after being on the sick list...Welcome to C. DUNLAP Jr., new repairman at Wilson, and to FULTON NEALY Jr., new car serviceman at Dan Ryan...CTA American Legion Post 1216 had their annual birthday party. Leading the festivities was Post Commander JOHN CANNELLA, supported by J. TRACEY, P. SABADOSA, F. BRISON, E. SHIELDS, W. JANDT, and D. WITTENBERG...Early spring vacations were enjoyed by W. THORNTON, Dan Ryan, G. KLEIN, Wilson, and M. NETZEL, Linden.

- Ray Bryczek

SKOKIE SHOPS -

GRANT GREENE, shopman, is confined to St. Francis hospital in traction due to a pinched nerve...GEORGE LARSON, shopman, and HARRY MINGEE, painter, retired on April 1. We will all miss you, so please stop back to see us many times...We welcome ANTHONY COLUCCI, electrical worker, back to Skokie Shops after his tour of duty in the navy...WILLIAM BUERGER, electrical worker, is back to work after being off a few weeks due to illness. Welcome back, Bill...RALPH KEMPE, tool maker, reports a beautiful trip to Hawaii with his wife. This is their second trip. Good thinking, Ralph, go while you are young...ANDREW HODOWANIC, machinist, was off work a few days with a sore back. Nice having you back, Andy...Welcome to JOSEPH BOLECH, our newly appointed superintendent of rapid transit shops and terminals. Nice having you as our leader, Joseph...ALYCE MAY, clerk II, was off for three days due to the flu. Nice to see you back, Alyce...VICTOR KREMER, electrical worker helper, returned to work after a three week stand of sickness. Happy to see you back, Vic.

- Everett E. England

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

A long career in the transit industry started September 7, 1924, when GEORGE FISHER joined the Chicago Surface Lines staff as a mail clerk in the Treasury Department.

October 29, 1925, marked the date George decided the fresh air to which a Schedule Department traffic checker was exposed was the thing for him. From that position, George progressed to schedule clerk in 1928, to supervisor of schedule clerks in 1943, and to schedule maker in 1945. On April 1, 1971, George retired from his schedule maker duties and will follow through on his arrangements to return to his boyhood haunts in Pennsylvania. He and his wife will be at home in Hollidaysburg where the fish had better swim deep or they will be hooked by George. May you have a long healthy leisure, George...W. P. DEVEREUX is home from the hospital convalescing. We are looking forward to his return to work...WALTER SCHWEINFURTH moved. He thought he would try the North Side for a change...Sympathy of the department is extended to PHIL LEAHY, schedule maker, and RAY NOAKES, supervisor of traffic checkers, on the deaths of their fathers. We also extend sympathy to BERNIE KINCANNON on the death of his young grandson.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SECTION -

Before I start my news, I want to express my shock over the sudden death of CTA Board Chairman GEORGE DEMENT. With his many accomplishments during his career he has done so very much for the CTA and all of us. He would attend our annual reporter's dinner and we all got to know him. He was so friendly and cheerful to all of us. Our sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed by all CTAers...Hope everyone is enjoying spring this year. She sure was welcome after our long cold and windy winter...A big hearty welcome back to two of our former employees who decided to return and were re-hired: Conductor THOMAS ANDERSON (former switchman) and Agent CHARLOTTE BRENT...Passing out cigars and smiling from ear to ear was Motorman JOSEPH DOYLE whose wife presented him with a baby girl named VICKIE JO, born on March 16. This makes three girls for the happy Doyle family...It sure was good to see Pensioned Foot Collector RAY NORMAN who stopped in at Ashland to pay us a visit recently. He says he feels good and is getting along fine...Our sympathy goes out to Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK whose brother passed away recently...Back to work after being on the sick list are Conductors ALFRED CRISLER and BARRY THOMAS, and Collector THOMAS BRAGGS...We have a poet in the person of Agent JOHNIE McDONALD. She was a guest lecturer for two classes in creative writing at Quigley South school recently. She enjoyed it very much and the students asked if she would come back again soon...Greetings to newly-hired Conductors LAWRENCE CARDWELL, PATRICK McGEE, ARTHUR FOREST, and DAVID HARRIS, and to Agents GWENDOLYN COOPER and WANDA McCORKELL, and transferee from the Surface System as an agent, JAMES RICHARDSON...Retired Clerk JOHN MORAN dropped in to see all of us not long ago and he looks just wonderful and is enjoying his pension...Hubby ROLAND and I wish to thank the Metropolitan Credit Union for inviting us to their annual meeting and dinner at Nielsen's restaurant on March 13. They had a huge crowd and served smorgasbord, and were there goodies to eat! Yummy! We enjoyed the evening very much...Yard Foreman FRANK CALPIN is sure proud of his youngest daughter, FRANCES, age 20, who just started to work in the Employment Department in the Mart. Best wishes, Frances, on your career with CTA...Motorman RICHARD BROWN is now working temporarily as a clerk

