

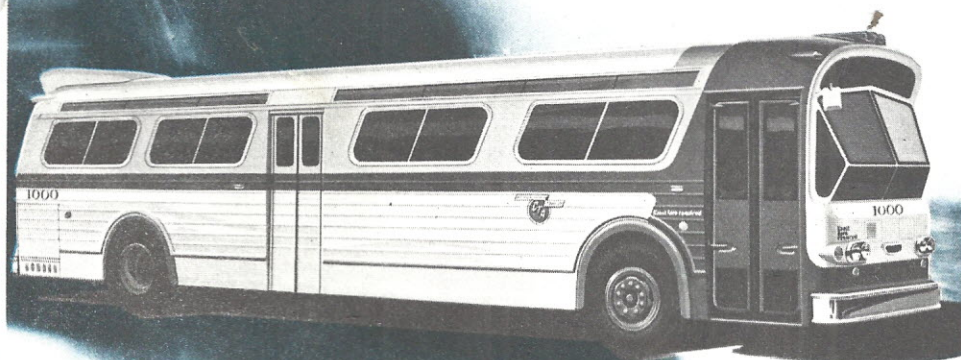
# TRANSIT NEWS

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

When I came to CTA this past summer, I perceived as my first responsibility the need to restore our physical plant, to effect a program for complete renewal of transit equipment and improvement of operating facilities. Since that time, federal funding has been approved, and preliminary actions have already been taken to implement a program which calls for investing \$121 million in capital renewal and replacement during the next two years.

Now that I am certain we have arrested the deterioration process, I would like to move forward to fulfill further responsibilities as Board Chairman.

As time permitted, I visited many work locations throughout the system during 1971, and had an opportunity to meet many of you, though not nearly enough to suit me.

I intend to continue to meet and talk with as many of you as possible. I want to know you better, and I want to learn of the job you are doing for CTA. I also want to hear from you about how your job can be improved, how we can better serve the riding public, and anything else that's on your mind.

Most important of all, I am looking for a means by which I can continue to communicate with you. How best can I do this? How can we be in contact with one another? Please drop me a note and tell me your ideas.

Sincerely,



Michael Cafferty  
Chairman



BEING INTERVIEWED by reporters at the January 25 press conference, Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty is commenting on the \$53 million federal grant which permits CTA to implement the first phase of its two-year capital renewal program.

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# CTA seeks bids for 500 buses;

## unveils new design, public preferences

AT A press conference on January 25, Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty:

- Announced bids were being sought for the first 500 of the 1,000 new buses the CTA will receive;
- Unveiled drawings of the new buses, whose interiors in particular will be dramatically different, and
- Disclosed the public preferences which will be incorporated into the new buses that are expected to begin appearing on Chicago streets this summer.

Project Suggestion Bus, which polled 30,000 persons, constituted the largest public hearing ever held in the mass transit industry. It was conducted as part of the \$121 million capital improvement program being made possible with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, and local contributions.

As preferred by the public, the new buses will have a dusky walnut wood grain wall covering throughout with a white, gold-fleck ceiling. Floors will be black.

There will be contoured, padded seats as opposed to fiberglass. The seats will be beige with alternating cushions of tangerine or golden brown. Thus, the current CTA green will begin to disappear gradually. Stanchion bars, presently on every other bus seat, will be replaced by enlarged handles on each seat.

The exterior of the buses will be given a new appearance as well, using a combination of two shades of green and pearl white to complement the fluted anodized aluminum sides. The front of the bus will be white for easier recognition at night. Lime green bands will frame the windows and sweep along the front roof line. Pine green bands will add contrast for an overall co-ordinated look.

Bids for the purchase of the first 500 buses of the total 1,000, the largest bus order ever placed in the transit industry, will be taken immediately in order to expedite delivery of the units. Bids have been called for with and without air conditioning, and a decision will be made when prices are received as to whether or not air conditioning will be incorporated.

CTA Chairman Michael Cafferty said: "The new equipment which we will receive this summer will be the best evidence that things are changing at CTA. We have made a conscientious effort to listen to the citizens of Chicago. Their increased support is now required if we are to maintain these gains."

IN GENERAL, the proposed bus features were preferred by the vast majority of persons interviewed or completing the self-administered questionnaire:

- The new wood grain wall covering was preferred by about eight persons out of ten.
- The new contoured padded seat was also preferred by about eight persons out of ten who expressed a preference.
- The preferred contoured padded seat was rated either very or somewhat comfortable by over nine out of ten respondents. On the other hand, less than half of the respondents gave the fiberglass seat a positive rating, while four out of ten said that it was either somewhat or very uncomfortable.
- The new, enlarged seat handle was preferred to the stanchion bar by a margin of about five to four.
- Only the idea of having color co-ordinated ceilings instead of a neutral color was disapproved. Six out of ten persons preferred the neutral ceilings.
- In selecting the seat color, either of the new colors—tangerine or golden brown—was preferred to the present green. Neither of the two new colors, however, received a majority vote, each getting about one-third. Of those respondents personally interviewed, over six out of ten like the idea of having different color seats in different buses.

Several other interesting findings, in addition to understanding the bus riders' preferences, emerged from the study:

- People, on the whole, very much want and like the idea of making changes in the interiors of CTA buses. This is true regardless of age, sex, income, race or the frequency with which CTA is used.
- The younger the person, however, the more likely he is to want changes made. The older the person, the less likely he is to want these changes, although even among persons age 56 and over the vast majority prefer the new bus features.
- Asked the question whether they would like to see different color seats in different buses, the older a person was the less likely he was to be enthusiastic about that idea.
- Even in choosing between the two seats, fewer older people than younger people preferred the new, contoured padded seat.

Along with the bus design, an attitude survey was conducted which attempts to profile CTA users as well as how the riders perceive the CTA. The results of this portion of the public opinion survey will be disclosed in the near future.



# Transit Board launches 2-year renewal program

AT ITS January 6 meeting, Chicago Transit Board began to implement its two-year \$121 million capital renewal program by authorizing the taking of bids for procuring \$288,000 of materials and engaging the services of three consulting firms.

The first year of the program covers capital needs of \$80 million with funds provided by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the State of Illinois, and the CTA. The \$53 million grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation which was approved December 30 represents the two-thirds federal share.

The \$288,000 expenditure authorized by the Board is for materials for track and structure renewal, a rail-borne ballast regulator, a rail-borne crane, scaffolding for a temporary platform during track construction at the Cermak rapid transit station, and the remodeling of the former North Shore Line building at the Howard station for a new transportation office.

The Board also approved the retaining of the nationally recognized industrial design firm of Sundberg-Ferar to design the interior and exterior of 100 rapid transit cars. Sundberg-Ferar has won national awards for the design of cars for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (San Francisco) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Washington, D.C.).

Teng and Associates, of Chicago, consulting engineers, have been retained to initiate plans and specifications for construction of two new substations, 62nd-Cottage Grove and Newport-Seminary, to be built at a cost of \$1,705,000 as part of the capital needs program.

Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty announced that CTA was retaining the services of acoustical consultants, Wilson, Ihrig, and Associates, Inc., of Berkeley, California, to study rapid transit noise and vibrations.

"The CTA has a positive responsibility to reduce noise wherever possible and to have a continuing strategy for maintaining the lowest possible noise levels," said Chairman Cafferty.

"We are fortunate to be able to avail ourselves of a consulting firm which is active in a similar capacity to the Bay Area Rapid Transit. As we move into a major renewing of the CTA, we must take advantage of the opportunity to incorporate the latest thinking and studies in anti-noise techniques," added Cafferty.

The proposal from the accoustical consultants includes:

- Study of existing noise and vibration levels in trains operating in subway and on elevated structure and noise levels on station platforms;

- An initial evaluation of methods and materials for reducing noise in subways and on elevated structures;

- Determination of the areas where further study would have the potential for yielding beneficial results.

It is anticipated that the reports from this consultant's work will provide information which can be utilized in the design of the new Civic Center station (the Randolph-Washington stations of the State and Dearborn subways) which is included in the first year of CTA's \$121 million capital needs program.

"Recommendations resulting from this study may not be a complete answer to the problems, but at least will point the way to solutions that can be taken at an early date and to other solutions that may require major expenditures," said Cafferty.

The increasing awareness of noise as being a harmful ingredient in today's urban life will be reflected in the purchase of all new equipment for the CTA system. CTA will be formulating specific plans to reduce the noise produced by rapid transit cars in subways and on "L" structures, and buses on city streets.

Already underway as part of the capital needs program, is the design and construction of a six-car rail grinding train which will remove roughness from rapid transit tracks which is known to contribute to the objectionable roar of train operation. This train, preparation of which is expected to cost \$200,000, is planned to be ready for service by fall, 1972.

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## 50-year employee:

### J. H. Finch joins retirement ranks



WITH MORE than 50 years of transit service, John H. Finch retired December 1 as assistant comptroller in the Finance Department.

Mr. Finch joined the South Side Elevated railroad as a student guard on October 27, 1921. Leaving train service to become a train clerk in 1924, he subsequently served in the Accounting Department of the CRT as a junior clerk starting in 1927, auditor in 1937, and general auditor in 1947. With the consolidation of departments by CTA, Mr. Finch became general accountant in 1948 and assistant comptroller in 1951, the position which he held until the time of his retirement.

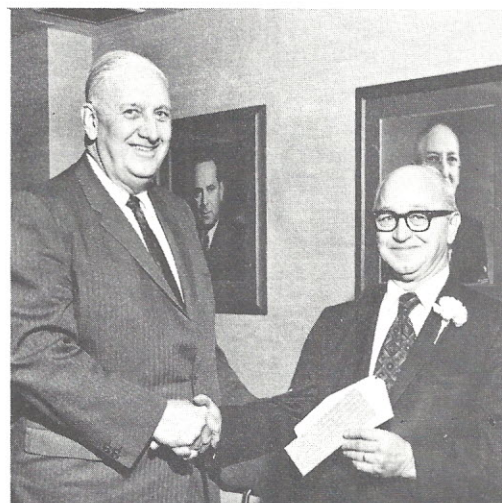
Mr. Finch was honored by several hundred friends and co-workers at a dinner in the Furniture club and is shown here (at right) with his wife, Dorothy, and Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

### A. J. Dinnella retires with 37 years' service

RETIRING JANUARY 1 as superintendent of special investigations was Andrew J. Dinnella, whose career in police and investigative work with CTA and the former CSL lasted for more than 37 years.

Starting as a special investigator with the Surface Lines Police Department on May 10, 1934, Mr. Dinnella became assistant superintendent of that department in 1943. Following the consolidation of transit properties, he became chief special investigator in the CTA Police Department in 1948. He subsequently became assistant superintendent and superintendent of that department, and in 1966 he was named superintendent of special investigations.

In the picture at right, Mr. Dinnella is being congratulated upon his retirement by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.



### 9 complete combination clerk training



GRADUATING FROM the Shops & Equipment Department combination clerk training program recently were nine CTAers who attended special classes on their own time. All nine trainees are now assigned to a pool, from which they will be drawn to fill combination clerk positions as vacancies occur in the Garage Division.

The nine graduates, pictured here with E. W. Larsen, superintendent of material control and office procedures, are (from left, front row): Mark Osborn, Joseph Pecoraro, Daniel Fritz, Fred Krawczyk and James Griffin; (back row): David Kowalski, James Hester, Mr. Larsen, Darryl Kucera and Fred Newman.



# SMOKING

## FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

by Dr. George H. Irwin

WHILE RESEARCHING the subject of smoking at the American Medical Association, I was amazed at some of the statistics. Americans smoke about 570 billion cigarettes annually, which is equivalent of 4,000 cigarettes per smoker or more than half a pack per day.

In general, the smoking habit usually begins in the early teens. By the age of 18 more than a third of the boys and a fifth of the girls are smoking on a fairly regular basis. Strange as it may seem, in recent years there has been a slight decrease in smoking among boys and a slight increase in smoking among girls. Somewhat encouraging is the fact that there are now an estimated 21 million ex-smokers in the United States. Though figures fluctuate it is calculated that about 60 per cent of the men and 30 per cent of the women smoke.

During the past three or four decades numerous scientific studies have been conducted to determine whether smoking is a health hazard. Results from clinical studies and autopsies on humans and animals show that cigarette smoking does produce a definite hazard to health.

Smoke is a product of combustion, a mixture of gases, various vaporized chemicals, and millions of minute particles of ash and other solids. The smoke includes vaporized nicotine, carbon monoxide and other products. A smoker gets more of these toxic substances if he smokes a cigarette to the end.

Smoking exerts its bad influence or effects mainly on two systems of the body, namely the respiratory system and the circulatory system.

The effects on the respiratory tract consistently show that the lining membranes of the air passages are thickened and abnormal. The hair-like cilia become damaged and are no longer able to remove the toxic and irritating chemicals. These irritations cause swelling and increased secretions which are responsible for the "smoker's cough." Interestingly, this area in the bronchial tubes where the lining membrane is most severely inflamed is the point where most lung cancer begins. Emphysema and bronchitis are also related to smoking.

The effects of smoking on the heart and blood vessels are definitely harmful. Nicotine, whether injected or taken in tobacco smoke, stimulates that part of the nervous system which controls the circulatory

system. For years, smoking has been known to be related to Buerger's disease, in which there is a constriction of the small arteries in the hands and feet. This can lead to gangrene, necessitating amputation. Smoking also impairs the circulation of the coronary arteries of the heart. Statistics show that smokers die more often from coronary heart disease than do non-smokers.

Among other effects of smoking are those of an apparent tobacco allergy in certain sensitive persons and aggravation of stomach ulcers. Smoking may also be associated with accidental deaths from fires.

Effects of different types of smoking indicate that all tobacco smoking is harmful to our health. Cigarette smoking seems to have a much greater effect than cigar or pipe smoking. Possible explanations for this are that cigar and pipe smokers often do not inhale and also that the temperature at which the tobacco burns is different. Filters may reduce, but not eliminate the hazards.

### Psychological and social aspects of smoking

It is well known that smoking is related to our psychological and social life. Young people often start smoking in imitation of older people. Youngsters whose parents smoke often tend to smoke. Young people want to be accepted by their friends and associates. Often friends dress alike, talk alike and have other behaviors in common—smoking may be part of this attempt to conform.

Most important, I believe that the tranquilizing effect in controlling anxiety, restlessness and emotions is the reason why most people smoke. The habit becomes a conditioned reflex which goes on and on in many instances without realization on the part of the individual. It is an addiction like a drug habit.

### What can be done about smoking?

Cigarette manufacturers are trying to reduce the hazards of smoking by modifying the composition of tobacco (decreasing the nicotine and tar). Educational programs are exerting some beneficial effects. Anti-smoking clinics are helping many people - medication to stop the desire is also available.

Conclusions are: while to smoke or not to smoke is a matter of individual choice, most authorities now agree that never to smoke is preferable. The longer one smokes the greater are the health hazards. Personally, I think proper motivation of the mind is a most important factor. If a person's emotions, such as fear of cancer of the lung or heart trouble, are stronger than the emotions of pleasure from smoking, he will stop. If the emotions of pleasure are the stronger, he will not stop. Total abstinence is the only positive approach. Cutting down or stopping and starting again never accomplishes anything.

The purpose of this article is to bring all the known facts about smoking to your attention. After careful consideration of all the information, make a decision and stick to it for your health's sake.



# 1971 report: Suggestion Plan approves awards of \$4,170

THE PRESENTATION of awards totalling \$4,170, resulting from the adoption of 127 suggestions in 1971, was announced by the Employee Suggestion Plan in its annual report for the year.

In addition to awards for newly-adopted ideas, supplemental awards totalling \$1,300 were presented to seven suggesters whose ideas adopted in 1970 continued to produce savings to CTA. In all, \$5,470 was won by suggesters during 1971.

