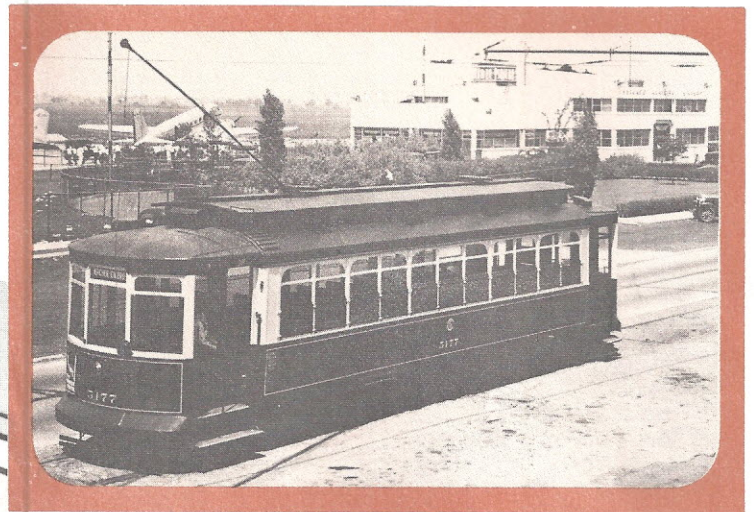


TRANSIT NEWS

FEBRUARY, 1972



EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Chairman's letter, which regularly appears on this page of Transit News, is replaced this month by Jack Mabley's column from CHICAGO TODAY in which Mr. Cafferty gives his views about the high level of employees at CTA.

In his letters in Transit News, as well as while visiting at CTA locations, Mr. Cafferty has made it known that he is quite impressed by the quality of CTA personnel. It is encouraging to note that now he has publicly expressed his confidence in CTA employees who so faithfully serve the transit needs of the Chicago area.

4 Chicago today, Monday, February 14, 1972



Jack Mabley -

No CTA fare hikes, says Cafferty

"IN MY OPINION, we cannot go to the public for more fare increases. It would be counter-productive. I would discourage more business than would be offset by the money attracted."

This is from Michael Cafferty, chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, and in effect the man in charge of running Chicago's transit system.

Since the days 35 years ago when you could ride the street cars for seven cents and the El and buses for a dime, fares have risen steadily to today's 45 cents, plus 10 cents for a transfer.

With each raise, the number of riders has dropped. But there is a line, Cafferty said, at which the drop in riders after a fare increase reduces income to a point where the CTA is worse off than before the increase.

"That line has been reached," Cafferty said.

CAFFERTY, A LAWYER in his mid-40's, was plucked out of the federal Department of Transportation a year ago by Mayor Daley to be boss of Chicago's mass transit system.

He's the type of man Daley wants in his top management level—youngish, bright, hard-working, well trained. His job is broad policy, not seeing that a 157 bus passes Lake Street and Michigan Avenue on schedule. It was about broad policy that I talked with Cafferty in his office in the Merchandise Mart.

The significance of his remarks on fares is that fares

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may go up over the years as money cheapens, but in terms of today's dollar, the fare has stabilized.

The present fare, tho, is not enough to enable the CTA to meet its payroll of 13,000 men and women, and buy new tires and gas and oil and electricity and pay accident claims and police the stations and the hundreds of other details of day-to-day operation.

The solution is subsidy. Federal subsidy.

"THE SURVIVAL OF public transportation is at stake," Cafferty said. "I'm not talking about Chicago. I'm talking about every city in the country. Actually, we're in better shape than any other.

"Monday a week ago, I went to Washington to testify before a Senate committee, along with Ronan of New York, Cochran of Nashville, Gilstrap of California and others.

"We spend—that is, the federal government spends—\$63 billion a year in subsidies of one form or another—to farms, shipping, air traffic, highways. But there is NO subsidy for public transportation, which is the one thing that touches more citizens than anything else.

"It seems to me that in that \$63 billion they could find \$300 or \$400 million to relocate for public transportation. It is a simple fact that operating costs cannot be met by the fare box, and if public transportation systems don't get help, they are going out of existence."

How does Chicago's system rate?

IT'S THE BEST," beamed Cafferty. "Somebody told me it sounds self-serving when I say that. But that's what I thought when I was with the Department of Transportation.

"The basic reason is the service pattern. Ninety-nine per cent of Chicago citizens live no more than three-eighths a mile—that's three blocks—from CTA service.

"That's fantastic coverage, and no city can match it. In addition, there's complete integration of the buses and the rapid transit.

"If public transit is going to survive, the answer will be found in Chicago. I don't mean we've found the answer yet, but here is where conditions are right.

"I'm not high on using transportation to solve specific social problems. But until all citizens have access to public transportation to move to all parts of the cities, we'll have



Michael Cafferty, chairman of Chicago Transit Board. . . . Something new for the CTA.

difficulties. Our first responsibility is to provide transportation for people who have no other way to go around."

CAFFERTY HASN'T BEEN around Chicago long enough for us to judge whether he is a smiling optimist who sees the bright side of everything, or whether he's a realist. Anyway, it's good talking with him.

"There's a lot of pride here in the CTA," he said. "These are good people, competent people. It means something to belong to the CTA. Boy, I don't want them to lose that. Our society has lost too much of its pride in what we do.

"I don't think we'll produce the millenium here, but I'm very encouraged about the general situation."

That's something new for the CTA.

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Operating employees make 1971 CTA's safest year

AN ALL-TIME low in passenger and traffic accidents was established in 1971 by CTA employees, making it the safest year in CTA's 24-year history.

The 1971 record beat that of 1970 which previously was the safest year. The 1971 traffic and passenger accident rate of 7.1 accidents per 100,000 miles operated was a reduction of 13.4 per cent compared with the 1970 rate and there was a 15.2 per cent decrease in the actual number of traffic and passenger accidents compared with 1970.

A dramatic comparison of the 1971 accident rate of 7.1 with the accident rate of 18.5 in 1948, CTA's first full year of operation, shows that there has been a reduction of 61.6 per cent.

"In the years since 1948 there has been a steady downward trend in public accidents," said General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor. "In 1954, CTA embarked on intensive safety training activities. And, in

the next six years the accident rate per 100,000 miles operated ranged from a high of 14.1 to a low of 10.4. Beginning with 1961, the rate never exceeded 10."

O'Connor added: "I am especially proud of CTA's newest achievements in public safety because each year, the exposure to accidents becomes greater due to increased traffic congestion."

The figures compiled by CTA cover all accident, however minor, including those accidents in which CTA buses were struck by other vehicles.

It was also announced that the Greater Chicago Safety Council will honor the following CTA fleet because they have bettered or maintained their 1970 accident record: Beverly station, 77th Street station, 69th Street station, 52nd Street station, Archer station, Lawndale station, Kedzie station, Limits station, North Park station, Forest Glen station, and the Utility truck fleet operating from Blue Island Garage.

Keeler, Congress share ISC spotlight with perfect 4th quarter scores



A FIRST in the annals of the Interstation Safety Contest award program was achieved during the fourth quarter of 1971 when both a surface system and a rapid transit system operating station attained perfect scores of 75 points.

By registering a perfect score, Keeler Station also became the first surface system operating location ever to be rated 75. In their long drive to attainment of this goal, Keeler Station operators have previously won seven ISC awards.

Congress Station on the rapid transit system isn't a newcomer to the winner's circle either. This is the 11th ISC award won by operating employees at that location.

In the top picture, Keeler Station Superintendent R. W. Christian (left) is accepting his station's award from Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

In the lower picture, Congress Station Superintendent J. P. Flynn (right) is displaying the award which he accepted from Superintendent of Operating Stations G. A. Riley.

W. B. Folta retires as general accountant



OUR COVER: Air travelers using Midway Airport now have CTA bus service to the door. The airport, once the nation's busiest, was built in 1926 and served as Chicago's major aviation facility until O'Hare International Airport was commissioned in 1955. Transit service to Midway was first provided by South Cicero streetcars shuttling between Archer and 63rd, a service which was replaced by buses in 1941. Archer Express service to the airport began in 1946.

Reroute buses into Midway Airport

DIRECT SERVICE to Midway airport terminal buildings is now being provided by southbound 62A Archer Express and 54B South Cicero buses.

Organizational changes Announced

BULLETINS ANNOUNCING organizational changes within four departments were issued recently, advancing 15 CTAers to new supervisory positions.

Within the Engineering Department, H. T. Luebeck was named engineer of capital improvements and J. J. O'Connor became supervisor of real estate. The appointments, which became effective December 1, were made by General Superintendent of Engineering E. E. Olmstead and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.