on the North Section...Congratulations to Conductor JOHN KALTSAS and his wife who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 1...Clerk ROBERT MORTON decided to resign and has gone to work for Sears, Roebuck & company. Good luck and best wishes in your new career...On the sick list are Janitors HAROLD STEDMAN and ALFRED HARRIS. Here's hoping they have a speedy recovery so they can come back to work soon...Receiving a passenger commendation recently was one of our champion passenger commendation receivers, Conductor JOHN DANEK, who was commended for the clear manner in which he calls stations, and also Clerk JOE BRENNAN for helping to find a woman's purse...Our pensioners sure are living in all corners of the world. I received a long letter from Retired Yard Foreman ELMER STEVENS and his wife, CHARLOTTE, from Queensland, Australia, where they are living. They have bought a home and just love living in Australia. They and their children are all well and have never been happier. The last few months they have had a lot of rain and also a cyclone, but the only damage they had was to their banana palms and hibiscus bushes, but the weather is fine now. They go swimming all the time. They have baby kangaroo named Bambi who is only 17 inches long and about three months old. They said he is sweet and gentle. Elmer and Charlotte said to tell all their old friends hello and send us their best regards...The BOB ROESINGS, superintendent of Agents and Janitors, are spending a week's vacation down in Miami Beach. They are also planning to take a boat over to Freeport in the Islands. That sure sounds like fun.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ED McELDOWNEY, Material Controls and Office Procedures, whose daughter, RITA, was runner-up for the Irish Queen in the St. Patrick's day parade...Congratulations to the winners of the golf outing raffle: 1st prize, a color TV, to ELMER LAXSTROM, Material Control Section; 2nd prize, 1/2 gallon of liquor, to LEO LIZAK, and 3rd prize, 1/2 gallon of liquor, to AL GASICK...TED PIETRUS and his wife just returned from a two-week skiing trip in Boulder, Colorado...The fellows in Area 312 would like to extend a hearty welcome back to work to JOHN PROVENZA who was off sick for some time...Area 318's BOB FUHRMAN is back on the active list after a nine-week illness. Welcome back, Bob. Area 321 extends its deepest sympathy to CLARENCE PIPOWSKI, upholsterer, on the loss of his wife...FRANK SOLURI's wife is still hospitalized recovering from surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery...TONY VIDMONT of the Upholstering Department recently celebrated his 63rd birthday and had a few friends and relatives over for a suckling pig dinner. Everyone had a fine time, although the grandchildren wouldn't eat the poor little pig...Mechanic RON BLAIR, Area 336, would like to wish much happiness to his daughter, BARBRA, and new son-in-law, LEROY, who were married on March 27. Barbra and Leroy are both 21 years old...The South Shops was beautifully represented at the West Shops annual reunion dinner dance. A few of the honored guests were: Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE CLARK, Mr. and Mrs. TED PIETRUS, and Mr. and Mrs. AL HAAS. Those attending were mostly CTA employees from West Shops, Skokie Shops, and South Shops. The reunion committee of GUS STUPKA, SAM TROMBINO, and JOE BEDNARIK would like to thank everyone who at-

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tended, and hope they will return again next year...A retirement party was given by the men in the Paint Shop for AARON AUSTIN, better known as Pop, at the home of LOID BROWN. At that time he was presented with a gift and a farewell poem written especially for the occasion by WILMONT LEWIS Jr.

- Elaine Stewart & Bob Brown

52ND STREET -

With spring in the air, now is the time to really get on the move--like Operator BYRON DEAN who says, the first thing they should do is finish that downstairs kitchen, otherwise he may lose more weight than he hopes to...Operator WILLIAM E. HOLLAND is waiting to put a brand new 1971 Classic 170 on the water. By the way, that's a 17 footer...Each new pick brings new leaders and new followers, but there's one operator who is most happy with his leader, Operator IKE CLARK. His leader is Operator BYRON DEAN...Operator ALBERT WILLS surprised his wife, ALMA, with dinner and a show on her birthday, February 21...Operator JOHN MARSHALL surprised his wife with a birthday party on March 19. It was a very successful affair and Mrs. Marshall commented that she didn't know one person could receive so many gifts...Just a line to say "Hi" to Superintendent VIC COLEMAN who was transferred to Archer Station, and a welcome to Superintendent H. P. BRAUN to 52nd Street...At this writing Superintendent J. H. LYNCH is home after being released from Christ Community hospital. He was hit with a mild heart attack, but is doing fine now. We are all looking for his return. Our prayers are with you, Mr. Lynch...Sorry to hear that Operator WESTMORELAND had to fly to the West Coast due to his mother's serious illness...Our deepest sympathy to Operator MILTON DUFFIE on the death of his brother, Mr. CHARLES HALLIBURTON, of Lansing, Michigan, and to Operator O. HYNSON and his family on the loss of his father...Delegates to the Credit Union League's 41st annual meeting on April 2 and 3 were WILLIE E. WARD and WILLARD J. HILL Jr. They will also represent our credit union at all chapter meetings for the current year. All members of the 52nd Street Credit Union are urged to maintain their current address and phone number on file in the union office. Save regularly and borrow wisely...Operator BILL BURNS motored to Florida for his vacation.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