According to the Suggestion Plan report, 957 employees submitted a total of 1,338 suggestions during the year, bringing to 28,467 the number of suggestions received since establishment of the present system-wide suggestion plan on October 1, 1952. During the same period, 2,482 suggestions have been accepted and awards of \$52,703 have been presented to employees.

Estimated value of the first year savings realized through the adoption of suggestions during 1971 is \$29,190. Total first year savings realized on all suggestions adopted since the plan went into effect amount to \$371,730.

In its announcement of award winners during the last two months of 1971, the Suggestion System named one cash award winner, five winners of \$25 Honorable Mention awards, 13 winners of \$10 gift certificates and five supplemental award winners.

With supplemental awards of \$155 and \$750 on two of his suggestions which were adopted in 1970, William P. Rafferty of South Shops received a total of \$905. Other CTAers who continued to receive cash benefits from previously adopted ideas were Joseph A. Miller (\$175) and Joseph E. Sarnecki (\$10), both of South Shops, and Joseph Sabol (\$75) of Schedule-Traffic.

For her suggestion which was adopted, Martha Neffas of Accounting was awarded \$25. Also accepting checks for \$25, because they submitted their second adoptable suggestion within a year, were Regina Daren of Medical, James Schumpp of North Section, John Ward of Forest Glen Garage, Gary Wilson of Skokie Shops and Arlene Zittman of Employee Relations.

For their adopted ideas the following were named as winners of \$10 Jewel/Osco gift certificates: Shops & Equipment—Pablo Caride and Gary Wilson of Skokie Shops, Sam Marsico of Kedzie Garage, George Nicholson of Dan Ryan Terminal, and John Vidas of South Shops. Transportation—William Harris of 77th Street, Willard Hoff of Jefferson Park, John McNiff of North Avenue, and William Wideman of Forest Glen. General Office—George Boness of Security, Regina Daren of Medical, and Mary Jane Hostetter of Payroll Accounting. Also named was Pensioner William Ruehl.

Acting upon all suggestions received from CTA employees is the four-man coordinating committee consisting of R. T. Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator; J. R. Blaa, superintendent of rapid transit operations, Transportation Department; F. W. Venezia, Equipment Research and Development, and J. F. Urbaszewski, Engineering Department.

Determining the merit of each suggestion and the amounts of awards is the Executive Decision Committee of the Employee Suggestion Plan. The committee consists of Chairman C. E. Keiser, operating manager; Executive Secretary F. C. Knautz, superintendent of public and employee relations; G. J. Clark, superintendent of shops and equipment; D. M. Flynn, superintendent of transportation; P. J. Meinardi, manager of finance, and E. E. Olmstead, superintendent of engineering.



**THREE CHECKS** totalling \$1,080 were recently presented to two South Shops employees as supplemental awards on their suggestions adopted a year ago. William P. Rafferty (center) is accepting two checks--for \$155 and \$750--from General Manager T. B. O'Connor as F. C. Knautz (right), executive secretary of the Suggestion Plan Executive Decision Committee, looks on. Joseph A. Miller is holding the check for \$175 which he received from C. E. Keiser (left), chairman of the Executive Decision Committee, as Russ Warnstedt, suggestion coordinator, watches the presentation.



# Service anniversaries in January

## 45 years



C. H. Grube, Treasury

## 35 years

H. W. Davis, North Section  
J. P. Flynn, Congress-Douglas  
H. P. Gabauer, Rapid Transit Line Division  
L. O. Geisheimer, Limits  
J. Nanninga, Beverly  
R. C. Schageman, Research/Planning

## 30 years

M. I. Blake, West Section  
R. L. Blyth, West Section  
J. W. Brucker, North Section  
J. C. Cacciato, Industrial Engineering  
R. Catanese, Congress Maintenance Terminal  
W. Cook, North Section  
E. Dillon, West Section  
L. Edel, North Section  
F. Gronemeyer, South Section  
H. O. Johnson, South Shops  
H. L. Julitz, North Park

R. Kostecki, Archer  
M. A. Kristman, Linden Maintenance Terminal  
J. Lapidus, District D  
G. J. Mathieu, Schedule-Traffic  
A. Modelski, South Section  
J. A. Moone, Archer Garage  
M. M. Neffas, General Accounting  
E. R. Petersen, Schedule-Traffic  
F. H. Poznanski, Archer  
J. Quinn, Rapid Transit District - South  
E. Tasher, 52nd Street  
A. R. Trocker, Rapid Transit Signal Division

## 25 years

H. A. Andler, North Park  
W. T. Barbour, Building Wiring Division  
L. R. Brezek, District A  
P. Christino, Forest Glen  
A. Citro, Forest Park Maintenance Terminal  
E. J. Coman, Investigation & Claims  
A. L. Dickson, West Section  
E. E. Epley, Kedzie Garage  
B. E. Fitzpatrick, Stores - South  
H. J. Friedl, Investigation & Claims  
F. R. Griffin, Electrical  
O. J. Grigalunas, Beverly  
W. Hargraves, Keeler Garage  
J. C. Hoover, 77th Street  
J. W. James, 77th Street  
A. E. Johnson, Rapid Transit District - North  
R. Johnson, 77th Street  
J. F. Kaplan, North Avenue Garage  
H. N. King, North Park  
C. L. Kolodziej, Building Maintenance Division

V. M. Kruse, Electrical  
R. J. Kusek, North Avenue  
M. L. Kuzniar, Track & Structures  
J. J. Leonard, West Section  
W. T. Majewski, 61st Street Maintenance Terminal  
E. J. Majkszak, Skokie Shops  
F. G. Maslan, 69th Street  
G. W. Morsi, North Avenue  
E. Nelson, South Shops  
L. P. Olandese, Keeler Garage  
J. Overall, Track  
R. E. Price, 52nd Street  
C. J. Reyes, Tire Inspection Center  
F. C. Riddle, North Section  
A. D. Rohde, North Avenue  
F. P. Rowinski, Kedzie  
J. T. Rusin, North Section  
T. M. Satkus, Beverly Garage  
S. L. Shimkus, South Shops  
G. W. Simmons, North Section  
E. Sprovieri, Util. & Emerg. Service  
T. A. Tomasek, Beverly Garage  
J. S. Wait, North Park  
S. M. Wojnicki, Beverly



# THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

LOIS JAHNKE returned from her trip to India. While there she visited Hindu and Buddhist caves of centuries ago, which were cut by hand out of solid rock. Some still contain original frescoes. She found the holy city of Benares on the Ganges river especially interesting in early morning when the Ghats (landing steps) are crowded with people bathing and worshiping in the holy water. An elephant ride to the Amber Palace of India was a highlight, as well as a flight along the Himalaya mountains with a beautiful view of Mt. Everest. In Greece she visited Athens, Corinth and Delphi...GENEVIEVE WRIGHT's fractured arm is healing fast and we hope that she will be back on the job soon. Get-well wishes are also sent to VIRGINIA HARRER. ..It was good to see SIEGFRIED SHONTS back to work after undergoing surgery...A belated welcome is extended to GEORGETTE GARMISA. We also welcome RITA RACINE. ..ANN ANGST traveled to St. Petersburg, Florida, to be with a sister and brother-in-law for the Thanksgiving holiday...We wish a speedy recovery to ZITA GYURICZA. She had a home accident in which she fractured a foot...MARIE FOLZ had a marvelous time with the FRED LYONS in Palm Springs, California. . . RITA DEAKIN finished her Christmas shopping in September with gifts she brought home from Japan. The CTA tour this year was magnificent and she thanks JANE MITCHELL for the wonderful job she did in organizing the trip. Rita made a new friend, EVELYN HOLTANE, who was her roommate. Rita said Japan was beautiful and she rode on the fastest train in the world. The bamboo curtain is not what she expected it to be, with its beautiful countryside with rivers and mountains in the background. Rita will never forget the flight from Manila to Hawaii, ten hours air time on a very small and crowded plane. She stayed in Hawaii for four days before returning home...BARNEY and EILEEN KANE celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary vacationing for two glorious weeks in beautiful Hawaii. Starting in Hilo, then on to Kona, Maui, Honolulu, and Kauai. Some of the high points of interest included the black sand beach, volcanoes, a cruise to Pearl Harbor, the Kodak Hula show, the Polynesian Cultural Center, torch lighting ceremony, Ala Moana shopping center, the Don Ho show, and many, many more beautiful scenic places. They took time out from their sightseeing to swim in the ocean or a fresh water pool, and just relax on a beautiful sandy beach...JOE LAZZARA spent his vacation catching up on things around home...The welcome mat is extended to JOHN GANDER who came to work in this department, from the Transportation Department...This is the end of the line for your scribe, as she has boarded the retirement train. This is not a goodbye, but "arivederci" (until we meet again).

- Jeanne Fitzgerald

## (Payroll) -

Our sympathy is extended to VI MEYER whose mother, Mrs. EVA LaRUE, passed away November 7 after a long illness...Congratulations to JOANNE and FRANK STASI upon the arrival of little FRANK ALBERT Jr. on December 2. . . VALERIA BOWMAN, her husband, EDWARD, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. JOHNSON, went to Madrid, Iowa, to

attend the 50th wedding anniversary of Val's aunt and uncle. They had a most enjoyable time visiting with relatives and friends, and stopped in Des Moines, Iowa, on the way back. Of course, they returned with fresh eggs, squash, and lots of goodies from harvest-time...It is nice to have VICTORIA LEPEK back in the CTA fold and we welcome her to our department...If you noticed the big, happy smile on MARIE COARI's face, it is due to the fact that she is driving a new Oldsmobile...Glad to have MAUREEN HOULIHAN back and feeling fine after a little stay in the hospital.

- Clara Lawrence

## CONGRESS (Agents) -

Agent FAY CAPRIO had planned on spending the holidays in Hawaii but her daughter and granddaughter flew here instead because they wanted a white Christmas...JAMES CLARK's vacation was saddened by the passing of three relatives. We hope the holiday season with his new grandchild made up for it...Our deepest sympathy to the families of Pensioners HELEN RYAN and MARGARET QUEENAN, and to Pensioner OTTO SCHULTZ in the loss of his beloved wife...The South Side Agents club feted HELEN SHANNON with a dinner on December 3...EMMA RICHARDSON, the wife of Motorman RICHARDSON, is back to work as an agent. She's proudly showing pictures of her beautiful three-month old baby girl, RACHAIL ANDRETTA...NORA CARMODY, the daughter of Agent EILEEN CARMODY and THOMAS CARMODY of North Avenue, was married to KEVIN CUNNIE on December 2 at a candlelight ceremony in St. Priscilla's church. The radiant bride wore a lovely beaded lace gown and a three-tiered veil. Eileen was as glamorous as her daughter in beautiful beaded green. The happy couple honeymooned a thousand miles from Chicago. . . American Legion Post 1217 held its annual children's party at St. Rita's hall on December 12. SHELDON RITA, alias Santa Claus, was a huge success. Our photographer

RETIRING AS a stenographer on January 1, JEANNE FITZGERALD has also served for five years as an Inside News reporter--first in Engineering and then in General Accounting. Her fellow reporters, as well as Transit News staff members, extend best wishes for an enjoyable retirement. Among those who attended a luncheon in Jeanne's honor were (from left): W. B. FOLTA, general accountant, P. J. MEINARDI, manager of finance, A. J. FITZSIMMONS, retired general accountant, and H. F. BROWN, assistant general accountant.





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was Past Legion Commander and West Shops Foreman JOHN CANNELLA. We also thank Post Commander PETE SABADOSA and all the fellows, and the Women's Auxiliary of Post 1217, for making everyone there feel like a special guest. My miniature schnauzer, Basil, enjoyed the cake, and I won two bottles of champagne...Agent AGNES NOONE was in West Suburban hospital but was up and out of bed in time to enjoy Christmas with the children...I hope everyone had a most enjoyable Christmas and may the New Year be the best you've ever had!

- Julia Brousek

### BEVERLY -

Operator SCOTT on 103rd Street had a very wonderful talk with an old-timer who used to be at Burnside Depot. Mr. KELLEHER is 86 years young, very spry, quick of mind and looks very good. He sends his best regards to all who remember him. He has been retired for 20 years... Oh-wow! Operator LEROY LILLY and his wife, JOSEPHINE, celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary on November 10...Last pick Operator VIC (No Pain) PACISKI picked a run on 95th Street, and every time we met his bus we could only see his curly head. This pick he is back on Michigan and he says, "No more 95th ever."..At this writing Operator ALLEN JACKSON is in Veteran's hospital on Damen. I will get over and see him as soon as possible...I made a return trip to Atlanta November 17-24, and had the pleasure of meeting Georgia State Representative Julian Bond. I also paid visits to Morris Brown and Clark colleges...Supervisor MARTENS, Dan Ryan terminal, wants this in this issue for sure. Since all the buses are from Beverly except one, please change your destination signs before you enter the terminal so the people and the loaders will know where you are going. And don't dump your transfer bags in the waste baskets at the terminal. School kids get the old transfers and cause problems...Inclement weather is here, so please drive carefully.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

### CTA POLICE -

Superintendent NORMAN GRAVER was in DuPage Memorial hospital with ulcer trouble. By mid-December he was home and expecting to return to the office. We're all looking forward to having you back at the helm, Mr. Graver. Chief BOB MILLER has been doing a splendid job in Mr. Graver's absence...Congratulations to RICHARD and LORRAINE DOUGHERTY on the birth of RICHARD Jr. Mother and son are doing very well...Stenographers JOAN JESTICE and PAT FLYNN had no luck with some goldfish and guppies they were caring for. It's no fish story, the office did look quite cheery with the Christmas decorations...The January semester is about to start. Featuring law enforcement, administration of justice, police-related public administration, or psychology courses are these schools: Loop, Southwest, Wright and Amundsen-Mayfair colleges; Northwestern university; Roosevelt university and Chicago State college-West Center. The G.I. bill and CTA's tuition plan can help you with expenses. Let's get with it, officers, and sign up for some smarts. Taking correspondence courses are HARVEY BELL and Sergeant CHARLES RIMELE...Now working as investigators for the secretary of state are BILL KLODNICKI and former officer DON KUSCH. Best of luck to these men in their new

SHOWN HERE are CHARLOTTE and CHARLES BELL, the children of CHARLES and LYNN BELL, testing technician, Electrical Department, and the grandchildren of WILLIAM BELL and THOMAS VUJNOVICH of South Shops. Their great-grandfather is RALPH VUJNOVICH, formerly of West Shops.



jobs...GENE SPATARO was off to have his tonsils removed. ..One evening JOHN FIRLINGER and BILL KLODNICKI were keeping watch at Peoria on the Congress. Two men left the train and went up the street. One man pulled a knife and tried to rob the other, cutting the victim in the scuffle. These two CTA officers moved in, and after a chase the robber was caught...Late last summer Lieutenant BOB McELROY and DAN MARTINIAK were working pickpockets around the northbound bus stop at State and Randolph. These officers arrested a man-and-woman pickpocket team. This "couple" was from out-of-town and had arrived 30 minutes before being arrested. The couple said they had heard that CTA Police were very skilled at detecting pickpockets, but they were still surprised at the quick arrest. They were out on bond and later failed to appear in court. The judge issued arrest warrants...Two former CTA officers have recently distinguished themselves. The Salutes column in the December 1 Chicago Police Daily Bulletin commended ROCCO COLUCCI (now at the 15th district) and his partner. They saw a man running and pursued him to investigate. The man turned with a gun in his hand. Rocco fired one shot, killing the man. The gunman was fleeing after robbing a daily labor office...Information on a robbery suspect led to a good narcotics pinch for BILL GROSSMAN, now on the 20th district's tactical unit. While checking out the robbery tip, Bill came across a quantity of heroin and capsules...Celebrating birthdays during the holiday season were: GENUTIS and ACTON on December 2, LELIOSH on December 11 and HIGENS on December 15. Celebrating in January were VERNON on the 3rd, RUTH on the 11th, HAWKINS on the 14th, CULBERTSON on the 24th and LEAHY on the 25th... Congratulations to BOB CULBERTSON and SAM RINI who are our newest sergeants, and to FRANK INGRASSIA, HEINZ VOGT, DAN MARTINIAK, RAY WIZNIEWSKI and MARV GOLDWATER who are on the sergeant's list...With the holidays come many happy times and family events. A happy, healthy and successful 1972 to everyone!