Named to new posts effective January 1 were R. Zazzara as superintendent of special investigations, L. J. Calus as assistant superintendent - special investigations inspection division, and J. C. Dunn as assistant superintendent - special investigations personnel division. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Public & Employee Relations F. C. Knautz and approved by Mr. O'Connor.

CLOSING OUT a career of more than 49 years in the transit industry, William B. Folta retired February 1 as general accountant for CTA.

Mr. Folta started with the Chicago Surface Lines as a payroll clerk in the Accounting Department on August 24, 1922. He subsequently became a bill invoice clerk and in 1928 transferred to the Purchasing Department as a buyer. Returning to the CSL Accounting Department in 1941, Mr. Folta served as a bookkeeper and later as an accountant. Following the acquisition of transit properties by CTA, he was named chief accountant in 1948, assistant budget supervisor in 1951, assistant general accountant in 1957, and general accountant in November, 1970.

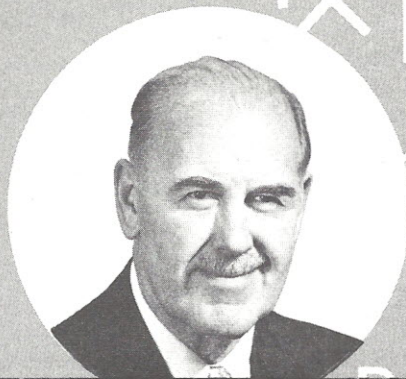
Friends and co-workers of Mr. Folta honored him at a dinner held at Henrici's in the Merchandise Mart on January 31. The presentation of a memento of the occasion was made by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi (left) to Mr. Folta and his wife, Katheryn.

Serving Midway Monday through Saturday, the 62A buses operate in the Loop via State street, and 54B buses connect with Douglas-Milwaukee rapid transit trains at the Cicero station. On Sundays, 54B buses operate to Midway from Cicero/Archer, where they connect with 62 Archer Local buses from the Loop.

Both the 62A and 54B routes, which operated past Midway airport in Cicero avenue, were rerouted January 17 southbound via Airport drive between 56th and 59th streets, making stops directly in front of terminal entrances. Because the drive is one-way southbound, northbound service is not affected.

Promoted to new assignments within the Garage Division of the Shops & Equipment Department effective January 9 were F. J. Pelzmann as day foreman in the Campaign Area, C. F. Kubal as night foreman at Lawndale, W. Cooper as assistant day foreman at 69th Street, D. S. Chorak as p.m. foreman at Forest Glen, T. L. Short as relief foreman at 52nd Street and F. A. Mrzena as relief foreman at North Avenue. Previously appointed as night supervisor of garages effective November 21 was W. C. Scott. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain and approved by Superintendent of Surface System Shops & Garages J. J. Repplinger and Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark.

Taking new offices in the Finance Department effective February 1 were H. F. Brown as general accountant, J. E. Cannon as assistant general accountant and J. R. Wexelberg as internal auditor. The appointments were made by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor.



Medically Speaking

by Dr. George H. Irwin

BACKACHE or low-back pain is one of the most common complaints that a doctor encounters. It is estimated that 80 per cent of the population at some time during life experiences backaches. For this reason it was thought that many of our readers would be interested.

To begin with, I believe a few general remarks about the anatomy and the functions of the back might help for a better understanding of this subject.

Man's back troubles began when he first stood erect. Standing causes stresses and strains on the spine which was originally built for four-footed support. Our primitive ancestors must have had almost constant backaches; however, the advantages of having two free hands to work with was evidently clear to their unsophisticated minds.

The spine of four-footed animals acts as a relatively stress-free suspension bridge. In man, however, the spine is the most important weight-bearing member of our body. It is like a big tent-pole which is held erect by numerous muscles and ligaments under constant stress. The spine consists of 33 vertebrae including the spinal canal which contains the spinal cord, a very sensitive structure giving off many nerves to all parts of the body.

The functions or the uses of the spine have to do with the support of stability and locomotion of our body. Also, the spinal cord is the transmission line for messages along the nerve pathways between the brain and all other regions of the body. It is no surprise, then, that backaches are so common when one realizes all the activities the spine is put to.

Causes of backache may be generally placed in two groups: Inflammation or infection of the spine with its nerves and muscles; injury or trauma.

The first group includes rheumatism, arthritis, inflammation of the muscles, nerves and ligaments, tuberculosis, osteomyelitis (infection of the bone), various tumors and spinal cord lesions, and congenital abnormalities.

The second group includes injuries of all kinds, such as strained muscles, bumps or bruises with or without fractures. Muscle strains may result from unequal pull, heavy lifting or faulty posture. Soft, sagging mattresses are sometimes a cause. Protruded discs, a disorder of the cartilage between the vertebra is often blamed on injury, but I believe it is more often found in the disease group of causes.

The symptoms of back disorders may be mild or severe depending upon the causes. The onset is usually slow when it is due to disease and sudden when due to injury. When the pain radiates down the legs sciatica is often present.

The following suggestions to avoid backaches should be helpful:

- (1) Lift correctly; use your strong leg muscles by placing your feet close together.
- (2) Avoid subjecting your back to any sudden erratic motion.
- (3) Wear sensible, well-fitting shoes.
- (4) Never become fatigued either physically or mentally. Emotional problems may cause muscle tension.
- (5) If you have a desk job, get up and stretch occasionally.
- (6) Try to improve your posture in both sitting and walking, and be careful when there is snow and ice.
- (7) Sleep on a firm bed. A bed board may be helpful.
- (8) Get regular exercise that stimulates all your muscles, especially your back and legs.
- (9) Beware of overweight. This results in an abnormal strain on muscles of the back and abdomen.
- (10) Don't sit or sleep in a draft. After vigorous exercise, always take a warm bath or shower immediately.

The proper treatment of backache naturally will depend somewhat on the cause. Therefore it is essential to see your doctor as soon as possible. The proper management usually includes a careful history, a thorough physical examination, X-rays and laboratory tests. This should be carried out before any treatment is started. The important principles of a treatment include:

- (1) Relief of pain.
- (2) Decrease muscle spasm.
- (3) Maintain back mobility.
- (4) Restore function and muscle power.
- (5) Hospitalization for certain tests and proper treatment.
- (6) Traction in certain cases.
- (7) Brace or supports when necessary.
- (8) Physical therapy, such as heat and massage.
- (9) Surgery for those cases properly indicated.

Of course, it is understood that all of the above mentioned procedures are not necessary in every case. One type of back ailment may be cured by medicines or physiotherapy while traction or surgery will be necessary to cure another type. In all cases of prolonged backache, see your doctor.

Service anniversaries in February

45 years

S. G. Shonts, Budget



S. Geller, Office Services

35 years

A. Arini, Skokie Shops
D. V. Barthen, North Section
J. J. Brady, West Section
E. E. Broderick, North Avenue
H. F. Burda, Property Accounting
J. W. Dain, Surface System Garages
E. J. Goettert, North Park
G. Krambles, Research/Planning
M. G. O'Connor, 77th Street
A. J. Odrowski, Kimball Maintenance Terminal
J. V. Ogar, Archer
W. R. Peterson, Law
R. A. Riep, Archer
H. C. Sanger, 69th Street
W. T. Schram, Investigation & Claims
C. G. Wennerstrom, Beverly

30 years

J. J. Barry, South Section
T. J. Barry, South Shops
J. R. Blaa, Transportation - General Office
R. T. Bovingdon, South Shops
H. D. Brown, North Section
V. G. Celebron, Skokie Shops
H. Cincetti, North Section
J. L. Dillon Sr., Forest Glen
J. R. Dudek, North Section
W. T. Garbo, Rapid Transit District - North
C. R. Glines, Beverly
J. P. Golden, North Section
T. Greene, North Section
S. L. Gustafson, Limits
B. P. Kane, General Accounting
W. R. Kropp, South Shops

R. J. Labon, Forest Glen
W. H. Lingl, District B
J. T. Mayfield, North Avenue
J. A. Miller, South Shops
J. J. Moreau, Forest Glen
W. J. Moser, Archer
A. O'Brien, Rapid Transit District - South
V. A. Rzeznik, Purchasing
F. L. Saucier, North Park
R. B. Scheid, 69th Street Garage
H. W. Schomer, Internal Auditing
M. A. Sode, Law
T. J. Spratt, Instruction - 77th Street
H. Tait, Skokie Shops
E. P. Tierney, Archer
F. Troila, Kedzie
S. Trombino, South Shops
J. R. Trospor, Rapid Transit District - North
H. E. Walther, Building & Construction
E. M. Wilieko, North Section