A sight to behold on St. Patrick's day was the custodian of our outhouses, RED GREEN. Even his underwear was green. B. PULICK was even wearing green that day. By the way, Pulick and JOE LEWIS took a day off so the extra men could work. Clerk L. HELINSKI just can't get over how RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT is sporting around in a great big "Caddy"...The social event of the year, so far, was the 25th wedding anniversary of Operator and Mrs. ED STEFFAN. Approximately 150 people attended, and Ed was given the key to the honeymoon suite at the Holiday Inn. You should have seen ROY HORNING's new look that night. WOW! He almost stole the show. L. G. DAKE and Superintendent C. W. GIBES were there with their lovely wives, and everyone had a great time...C. J. URBK is recovering from a broken ankle. Was he chasing that invisible dog of

his when it happened?...JESSE DANIELS says that it doesn't pay to put out the garbage for the wife. He did, and fell and broke a rib on his left side...I saw Pensioner F. KONCZAL recently. He is fine and working as a bridge tender at the LaSalle street bridge...Looking well and happy was Pensioner SAM VALLONI who passed me while driving a South Suburban bus...JOE HAUG, pensioner, has returned home after a short stay in the hospital. How about all you fellows on pension or disability sending a line or card here at 69th Street...I saw W. A. WALTERS come to work in a police squad car. Is that what it takes to make you work, Wally?...M. T. BARIS says that FRED STAWINSKI's wife may get up in the wee hours and fix his breakfast, but she doesn't make his lunch...E. TIERNEY denied that he sent H. RISH post cards without stamps while he was on vacation. He said he always pastes used ones on his post cards...Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD T. JOLLY celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss on March 7 with a mass at St. Rose of Lima church...Assistant Superintendent J. LOGAY and Relief Superintendent F. ZEIGLER did a good job in keeping us in close competition with Beverly, accident-wise...Instructors SWANSON and REDDRICK were working as relief superintendents at various depots. Swanson was recently appointed senior station instructor at 69th...With FULLER on vacation and J. JOHNSON in the hospital for an operation and eyeing the nurses, ROSS and O'DONNELL held down the fort for the instructors. O'Donnell and his wife celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on St. Patrick's day. Mrs. O'Donnell hasn't been feeling too good lately, but still keeps a good eye on him. By the way, Instructor O'Donnell was the proud driver of the CTA mini-bus in the St. Patrick's day parade...With the nice weather finally here, the instructors are asking all the operators not to start feeling their "oats" and hitting everything in sight. They stated that some of the motorists have had their cars in storage all winter, and for all of us to be alert for speeders...JIMMY AHERN of the repair department says that some of the old-timers stopped by recently to say hello. They were MATT BASSO, DENNY GRIFFIN, MARTY GRIFFIN, and ERNIE TOCCI. They all looked well and are enjoying the life of leisure. PAT HAUGHEY, also retired, is enjoying himself immensely. He still practices chimney sweeping, as he was a professional at it, especially the chimneys in the Irish houses which he says are easier to reach...We wish a speedy recovery to DON CONSIDINE who has been ill. Don worked at 69th Street for many years...We offer our deepest sympathy to ANDY RIZZUTO and his family on the death of his brother...JIMMY AHERN hopes that everyone will renew their membership in the Little Flower Society. The dues are now \$2.00, and be sure and get your decal. Please see Jim as soon as possible...We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Operator GEORGE MALIK who passed away on March 26. He was a well loved husband and father and a fine friend of all at 69th...EUGENE HOWE and WILLIAM MARTIN went on disability pension. May you both find better health and happiness now...Vacation time is here, so let me hear from all you fellows as you go out and enjoy yourselves...To BILL DONAHUE, who has his pretty wife drive him back and forth to the credit union, we envy you...To JOE DAVIDSON who has the dubious honor of being "King of the Round Table" at 6:00 in the morning, and to Mrs. YOUNG who saw me pick the run away from MICKEY again, and to all of you at 69th Street, good health, happiness, and may God bless all of you.

- Arthur P. Bussing

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