- Timothy O'Mahony

### ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Happy New Year to everyone...ADOLPH KUTZ, estimator, retired on January 1 after 43 years of service. He and his bride, JULIE, whom he married in November, will make their home in Hot Springs, Arkansas. We wish them the best of health and happiness...MARIE HAVLIK and her sisters, RUTH and BERYL, enjoyed a winter vacation in



## INSIDE NEWS



**PROUD, INDEED**, are the two CTAs who one year old **BETH ANN LARSEN** and three year old **KRISTEN MARGARET LARSEN** call grandpa and uncle. The youngsters are the granddaughters of Retired Forest Glen Station Superintendent **EARL K. PETERSON** and great-nieces of North Park Clerk **ROBERT PETERSON**.

beautiful Acapulco and Mexico City... Congratulations to **LENORE** and **MARK KAO**, electrical engineer I, who are the proud parents of a daughter, **LILLIAN**, born on November 11... We extend our sympathy to **WALTER MOORE**, testing engineer, whose father passed away recently in Crivitz, Wisconsin.

- Kay McAllister

### (Blue Island) -

A happy and healthy New Year to all. Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays, and now we can look forward to spring. Seed catalogs are in the mail so spring can't be far away... **CHESTER** and **DOROTHY MATUSZEWSKI** became grandparents for the fourth time when a son, **FRANK FLORIAN**, was born on November 3 to **FRANK** and **DORIE LURASIEWICZ**... **WILLIAM HOOVER** retired on January 1 and we all wish him a happy retired life... **DICK DORGAN** received a letter and pictures of **GILTON QUICK**'s retirement home in Black Mountain, North Carolina... By the notes received, **JOE HERMAN** is really enjoying his retirement in Sandalfoot Cove, Florida. He sent us a picture from the local paper which shows him holding a 7-pound big-mouth bass he caught. Joe just steps out the back door of his home and the bass are waiting for him... Late Flash-- **FRED MARIANE** decided to retire on January 1. Best wishes for a happy retired life, Fred... Get well wishes are sent to **D. RYAN**, **R. PRIESBE**, **R. O'BRIEN** and **J. HOFERT**.

- William Rehder

### (Chicago Avenue) -

For all the friends of **JIM ROEBER**, this is to report that he had open heart surgery and is doing very well. In fact, a week after the operation we talked to him and he told us to get the belt and hooks ready... **CHUCK** and **DOLL NOLTE** went to Wyoming to babysit for their daughter, **GAIL**, while she had her baby. Along came **KENNETH BRIAN** who missed arriving on Halloween by one day. Afterwards, **Chuck** and **Doll** went to Las Vegas to recuperate from the strain of being grandparents again... **CHARLIE PARHAM** reports that his daughter, **LINDA**, is attending University of Illinois Circle Campus and doing quite well. One question, **Linda**, how is the biology coming?... If you were reading the sports section of the Tribune lately, you would have seen a picture of little **PETE**, the son of **PETE GRAF**. Little **Pete** was the quarterback of the second place Lakeview Wildcats in the White Division. The most tackled man on the team was chosen as all-city quarterback. Now the colleges are interested in **Pete**, number 10... **BARNEY JONES** has been off sick with the flu. He even spent some time in the hospital fighting the bug... Hope all our friends

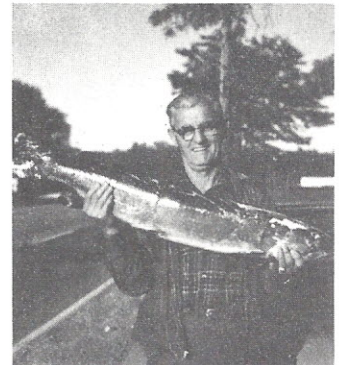
had a happy Holiday Season and are looking forward to a prosperous New Year.

- Ben Nielsen

### (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

The signal helpers' reporting and work locations are shuffled at fairly regular intervals. This means they are moved from one territory to another to facilitate the Signal Department's helper training program. Each man spends up to six months at a given location, working alongside the maintainer for that particular territory. A recent shuffle of this type caused ten of our helpers to be on the move. Good luck to all of you who were transferred... **STEVEN ZELLNER** was recently promoted to signal foreman. He replaced **WILLIAM BAKER** who retired. Steve is now in charge of the South Section, and at the age of 36, he becomes the youngest person to ever attain foremanship. His promotion wasn't much of a surprise as he is known throughout the Signal Department as a very dependable and conscientious worker... **PAMELA WILLIAMS** and **STEVE HAMMER** exchanged marriage vows on November 20, 1971, at St. Charles Borromeo church in Bensenville. Congratulations to the newlyweds. As this was the first wedding for the Williams' household, it was indeed a joyous occasion for everyone... **ART LUPESCU**, who has been off with a fractured ankle, has returned to work... Signal Helper **JOHN GAY** was recently promoted to a journeyman. He took a holding position at Loomis-Congress, and will be working the 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. trick... Regretfully we report the death of **ERIC G. (Andy) ANDREASON** who passed away on October 8 at the age of 69 in San Diego, California. The Signal Department extends their heartfelt sympathy to his wife, **IRMA**... A hearty welcome is extended to **DONALD HAWKINS**, our newest addition to the Signal Department. Donald, a former bus operator at North Avenue Station, began his tour of duty as a signal helper in the construction gang on November 15. Good luck, Don... The Signal Department gives a party honoring each of its retiring employees. These parties are attended by both retired and working personnel and the men look forward to them with great anticipation. Lately CTA employees from different departments have been attending these parties regularly, and many more have been showing interest in them. The party committee welcomes any CTA male employee, and beginning with the next party, they will announce the date and location in the Transit News. Those desiring to attend need only inform the committee... **PAT DOYLE**, North Side signal foreman, and his wife, **ETHEL**, visited **ED** and **DELLA RAYMUS** at their home in Kelly Lake, Wisconsin, over the Thanksgiving weekend. Pat and Ethel have known Ed and

**HOLDING THE 20-pound musky that brought him a cash prize is Pensioner MARION TOMETICH. Soup**, as he is known by his friends, was a machinist in the Plant Equipment Maintenance Division of the Engineering Department.





Della for more than 15 years, and have visited them each summer for several years. This trip was of particular interest as it was the golden wedding anniversary for Ed and Della. The celebration was enjoyed by everyone. As somewhat of a bonus for the Doyles, they were caught in what must have been the first snowstorm of the season, when seven inches of the white stuff was dumped in and around Kelly Lake. Pat's car became stuck in a snow drift off an isolated highway, providing them with a giant-size scare. As luck would have it, several deer hunters in the area came to their rescue and saved them from what could have been a very horrifying experience... FLASH--CASIMIR KOTARA bought a new car. This is the first car he has ever owned. He said he likes it very much, but his wife, GENECE, likes it even better. She likes it so well, that she drives it all the time and Cas has to take the bus to work. He feels that perhaps he should never have taught her to drive. Casimir's 22-year old son, DAN, has joined the army reserves. He is presently serving his initial six-month hitch at Fort Dix, New Jersey... DAVE BARR has returned to work after serving jury duty for civil suits. He said he enjoyed it very much, and gained considerable knowledge and respect for our judicial process... VICK ZASTERA, West Side signal foreman, made another trip out west. This time he visited Phoenix, Arizona, and Salt Lake City, Utah, spending two days in each city. This kind of trip is getting to be a habit with Vick. He won't tell us why he went or why he came back. He bought a ski jacket somewhere along the way, but that only serves to confuse the subject even more. Many safe returns, Vick.

- Tommie Lowery

#### ENGINEERING -

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year... Now to finish up last year's news. LOUISE SANDSTROM went up to Iron Mountain to visit her sister, ESTER, during the Thanksgiving holidays. Instead of getting snowed in she got fogged in and had to take a Greyhound bus back to Chicago... KATHY KRUEGER took a vacation to London for three weeks during December. The fellows wish to thank MARYANNE KARL for helping out while Kathy was gone... Our congratulations are extended to HENRY T. LUEBECK on his appointment as engineer of capital improvements... Everyone in the Engineering Department would like to extend their sympathy to LEO LIZAK and his brother in the loss of their mother... The drafting section was visited by a former employee, MARIO MUNOZ, who is now working for the city. There are also some new additions to the drafting section--JOE URBASZEWSKI adopted four snails from PAT FLYNN for his fish bowl. So Joe put them right to work... JOHN CHURA just finished his civic duty as a juror... Our congratulations to JOSEPH J. O'CONNOR on his appointment as supervisor of Real Estate. Joe was also elected treasurer of the Illinois Chapter of the American Right of Way Association. On Friday, November 19, Joe and his wife, MARY CATHERINE, and HENRY T. LUEBECK and his wife, MARY, drove to Springfield for the installation of officers banquet. Needless to say, they all had a good time at the party. The following day, Joe, Hank and the two Marys toured some of the historic sights before heading home.

#### (West Shops) -

The annual turkey raffle at Plumber's Local No. 130 was a huge success as far as West Shops was concerned. All

REGINA DAREN, medical secretary, proudly displays the photo which won for her two tickets to the Chicago Bears-Minnesota Vikings football game on December 19, a weekend at the Sheraton-Blackstone hotel, and dinner at the Cafe Barcelone. Photo by Chicago Today, sponsor of the "Find the Ball" contest.



the men present received a brush and shoe horn kit. The following men were winners: J. NABLE a \$10 Jewel gift certificate, W. C. HALLFORD a French phone, R. J. HAYES an electric clock, and C. J. MAJEROWICZ a paradise fruit cake... One week of JOE CHRISTOI's vacation was spent at home preparing for the big Thanksgiving feast and family reunion at his home... LEE ANDERSON's vacation in the New England states was spoiled by bad weather, but his recent long weekend made up for it. Lee came back with quite a few birds... WAYNE HANSEN vacationed in the beautiful State of Washington, while T. L. WOLGEMUTH journeyed to San Francisco for a reunion with his buddies. A grand old time was had by all... PAUL ANDERSON looked rested after a three-week vacation out west, and is getting ready for a trip to Hawaii soon. Watch out for the hula dancers, Paul... Congratulations to W. J. JOSWICK, M. K. O'CONNOR, and WALLY FELCKOWSKI who became journeymen recently... Happy to see you looking tanned and well rested after your trip to Arizona, CHARLIE SCHREY... J. W. LEMOND had a happy time at a family reunion. This is the first time in many, many years that Jim had his whole family together at one time... Your co-reporter spent her two-week vacation out west visiting her mother and sister in Glendora, California. Incidentally, Glendora is where Sally Rand lives. We saw her beautiful hilltop home but were not able to get close enough to see Miss Rand. We drove to Long Beach, California, for a short visit with my brother whom I haven't seen in 20 years. Then on to La Jolla for a week's visit with HELEN and "Big JOHN" RETZLER. He sends his regards to all.

- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott

#### FOREST GLEN -

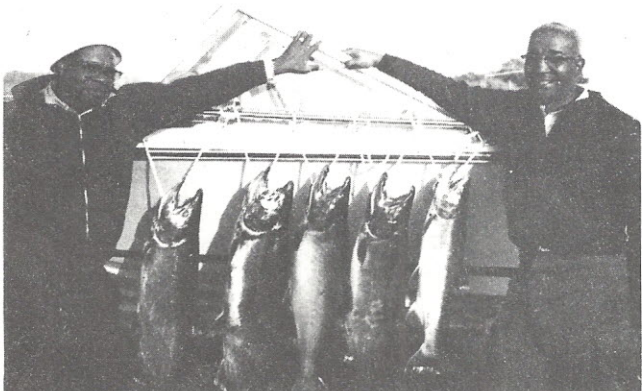
Beautiful beyond words is the world that God has made, but if we have no love for mankind it is very dark. Do take a look around us--we are all the Lord's children. For 1972 let's let the sun shine into our souls. Station Superintendents GEORGE DE WITT and VIC JOHNSON hope each and all had a happy New Year, and also wish to thank everyone for a job well done in '71. So, fellows, how about showing them a much better '72... Operator JOHN ZONTA and his lovely wife, GERTRUDE, had an early Christmas gift--their first child, KIMBERLY, was born on December 6... Three of our finest operators spent two weeks in Canada. These young men are none other than DAVIS, ZEIGLER and ANDERSON. From the reports I hear, these boys really had a ball. But they forgot to take their fishing



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gear. How come, Davis?..Retired Board Member GEORGE STILLWELL passed away in Argo, Florida, and was buried in Iowa...SYLVESTER (Slim) PATELSKI sends greetings to all his friends in the CTA from Norway. Slim hasn't been feeling too well lately...SCHAFFER, Super Mex wants to know when you are going to take that rain-cap off...Mr. and Mrs. BILL DEVITT celebrated 38 years of wedded bliss on December 2. Their four children and eight grandchildren were on hand to surprise them...One of our most silent operators, who never says too much but is respected by all, JOHN BEDNARZ, celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss on November 25. John said he is looking forward to another 35 years. There was a surprise party given for them by his family and friends--including five grandchildren...Relief Clerk MILLER went hunting out West. It will be interesting to hear just what he bagged. He says that he is only going after large game...Supervisor BILL ROWAN, I still say you ought to be wearing a white shirt. Your pleasant smile turns a dull day into a bright one...SAM (Shopping Bag) POLNIAZEK had a wonderful summer. His lovely wife and daughter saved their money and took the old boy to Mexico. Sam says the buses there are something out of this world...Operator ROCKY MALFESE and his wife, ALICE, spent several weeks in the Ozarks. Looks like Rocky is trying to find a place to retire...CLIFFORD LAST has finally gotten his wife a job. She is now delivering mail. I wonder what's next for the poor old gal?...Supervisor WILLEY DUREN was in the hospital recently and wishes to thank all his friends for checking on him. As of this writing Duren is back on the job and feeling fine. At least you know now who your friends are, Willey...Superintendent VIC JOHNSON paid a visit to CHARLIE KERR, retired superintendent of North Park, down in Florida. I wonder if any of you noticed those loud shirts he brought back. Boy, his office sure shines when he wears one of them. Anyway, Vic, they look good on you...Speaking of shirts, take a look at those neckties HERBIE has been wearing in the office...On November 25 Operator ED MERK and his lovely wife, AUDREY, celebrated 34 years of marital bliss. They have three grandchildren...Looks like we will have to take up a collection and buy Operator BOUDREAU a pair of shoes. The poor fellow showed up at work wearing one house slipper and one regular shoe. Anyway, he's feeling better...Operator E. GUEDEL just finished 30 years with the company. He also has 35 years of married

SHOWING SOME of the 150 pounds of coho salmon they caught while fishing in Lake Michigan are Operator CLARENCE MOORE, 77th Street, and Archer Station Superintendent VIC COLEMAN. Operator BILL HOLAND, 52nd Street, was also along and took this photo.



life and is looking younger every day...STANEK had his fishing pretty well in hand last summer. He is looking forward to a much better year in '72. He said he is really going to get the big ones...CONNIE had a couple of broken ribs recently when he fell from a ladder. Anyway, that's his story...BILL WITKUS just completed 27 years with CTA. He also has been married 27 years. At least, Bill, you are keeping the numbers together...Big JIM SKOPEC is off sick. He found some money under his mattress and I wonder if this is what made him sick...Operator REDMAN, your hair-do was perfect. Did you say your wife put it in curls?...Our favorite terminal board operator, CHAPLESKI, has been a little ill. I am sure this fine gentleman will overcome whatever is in his way. We are all praying for you, Chappie...From my home to yours, we wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. A smile costs nothing, but gives much...All the fellows in the credit union, TED, JOHN and JIM send their best wishes for a happy New Year to all...God bless all of you.