25 years

C. J. Abt, Treasury
B. B. Atkinson, North Section
J. W. Burks Jr., 77th Street
J. L. Cox, Forest Glen Garage
G. H. DeBroe, 52nd Street
J. H. Dohoney, District C
S. J. Dudasik, West Section
R. Evarts, Forest Glen
G. K. Farrell, Forest Glen
W. J. Grzesinski, North Avenue
F. J. Hennigan, South Shops
S. E. Kaminski, Utility & Emergency Service

M. M. Kasman, Forest Glen Garage
C. Kucera, Power Supervisor's Office
L. S. Kukowski, West Section
E. L. Laxstrom, South Shops
R. E. Nord, South Shops
J. E. Ohse, District B
F. R. Piasecki, Forest Glen Garage
E. C. Provis, 52nd Street
A. Pruitt, 52nd Street
M. P. Romas, Kedzie Garage
J. J. Rossie, Central District
G. Sadlicki, North Park
J. D. Smith Jr., 52nd Street
J. G. Studley, Electrical Distribution
L. L. Wallace, 77th Street

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

By this time most of us are settled in our new locations after a game of musical chairs. We hope everyone is satisfied and happy in their new places...After the "Holidaze" everyone has settled down, more or less, to their regular routines so there is a scarcity of news at this time. Except for one bright report of a recent event--the Super Bowl! Whom do you think was the lucky winner of the pool? None other than VICKY LEPEK, a rather recent addition to the Payroll Department. To say she was surprised is putting it mildly, and we were thrilled that one of our members was a winner! Congratulations, Vicky.

- Clara Lawrence

(Tabulating) -

On a very nice Wednesday in December, the girls in the Key Punch Department gave themselves a Christmas party at Henrici's. It was well attended and a good time was had by all...CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his family have deserted "wunnerful city" for "beautiful suburban" Hanover Park. At last report all were delighted with their new surroundings. Best wishes in your new home.

- Evelyn Lee

(General) -

On February 1 WILLIAM B. FOLTA retired as general accountant after almost 50 years of service with the Chicago Surface Lines and CTA. A dinner was held in his honor on January 31 in Henrici's restaurant. Among the guests were Mrs. FOLTA, their three children, and their spouses. Many of Mr. Folta's present and retired co-workers attended, including former General Accountants L. J. FRANCOEUR and A. J. FITZSIMONS. Best wishes to Mr. Folta from all sections of the Accounting Department for many enjoyable retirement years...Congratulations to HAROLD F. BROWN on his appointment as general accountant to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Folta and to JOHN E. CANNON who was appointed assistant general accountant...Among those who have recently retired was JEANNE M. FITZGERALD, secretary to the general accountant, and former Transit News scribe for General Accounting. Jeanne was feted at a luncheon at Henrici's on December 29, 1971. Her two sons and their wives were in attendance as were many of Jeanne's co-workers and retired friends. We were happy to see Jeanne again at Mr. Folta's retirement dinner, and judging from her smiling face, retirement is agreeing with her...Jeanne's replacement is JUDY CUCI who transferred to Accounting from Special Investigations. Along with her new secretarial duties she is also replacing Jeanne as Transit News scribe. Be sure to let her know if there is anything in particular you would like mentioned in future magazines...Congratulations to RITA DEAKIN who transferred to accountant II in the Finance Department, replacing HELEN LOWE who retired, and to JOE LAZZARA who attained the position of accountant III in the General Accounting Section...We extend a warm welcome to TOM MARASOVICH who is the new file clerk in the office and to our new transfer counter, MARK FITZPATRICK. Good luck to JOSEPH CASTRO, our former file clerk, who

transferred to the Treasury Department as a token clerk... Get well wishes go to VIRGINIA HARRER and SIG SHONTS, hope to see you both back on the job soon.

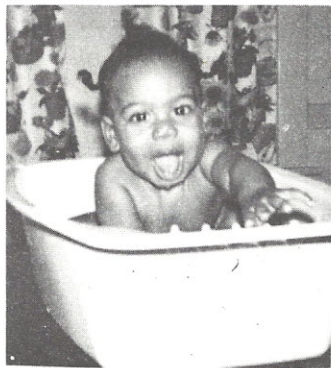
- Judy Cuci

BEVERLY -

I received a nice letter from Pensioner ED MALONEY and his wife, CLARA, who drove to Chicago to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, MARGARET CONWAY. They also celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary with a surprise party given for them by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mass at St. Catherine of Genoa church and dinner with 40 friends climaxed a wonderful day and night. Ed extends an invitation to all his CTA friends to visit him at his home in Pompano Beach, Florida. The address is 3710 N.W. 4th avenue. Thanks, Ed, and say hello to BILL RADLOFF and LE ROY ERICKSON. Pensioners FRANK HELMS and ART BURHLING were recent visitors at Ed's home, as was TOM O'SHEA whom we haven't seen for a long time. Drop me a line or two, Tom...Operator C. WENNERSTROM and his wife, MARGE, became grandparents when 8 pound KAREN LYNN was born to their son and daughter-in-law...Operator TOM COULTER vacationed at Las Vegas where he left some of his money for them to hold until he returns. Hoover Dam is much cheaper to see, Tom...We wish a speedy recovery to Superintendent GEORGE EVANS who is hospitalized. Superintendent JOSEPH WILLS is on the A.M. shift, and Instructor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER is doing his usual fine job as night superintendent...Operators E. VANEK and R. DAVIS are also in the hospital, and Operators W. McCANN, M. GRIFFIN, and J. ROSSBOROUGH are on the sick list... When our number one man, RALPH LAYTON, went on pension after 43 years of service, he opened the door for a lot of our men to try and follow in his footsteps. Ralph was

LILLIAN C. PELLICORE is pictured here receiving her retirement portfolio from JOHN E. CANNON, Internal Auditor, at a dinner held in her honor on January 27 at Henrici's restaurant. Mrs. Pellicore retired as a stenographer on February 1 after more than 42 years of service.





THIS LITTLE aquanaut, in her bathtub, is KIMBERLY JUNE PALMER, the eight-month old daughter of North Section Motorman and Mrs. EUGENE M. PALMER.

our ace operator on Kedzie for many years. JOHN (the Mighty Mite) MAHONEY tried to be number one, but couldn't fill your shoes, Ralph...Recent new pensioners from Beverly were: M. DODD, GEORGE SCHLETZ, BILL QUIGLEY, L. C. BORRMANN, OLLIE DAVIS, RAY COLE, R. SOMMERS, CHARLES SUNBLAD, VIRGIL TRIMMER, JIM FITZMAURICE, E. LIPPNER, and my old buddy, BILL JENNINGS...When we picked our runs and looked at the first page, we saw that there were only a few of the old boys in blue left. We wish all these fine men many years of luck and happiness...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner CHARLES POWERS, formerly of 69th Street. Charles was a true friend of mine in the Knights of Columbus and will be missed by all of us.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA POLICE -

Likely you won't find a crock of gold at the AMVETS St. Patrick's dance, March 11 at the Pick-Congress hotel, but there will be a wealth of good times. Sergeant PETE MCGENUTIS can make arrangements. Division 241 men do themselves proud stepping off in the St. Patrick's day parade each year. Check with RAY O'WISNIEWSKI for the assembly location and time, and be there...The CTA Police Christmas party attracted some infrequently-seen faces. Retired Officers PETE MESSIN and RICHARD GISINER, Lieutenant MANLEY HOWE and Sergeant JOHN McGRATH visited. Dabbling with stocks keeps Pete active, as do Pete and Stella's 17 grandchildren. The Messins travel once in a while to visit a son with an insurance business in Omaha and a daughter in California. Richard Gisiner and Lieutenant Howe impressed everyone that retired life must be great. Although his trip to Eire over the summer was grand, Sergeant McGrath says he doesn't have any plans to settle there. All pensioners—please don't wait till next Christmas to stop in the office. Say hello whenever you're around...The Christmas holiday season was vacation time for ED and JUDY BUGAL, spent relaxing at home...RALPH and VIRGINIA VERNON were hosts to nine grandchildren, and as many adults, for their Christmas feast. Ralph recently put the arm on a man of scruffy appearance who was wandering about the 77th Street Depot. Other CTA workers had become concerned because of the man's demented manner and a broken ice-scraping tool he was holding...ANTHONY ODROWSKI, foreman at Kimball Shops, noted a quick decline in vandalism to cars stored in the yard shortly after CTA Police were detailed to protect the equipment. At various times, Officers JAQUEST, GOLDWATER, LAATSCH and PURTELL were on the detail. Some name-taking and stern warnings to several youths did

the trick...Late one evening ROY SCHNEIDER, on the Blue Island car, made an on-view arrest of a man breaking into the Kedzie-Congress agent's booth with a screwdriver. The man was confined to Bridewell hospital as he was suffering from the affects of drugs...The end of the line is a good place to watch for runaways. One runaway youth was taken into custody at 54th on the Douglas by MARV GOLDWATER...About midnight JIM LaFOLLETTE, assigned to the Blue Island car, spotted a building on fire near Cicero and Lake. He reported this to the radio dispatcher and then went inside to rouse the residents. After breaking down several doors he found that it was an abandoned building. This sounds rather humorous, but it would have been heroic had the building been inhabited. JOHN FIRLINGER, on the North Avenue car, found a similar situation near Monroe and Paulina; he reported the blaze to the radio dispatcher, then made sure that the residents were evacuated. These two officers put forth highly commendable efforts...CTA Police cars can greatly assist the radio dispatchers, especially late at night when other CTA radio cars are spread thin. The dispatchers are all experienced with what affects transit operations, and they can often surmise what is taking place. But they still need on-the-scene reports to accurately judge a situation. Should you be the first to report a delay, or something that could develop into a delay, it is very important that you stand by and follow up on the incident. If it clears up or gets worse, you can so inform the dispatcher. Reporting something and then leaving before another radio car arrives doesn't help much. Fires and traffic accidents that block CTA service are two instances where a CTA Police squad may happen to be close by and can be of service to the dispatcher. Making reports by radio is really a delicate function. So that you can perform your duties best, stop by the radio room and visit with the dispatchers. Talking things over is a good way to learn...Sergeant FRANK KRETZ and his family have moved to El Paso, Texas. Frank made many outstanding arrests and was in several shoot-outs with robbers in the days before exact fare...Congratulations to HEINZ VOGT on becoming a three-striper. MIKE and ANNETTE LEE LONGERGAN are going to be neighbors of Heinz who lives in Lisle. The Lonergans will occupy a new house in Brook Hill, just west of Lisle...If someone called you a societal technician, would you feel complimented, insulted, or tell him he was mistaken? To find out, take a police science correspondence course from the Chicago Police Academy. Your only expense will be textbooks. Outside police agencies are again eligible to take these fine courses. Sign-up deadline is March 13 for the next series of courses. Contact our office for details...February happy birthdays go to BELL on the 3rd, BERGLUND on the 15th, FIDANZE and OSTERBERGER on the 19th, and SULZER on the 22nd. RIMELE (13th) and PURTELL (30th) had the luck to be born in March...Rumors that your scribe has an army of leprechauns gathering his news are untrue. This column depends upon YOU for stories. Keep in touch, let your scribe know what's happening...May the road rise with you, may luck go with you.

- Timothy O'Mahony

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Sergeant WAYNE TOSH was home on a four-week furlough before leaving for an air force base in Viet Nam. Wayne and his wife and little daughter visited with his parents, JOAN and DEL TOSH, chief power engineer. Although

his leave was over on December 18, his parents enjoyed their pre-holiday visit...HERMAN SMITH is home from the hospital recuperating from his recent surgery. He sends his thanks to all who responded to his request for blood donors, and also to those who remembered him with cards and telephone calls.

- Kay McAlister

(Blue Island) -

A card from ARVIN WILMONT informed us that he became a grandfather again when little JENNIFER LYNN was born on December 1. The proud parents are MADELINE and WILLIAM JOHNSON...ANDY BOURNE and his wife had a nice vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona...By the time this goes to press, WILLARD LOOS will have started his pension effective February 1...FRED MARIANI started his pension on January 1. The men in the Line Department gave him a nice send-off at a luncheon and presented him with a motor generator...A speedy recovery to WALTER YOCIUS who just had surgery. Other men out sick at this time are ELMER TEGTOW, WILLIAM KURTIN, ROMAN PRIESBE, ROBERT O'BRIEN, and DAN RYAN. Hurry and get well, fellows. To you pensioners across the country, let us hear from you: J. DARCY, J. HERMAN, FRANK CORRIGAN, GILTON QUICK, SAM GAFFEN, RALPH JOSI, JOHN FINLAY, CHARLES MULBRANDON, BILL HOOVER and RAY SIERS. Don't forget the coffee pot is always on at Blue Island...There have been an unusual number of free breakfasts at Blue Island lately. One celebrated the return of ARDUINI's son from Viet Nam, one for the safe return of LARRY HEISE's son, another for ZIGG's birthday (39th), and yet another for WALTER WANGERO's birthday.

- William Rehder

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

A hearty welcome is extended to Signal Helpers ZOWNIE COOTS and EDDIE McCLINTON, our newest additions to the Signal Department. They joined our work force in December, and at the same time they brought our signal helper list to 13. Lucky or not, the present number does show an increase of two above normal. The increase is due to preparations being made for an expansion of the CTA signal system. This, of course, is good news to our men who have always welcomed the likelihood of more work in our department. This expansion is part of the CTA Capital Improvement Program, announced by CTA Board Chairman MICHAEL CAFFERTY some time ago. Due to the specialized type of work, all new men are highly trained before they are called upon to accept the full responsibility that goes with the job of signal maintainer. Congratulations, fellows, and remember that this isn't a waiting game as there is plenty of work to do right now. Dig in!..PAT DOYLE recently underwent a serious eye operation. He is now home and doing fine. Pat seemed to be in a very jovial mood when I talked with him. He will be home for eight weeks recuperating, and getting better acquainted with his new granddaughter, CAROLYN SUZAN SCHAESER...A vacation during the holiday season always seems to have an air of sheer delight. No one knows this better than FRANK GUAGENTI who spent his during the Christmas holidays. Frank comes from a family of ten (the more the merrier), and said he is the oldest but hasn't decided if that gives him and kind of advantage. Pleasant memories are but a small portion of Frank's reward for having helped to rear



LEARNING TO do the hula is one way to keep young and active in your retirement years. JACK KRAUSE, former relief district superintendent of Operations Control, seems to be enjoying the lesson very much, when he and his wife, WANDA, visited the South Pacific Polynesian restaurant near Hollywood, Florida.

his younger brothers and sisters, as he gained their love, trust and unlimited respect. For them, having Frank around makes a perfect Christmas setting. His vacation made possible a family reunion in two parts. First in Chicago, and then in Evansville, Indiana, where one of his sisters, GRACE, and one of his brothers, ANDREW, reside. "Lil, if you're around when I get my next vacation, we'll go to Acapulco, Mexico." That's what CHARLES LASKOWSKI told his wife, LILLIAN, last year. It was the beginning of an exciting vacation trip for them, drowning their cares in the clear waters off the beautiful Acapulco beaches. They took part in some of the traditional sports, like watching the cock fights and bull fights. They weren't exactly pleased with one of the bull fights as the matador won. Lillian found the burro races more to her liking, particularly since she won the race she was competing in... What does a typical signal maintainer do during a mid-winter vacation? Nothing! Nothing but attach himself to his easy chair and look at the sports on TV and listen to the inclement weather reports. We understand that it is all over for two of these guys, ELMER STOKES and EARL BELL, who are now back at their posts. You guys will need that layer of fat you put on when you meet that icy cold weather again...A large number of our signalmen attended the Sixth Annual Old Timers party, sponsored by Local 9, honoring all their retired members on January 21. The place was the Plumber's hall, 1340 W. Washington boulevard, and our signalmen were joined by more than 700 other members of the local. After the conversation and back-slapping, the men sat down to a tasty corned beef and cabbage dinner, where both food and suds were plentiful. Those retired members who had reached the age of 65 during the past year received a gift of \$20, and our own BILL BAKER was one of the takers. Music was provided by the Shannon Rovers, a bag pipe band led by Jerry Ryan. This band has become a featured attraction in the St. Patrick's day parades, and has played other occasions honoring our city's top Irishman, Mayor Richard J. Daley. We thank J. A. McCann, business manager, and F. S. Hince, president, and the entire staff of Local 9 for an enjoyable evening.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

It is my sad duty to report the death of one of our men, FRED PROROK, who was killed in an unusual automobile accident which occurred near his home. Fred was the light maintainer on the South Section of the rapid transit. He

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joined the former Surface Lines in March, 1947, and transferred to Chicago Avenue in 1953. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family. We also extend our sincere sympathy to TED NADROWSKI in the death of his father-in-law on January 17...My able assistant and partner, CHARLIE SALVATORE, was in the hospital for surgery. He sounded good when we talked to him over the phone, and is now home recuperating...JIM (the zipper) ROEBER paid us a visit at the shop. He looks real good considering the short time since his heart operation. The stay in the hospital trimmed him down a bit...BILL MURRAY just returned from vacation in Florida where he and his family soaked up the sun and visited with Bill's daughter and family. His son came down from Washington, D.C., and it must have been some reunion...LARRY SHELBY who flies his plane out of a Gary, Indiana, airport reports that he is temporarily grounded. Larry says that certain parts are needed for repairs. Until then he stays on the ground like the rest of us...Attention pensioners--I would appreciate a note or card letting us know what you are doing wherever you are. All information can be sent to me at 311 Institute Place.