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

### GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance) -

Wedding bells will be ringing soon for RITA OPFERGELT, clerk-typist and the daughter of HERBERT OPFERGELT, a bus operator out of North Avenue Station, who received a beautiful diamond engagement ring from BILL KRUEGER...KATHY MURRAY, stenographer, together with her fiancé drove to Lincoln, Nebraska, over the Thanksgiving holiday to visit with her sister...An open house was held for ED DONAHUE, insurance clerk, on December 30. We wish him the best of luck and an enjoyable retirement...WILLIAM FINKLER, a January graduate from Stout State university in Wisconsin, and a graduate trainee, returned to his alma mater for the annual homecoming festivities on October 22. While there he was elected chairman of the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity alumni chapter.

### (Employment) -

Congratulations are in order for LOIS JEAN MOLLENKAMP, clerk-typist, who recently announced her engagement to HANK BOOMER. The wedding date is set for May 20, 1972...SUSAN HOLZMEISTER, stenographer, has left CTA to await a blessed event.

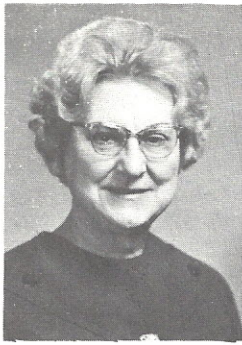
### (Employee Relations) -

WILLIAM WIEHER, job analyst, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby boy named BRENT.

### (Treasury) -

EMIL DERMA, cashier, is still talking about his trip to Albuquerque where the Slovak Society held their convention. He still would like to purchase an "abode" down there...After 43 years of service with the CTA, FLORENCE BUTTERFIELD, secretary-stenographer, took her retirement on January 1. Florence has no definite plans for the future, except for applying for a job as a belly dancer...We were glad to see JOHNNY POPE, paymaster, back to work after surgery. Hope things were sewed up alright and he will be able to smoke his cigars...Birthday greetings are being sent to Treasurer C. H. GRUBE, and Token Clerks JOE KUNZER and MIKE BRUNO...ANN M. GUSICH, cashier, chose a 747 flight to sunny California for her vacation. She visited her nephew and niece. She also got acquainted with her new great nephew, DAVID, the one-year old son of DAVID and MAUREEN JOGNIA of San Bernardino. During

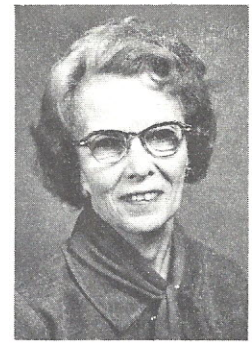




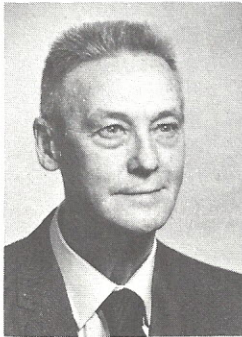
**H. A. LOWE**  
47 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on December 1 and January 1 are the 17 employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor transit companies.



**F. L. BUTTERFIELD**  
43 Years



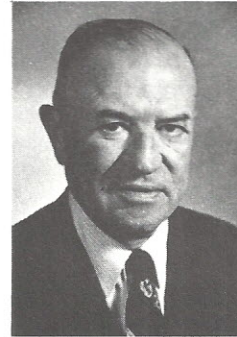
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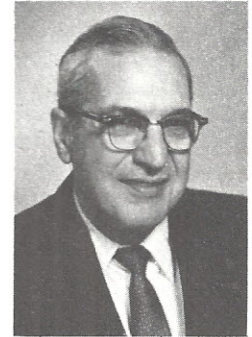
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**A. A. KUTZ**  
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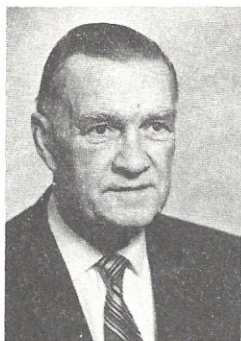


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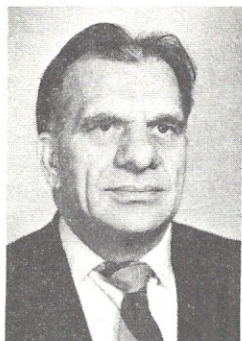
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South Shops, Emp. 3-13-43  
CECELIA E. BAGGS, Supervisory Stenographer,  
Law, Emp. 8-20-34  
ELMER R. BAY, Supervisor,  
Central District, Emp. 12-17-40  
WILLIAM S. BENNIS, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 6-26-43  
LAWRENCE O. BERMINGHAM, Supervisor,  
District B, Emp. 4-19-34  
MARTIN A. BOGAN, Supervisor,  
South District, Emp. 9-10-42  
ROBERT W. BROWN, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 7-1-42  
HERMAN A. BUDDE, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 9-9-42  
THOMAS W. BURNS, Janitor,  
Kedzie, Emp. 4-21-42  
FLORENCE L. BUTTERFIELD, Secretary,  
Treasury, Emp. 11-15-28  
JOHN CACZAR, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 2-20-51  
OWEN F. CALT, Supervisor,  
Central District, Emp. 7-15-37  
NORA V. CRONIN, Clerk II,  
Claim, Emp. 6-22-42  
LOUARD C. CRUMBAUGH, Operator,  
52nd Street, Emp. 11-15-43  
STANLEY J. CWIAKALA, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 7-19-43

JOSEPH L. DeGRAZIA, Schedule Maker,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 1-8-28  
FRANK A. DeNOTTO, Bus Repairer,  
North Avenue, Emp. 1-9-30  
SAM DeSALVO, Schedule Maker,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 12-30-29  
HAROLD J. DESIRON, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-15-36  
GLENN DEWAR, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 11-21-41  
ANDREW J. DINNELLA, Superintendent,  
Special Investigations, Emp. 5-10-34  
MARSHALL A. DODD, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 1-22-29  
WALTER B. DOLPH, Collector,  
Archer, Emp. 5-26-34  
EDWARD J. DONAHUE, Insurance Clerk,  
Insurance, Emp. 1-2-45  
JOHN DONOHUE, Shopman,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 5-6-42  
RUSSELL L. ELDERKIN, Line Supervisor,  
Operations Control, Emp. 10-12-26  
ELMER J. FEIEREISEL, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 2-28-34  
JOHN H. FINCH, Assistant Comptroller,  
Finance, Emp. 11-27-21  
JEANNE M. FITZGERALD, Steno II,  
Accounting, Emp. 11-29-65  
JOHN E. FITZGERALD, Traffic Clerk,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 9-23-40  
JAMES J. FITZMAURICE, Operator,  
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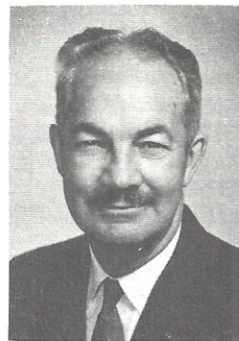
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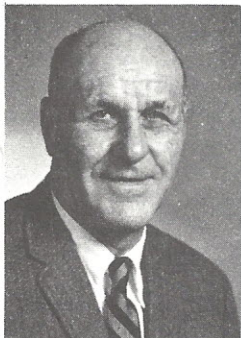
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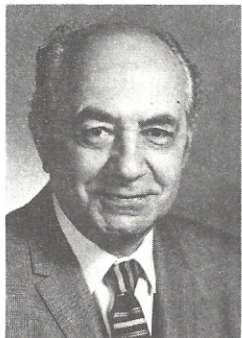
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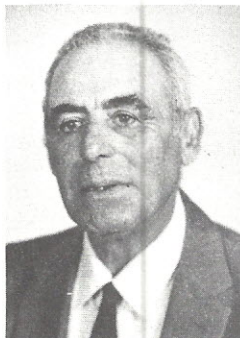
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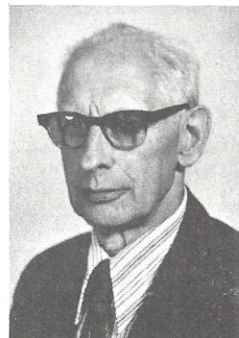
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L. SPARACINO  
46 Years



M. A. DODD  
42 Years



T. SCIANNA  
42 Years

WILLARD L. GILL, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-7-33  
JULIUS S. GOLNIK Jr., Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-28-36  
CLARENCE C. GOLZ, Carpenter Foreman,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 3-2-27  
RAYMOND E. GUNTHER, Traffic Checker,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 8-30-43  
CARL F. GUSTAFSON, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-22-41  
RUDOLPH HAAS, Information Clerk,  
Transportation, Emp. 6-29-33  
CORNELIUS HAFLEY, Plumber,  
Engineering, Emp. 6-20-39  
WALTER HALLFORD, Instructor,  
North Park Garage, Emp. 2-16-35  
JOHN J. HEELAN, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 10-12-36  
WILLIAM H. HOOVER, Substation Operator,  
Electrical, Emp. 1-20-36  
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Beverly, Emp. 7-5-44  
GEORGE F. JOHANNES, Schedule Maker,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 9-12-27  
STANLEY N. JOZWIAK, Operator,  
Keeler, Emp. 6-24-37  
ARTHUR J. KAESTNER, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 9-12-42  
ADOLPH KUNZ, Car Repairman A,  
Congress, Emp. 12-9-52  
ADOLPH A. KUTZ, Estimator,  
Electrical, Emp. 1-7-29  
JOSEPH R. LAUTERBACH, Collector,  
77th Street, Emp. 1-10-36

JOSEPH LAZZARA, Traffic Checker,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 6-6-41  
ELMER LIPPNER, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 10-25-44  
WILLIAM F. LOUBSKY, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 6-17-41  
HELEN A. LOWE, Accountant II,  
Finance, Emp. 8-27-24  
EDWARD F. LYNCH, Janitor,  
Kedzie, Emp. 2-3-43  
ALFRED C. MARIANI, Special Projects Engineer,  
Electrical, Emp. 3-17-30  
JAMES W. MARTIN Jr., Bus Repairer,  
North Park, Emp. 6-15-41  
CHARLES L. McCLEANON, Track Foreman I,  
Engineering, Emp. 3-4-46  
EDMOND F. McCUTCHEN, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-5-53  
GEORGE J. MEYER, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-21-41  
WILLIAM J. MORLEY, Motorman,  
North Section, Emp. 2-4-27  
IRVING MOSKOVITZ, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 10-13-43  
ALFRED G. NORRIS, Laborer,  
South Shops, Emp. 8-28-41  
WILLIAM J. O'BRIEN, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-27-42  
CORNELIUS O'SHEA, Supervisor,  
District C, Emp. 9-26-40  
JAMES H. PARRY, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 7-1-42

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## NEW PENSIONERS (contd. from page 15)

WILLIAM L. PEARSON, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-27-41  
EDWARD R. PYTLEWICZ, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-40  
WILLIAM D. QUIGLEY, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 2-28-34  
THOMAS F. QUINN, Supervisor,  
District A, Emp. 9-28-36  
WILLIAM C. ROWE, Conductor,  
South Section, Emp. 11-8-41  
CARL J. RUSSE, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 5-3-44  
MICHAEL G. RUSSIN, Serviceman,  
Kimball, Emp. 8-20-52  
HERBERT F. SAFFRAHN, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 11-26-40  
STANLEY J. SARNECKI, Janitor,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 7-31-43  
CHARLES B. SCHOEWER, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 11-25-36  
TONY SCIANNA, Bus & Truck Mechanic,  
South Shops, Emp. 7-12-29  
ALBERT SIEGEL, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 8-8-42  
ALBIN B. SKONIECZNY, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 9-3-42  
GERALD R. SMITH, Carpenter A,  
Way & Structures, Emp. 5-5-43  
WILLIS L. SNODGRASS, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 8-29-37  
LORENZO SPARACINO, Trackman I,  
Engineering, Emp. 11-6-25  
ANTHONY SPATAFORE, Shop Inspector,  
South Shops, Emp. 10-17-30

WILLIAM H. STINESPRING, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 5-25-28  
ANDREW R. STOLTMAN, Information Clerk,  
Transportation, Emp. 10-5-36  
CHARLES J. SUNDBLAD, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 8-22-41  
GLENN L. THOMPSON, Switchman,  
North Section, Emp. 11-18-46  
VIRGIL D. TRIMMER, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 4-25-42  
AUGUST G. WESSEL, Bus Repairer,  
Archer, Emp. 4-19-27  
JOHN M. WIERCIOCH, Car Repairman A,  
Kimball, Emp. 9-9-29  
WILLIAM T. YEATMAN, Box Puller,  
69th Street, Emp. 12-11-40

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DAVID R. BRUMIRSKI, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 9-9-46  
JOHN R. BUSSEMA, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 9-22-42  
VIRGINIA R. CASHION, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 2-3-44  
ARTHUR L. DAVISTON, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 8-11-58  
SAM S. FIORITO, Carpenter A,  
South Shops, Emp. 5-10-45  
EDWARD J. HILL, Schedule Clerk,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 9-16-35  
JOHN B. O'REILLY, Office Engineer,  
Engineering, Emp. 7-1-31  
ERVIN A. ZIELKE, Janitor,  
Keeler, Emp. 6-26-44

her stay she also attended a beautiful garden wedding reception of a relative. Time passed so swiftly that she only had time to phone RITA WISNIEWSKI, your Co-reporter REGGIE's twin and a former employee of the Claim Department, to say hello. Rita sends holiday greetings to all her CTA friends.

### (Executive) -

Recent Retiree WILLIS HELFRICH and his wife, LAURA, are enjoying a world tour and when we last heard from them they were approaching the Philippines in late October. On board a Norwegian freighter which made ports of call along the East Coast, they went non-stop from Panama to Manila in 23 days. They will leave the ship in Singapore, fly to New Zealand and Australia, then sail from Sydney to Cape Town. Taking to the air again, they will visit Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, Nairobi, Cairo, Turkey, Greece, Italy, Spain and England. They are due home about April 1.

### (Office Services) -

We were glad to see LAVERNE SCHULTZ, clerk, back to work after her brief illness...LEN SKRINE, supervisor of mail clerks, together with his wife and another couple drove through Tucson, Sun City, Phoenix and San Diego on a three-week vacation and enjoyed every minute of it.

### (Public Information) -

At the 29th Annual Conference of the National Association of Suggestion Systems held recently in Denver, CTA was awarded the first place blue ribbon plus a plaque for their flag exhibit. The display depicted a 134 per cent

suggestion submission increase through the distribution of flag lapel pins to all suggesters. The presentation of a certified suggestion system administrator certificate to RUSS WARNSTEDT, CTA suggestion coordinator, was also a first for NASS members in the Chicagoland area. The parade of chapters book, compiled by Russ during the past year for the Chicago chapter, was judged the best of seven entries submitted throughout the United States. For his efforts, the chapter was presented a \$100 check and another blue ribbon. Good work, Russ, we are proud of you.

### (Medical) -

Dr. SYDNEY FABIAN and his wife, MOLLY, flew TWA recently for a two-week vacation in the Holy Land and visit to the birthplace of Jesus in Bethlehem. They also visited the Church of the Holy Sepulcher where Jesus was buried, took in various sights of Jerusalem and found all the places exceedingly interesting and historical...A warning went out to all our Irish friends in the County of Roscommon to be on the lookout for MARY LEDWITH, RN, when she arrived for the holidays. Mary just acquired her driver's license before leaving, and when she goes barreling down the roads, we hope she remembers which side to drive on. Anyway, congratulations to you on passing the driver's test, it is a great achievement...The welcome mat is extended to Dr. GEORGE B. SILER who joined the medical staff on November 22, and also a happy birthday to him.