- Ben Nielsen

ENGINEERING -

We say goodbye to two of our employees who retired on February 1, TONY SULLIVAN who has been with the company more than 37 years, and LOUISE SANDSTROM who has been with us just a short time. Louise is going to spend her retirement traveling between sisters in Florida and Michigan. We wish you both a happy retirement...We also have to say goodbye to another employee, FRANK GIRDWAIN, an engineer co-op trainee. Frank is returning to school after his recent assignment with the survey crew. Even though we lost some of our employees, we have gained three others. In the Structural Design, Civil Engineering Section, is STEVEN VASSILATORS, an engineer co-op trainee from I.I.T.; also a belated welcome to KSAVERAS KAUNAS of the Civil Engineering Section, and KATHY BRADY, who is replacing Louise in the reception room...

We would like to wish GEORGE SULLIVAN a speedy recovery and hope to see him back soon...We had two lucky people who took trips to Florida. Mr. KALOGERAS and his wife, PAULINE, and his son, GEORGE, drove down to the Florida Keys to bring in the New Year. While in the Keys they visited Taveriner creek and took in some fishing.

They went to the Orange Bowl game and saw Nebraska beat Alabama. George attends school at Nebraska State college so it was an enjoyable game for them. They also visited some friends in Birmingham, Alabama, on their way. Mr. MINOGUE and his wife drove down to Florida for two weeks where they also had an enjoyable time. They returned to Chicago in sub-zero weather. Mr. Minogue, were you ready to turn around and go back?...Real Estate has moved to their new fancy quarters and everything is back in order now.

(West Shops) -

Welcome back to PAT McGING, plumber, who was ill for a while. We are happy to see him looking chipper again. Stay well, Pat...Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH FUCARINO and their six children spent three weeks visiting in Florida. They spent the Christmas holidays with Joe's father, a CTA retiree. Joe says his father is feeling and looking great. They spent a whole day at Disney World, which Joe claims is fabulous. Of course, many, many other points of inter-

est were seen, but we're sorry Joe you had to come back to such bad weather...TOM HICKS, plumber foreman, and his family also spent their Christmas holidays in Florida visiting family and friends. Tom said they had a beautiful vacation...ED AMUNDSEN and his wife spent Christmas with their son and his wife in Colorado. It is good to spend the holidays with your family...We are happy to welcome to the West Shops two handsome young men, KEVIN FLEMING and WILLIAM FLETCHER. We hope your stay will be a happy one. Glad to have you aboard, Bill and Kevin...We were sorry to lose SUE MILLONAS who left us December 31. Sue became the bride of RICHARD GILBERT of Quincy, Illinois. I was very happy to be present at their wedding on January 8, a candlelight ceremony. Sue was a beautiful bride as she walked down the aisle on the arm of her father, GEORGE MILLONAS, superintendent of Buildings and Construction. Our best wishes to the bride and groom...The West Shops Credit Union held their annual dinner and meeting on Friday, January 21. About 40 members were present and as always the food was excellent, thanks to TONY SPAK and his wife, JUANITA. A raffle was held and one of the winners was MARY GALLON, a former West Shops employee who is now in Transportation at Howard Street. We are happy that you could make the meeting, Mary, and it was good to see you again...I would like to ask the support of the West Shop-ers. If you have any news items that you would like to have printed in the CTA Transit News, please bring them to me and I would be only too happy to send them on.

- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

First order of business--I'd like to correct our station superintendent's name. It is MYLES DeWITT. Sorry, boss, we got George for your first name--don't know how it happened but I guess mistakes can be made. While on the subject of our boss, Mr. DeWitt wants to thank all the operators for cutting down on accidents. Now, fellows, let's get busy and show him a really good job. He may even pay for the rolls to go with our coffee next time...A very happy birthday to Operator CARL MICHALKO. I understand his family took the old boy out for dinner (the Golden Arches?). January 19 marked 26 happily married years for Operator H. BOWERS and his wife, SHIRLEY...Operator JOHN RECK and his wife spent the two loveliest weeks touring Sun City,

THE HAPPY bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD J. MAGIS who were united in holy matrimony on July 17, 1971, at St. Richard's church. The bride is the former MARGARET ANN PARKS, the daughter of MARGIE PARKS, Print Shop, South Shops.





G. H. LUMPP
45 Years



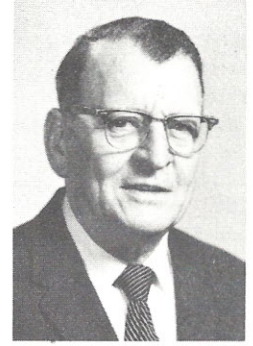
J. W. NETTE
43 Years



E. C. GREEN
42 Years



C. A. ANDREWS
42 Years



W. E. LOOS
42 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

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

JOHN P. ALTENBACH, Ticket Agent,
North Park, Emp. 11-24-36
CHARLES A. ANDREWS, Janitor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-13-29
RAYMOND W. COLE, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-16-36
EDWARD J. COMAN, Accident Clerk,
Claim, Emp. 1-11-47
WILLIAM B. FOLTA, General Accountant,
Accounting, Emp. 8-24-22
WALTER B. GARBUTT, Training Assistant II,
Training & Accident Prevention, Emp. 10-19-36
LEO J. GLOMBICKI, Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 12-30-46
DANIEL GRANUCCI, Stock Clerk I,
Stores, Emp. 12-5-41
EDWARD C. GREEN, Janitor,
69th Street, Emp. 10-29-29
ERNEST A. HILL, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 1-18-44
ELOF B. HOFFMAN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-1-42
WILLARD E. LOOS, Line Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 10-29-29
BEN M. LUCIA, Electrician A,
Shops & Equipment, Emp. 1-26-43
GEORGE H. LUMPP, Painter Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 6-14-27
EDWARD C. METKE, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-13-36
JOHN W. NETTE, Supervising Cashier,
Treasury, Emp. 7-19-28

CHARLES V. O'KANE, Bus Repairer,
52nd Street, Emp. 3-25-29
CHARLES P. PELLEGRINO, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-24-41
LILLIAN C. PELLICORE, Secretary,
Internal Auditing, Emp. 5-10-29
ALFRED H. RAHN, Janitor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-21-42
LOUISE A. SANDSTROM, Stenographer I,
Engineering, Emp. 2-12-68
GEORGE W. SCHLETZ, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-22-34
CARL W. SCHOENBAUM, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 6-3-44
RICHARD A. SOMMERS, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-30-36
ANTHONY J. SULLIVAN, Rodman I,
Engineering, Emp. 5-24-34
WILLIAM F. WEBER Jr., Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 8-19-41
IRVING I. WEINER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 6-20-50
PAUL J. WINKOWSKI, Instructor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-24-36

DISABILITY RETIREMENT

JOHN HOFFERT, B Electrician Apprentice,
Electrical, Emp. 11-18-36

Phoenix and Las Vegas. John didn't do so well but mamma went from one to another picking her spots for jackpots. She really won...Clerk TED HOELLEN spent two weeks in Phoenix, Arizona, visiting our former superintendent, Mr. PETERSON. We expect to hear more upon Ted's return... Clerk JACK MOREAU had cataract surgery; here's to a speedy recovery...Janitors AL RAHN and CHARLES (Curly) ANDREWS retired February 1. Al will spend his time doing a lot of traveling and visiting friends, while Curly will try to get into as much trouble as he can around the house...KENNETH HILDEBRANT, the brother of District Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANT, passed away January

19. Our hearts go out to his family in their time of grief... Operator TONY DeMAYO and his wife sent a card from Mexico. He sure picks the right time to leave the city, and also saves by traveling late in the season...Two very proud people these days are Supervisor R. VOLGAKIND and his wife, who became grandparents for the third time when their daughter, CAROLE ANN ROSE, had her first child, a son named JAMES HARRY...Operator HANS TARCIKOWSKI and his lovely wife celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 12 with dinner—and at the Black Forest restaurant...Those of us here at Forest Glen want to know why all the fuss about those two young men wanting to

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poison our water. The janitors here at our depot have been doing it for years, only they call it making coffee...RICK MEAGHER, the son of Operator TOM MEAGHER, was home on leave and will now be stationed in Germany.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -

JOHN NETTE, cashier, took his pension on February 1 after 43 years of service. John has plans to enjoy the sunny weather in Arizona and Las Vegas...We were glad to see EMIL DERMA, cashier, back to work after a short spell of illness.

(Employment) -

The welcome mat was extended to CINDY SPARROW, clerk II, who joined the ranks of CTA.

(Public Information) -

We were glad to see JOHN BURGESON back to work after his bout with the flu bug...Welcome back to your co-reporter, EILEEN NEURAUTER, after her stay in the hospital. She wishes to thank all her friends and co-workers for their cards, flowers and gifts.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

STUART MAGINNIS, supervisory training coordinator, was graduated from Roosevelt university on December 24 with a Bachelor of General Studies degree in Business... JOANNE BOURNE, former employee, paid us a visit with her one-year old daughter, DEBRA...Office Services has moved in with the Employment and Training Department. ..WALTER GARBUTT, training assistant II, retired February 1 and moved to Fort Collins, Colorado. All his many friends wish him a long and happy retirement...MIKE MCCARTHY was disappointed with the Hall of Fame selections. He says Roy Smalley, a former Chicago Cub, should have been inducted. Anyone wish to argue with Mike?..At this writing LORRAINE McEVILLY is off sick with a bad

STATE STREET subway was brand new and had not yet felt the crush of the 5 p.m. crowd when the first inspection train passed through it 29 years ago on April 2, 1943. On board the train were city and federal officials, as well as Rapid Transit company representatives. Responsible for operation of the 8-car inspection train were (from left) front row: Fred Sirr, Fred Beck, Edward Treskett, James Snart, Charles Blade and James Frawley. Standing: Michael Joyce, Alfred Bloom, R. N. Griffin, John P. Mannion, Carl Krueger and Adolph Florczak. The picture was provided by the widow of Mr. Florczak, Howard Street conductor who passed away in 1970.



back aggravated by a recent fall. A speedy recovery is wished for Lorraine.

(Medical) -

We were all glad to see MARY LEDWITH, RN, back on U.S. soil after her three-week stay in Ireland visiting with relatives. From the tales we hear, she had a grand old time taking a few sips of the Irish whiskey.

(Research & Planning) -

WALLY PASZYNA and his family are the proud owners of a beautiful new home in Frankfort, Illinois (alias Hot Dog Town). Wally, along with his wife, MARY, and their daughters, JACKIE and LUCY (we almost forgot to mention their little dog, Peaches), moved into their home on January 22 and you can be sure they were one happy and excited family. We wish them lots of luck and happiness... Congratulations to HOWARD BENN who was married to ROSANNE BLUM on February 27 at the Belden-Stratford hotel. Many years of happiness to both of you from everyone in R/P...Congratulations are also in order for MARY ELLEN RUSS who became engaged to JIM SCHLESINGER. Their wedding is planned for May 5, 1973. Mary Ellen keeps telling Jim he has to change his name before they get married because Schlesinger is too hard to say. It took her three weeks before she could say it without spitting in everyone's face (only kidding, Jim)...A thank you from DIANE and MARY ELLEN to STEVE, MIKE, DICK, HOWARD, and the two DAVES for treating them to lunch at Le-Bordeaux on New Years. Everything was delicious, especially the onion soup!..The MACAK family celebrated their dog Fluffy's tenth birthday on January 18. Fluffy was given a party with cake and candles. She enjoyed all the festivities, but the cake didn't appeal to her taste even after George poured a little meat gravy on it. George said his family had a lot of fun, especially his children, CHUCKY and PAMELA. Oh, before we forget, happy belated birthday, Fluffy...MIKE DALEY's wife, SALLY, put on a one-woman art exhibit at the Levy Center in Evanston during the month of January. Her paintings were oils and acrylics and consisted of such subject material as hard edged abstracts, cubist abstracts, landscapes, abstract impressions and still lifes. One of her landscapes called "Landmark", winner of second prize in the Skokie Art Guild competition, shows the Edgewater Beach hotel as it was being razed. She based this picture on several slides taken by Mike. The exhibit was a huge success and quite enjoyable...Last but not least, R/P has for sale a pair of slightly used crutches from the collection of WALLY PASZYNA. They are available now for a limited time only at a remarkably low price. Hurry--if no offers are received, BOB SCHAGEMAN gets to use them for his rose bushes.

- *Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter*

KEDZIE -

Superintendents M. HARRINGTON and G. DAUBS are very proud of our accident record for 1971. We cut down on our accidents and complaints, and increased the commendations. All in all, CTA had their best year in safety. We beat our 1970 par. Our Instruction Department, headed by Senior Instructor JACKSON is equally proud. This is due to each operator and his skillful driving habits. Let's all try just a little harder in 1972 to cut down on accidents and make Kedzie number one in the interstation competition...At this time I would like to name the operators who

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made the Courtesy Caravan for November and December. They are: W. WEBB, L. MARKOWITZ, W. COFFEE, J. HENDERSON, J. WALLACE, J. ROBINSON and J. HARRIS. Congratulations, fellows, and I hope I can add more names to this list...Congratulations to Operator W. WEBER who took his pension on February 1. Here's wishing you loads of luck and happiness in your retirement years...Pensioner D. BERLIN was at the depot and looked real good. He now has a little side job...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Superintendent of Instruction THOMAS STIGLIC in the loss of his father January 19, and Retired Superintendent OTTO BRUEBACH who was laid to rest on January 19 at Queen of Heaven cemetery...While making up this issue, still on the sick list was Operator R. COLLINS who had an operation on his right knee, and Operator F. VONDRASEK who suffered a couple of fractured ribs. To all the other operators on the sick list, we wish you all a speedy recovery and hope to see you on the job soon...Don't forget your credit union. Save by day so you can sleep at night.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi guys and dolls! Are you honestly trying to lose some of that sneaky blubber that somehow got to you (and me) during the holidays? Well, we have until June before we don the shorts and minis...There has been a new system of posting the birthdays, but so far I haven't been able to beat the system although I am really trying. So belated birthday greetings for January are extended to the following Keelerites: L. KUZYK, F. HOLDEN, S. BRASWELL, J. JOHNSON, HOUGHLAND, BRENNER, MOSELY, DABROWSKI, GRECO, BOOSE, KUMBERA, A. J. DAVIS, and finally the little fellow who finds something to celebrate every week, EARL LATTIMER. Now, fellows, please buy February birthday gifts soon as my date is February 1, followed close behind on February 2 for Operators A. SEGAR, McFADYEN and JOHNSON. FOX, February 9; A. GRABOWSKI, February 11; Board Member ART SCHNEE commemorates February 12; GRAHAM, February 15; WILSON, February 16; ROBBINS, February 21; CZUBERNAT, February 23; GEORGE RUTLEG, February 25; HAAK and BOB O'NEAL, February 26; STEHLIK and McGHEE, February 27, and wrapping up the festivities on February 28 is big JOHN JARECKI. Operator J. CARSON never fails to remember his daughter DEANNA's birthday January 31, and he dare not forget the little lady on February 7. Happy birthday, GLORIA...Operator N. NEIL and his better half, ROSIE LEE, celebrated 14 years of togetherness on February 7. Oh yes, their son, GERRY, birthdayered on February 10...Operator ARTHUR DAVIS and his lovely wife, FAYNIA, make it a lucky seven years on February 25...LOUIS and FRANKIE HOWARD repeated their vows on February 11...Two very, very nice people, ANDY and MARY SEGAR, will be accepting all silver tokens on February 15--their 25th wedding anniversary...Operator L. HALL passed out the cigars on January 7 in honor of little CHRISTOPHER XAVIER who weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces. I know BERTHA named the new arrival as papa couldn't spell those names...Oops, almost forgot (again) the ninth wedding anniversary of Operator W. LAWLER and his wife, GERALDINE, on December 29. I can't afford to forget Lawler as he is a prospective mechanic school graduate, and with the lemons I buy, I need help...Speaking of mechanics, how about those young fellows down in the garage. It seems that none of them could vote until they lowered the voting age.