### (Research & Planning) -

Now that the holidays are behind us, and we're all on diets from the good cooking, we have many items to re-



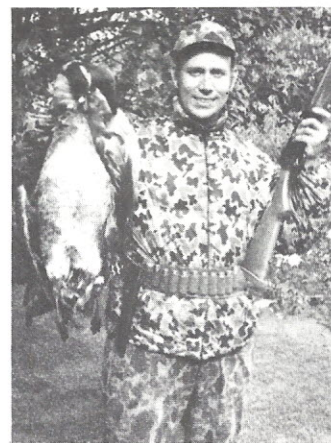
port--naturally about our holiday activities...TOM and MILDRED HENNINGSEN flew to Florida to visit with their daughter and son-in-law, CAROL and SAM WILLI, and grandchildren, MELISA and DAVID. Being together made their holidays complete, and as Tom put it, "A good time was had by all..."GEORGE MACAK spent his vacation at home with his wife and kids over the holidays. George enjoyed helping CHUCKY and PAMELA play with their new toys. Guess dad deserves it after he had to assemble everything...BILL GOODWIN, along with his family and neighbors, went tobogganing at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. Bill said it was the highest slide he'd ever seen. You have to take a ski lift to the top and the toboggan takes you for a long thrilling ride down onto the frozen lake. It sounds pretty risky to us, but the Goodwins had a great time and Bill's daughters can't wait until dad takes them there again. ...MARY ELLEN and her boyfriend, JIM, who will soon be stationed at Great Lakes, spent the holidays together with friends and relatives. One of the highlights was New Year's day where they saw Sonny and Cher at Mill Run Playhouse. Sitting a few rows away, enjoying the show, was MARY BOSKI...STEVE LEGLER was CTA's representative at the National Conference on Personal Rapid Transit in Minneapolis. Steve said it was interesting to see the new ideas presented, but it does not appear that personal rapid transit would have too much application to the CTA service area. Steve also took a few days of his vacation after the conference so his wife, SHARI, and daughter, CHERYL, came along. The Leglers took a ride on the Amtrak train and visited with friends and relatives in Minneapolis. It was a fast vacation, but a nice one at that...DICK BRAZDA and DAVE PHILLIPS went on a week-long trip to Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, and the Toronto area where they visited various transit systems and met with friends at the Department of Transportation. They both gathered various items of interest, but by the time they were halfway through they were so loaded down that they decided to send some of it back home. So they did; 12 pounds of literature awaited their return. The trip was quite a success and we're glad to hear they had a great time. Also, welcome to Dick Brazda as a graduate trainee in our planning section...GRACE IACONO's daughter, CAROLYN, who is presently studying nursing at Ravenswood hospital, received her cap and will get some practical nursing experience now. Grace and her husband, FRANK, South Shops, must really be proud of Carolyn...DAVE LEVITIN, temporary trainee, is happy to report that he completed his masters degree in transportation at Northwestern university. Congratulations, Dave!...Last, but not least, welcome home to WALLY PASZYNA who has returned to work after his recent hospitalization.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

#### KEDZIE -

Operator JAMES McWILLIAMS received the Medal of Merit award from Mayor Daley and the first Chairman's Award from Transit Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY, for coming to the aid of a woman who was being assaulted on his bus. Congratulations, Jim...Instructors PERKINS and THROWER were at Kedzie with the Suggestion Bus...Operators SCOTTY and WILLIAM KELLY, Beverly, stopped over at Kedzie to say hello to all...Our congratulations and best wishes are extended to the following who are going on pension: Janitor THOMAS BURNS who will make his home in New Mexico; Janitor E. LYNCH;

PROOF OF his marksmanship is evidenced here by Operator ULISES RUIZ, North Park, who shot this Canadian goose while hunting at Horizon Marsh Lands in Wisconsin.



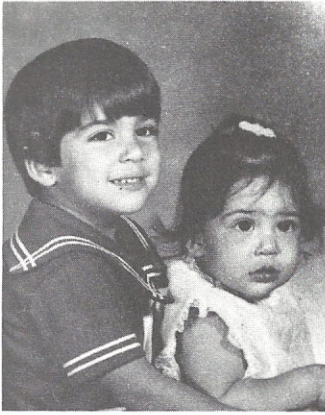
Operator JOHN HEELAN, and Operator A. KAESTNER. We wish all of you the best of health and happiness during your retired years...Our deepest sympathy to the families of: Operator J. MURPHY whose lovely wife, CATHERINE, was laid to rest on November 29; ART VAN MOFFAERT, formerly of Lawndale, who was laid to rest on November 9; Operator W. DZINCIOLOSKI in the loss of his father, WALTER, and Pensioner JAMES RITTENBERG, who was laid to rest on November 1...To all the operators on the sick list we wish each of you a speedy recovery and a quick return to work...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday so you can help another in need.

- Raymond Graham

#### LAWNDALE -

In December Superintendent JACK MORRIS posted a letter in the trainroom for all the men to see. It was a letter congratulating all of the operators for having another safe month, November, and it looks as if the men of Lawndale are going to have another safe year as well. Mr. Morris also stated that he was looking forward to receiving another plaque from the Greater Chicago Safety Council for an outstanding safety performance in 1971...Christmas came early to Relief Clerk HELMUT STANKEVICIUS, who married the former Miss CHRIS RUTKOWSKI on November 27, 1971. Helmut and Chris honeymooned in the Grand Canyon State of Arizona. We at Lawndale wish both of you many happy married years...Operator and Mrs. DAVID MILLSAP moved into their new home for an extra early Christmas gift...We're glad to see that Operators A. ADAMS, C. ADAMS and E. BENN have all returned to work after their recent illness. Operator FRANK DOWNEY is now receiving visitors at Oak Park hospital. As of this writing we understand that Frank is coming along just fine as is ALFRED LEE TURNER...Operator ALVIN DICKERSON has been cited by CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY for his role in reporting an accident involving a CTA bus and several automobiles, in which Alvin also helped assist the Chicago Police Department with several injured persons. He also received personal commendations from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN and Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. RILEY. And Lawndale also congratulates Operator Dickerson for his fine endeavor. He is indeed a credit to the CTA and the men with whom he works...Happy birthdays are extended this month to: R. SMITH, E. RIHA, H. REDDICK, J. PENDLETON, A. PATTERSON, D. PAPA, G. O'DONNELL, G.





POSING NICELY for the cameraman are DANIEL and DINA JACOBS, the three year old and one year old grandchildren of DANIEL GRANUCCI, stock clerk, Storeroom 20, Blue Island.

MALARZ, R. LUCAS, O. LENOIR, C. KASAL, M. KARIO-LICH, J. JAMISON, T. JACKSON, F. HRUBY, T. HOUSTON, F. DOWNEY, B. DAVIS, B. COOPER, J. COLEMAN, W. CHRISTIAN, J. BURRIS, R. BRAXTON, T. BUTLER, R. BRUCE, N. BROWN, G. BROWN, M. BILLS, E. BENN and C. ADAMS...Thanks goes out to P.M. Foreman COATES, Repairmen LEMUEL COOK, JOE OLANDESE, JONES and SMITH for performing their duties so efficiently, recently. We also understand that Repairman MIKE WEAVER has everything under control in the tire department...While writing this letter to the men of Lawndale, I'm thinking that, up until now, we've had very little or no snow. So I hope that by the time you feast your eyes upon this bold print, you've played everything with safety in mind. Maybe we'll have a snowless winter (smile)...Remember your favorite young lady next month. That's right, Valentine's day is right around the corner...So until next month, fellows, THINK SAFETY.

- James Marshall

#### LIMITS -

The annual Limits Credit Union business meeting and party was held at Weiglet's hall on January 16. Members and their families who attended enjoyed refreshments after the meeting and drawings for door prizes...Operator HUGO KOEPEKE and his wife, RUTH, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month with a host of friends and relatives in Bensenville, Illinois. Congratulations to this fine couple...Operator EDWARD NOWICKI's son, EDWARD Jr., took his examination for the detective force with Chicago's Police Department. He received the top rating of over 2,000 applicants, and will be assigned to Task Force Area Four. Congratulations, and may you always be a credit to the Police Department and the people you serve...Operator HERMAN TRIMUEL and his wife adopted a cute baby boy from University of Illinois hospital. They are very happy with the little fellow named OMAR. We all know that he's in a good home where he will receive love and protection and will grow up to be a real credit to his family...Our sincerest sympathy to the families of Pensioners F. SARTI and MICHAEL KELLY who passed away last month...The mother of Clerk WILBERT GERRISH passed away; also the son of former president of the Limits Credit Union RALPH VENN. Our sincerest sympathy to these families...As we embark on the year 1972, may we all enjoy a fruitful year filled with lots of good health and happiness.

- R. S. Benson

#### LOOP -

We hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful holiday season with your family...Loop Gang Leader STEVE CUNNINGHAM is off the sick book and feeling fine again after surgery. He and his crew have those Loop stations sparkling...Agent ANN CINCETTI is home from the hospital and doing fine. Hurry back, Ann...MARY MORGAN is back on the job, too, and has asked us to convey her thanks to all for their kind thoughts and cards while she was home recuperating. Glad to have you back, Mary...Our sympathy to the family of Janitor OTIS BUCHANAN, Loop, who passed away. Also to the family of Retired Assignment Agent MARGARET QUEENAN who passed away...Agent DAVE GRAFMAN has returned from the hospital and is feeling much better. We hope he will be back with us by the time this news is in print...Retired Agent MARGIE WHITE sent wishes for a happy holiday season all the way from Ireland. We in turn hope that she, too, had a wonderful one in the Emerald Isle...Former Agent JOHN FILIPEK sends best wishes to all...Janitor E. SCHULTZ lost his beloved dog and was greatly depressed. A good friend gave him another dog similar to the one he lost, and it has helped a lot to cheer him up...Retired Lake Street Janitor L. BYRNES is feeling fine and sends greetings to all. He says he would like to have his friends visit with him...Student Agent BADER MOHAMMAD HAYA was married on October 3. A reception for 700 people was held at Lexington House in Hickory Hills, Illinois. The young couple honeymooned in Florida and the Bahamas...On December 4 your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, and Agent JULIE MATTRAN and her husband, RAY, had a lovely dinner at the home of Agent and Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE and her hubby, DAN. The meal was a gourmet's delight, from soup to dessert. Speaking of soup, our Millie makes a great cream of potato soup. Watch that waistline, Dan... Agent JUANITA EDEN and her mother, Agent WILMA EDEN, spent the yuletide in Minneapolis visiting with Juanita's brother, his wife and five children. They had a great time, and during their family gathering they received the good news that the younger brother, DOUGLAS, had presented his girl with a diamond ring and is now officially engaged. Congratulations to the happy couple from all... We are a little short on news this time due to the hustle and bustle of the holidays. In closing, we hope 1972 will be a healthy, happy and prosperous year for each and every one of you. Keep smiling!

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

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

First of all, we want to say we hope everyone had a nice Christmas and is enjoying a prosperous New Year...There was a little changing around with the system pick this time: Collector LISCHER went to Howard Street tower; FLOWERS went south and will be on the extra board. By the way, I heard he was getting his little daughter, MARIA, a charge plate for Christmas so she can do just like mommy...BILL PFEIFFER spent his vacation in Hawaii...E. BEEBE is still on the sick list but hopes to be back soon...DAVE GRAFMAN had surgery and is recuperating at home, while Agent LOUISE DREWS is on the sick list...HERB SAFFRAHN took his pension on December 1. Here's hoping you have a long and healthy retirement, Herb...Clerk PETE GERTZ went to Lake Street; Chief Clerk JOHN CARLAN and JOE MARKOS will be the a.m. clerks at Jefferson Park, and RAY GEHRKE will be the p.m. clerk. ED



## INSIDE NEWS

PFANNKUCHE is taking the a.m. at Douglas; guess his wife, VI, wants him to...SHEILA MURPHY took a November vacation to Florida to visit friends...Former Student Agent SUE SMYK is doing cancer research at the University of Chicago. She is a svelte 120 pounds now, and has a steady boyfriend; see what a good figure can do. So watch that weight, gals!...Agent AGNES NOONE is in the hospital at the present time; get well soon, Agnes...MINNIE DIKEMAN's granddaughter and two of her cousins were in a parade at Santa's Village, where horses drew a pumpkin carriage. That was quite a thrill...Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS and her husband, CLEM, took a trip to Rochester, Minnesota, to the Mayo Clinic and found it to be a wonderful place to find out what's wrong with a person. She not only found out what was wrong with her, but found out that her husband had gallstones for which he was operated on November 29, and also found that he had a ruptured appendix. He's home now and doing fine, thanks to Mayo and their good surgeons... Once again we're wishing all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

### NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to all of you who helped put North Avenue in the winning spot in the Interstation Safety Contest. With the bad weather approaching we'll have to work even harder to stay on top. Remember, drive defensively...On November 6, Garage Instructor FRANK BRUNO and his wife, ANITA, celebrated six years of wedded bliss by dining and dancing at Lancer Steak House...Our Courtesy Caravan Club members for October are: F. KOLCZ who was helpful in recovering a lost article; E. AGUAYO for his exceptional courtesy; J. TURNER for assisting the handicapped; B. WHEELER who also assisted the handicapped; P. SCHMANSKI for his exceptional courtesy; A. HINER who was considerate of intending passengers; H. SLACK who displayed exceptional courtesy; C. CARLSON who was helpful in recovering a lost article; R. PRITCHARD for exceptional courtesy, and J. McNIFF for his exceptional courtesy...While we Chicagoans are facing a cold, snowy winter, Pensioner LARS PEARSON is catching trout. He and his better half, ANNA, send their regards to all...Pensioner JOHN BYDON passed away, and Operator H. P. HANSEN lost his mother, BERTHA, on November 11. We extend our sympathy to these families and to the families of those who have passed on. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also..." My thanks to those of you who sent me the lovely Christmas cards... Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD and his spouse, ZORA, vacationed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida...We received a note from Pensioner BARNEY and JOSEPHINE CALLAHAN who are well, and kindly told us how much they



PICTURED HERE while having dinner to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary are Mr. and Mrs. EUGENE A. CIARDULLO, Congress Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal.

enjoy the column...A great big HELLO to everyone from the Inner Sanctum. January 1 was more than just New Year's day to a lot of people. To Supervisor CONNIE O'SHEA it meant that he could hang up his uniform and not have to worry about getting up early every morning to go to work. After many, many years of faithful service, he can sit back and just watch the world go by his door. There's going to be another rocking chair right next to Connie's, and it will belong to EDDIE LYNCH. Eddie was a former trainman and custodian at North Avenue, but his last few months were spent at Kedzie Station. Good luck to both of you, and be sure to stop in anytime you're in the neighborhood...We know a gal that gave New Year's day an awful lot of competition by just being born on that day. We mean KATHY MOSER, the daughter of Superintendent BILL MOSER of Archer. Her dad brought the month to a close by being born on the 31st (not both in the same year, of course)... Another fellow who claims January as the month he was born is Instructor (and maker of old-time orange crate pushmobiles) MARVIN KOCAR. January 20 is the day, and I'm willing to bet that those three girls of his will have baked a cake that's out of this world. All of us in the office here at North Avenue can vouch for the baking ability of the feminine members of the Kocar family. Happy birthday to the three of you, Kathy, Bill and Marvin. Be sure and have many more. We also extend belated greetings to Clerk JACK HESTER whose birthday was in November... The day of the big merger was November 11 and there were great festivities to celebrate an event on Chicago's far South Side. That was the day that Clerk RICHARD WEATHERSBY and BEVERLY SIVELS said, "I do." We wish both of you many years of happiness. We would have had a picture of this happy young couple if Richard hadn't forgotten it...Operator FRANK SMITH and his wife, JOYCE, want everyone to know that their family has increased with the birth of a little girl, ERICA ANNE, who weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces when she arrived on November 11, 1971. That's an awful lot of 7-11's in addition to being her maternal grandmother's birthday..."Thanks for a job well done." That's what Transit Board Chairman M. CAFFERTY, Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations GIBES, and Superintendent KEAG told all the North Avenue operators at the third quarter safety awards presentation. We noticed the many smiling faces of the winners of those certificates that are as good as money at your favorite food mart...If some of you fellows happen to be cruising down the street a little bit hot and you pass the radio car of Supervisor SALVATORE PERCE, don't be surprised if he jumps out of the car and chases you on foot. He's amongst the top joggers that keep in trim over at the Austin YMCA. Jogging not only keeps you healthy, but also helps to keep the pounds down. Keep up the good work, Sal...Then there was this little old lady who boarded the Suggestion Bus while it was on a North Side corner. After being shown the different types of seats and wall coverings, she was asked her preference. Her answer was: "Seats, walls, what do I care, I came for a chest X-ray..."On the recent clerk's pick we lost our great story teller, BOB WITTENBERG. For the next six months he'll give HERB SCHMIDT a lot of competition at Forest Glen. There'll be some new faces holding down some of the relief jobs here at North Avenue...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families on the recent loss of their loved ones: Operator ALFRED AGUAYO whose sudden passing was a great shock to all of us who knew him; Operator CHESTER ELKE and Dispatcher HERBERT ELKE in the loss of their brother, HERMAN; Clerk BOB WITTENBERG in the loss of his





HERE IS little SHAWN RICHARD POWERS, the grandson of retired Superintendent of Surface Operations JOSEPH J. HEMZACEK. The proud parents are RONALD and CAROL POWERS.

brother, BILL; Supervisor RAY DOWDLE, District D, in the loss of his mother; Operator H. HANSEN in the loss of his mother; Operator RAMIREZ in the loss of his uncle; Retired Custodian PAT KERWIN, and last, but not least, to the family of Retired Clerk JIMMY RITTENBERG of Archer. It was 23 years ago that I first made Jim's acquaintance when we both worked for the Chicago Motor Coach company at Wilcox Garage. He was liked by everyone that knew or worked with him. We'll all miss him...A word to the wise: Valentine's day is just around the corner. Don't forget it and you'll stay out of the dog house...See you all pretty soon.