Included in this category are Garage Servicemen DON WILCOX and BILL NIMTZ, who also birthdayered on December 22, and JOE (Mr. Ambition) FABITS. Joe will also be starting day school soon...Another fellow I can't honestly say much about is Operator G. BOWEN. You see, I can't stand a guy who is young, drives a new Buick, and is also single. Please, girls, won't one of you hook him and let him know what life is all about?..Regretfully we learned that Operator O'SHEA was hospitalized with a heart attack. The entire station wishes you a speedy recovery, O'Shea... We haven't forgotten you ZIELKE. We will be expecting you around to see us this spring...Please excuse me FREDERICA, but it isn't my fault. Your hubby, W. C. YARRINGTON, didn't remind me of your seventh wedding anniversary on February 2. I had to look it up in my dusty archives...So long until next time.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Well to the surprise of the surprised, a few weeks ago the Cermak operators awoke one morning to find themselves driving a different type of bus. It's utterly impossible, said one operator, this really can't be happening to me. Another sighed saying, my Cadillac has been taken away from me and replaced with an out-of-date, non-heating, noisy Model T. Well, thanks to the many Cermak operators who gave up their "Cadillacs", the Kimball-Homan and North Damen avenue operators could trade in their Model T's. After the bus trading was completed, the smiles really flowed when Chicago felt those two sub-zero days...CRAIG P. CAMPBELL, the son of Operator and Mrs. DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army. Craig has served two years in Viet Nam with the 101st Military Police Company, 101st Airborne Division Air Mobile Unit. Craig is the winner of the bronze star, two army commendation medals, and the Vietnamese cross of gallantry. To the delight of his parents, Craig should be walking through the front door of their home any day now. Welcome home, Craig...We had a chance to see Operator FRANK DOWNEY in the station a few days ago. Frank was looking just fine and he said that he was feeling good. Operator A. TURNER was well enough to pay us a visit recently and pick his future runs. Operator ARTHUR ADAMS is still recuperating at home, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Operator JOE RIHA is off at the present time with a touch of the bug, and we hope to see Joe back on the job real soon...We recently received a card from Pensioner JESSE CINKUS and his wife, LILL, touring portions of the United States...I had an opportunity to pick up Pensioner BALL recently. He was looking just fine and told me to say hello to all of the fellows at Lawndale. So hello all of you men of Lawndale, from former Operator Ball...Our sincere condolences are extended to Station Superintendent ROBERT KEAG and his family in the passing of his mother on January 20...Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Relief District Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANT in the recent passing of his brother, KENNETH HILDEBRANT...We had a few visitors recently and they are all pensioned personnel: Retired Chief Clerk HERBIE BYERS, and Retired Operators GEORGE MILLER and BILL HALLA--all of whom are looking fit as a fiddle and enjoying retirement...Happy birthday greetings are extended to the following personnel this month: G. GREEN, C. KONOPACKI, J. GIBSON, A. REESE, R. FAY, I. DAVIS, C. HARRIS, J. STAHULAK, J.

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DANIEL, T. GUMBUS, I. CUNNINGHAM, T. STUCKEY, P. HENDERSON, E. SHIELDS, J. BELL, B. STRONG, D. BROWNLEE, L. CHATMAN, J. MANUS, M. GRICKI, T. IVERY, R. GREEN and J. WILLIAMS...Coming up very soon will be a system pick for all stations. I would like to say at this time, to all of the men with whom I've worked so closely for the past couple of years, that it's been a pleasure working with you. Some of you I trained when you started at this station. Some of you, whom I have trained, have had the opportunity to lead me on the street and really sock it to me. Maybe this was your way of letting me know that I trained you well, or perhaps I gave you a rough time during your training. Some of you may remember that after your thrashing of me, sometime later I may have broken down on you and left you with a double street--not intentionally of course. But now you're moving on through the system to become familiar with other streets and stations. Wherever you may go, I hope that you enjoy your stations and are satisfied with your choice. So take care of yourselves and perhaps one day we'll cross lines. To all of the men leaving Lawndale, I wish you good luck...Well, that concludes it for this month. Remember to always think with safety in mind.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

At the Limits Credit Union business meeting on January 16 the following officers were re-elected: LUCAS DANIELE, president; CONRAD JOHNSON, treasurer, and ERNEST BUCHWITZ, assistant treasurer. The supervising committee remains the same, except for M. SHAMMAR who is newly-elected. We know these men will serve the membership to the best of their ability...Operator G. TAYLOR's son, RON, was united in marriage to a pretty lass by the name of NANCY, and honeymooned in the Bahamas. Congratulations!..We welcome back STANLEY WARCHOL to the repair department after serving three years with the U.S. Army in Germany. Stanley reports that he is very happy to be back with the CTA...EARL RODGERS and KEITH KLEIN are still wondering why they exchanged the Christmas presents they received. Perhaps the answer lies with the men in the repair department...Doctor B. PIERZYNSKI, who has been giving physical check-ups to the men at Limits, is not only a thorough doctor, but also a man with a wonderful sense of humor. He will be greatly missed when he completes his work here...Instructors JIM HENDERSON and FRANK NORTON are really working hard on the "zero days ahead." If you want to find Henderson or Norton, check the target line. They will appear sooner or later...Superintendent LOU MUELLER purchased a new automobile and had the misfortune of another motorist driving into the rear end while waiting for a traffic light to change. There was extensive damage, but he is thankful that he was not injured...Our sincerest sympathy to the families of JACK BURKE and GOLDSMITH SHUMAC who passed away last month, and also to TOM STIGLIC in the loss of his father, MATE.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

Now that the new agent and janitor pick is in effect, everyone has settled down to business. We are sorry to say that many of our agents were ill, but we hope they will all

have recovered and are back on the job before this news is in print. Agent MARY JO OHNESORGE is home from the hospital and doing quite well. Agent MARGARET NOLAN was laid up with a broken ankle but will be back with us soon, we hear. Agent DAVE GRAFMAN has completely recovered from surgery and is back working the midnight trick at Pulaski on the Kennedy. Agent DOROTHY FORD was bitten by that miserable flu bug but is back to work now. Agent DOROTHY ADLER caught the bug, too, but she fought it off all by herself with no time off. Agent JUNE BAREKMAN spent a little time in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital where she had surgery performed on one eye. She is back now but will have to return to the hospital in the near future to have surgery on her other eye. June says she feels great and came through it all with flying colors... Agent VIRGINIA TOTCKE held a get-together at her home. Retired Agents LILL CONROY and MARIAN KAAD, and Agent DOROTHY ADLER were among the guests. Your co-reporter, Agent MARY WIXTED, was invited but was bedded down with a virus and missed out on a very pleasant time. Lill Conroy had the group out to her new home in Schaumburg, Illinois, where we all had a grand time on Sunday, January 30...Congratulations on a job well done to Agent and Extra Assignment Agent SUE MATTHEWS. Sue took over the handling of the new pick when our gal, KATY MORIARTY, the regular pick agent, became ill. We are happy to say that Katy is now well again...Collector KAULES didn't make his usual trip to Las Vegas this year. How come? Too cold to travel or are you saving it for that rainy day?..Clerk DAN DOYLE saw former Agent JOHN FILIPEK recently and says he looks just great. John asks to be remembered to all his old friends whom he misses seeing and hearing from (hint, hint). Just about a year ago Dan was kissed by Charo Cugat, and he hasn't been the same since. Better snap out of it, Dan, Xavier saw her first...Agent W. STRASSER has been strangely silent for much too long. Can it be that he has worked the Marion (Lake) Station so long the walls are closing in on him? Let's hear from you, Wilbur...Janitor E. BEVACQUA announced the arrival of the CUTEST (quote from dad) 6 pound baby girl. Congratulations, mom and dad, don't spoil her... Belated birthday greetings to the following people: Retired Janitor PETE NAUGHTON, December 20 (Pete gets better looking all the time); Agents MARY BURREWS, January 13; ADAM WAAS, January 22; GRACE MOUNTS, January 8; MARY MARBLE, January 16, and to two-year old MARC, the grandson of Agent FRED FRIEB... Our Kennedy extension is now two years old. My how time flies...Happy Anniversary to Assignment Agent KAREN DOMINO who has completed her first year as a regular assignment agent. Congratulations, Karen...We still think fondly of Superintendent LEO BIEN, who retired one year ago on January 1 after 40 years of service. We hope he is enjoying his retirement and would certainly love to hear from him...It was a very pleasant surprise to see Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN at the Jefferson Park terminal. Welcome, John...LOU MENKEN has been retired one year. Let's hear from you, Lou. Drop us a line...Agent MARY WIXTED had a letter and some very comical post cards from old-timer "Speed" MARTIN. He is enjoying the nice warm Florida weather. She also received a letter from WILLIAM NEVSON of the Pensioners Club of St. Petersburg, Florida. The club represents all retired CTA employees and their wives. The membership this year is in the mid-90's. The newly elected officers for 1972 are: OTTO KOPCHEN, president, GUS KUTA, vice-president, and Bill Nevson, secretary-treasurer. Both Bill and Otto

worked on the North Side "L", Otto at Kimball and Bill at Howard Street. Both were clerks. If any of you plan a trip to Florida, the boys say visitors are always welcome at the club. They meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Your co-reporter, Mary Wixted, will be happy to furnish the address to anyone interested. It was so nice to hear from the boys, and we hope they will continue to keep in touch and send us news of the club and its members, as Bill has promised...That's all for now, gang. Send us your news, and keep smiling!