- William Miedema & Walter Blix

#### NORTH PARK -

Hope you all had a happy New Year. May you all find 1972 to be healthy, happy and prosperous...Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUE, vacationed throughout Florida. A highlight of the trip was a visit with Pensioner JACK and WANDA KRAUSE of Miami Beach. The Krauses, who were gracious hosts, would like to send holiday greetings to their many Chicago friends. Next on the agenda was an overnight stop with Pensioner PAT DOHERTY and his wife, FRAN, of Bonita Springs, then over to see Pensioner CHARLES KERR and his wife, ANN. Sidney and Pat, along with Operator ART JANZ, went on a fishing excursion and came back with a collection of red snappers, groupers and snook. Sid and Sue then boarded the Bohene to Puerto Rico. ..Operator RICHARD GUSTAFSON and his wife, MERCEDES, vacationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Biloxi, Mississippi. Points of interest visited were Brennen's restaurant, Pete Fountain's night club, Pat O'Brien's, and they took a tour through the hurricane area at Gulfport, Mississippi...Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRAINE, vacationed throughout Florida. Points of interest visited were Fort Lauderdale, St. Petersburg, and Naples. Returning home the Hodgsons stopped off at the Smoky Mountains. . . Operator ANDY HOLZMAN and his wife, MARY, spent ten days visiting their son, ROBERT, who lives in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Holzmans enjoyed a visit at the winery located in Altus, Arkansas; a trip to the Boston Mountains, and several rounds of golf at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas...Operator STERLING O'NAN and his wife, BETTY, flew on a DC8 to Atlanta, Georgia, to visit Sterling's brother, HARRY, and his wife, LYDIA, where they all attended a Georgia Walking Horse Banquet. Renting a car, the O'Nans drove to Orlando, Florida, where they vis-

ited Disney World. Next on the agenda was a trip to Tampa to visit the Bay and Busch Gardens. Returning by car to Atlanta, the O'Nans flew home on a 747 to climax a wonderful vacation...CARL THELIN, his wife, BARBARA, and their seven children were guests at the home of his father, Operator HENRY THELIN, and mother, HARRIET. Carl, who is a staff sergeant in the U.S. air force, had been stationed in England and has been transferred to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma, where he will be working as a specialist in electronics and radar. . . Operator JAMES HALL is still hospitalized at Swedish Covenant hospital for observation, while Operator HAROLD KING underwent open heart surgery at Loyola Medical center. Our prayers are with these two gentlemen for a fast recovery...Operator JAMES McWILLIAMS was recently honored by the City of Chicago with the Chicago Medal of Merit from Mayor Daley, the CTA's Chairman's Award, and a citizens award from the 17th District Police Community Workshop. James apprehended and subdued a youth who grabbed a woman who alighted from his bus and held him until police arrived... Congratulations to Operator ROOSEVELT ECKLES who recently was the runner-up in the C.Y.O. boxing tournament in the open 175-pound division, held at St. Andrew's gym... Operator EMIL HOCUK became a father when his wife, SUSAN, presented him with a son named BRIAN ANDREW, born November 17 at Grant hospital weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces... Pensioner BILL SEIFERT recently purchased a home in California. Bill's new address is 9939 Pescadero avenue, Southgate, California 90280. Bill invites his many Chicago friends to drop him a line or stop in for a visit if they are out his way... Pensioner VIC MISETIC was a recent visitor at the depot and enjoyed visiting his many friends... Operator CHARLES KEMP and his son, GARY, bagged their limit of rabbit and pheasant while hunting at Kirksville, Illinois... Clerk HELMUT STANKEVICIUS was married November 27 to Miss CHRIS RUTKOWSKI in St. Bruno Catholic church. The reception was held at the Golden Age restaurant with 200 guests attending. The young couple honeymooned in Tucson, Arizona, and will reside in Forest Park, Illinois... Operator WILLIAM OCIEPKA was married January 8 to Miss MARY ELLEN POERNICH in St. Mattiur church. The reception was held at the Catina Jolly club and was attended by 225 guests. The young couple honeymooned at Acapulco, Mexico, and will live on the North Side... Retiring January 1 were Operator WILLIS SNODGRASS, 34 years; GLEN DE WAR, 30 years; ALBERT SEIGEL, 29 years, and JOHN KACZAR, 20 years. We at North Park take this opportunity to wish these fine gentlemen many years of happiness in their golden years of leisure living... Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner THOMAS O'HARA; Operator JOE JONES in the loss of his son, and PAUL CEROTZKE in the loss of his beloved wife, ELEANOR.

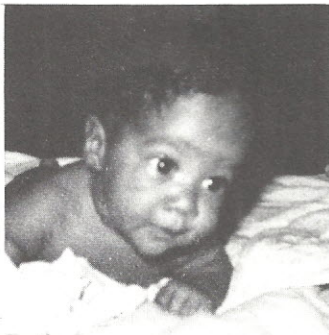
The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting was held on Friday, January 7, at River Park Fieldhouse. Dividends were declared and refreshments served. There were also drawings for door prizes... The Sambruca club dinner dance was held on Saturday, October 30, at the Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORTINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who patronized this event... Enjoying a five-day golfing holiday at Biloxi, Mississippi, was Operator ALVIN BLOOMQUIST and his wife, BETTY. Alvin reports that the scores were bad, but the meals and entertainment were great... Operator MARVIN SALMANOFF and his wife, ETHELYN, along with Operator ED HUTH and his



## INSIDE NEWS

wife, LILLIE, drove to California on their vacations. The Huths visited their new grandchild while there and returned home by train. The Salmanoffs visited Los Angeles, San Diego, and returned home via Yuma, Arizona, and Las Cruces...Operator HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, drove to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they boarded the U.S.S. Spartan and sailed across the lake to Ludington, Michigan. The Schramms followed the Michigan shore line to Muskegon and stayed overnight at Toledo, Ohio. The next stop on the agenda was at Mansfield, Ohio, to visit Henry's sister, Mrs. ELIZABETH HETLER...Pensioner JOE EIFFES returned from a month's stay at Clearwater, Florida, where his sister resides. Joe is seriously thinking of selling his property here and moving to Florida...Mrs. ETHEL SMITH of Brisbane, Australia, enjoyed a six-month stay at the home of Operator WALTER MODZESKI and his wife, DORIS, who is the daughter of Mrs. Smith. She was very impressed with the American scene and expects to return soon for another visit...Second Lieutenant JOHN STEINBEISS and his wife, VICKIE, were home to spend the Christmas Holidays with his father, Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS, and his wife, MARY. John, who was a bus operator at North Park, is stationed at Mather Air Force base where he is a navigator...MONICA and DEBORAH AYOTTE, the daughters of Operator ROGER AYOTTE, were the winners of two more musical contests. Monica won first prize in the organ group, while Debbie won first prize in the piano competition at Geneva, Illinois. Both girls were also winners at the Illinois State Fair where Debbie gained an outstanding award...Operators ULISES RUIZ and SIDNEY HUTNICK got their quota of Canadian geese while hunting at Horizon marsh in Wisconsin...SHELDON WEINER, the son of Operator IRVING WEINER, is now the owner of three Sure Save drug stores, located at Irving and Damen; Chicago and Ashland, and Lincoln and Belmont. Sheldon invites all CTA employees to come in and receive a special discount card at the pharmacy department of the above locations...The following operators have been off sick for a considerable time and a card or visit would be appreciated: FRED STOWELL, DALE GILMER, LARRY SHIELDS, and FRANK WEISHAAR...Operator LEO HARA suffered a broken ankle recently while running for a bus and will be off two or three months...TIM SEDIN, the son of Operator HAROLD and SOPHIA SEDIN, was married on Saturday, October 23, to Miss REGINA GORISCHEK at St. Matthias Catholic church. The reception was held at the Lincolnwood Legion hall and was attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Florida and will be making their home on the Northwest Side of Chicago...Retiring December 1 after 43 years of service was Operator WILLIAM STINESPRING. Bill and his wife, DOLLY, plan to travel. Their first trip will be to Wilkie,

Saskatchewan, Canada, to do some fishing and check on some property that Bill owns...Also retiring on December 1 were Operator ROBERT BROWN with 29 years and IRVING MOSKOWITZ with 28 years of service. Our best wishes go to these fine gentlemen in their future golden years of living...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Pensioner WILLIAM STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 42nd; Pensioner MIKE PARK and his wife, GLADYS, their 18th; Operator LEO HARA and his wife, ANN, their 35th; Operator JESSE GILMORE and his wife, ROSE, their 15th; Operator JOHN WAIT and his wife, LUCILLE, their 33rd; Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, their 31st; Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, their 12th; Operator IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, their 41st; Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, MARY, their 35th; Operator SIDNEY HUTNICK and his wife, SUSAN, their 30th; Operator BUCKY WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 35th; Operator ELY PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 39th; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 33rd; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, their 14th; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 15th; Operator JIM HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 21st; Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRY, their 22nd; Pensioner WALTER LINDEMANN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 44th, and Pensioner LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 31st...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Supervisor GEORGE HAND, Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO, MEL HORNING, HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, and CARL SANDBERG, Pensioners ROY LEMKE and TOM CONROY, MERVIN HAND, JIM KURCZEWSKI, DEBORAH and MONICA AYOTTE, BARBARA ANDERSCHAT, WILLIAM and TAMMY RAY, Clerk JOE DI GIOVANNI, Operator TIM MOYNIHAN, Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, and Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the family of Pensioner LOUIS WALKER; Receiver ROBERT WITTENBERG in the loss of his mother, Mrs. WITTENBERG, and to Clerk WILBERT GERRISH in the loss of his mother, Mrs. CLARA GERRISH...Repair Department Chit Chat: On vacations at this time are GENE BRACH, DONALD SPARKS, and WALTER HALLFORD...Congratulations to our new repairmen, JAMES MAGIA-GUERRA and AL GUTANSKY, on their promotions from servicemen...Repairmen FRANK SCHENDL and ROBERT BOND who have been off sick for a long spell are sorely missed at the garage. The prayers of the men are with them for a fast return...Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR would like to take this opportunity to thank his men for the fine job they are doing in keeping the equipment clean and rolling efficiently...Also a glad hand to Utility Chauffeurs DICK MURPHY, JOHN MILLER, JIM PAULSON, and GENE HILL for the fine job they are doing with their Diamond Reo emergency truck on the many street and emergency calls they are called upon to make...Repairman WAYNE ROSE became a father for the first time when his wife, SHEILA, gave birth to a daughter named MELANIE, born November 14 at American hospital weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces...Serviceman FRED NEWMAN was graduated with honors from the combination clerk training program he completed at South Shops...Relief Clerk JOHN BILLUPS replaced Clerk EARNIE LOTITO who enjoyed a Christmas week vacation, and did his usual fine job in keeping the records straight...Instructor WALTER HALLFORD at this writing is hospitalized at Swedish Covenant hospital for observation, and prayers for a clean bill of health go to Wally...Repairman JIMMY MARTIN retired December 31 after 30 years of service and was honored with a gift and



BRAVING SLEET, snow, and an icy turnpike, 52nd Street Operator JOHN and RUTH MARSHALL recently traveled to Arlington, Virginia, for the birth of this little bundle of joy, MELANEE ALYCE ALEXANDER, their first grandchild.



# recent deaths

HENRY H. ALTSCHULER, 77, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 11-17-16, Died 10-18-71  
OTTO J. ALTWASSER, 89, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 3-27-43, Died 11-27-71  
CLARENCE ANDERSON, 51, South Shops,  
Emp. 8-25-51, Died 11-30-71  
ERIC ANDREASON, 69, Electrical,  
Emp. 9-29-43, Died 10-8-71  
JOHN ANDRICH, 83, 61st Street,  
Emp. 3-20-43, Died 10-8-71  
STANLEY I. BERGREN, 69, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 3-17-25, Died 10-16-71  
THEODORE BENNETT, 25, Archer,  
Emp. 11-17-69, Died 12-16-71  
JULIUS J. BOCCIO, 65, Track,  
Emp. 3-9-25, Died 10-8-71  
ROBERT E. BROWN, 74, 61st Street,  
Emp. 7-23-20, Died 10-18-71  
CLARENCE A. BRUHN, 71, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 10-18-33, Died 10-24-71  
FRANK A. BURD, 72, 77th Street,  
Emp. 9-9-25, Died 10-2-71  
JACK BURKE, 43, Central District,  
Emp. 3-2-64, Died 11-14-71  
JOHN F. BURNES, 69, Util. & Emerg. Service,  
Emp. 4-10-34, Died 11-9-71  
ROGER J. CAMPION, 77, 77th Street,  
Emp. 7-12-23, Died 11-8-71  
JOHN M. CANNON, 86, Devon,  
Emp. 2-27-20, Died 10-12-71  
HERMAN CLAUSSEN, 82, 77th Street,  
Emp. 8-2-11, Died 11-11-71  
WILLIAM M. COLLANDER, 79, West Section,  
Emp. 4-15-26, Died 10-16-71  
PATRICK J. COLLINS, 90, Archer,  
Emp. 6-29-09, Died 11-21-71  
JAMES E. CONNOLLY, 84, 69th Street,  
Emp. 5-5-21, Died 10-19-71  
CHARLES CONRAD, 65, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 8-24-37, Died 11-25-71

LEO C. DHOOGHE, 52, Kimball,  
Emp. 8-8-45, Died 12-4-71  
JOSEPH DISCIPIO, 81, Track,  
Emp. 7-27-16, Died 10-19-71  
GLEN J. DONNELLY, 64, North Section,  
Emp. 3-1-29, Died 11-11-71  
HUGH DORAN, 90, Utility,  
Emp. 6- -03, Died 11-22-71  
JOHN P. FALSEY, 68, Beverly,  
Emp. 10-7-26, Died 10-19-71  
KATHERINE FERRY, 94, North Section,  
Emp. 7-9-28, Died 10-8-71  
WILLIAM E. FLOWERS, 69, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 8-10-31, Died 10-9-71  
JOHN FORGIE, 74, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-5-23, Died 10-15-71  
PATRICK J. GANLEY, 77, South Section,  
Emp. 12-16-13, Died 9-24-71  
GEORGE O. GIRAUD, 68, Police,  
Emp. 7-29-29, Died 10-14-71  
HENRY W. GLANDER, 83, Elston,  
Emp. 4-14-10, Died 11-21-71  
CHARLES A. GRAVES, 74, Lake Street,  
Emp. 7-23-43, Died 11-18-71  
JOSEPH GUCCIONE, 85, Track,  
Emp. 8-28-29, Died 11-14-71  
CARMEN GUIDO, 73, Limits,  
Emp. 10-14-41, Died 10-1-71  
JOSEPH J. HAUG, 70, 69th Street,  
Emp. 3-3-24, Died 10-30-71  
ANDREW HOSKINS, 84, Track,  
Emp. 9-11-30, Died 9-19-71  
AUGUST K. JABLONSKI, 82, South Shops,  
Emp. 3-9-25, Died 10-22-71  
WALTER JOGERST, 64, South Section,  
Emp. 6-4-34, Died 11-18-71  
GEORGE JOHNSON, 88, Armitage,  
Emp. 4-12-10, Died 10-21-71  
GEORGE A. JOHNSON, 66, North Avenue,  
Emp. 2-8-28, Died 10-18-71

party at the garage...JEFFERY PLUTA, the son of Repairman TERRY PLUTA, celebrated his first birthday and received a new pacifier from his proud daddy...A hearty welcome is extended to Serviceman WILLIAM RAFFERTY... Enjoying vacations at this time are the following: JAMES MARTIN, BOB JOHNSON, FRANK CIONE, FRANK SIBLEY, PAUL SCHREVES, FRANK FULTON, GEORGE SERRITELLA and GENE DRZEWSKI.

- Melvin Horning

## NORTH SECTION -

By the time this issue hits the presses, the Christmas holidays will be almost forgotten, and another new year will be in full swing. We hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyous holiday...Motorman FRED LOEBBAKA has returned to work after having a heart attack, and would like to thank everyone for the get well cards and phone calls while he was in St. Francis hospital...Our condolences are extended to the family of Motorman ED WILIEKO in the

death of his mother, and to the family of Clerk ORLANDO MENNICCUCI in the death of his father-in-law...Welcome to Howard Street office to MARY GALLON, temporary replacement secretary, while Secretary MARY FLORENCE McDONOUGH is on a leave of absence...Birthday greetings to Collector JOE GOLDBERG and his wife, who celebrated their birthdays on November 21 and 23, respectively. Also to Clerk ANDREW CROUT; Agents DOREEN HORN, MYRTLE OTT, DORTHEA DAVIS, and Supervisor BOB THOMAS...Congratulations to Superintendent of Agents and Janitors JOHN BRUCKER and his wife on their 30th wedding anniversary. The Bruckers celebrated by going to the circus and to dinner at Millers Pub. Congratulations also to Agent GERDA MATTHEWS and her husband, BILL; may they all have many more years of wedded bliss. Your scribe and her husband, GEORGE, had their tenth anniversary on November 22...On November 6 your scribe and her husband, George, became proud grandparents for the first time when 6 pound 14 ounce RICHARD ALAN was born. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. STEPHEN HENKE... Our condolences are extended to the family of Superintendent



# among employees

JOHN T. KELLY, 88, 69th Street,  
Emp. 3-29-22, Died 10-25-71  
MICHAEL KELLY, 72, Limits,  
Emp. 1-3-36, Died 11-23-71  
LEONARD T. KING, 75, South Section,  
Emp. 8-13-23, Died 9-4-71  
JOSEPH P. KOUKOL, 91, Lawndale,  
Emp. 1-2-04, Died 10-4-71  
PATRICK LENEHAN, 93, Kedzie,  
Emp. 8-22-11, Died 9-10-71  
THOMAS P. LOFTUS, 70, District D,  
Emp. 4-3-25, Died 11-27-71  
JOSEPH MAGLICA, 78, Track,  
Emp. 6-17-43, Died 10-26-71  
WILLIAM McEVILLY, 59, Office Services,  
Emp. 7-2-57, Died 12-22-71  
THOMAS McGRATH, 86, 77th Street,  
Emp. 7-2-08, Died 11-17-71  
JOSEPH D. McNAMARA, 78, Devon,  
Emp. 10-31-27, Died 11-5-71  
ROBERT MILOYEVICH, 85, Elston,  
Emp. 7- -04, Died 10-27-71  
TIMOTHY MURPHY, 75, Kedzie,  
Emp. 3-1-23, Died 10-16-71  
WILLIAM F. NAUGHTON, 82, Kedzie,  
Emp. 9-18-37, Died 10-18-71  
JOHN E. O'HARA, 80, Track,  
Emp. 10-19-23, Died 11-10-71  
JOHN V. OLINSKI, 71, West Section,  
Emp. 2-6-56, Died 11-24-71  
FEDERICO PATRINO, 82, Track,  
Emp. 3-13-26, Died 10-13-71  
EDWARD C. PRUEMER, 66, 69th Street,  
Emp. 11-8-40, Died 11-3-71  
CHARLES W. RILEY, 70, South Shops,  
Emp. 8-28-18, Died 11-20-71  
JAMES J. RITTENBERG, 67, Lawndale,  
Emp. 3-24-41, Died 11-1-71  
JOSEPH M. ROESER, 95, North Section,  
Emp. 8-21-99, Died 10-20-71

EUGENE G. SARTI, 65, Limits,  
Emp. 7-8-43, Died 11-13-71  
PHILIP J. SHANAHAN, 81, Devon,  
Emp. 3-2-23, Died 10-28-71  
CHARLES SHREEVE, 58, Engineering Technician,  
Emp. 2-1-36, Died 12-6-71  
GOLDSMITH SHUMAC, 48, West Section,  
Emp. 8-17-53, Died 12-25-71  
JOHN J. SLADEK, 78, West Shops,  
Emp. 7-8-26, Died 10-16-71  
HARRY SODERQUIST, 74, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 4-7-20, Died 10-20-71  
ALOYSIUS SPILLMAN, 61, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-1-44, Died 12-1-71  
THOMAS J. STANNEY, 81, Blue Island,  
Emp. 1-5-21, Died 10-1-71  
GEORGE G. STILLWELL, 66, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 12-10-28, Died 11-11-71  
WASILY SUBOTKA, 82, Skokie Shops,  
Emp. 9-2-19, Died 10-23-71  
STANLEY F. SUCHECKI, 74, West Section,  
Emp. 7-21-27, Died 10-9-71  
FRANK SWEENEY, 63, North Avenue,  
Emp. 1-22-43, Died 11-27-71  
PAUL R. THIENPONT, 87, Kedzie,  
Emp. 2-15-08, Died 11-26-71  
MICHAEL TLSTOVIC, 75, West Shops,  
Emp. 7-2-29, Died 10-14-71  
WALTER J. TREW, 79, South Division,  
Emp. 12-11-16, Died 10-28-71  
PATRICK J. VANAUSDELN, 71, North Park,  
Emp. 6-28-27, Died 11-8-71  
ARTHUR E. VAN MOFFAERT, 70, Lawndale,  
Emp. 3-1-66, Died 11-6-71  
JOHN C. WHELTON, 82, Kedzie,  
Emp. 4-8-15, Died 11-28-71  
ANDREW WILSON, 61, 69th Street,  
Emp. 3-21-45, Died 12-21-71  
CHESTER ZAKE, 56, Utility,  
Emp. 6-14-46, Died 12-31-71

ent ROBERT SUTA in the death of his brother-in-law, and to the family of Superintendent BILL LIMANOWSKI in the death of his father-in-law...Many of the North Section agents were saddened to hear of the recent death of Retired Assignment Clerk MARGARET QUEENAN...Agent BERTHA ATKINSON wishes to thank her friends for their kindness and retirement dinner at Math Iglers. After her retirement Bertha went to Wisconsin for two weeks. Agent T. IRWIN also retired recently and we wish the two of them a long happy retirement...Agent TOM QUINLAN is still on the sick list, as is Supervisor HARRY HORN and his wife, DOREEN, and Agents ED OLSEN and AUDRA ANDERSON...Agent BARBARA COLWELL is in training for a clerk position in the assignment office...Agent LILLY WILLIS recently underwent spinal surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery. Lilly wishes to thank everyone for the cards she received...Motorman WILLIAM MORLEY retired on December 1; we wish him a long and happy retirement...The North Section was saddened by the sudden death of Conductor LEO DHOOGHE, Kimball, who passed away. To Leo's family goes our heart-felt sympathy...Agent PEARL

LANOFF wishes to extend her sincere thanks and appreciation to all her friends who expressed sympathy in the death of her husband...Pensioner HERBERT LEAVITT, 81, formerly of Howard Street, is presently in Three Oaks Nursing home, 500 Asbury, Room 120, Evanston, Illinois 60201. Word has it that he isn't feeling well and a card from some of his friends may help him along.

- Tina Henke

## OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

On December 1 ANDY STOLTMAN and RUDY HAAS, information clerks, began their retirements. Now they will both be able to relax and enjoy themselves and not have to worry about getting up early in the morning. Coffee and cake was served in their honor at an open house. We wish them a very happy retirement...RALPH W. TRACY went on an annual deer hunt to Exland, Wisconsin. He had some luck and shot a very nice buck, but couldn't brag about it because his son, RANDY, did a little bit better. He got a



10 point buck at 400 yards with only a peep sight on his rifle. His shot was a dandy. There was about 10 inches of snow on the ground and it snowed every day they were there. Congratulations to the successful hunters...AUDREY PETERSON and her husband, HOWARD, traveled south for their vacation. They stopped at many places, especially in Florida, namely St. Augustine, which they found quaint and beautiful, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Cypress Gardens and Busch Gardens with the marvelous bird show. They spent some time in Seminole, Florida, with some friends, GRACE, a former CTA employee, and her husband, ARNOLD. A stop at Disney World was a must and they enjoyed it very much. They went to many very nice restaurants and saw many other sights. The coloring of the scenery on the return trip was absolutely beautiful. It was a wonderful three-week vacation.

**(Equipment Research & Development) -**

Welcome to MITCHELL P. KITZMAN who transferred from Shops & Equipment. We are happy to have you with us...Congratulations to MILTON MARDOIAN who recently became chairman of the Chicago section of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

**(Traffic Planning) -**

BILL WINTERS and his wife went on their annual trip to Florida. They drove to Miami Beach where they went swimming, sunning, fishing and just relaxing. They also took in the Jai Alai games. While in Florida they spent a good deal of time with their friends and on the way home decided to stop at Disney World. They must have enjoyed it because his description of the place was one word, fantastic. They had a great time, as usual, and Bill had the sun tan to prove it.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

On November 1 ROLAND RENTZ retired from CTA. His fellow workers had a little party for him which was also attended by JOE MULREE, ELMER FEHLHABER, WALTER JOHNSON, and CHARLES and PETE BELASICH. We wish Roland a very happy retirement...TRULS RUSING, a retiree, moved to Willow Lakes Estate in Elgin for a little peace and quiet and ED SLAMP moved to Rosemont so he could hear the planes landing and taking off from O'Hare. Ed says it does wonders for the TV. We are happy to see that RON MENDYK has returned to work from a disability pension. It's sure good to know you're feeling better, and nice to have you back with us...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JAMES ROCHE who celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on November 5, with a quiet evening at home...A few of the people on recent vacations were HAROLD FELTZ, STANLEY LUPINA, GENE SPROVIERI, FRANK ZBROSKEWICH, ROBERT POELLNITZ and HOWARD McMILLAN, none of whom would say where they went, but had a good time...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner JOHN BURNS who recently passed away.

- Colette Szyepanek

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

ROBERT MCCARTHY, the son of BOB MCCARTHY, Purchasing, was again selected for the all-conference team in his division. Robert attends Immaculate Conception High school, the co-champs with Marist High school in the Suburban Catholic Conference. Robert also received his certificate as an Illinois State Scholar. Congratulations, Rob-

THIS LITTLE fellow is JEFFREY RICHARD RUSINAK, the four-month old son of RICHARD RUSINAK, Engineering Department, and his wife, KAREN. Jeffrey has two grandfathers with CTA, EMIL RUSINAK, Tabulating Department, and GEORGE STREICH, Area 318, South Shops, who are mighty proud of him.



ert, these are two fine accomplishments...LEE DeSUTTER and her husband, FRANK, are back from their five-week vacation at Lauderdale by the Sea, Florida. While there, they visited Retiree ED DEVINE and his wife, CARIE, who joined them for "Happy Hour", and Pensioner JACK and WANDA KRAUSE. They also received a surprise visit from their granddaughter, TAMMY. Lee tells us they had such a good time that they have already made their reservations for next year...JILL MISE, Specifications, has just bought herself a new Buick Grand Sport. The car is fire red with white interior and a vinyl top. Jill tells us that it was made especially for a GM showing and is one of a kind. BOB PEIPER, Stores, spent part of his vacation visiting his two grandsons, MATT and DAVID, who live with their parents on an army base near Boston, where their father is stationed as a major and an army doctor...A surprise Thanksgiving gift was received by your co-reporter, CECILIA TRUCCO, who became engaged to RICHARD PARENTI on November 24. They have set a wedding date in June, 1973...Co-reporter JOHN GILL and his wife, ANNETTE, weren't content with just two daughters, so now they have three daughters and a son. On December 10 at 7:15 a.m. PATRICK BERNARD, weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces, and MONICA KATHLEEN, weighing 5 pounds 10 ounces, were born. The proud grandfather is PATRICK GILL of the Building Department. Both Annette and the twins are doing fine. Good luck to the SIX OF YOU! We'd like to thank ED DEVINE, formerly of Purchasing, for his lovely Christmas wishes for all of us. Ed is now living in Pompano Beach, Florida...Condolences were extended to GEORGE MIKOTA, Stores, in the death of his mother...Storeroom 42 extends the welcome mat to RICHARD WEATHERSBY, who replaced JIM ZAZULA as a stock clerk. Jim transferred to the shops department...PAUL JANKOWSKI, Storeroom 43, tells us that he is still anticipating his wedding day, which is planned for June 10...JOHN SPRINGER returned after being confined to bed for two weeks with a throat infection. John told us that he couldn't wait to get back to work. Hope you are feeling better, John...JOHN PERRY JONES has been promoted to stock clerk I, Storeroom 30, and reports that he is very happy with his new job.

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Congratulations to DONNA LABELLARTE, the daughter of J. LABELLARTE, Congress, on her coronation as homecoming queen for Proviso West High school...Congratulations are also in line for the JOHN CANNELLAS, Congress, who celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary...A hearty



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welcome back to GEORGE MICHAUD, 61st Street, who had been off work after a long illness...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to BOB CURRAN, 61st Street...A big thanks to SIDNEY NETTLES and BILL SPARKS, 61st Street; all the boys at 61st enjoyed a delicious pheasant Christmas dinner. Sid and Bill are avid weekend hunters... Glad to hear that Mrs. KASPERS, the wife of ABEL KASPERS, 61st Street, is at home and recuperating from her operation...AL LAURAS, 61st Street, spent his vacation moving into his new home and getting things ready for the holidays...Also enjoying a holiday vacation were W. BROWN and J. MOLLY, 61st Street. JOHN ANTONUCCI, 61st Street, spent a one-week vacation trying to do last-minute gift shopping...Best wishes from all the boys at 61st Street to FRANK PICKETT who transferred to Dan Ryan...After 19 years of service, MIKE ROSSIN, Kimball, retired on December 1. "Coffee-and" was held for Mike to say goodbye to all his friends. JOHN WIERCIOCH, Kimball, started the new year off with a bang by bringing his 42-year career with the company to an end. John, one of the first retirees for the year, retired on January 1. Best wishes to both Mike and John for continued health and happiness in the years to come...Enjoying year-end vacations were CLARENCE EUGENE and GUS SMEROS, Kimball...GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, spent his vacation trying to bag a deer for Christmas. George did not know that all those reindeer were needed to pull Santa's sleigh...A holiday vacation was enjoyed by R. DAVIS, Dan Ryan...CTA American Legion Post 1216 held its annual Christmas party on December 12 at St. Rita Knights of Columbus hall. Santa was present with gifts and toys for all to make sure everyone had a good time. A big thank you from all to those who planned the wonderful party...Belated congratulations to all the men at Forest Park Shop on winning the S&E Employee Safety Contest for the third quarter. The men turned in a perfect record for the period. Joining in the festivities were CHARLES KEISER, GEORGE CLARK, and JOE BOL- ECH. After the speeches and presentation of a plaque to Shop Foreman AARON SWOOPE, a raffle was held with prizes going to ED WITKOWSKI and AL CRAWFORD. Everyone had such a good time the boys are all trying for the award for the next quarter...Wishes for years of enjoyment are sent to R. SCHEIRE, Congress, on the purchase of his new home and Chevy Nova, and also to C. TUCKNOTT, Congress, on the recent purchase of a Chevy Nova...Enjoying an added two-week vacation is D. LASIEWICZ, Congress, who was called for jury duty...Glad to see G. GRIL- LAERT, Congress, back at work after being on the sick list for five weeks...Be careful of your approach to NELLO PARRILLO, Congress. Nello is taking judo lessons... Cheers to CTA #2 bowling team: J. McDONOUGH, M. KEATING, C. TUCKNOTT, D. VANTOR, and A. PECHO- LAS, who are only six points out of first place.

- Ray Bryczek

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

GEORGE JOHANNES is sporting a new air-conditioned 1972 Impala... Mr. and Mrs. J. FITZGERALD flew to Miami, Florida, for their vacation...E. WROBEL is back to work after a short stay in the hospital...Mr. and Mrs. C. KEELER flew to Tampa, Florida, where they spent Thanksgiving day with their friends...Pensioner JAY KELLY paid the office a visit and said they are moving to Sunset City, Arizona. Pensioner W. P. DEVEREUX also stopped by to visit us. Both look very good and are enjoying retirement

very much...WALLY THOMAS and his wife drove to Colorado to spend Thanksgiving day with their daughter and son-in-law...GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Florida in their new car...W. SCOTT vacationed at home for the holidays...RUTH HAVLIK, together with her sister, MARIE, of Electrical Department and another sister flew to Aca- pulco, Mexico, for their vacation...The department extends sympathy to E. IVY, outside checker, in the death of his father...Hope all of you have a very prosperous New Year!

- Kathryn Batina

### SKOKIE SHOPS -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to EDWARD MAY, electrical worker, in the loss of his mother and sister; to LOUIS KARIOLICH, electrical worker, in the loss of his mother-in-law and father-in-law who resided in Arizona; to FRANK DEMMA, laborer, in the loss of his father, and to WALTER O'CONNELL, electrical worker, in the loss of his brother...The welcome mat is extended to DON MOTY- KA, electrical worker apprentice, to Skokie Shops. DON- ALD HAWKINS, laborer, transferred to the Signal Depart- ment. Good luck, Don...MORTON LIBERT, tractor opera- tor, is now home recuperating after his stay in the hospi- tal. Hurry back, Mort. FRANK SWAIN, shopman, is also out of the hospital and resting at home. We all are hoping to see you back to work soon, Frank...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, were made proud grandparents for the 13th time when little THERESA MARIE VAHURONES arrived weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces in Long Beach, California...THOMAS HOEY, electrical work- er, and his wife, ANN, are the proud owners of a new Buick LeSabre. Lots of luck, Tom...We welcome PETER BAR- RETT, laborer, to Skokie Shops, and JAMES ZAZULA, shopman, to the S&E area...KATHY GRAYBIEL, part-time employee for the summer, made us all happy when she came into the office to say hello. These are the nice sur- prises, Kathy...Happy belated holiday wishes to all from your scribe.

- Everett E. England

### SOUTH SHOPS -

Bay 6 would like to extend a warm welcome to ROBERT LONG, Area 344, MORTON OWRUTSKY, Area 346, and FRANK H. SHERMAN who came to Area 348 from Limits Garage...Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of CHARLIE SHREEVE, Technical Services...NICK SIMON- ETTI and his family spent eight unforgettable days in Rome...ROY and IRENE BOVINGTON took a 747 to Phoenix, Arizona, where they celebrated their 38th anniversary with

PICTURED HERE are Pen- sioner VINCENZO GARITI and his wife, VIRGINIA, who recently celebrated their 44th wedding anni- versary. Vincenzo retired December 1, 1969, as a repairman at Forest Glen Station.





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their son and daughter...Co-reporter ERNEST JOHNSON, Area 348, and his wife, PAULINE, were blessed with a daughter, LUTRICIA MARIE, on September 28 who weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces. They have another daughter, CILICIA ANN. Ernest and his family also spent a two-week vacation touring the southern states...I. KOLOUSEK, who retired last month, sent us a postcard from St. Petersburg where he is now making his home. Also there is JIM MUDRA, a retired foreman from the Upholstery Department. Jim has a beautiful resort called Alicia on the Beach, which is on the Gulf of Mexico and is covered with sugar white sand...GEORGE WALKER paid a surprise visit to the South Shops all the way from the West Indies where he makes his home. George doesn't look a day over his retirement age, and is a picture of health...Good luck to M. (Andy) ANDERSON who retired on November 1. Andy will make his home in New Port Richey...JIM LARSEN, Area 342, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl, CAROL LYNN, on November 27 weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces. This makes a boy and a girl for the Larsen family...Congratulations are in order for KAREN HOFFMAN who became engaged to GLENN DONDLINGER, a bus repairer in the Campaign Area...Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES GERARD, Area 348, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 7 by exchanging gifts and enjoying dinner at Tokar's restaurant...The annual bowling turkey shoot on November 14 was a huge success with a great turnout. TED WOSS, Machine Shop foreman, was top bowler with a 631 series. Other turkey winners were J. LASKEY, J. DZUIBA, T. GASPAROVICH, F. MAY, E. WUJOWICZ, W. RAFFERTY, E. RADAKOVITIS and, last but not least, JAMES E. FELTZ. A big thanks goes out to Mrs. CARL LIDZBINSKI for preparation of the snacks and sandwiches served at the affair...Congratulations are in order at South Shops for two consecutive wins in the safety award contest. General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR, F. A. JOHNSON, and W. A. ASHLEY presented the awards to J. J. REPPLINGER and J. A. ROSENTHAL. There were 23 winners of Jewel/Osco gift certificates from various departments. After the presentation there were rolls and coffee for all the men in the shops. They thought they would never beat Skokie, but now that they have started they don't plan to stop. Keep up the good work for safety's sake, men!..Congratulations to JANE BURRIS, the daughter of HOWARD BURRIS, Area 348, on her marriage to WILLIAM BAILEY October 7. A reception was held at Howard's home following the wedding. Jane and William are both students in their third year at Chicago State college...TOMMY OLENICK, the son of WALLY OLENICK, foreman of Area 349, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby girl, JENNIFER LYNN, weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. This makes two boys and one girl for Tommy and his wife and 15 grandchildren for Wally. Tommy and his wife make their home in Sunny Vale, California, where he is a sergeant in the reserves.

- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson

### 52ND STREET -

The spotlight shines once again on our repair department, winners of their second safety award. They haven't had an accident in nine months and are shooting for a year without an accident, which will break all records and hopefully earn them an extra incentive award. I understand Superintendent of Shops & Equipment GEORGE CLARK has already promised Clerk GARNER a breakfast of ham and eggs if they do it. Now all we have to do is keep Repairmen

ROLLBERG and LEVICKIS off ladders, and Amigo RIVERA from twisting an ankle or getting dust in his eyes. We were all proud and delighted at the number of dignitaries who were present at the awards presentation. Among them were: Manager of Finance P. J. MEINARDI, Superintendent of Employment and Training F. A. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Insurance W. A. ASHLEY, Supervisory Training Coordinator STU MAGINNIS, Safety Coordinator W. UNWIN, and the man responsible for getting it all together, Fire Safety Coordinator J. DUDLEY. From South Shops were: Mr. Clark, Superintendent of Shops and Garages J. J. REPPLINGER, Superintendent of Garages J. W. DAIN, Supervisor of Garages J. T. ANDERSON, T. GECAN, D. STURENFELDT, and J. PANKONEN. Assistant Day Foreman J. JOHNSON accepted the award for 52nd Street as Shop Foreman PAVELKA was off sick. Door prizes were won by Repairmen SOL BATTLES and JOHN LEVICKI. The garage is now after the city record, then comes the State, followed by the U.S. government record. Who knows, if they go two years, they might win the world's record for safety...Our best wishes to Operator ALVIN DAVIS who retired on November 1. Davis was a very nice guy and will be missed by all of us...The clerk's pick was the same, except for J. MOORE who couldn't get his old job back...Relief Clerk RAY KOCMOUD was missing for two weeks enjoying his vacation...Operator C. HENRY is still off sick, as well as JOHN ROGERS, our No. 1 sanitary engineer, who is having difficulties recuperating from a broken ankle. His job is being handled very well by JOHN DEANE...The 52nd Street softball team didn't win the championship this summer, but a very large percentage of our ball team had more joy and happiness with new additions to their families. Just to give you an idea, here are the names of the new fathers or expectant fathers. Leading the way is our team manager, Operator and Mrs. ROBERT RILEY, a girl; Operator and Mrs. ROBERT JONES, a boy; Operator and Mrs. C. HENRY, a boy; the expectant ones are: Operator and Mrs. N. BARTON, Operator and Mrs. C. DIAL, Operator and Mrs. CARL PETTIGREW, Operator and Mrs. C. SWAIN, and Operator and Mrs. I. THOMAS. Operator ARTHUR WILLIAMS and his wife, DIANE, are the proud parents of an 8 pound baby boy named CRAIG ELLIOTT who was born on November 27. Mother and child are fine and healthy...Our belated congratulations to Operator and Mrs. WILLIAM BETTISON on the recent birth of a son. Did anyone get a cigar?...Feeling great and wearing their familiar smiles when they visited us recently were Pensioners J. P. NELSON, LAWRENCE BARNES, and SIMON SCANLAN. Their visits were enjoyed by all...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operators W. PETERSON and L. CRUMBAUGH...The credit union's annual meeting was held on January 14. Many members were in attendance and refreshments were served and door prizes given away. President HILL presided and stated that our credit union can only be as strong as the members make it. So see TYLER M. PHILPOTT or ALVIN POTTS to increase your savings... Board Member ERNIE HILL and CHARLES O'KANE extend a hearty thanks to all at 52nd Street who participated in the recent C.O.P.E. drive. Attend your union meetings and know what's going on.

- John L. Hudson

### 69TH STREET -

Your reporters wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...With all happiness usually



comes some sadness, as that which came to the family of Supervisor T. REILLY upon the loss of his mother...Pensioner JOE HAUG, former treasurer of 69th Street credit union, passed away...Our sympathy is also extended to the families of: HUGH DORAN, former service truck chauffeur; BRUNO FERET, former foreman at 69th Street and night supervisor of garages; Operator ANDY WILSON, and EDWARD PRUEMER, former repairman at 69th. They all put in many years of faithful service with the CTA and the Surface Lines...CHARLIE SHREEVE, one of our engineers, also passed away. Our deepest sympathy to his family...Congratulations to THURMOND COLLIER who has just joined the ranks of happily marrieds...EDDIE HOUSE, MIKE MORAN and DENNY PIERCE all had a good time on their vacations...BILL SCOTT has been promoted to night supervisor of garages in the Repair Department...JIMMY MALONEY recently returned from a vacation in Ireland. He visited his mother, relatives, and friends and enjoyed every moment...Former Machinist JIM BURNS has returned to Florida for the winter. DANNY LAWLOR, former bus serviceman, and DENNY GRIFFIN, former repairman, paid us a visit and it was good to see them...ARNIE TOCCI and Former Track Foreman MIKE DOLSON were in the hospital. A speedy recovery is wished them both...We beat our accident par for November at a rate of 1½ accidents a day and that is a lot of rooneys. The coffee was great and G. D. PEYTON, J. PETROCIOUS, F. ZEIGER, E. SWANSON and all the instructors say thanks to the operators and garage personnel who made it possible...Instructor O'DONNELL convinced DAKE, DONAHUE, BEHRENS, RISCH, and company to allow this scribe to pick Marquette so we could lower our accident rate. Now J. J. MONAR and I will keep all those bad actors in line. HOWE SANGER got wind of it and picked as a box puller, and is paired up with the "paper man", TIERNEY. Sorry to hear that Mrs. TIERNEY hasn't been feeling well...Now that the overtime has been cut down, some operators have been observed picking up pop bottles and papers...HANK RISCH certainly gets out of the station in a hurry these days, and is also working steady. He has a new "boss" at home and she must have laid down the law...DAKE drove to California to see his sick brother, and stayed two weeks...Senior Station Instructor E. SWANSON was hospitalized, and O'DONNELL and ROSS are awaiting his return so they can buy him coffee if he brings the goodies...Welcome aboard to our new instructor, GUTHRIE...WILSON and Instructor JOHNSON transferred from Archer...Supervisor PETE ZACHARIAS has been asked to always wear his boots and rain coat, because it never rains when he does. Pete is quite a man when it comes to tickling the keys of a piano...Clerk ROONEY wasn't the least bit mad when BIRMINGHAM and Superintendent PEYTON ate up all the Greek sausage that Sanitary Engineer ZIGGY cooked up. ROSS ate some and took his vacation. Now everyone goes without sweet rolls...It was something to see the belly-rubbing and pushing match between Instructor ROSS, O'DONNELL and DAKE in the train room. O'Donnell quit when he broke the seam in his pants and no one could pick up the pencil PEYTON dropped (nor could he)...I saw Pensioner FRANK VYZRAL, and he looks quite happy as he picks up his wife when she gets off work...JEAN HOWE almost lost the tips of his fingers when he was letting his garage door down. It hasn't slowed him down on the street, though...MICKEY YOUNG was having quite a time with his banana until his wife solved it by cutting it in half...Don't forget the credit union meeting February 18. See old friends and maybe win a prize. All members are invited to attend...We have a

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- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahorn

### 77TH STREET -

We sincerely hope that each of you and your families had a very Merry Christmas, and that the new year will be a happy, prosperous one...Wedding congratulations to the following: Operator ROGER HUDSON and his bride, the former Miss JOHNNELLA MAYMON; the same good wishes to Instructor JAMES THROWER and his bride, ELEANOR JEAN...Happy anniversary wishes to Operator HERSTON GANDY and his wife, TRANSELLA, who celebrated 22 years of marriage by moving into their new home...Belated anniversary wishes to Supervisor CLARENCE JUNKINS and his wife, FANNY, who celebrated 24 years of marriage in October...Operator HENRY BEATTY and his wife, CLARA, motored to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for the Thanksgiving holiday, while Operator RED MARTIN traveled to Tennessee to spend the holiday...Operator GOEFFREY BUTLER and his wife, WILMA, spent part of their vacation in Knoxville, Tennessee...Best of luck to Chief Clerk RUDY ALBRECHT, who retired January 1. The new chief clerk is TOM McGUIRE...Operator KENNY KENNARD was injured recently as the result of an automobile accident. He has now returned to work...Fellows, please remember our sick and shut-in members: Operator SAM GRAHAM suffered a heart attack, but is progressing satisfactorily; Operator JOHN COOPER was hospitalized but has returned home. A speedy recovery is our wish for them...Condolences to the family of Collector A. SPILLMAN, who passed away on December 1...Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Operator HARPER DONAHUE and his family in the untimely passing of his daughter, DARICE...The basketball league opened its schedule on December 13 and the 77th Street team lost its opening game to the North Section...Until we meet here again—PEACE. It has been a pleasure serving as your reporter this past year, and hopefully, with your cooperation our column will be even a better one in the coming year.

- Elsie Gresham



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