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

We wish to extend a big welcome to Superintendents STANLEY CHRIST and ROBERT ROESING. We hope you will both find the West Side to be the "best side."..Best wishes to Superintendents DON LEMM and FRENCHIE ELLIS who were transferred to the South Section...We hope RON BAKER does not forget his friends on the Kennedy. Congratulations also to EDWARD MITCHELL who was promoted to relief station superintendent...BOB KLACZYNSKI, who has been bowling for the past four years with the Miami Bowl Lanes, is proud to announce that his team has always held first or second place. The team is heading for first place again this season. Bob seems to attribute his team's success to the fact that he is its secretary. Good luck to you all...MILLIE BLAGOJEVICH celebrated her second anniversary with CTA on January 21. If you can make it for two years, you usually can make it for 20. Good luck to you, Millie...TOM HASBROUCK, the son of ELEANOR HASBROUCK, is spending three weeks traveling in India...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, celebrated her birthday on January 8. HELEN GUTH celebrated hers on January 13. Neither of the girls keeps count of the years anymore, or so they claimed when asked. Hope you both have many, many more to not keep count of. Grace and her husband, CLEM, are planning a two-week vacation in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. While there they plan to visit with her three sisters, one brother, and her son...We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Agent GOLDSMITH SHUMAC who died on Christmas eve. We wish also to extend our sympathy to Agent MADDY GRIFFIN in the death of her five-year old son, TYRONE...Collector KAULIS spent two weeks before Christmas on the sick book. He is back to work now and feeling fine. LOUISE DREWS is also back to work now after a long illness. Hope you stay healthy for a long time now, Louise...Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO had a week's vacation, but unfortunately spent it with our friend the flu bug...Motorman T. LEE and his wife, CYNTHIA, had a baby girl on September 21 named CARMEN MARIE. Motorman JAMES DAUGHERTY and his wife, EMILY, had a baby boy August 27. Little SEAN DAUGHERTY weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations to both couples...ROZENDA MAXIE HAWKINS is buying a home at 101st and Crandon...Welcome to CTA to JOYCE BROWN, whose brother, LOYDE JONES, is a mechanic at Kedzie Garage...BILL PFEIFFER had a great time in Hawaii this past summer and thinks it would be a wonderful trip for other employees. Anyone interested in getting a group together can contact Bill at State & Lake outer. I'm sure he'd be glad to give you all the information...Station Superintendent MIKE VELTRI spent a weekend visiting his daughter and son-in-law in Norfolk, Virginia.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty



RECOGNIZE THIS handsome young man in his CSL uniform? He is none other than Supervisor WALLY WENTZEL, Jefferson Park Terminal, pictured here with his wife and daughter.

NORTH AVENUE -

We were happy to have received so many lovely Christmas cards. They came from Operators FLORIAN DWIEL, ED GUNDLACK, J. RICHARDSON, R. SCHOLTEN, GUY DI MEO of Kedzie, DAVE KISSANE of Kedzie, ED MURPHY, AARON AMOS, ART THIEL, ERNEST LOTITO of North Park, Checker FRANK PONZIO, FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of Pensioner JERRY BLAKE, and South Shops Dispatcher BILL KOSEK. We also received welcome cards and notes from Pensioners JOHN SENKO of Mt. Prospect, Illinois, E. DIETZ of Oak Park, Illinois, RUDY MAU of Phoenix, Arizona, HANS HABBESTAD of Eatonville, Washington, FRENCHY LEMIEUX of Wautoma, Wisconsin, ERNEST BOCK of Elmwood Park, Illinois, LARS PEARSON of Mountain Home, Arkansas, ART MOLLANEN of L'Anse, Michigan, JOE HIEBEL, GUS MAY of Winter Haven, Florida, OLIVER WIKRENT of Garden Grove, California, ELMER DEEGAN of Phoenix, Arizona, FRANK COLEMAN of Ormond Beach, Florida, VIGGO WINDFELD, ARMIN KOEHN of Westfield, Wisconsin, JOHN KULLOWITZ, W. STRAUBING of Riverside, Illinois, LEO PLUSKOWSKI of Arkdale, Wisconsin, and BERNARD CALLAHAN. They ask to be remembered to their old friends at North Avenue... The following operators made the Courtesy Caravan Club for November: R. HARRIS, J. SMITH, D. LABOY, J. MOSES, O. JOLLEY, C. McCANTS, R. REED, A. FRENCH, F. WOZNIAC, A. HOWARD, L. WEAVER, T. CARMODY and J. SEYMORE. Those honored for December were: E. FORD, R. REED, C. CHAPMAN, C. TALLEY, J. HODGES, J. HERNANDEZ, H. FIELDS, O. JOLLEY, D. ROSARIO and L. PUTTMAN. Our congratulations to all...It looks as if Supervisor BARNEY WALSH is going in for camping in a big way. He has a 1971 Dodge camper that is really out of this world. He plans to use it on camping trips to Michigan and Wisconsin. Barney and his wife also celebrated 38 years of wedded bliss on June 10. His granddaughter, beautiful, blue-eyed MAUREEN, 15-months old and known as the climber, keeps him young and busy...We are sorry to report that Operator ART PALICKI was confined to Belmont hospital. Operator JOSEPH ROCHOWIAK is on the sick list, and my co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, has been ill. We hope that by the time you read this they will all be well and back with us...We had a December 1 pensioner, WILLIAM LOUBSKY, and four January 1 pensioners, Operator CARL RUSSO, Supervisor CORNELIUS O'SHEA, Operator AL SKONIE and Operator E. FEIEREISEL. We wish them all the best of everything and hope they'll keep in touch...KEN MAKOWSKI, the son of Switchboard Operator

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ED MAKOWSKI, was a special MP guard for Bob Hope. He was seen on television January 17 beside Jim Nabors and Hope on their Viet Nam show...Congratulations to Operator HENRY HOWARD and his wife, OPHELIA, who became parents on July 1 when DARRELL was born at Michael Reese hospital...Operator L. VOSS Jr. lost his wife on January 3. Superintendent of Instruction THOMAS STIGLIC lost his father January 16. The mother of Superintendent BOB KEAG of North Avenue and Superintendent LES KEAG of Limits departed this life. Our deepest sympathy is extended to these families. "Absent from the body, present with the Lord." Operator PETER MADIA is doing well with his fishing school and wants to know why Chief Clerk BILL PINASCO of Forest Glen isn't showing up for his lessons...A letter from Pensioner HANS HABBESTAD and his wife, ELLA, tells us that they are well. In the past year they spent some time at their summer home in Door County, and plan to do so again this year. They stay young by keeping on the move...Pensioner FRANK COLEMAN and his wife, MARIE, wrote some very kind things about our column. They told us that Pensioner BILL KEOUGH lives in Tampa, Florida, and Pensioner BLAA and his spouse live in Pinnellas Park, Florida...Pensioner ART MOILANEN and his better half, BETTY, tell us that he and his brother did some bird and deer hunting and got a big, fat nothing...Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, are well. Lars is catching trout on Lake Bull Shoals... North Avenue Depot federal credit union had it's 34th annual membership meeting at LaFollette Park on January 21. Among the guests were: Financial Secretary and Treasurer of Division 241 JAMES PATE; Division 241 Recording Secretary DAN McFADDEN; Supervisor JOHN HOFF, and Information Clerk CHARLES OLCIKAS from the General Office, and his wife, EVE. A group of pensioners were there enjoying talking over old times. They were: MICHAEL PAWLICKI and his wife, HELEN; FRED WEDER; CHARLES W. JOHNSON and his wife, EDNA; WILLIAM MORAN; JOSEPH BEAUMIER; WILLIAM KLOSINSKI; CHESTER NEUGEBAUER; WALTER SCHMIDT; EDWARD FISCHER and his wife, MILDRED, and AUGIE JOHNSON...We wish you all a Blessed Easter. And now, take it away, WALTER...A great big HELLO to everyone from the Inner Sanctum. News for this issue is very meager due to the fact that your reporter spent 15 days in the hospital, with another bit of ticker trouble, and another four weeks at home for recovery. At latest reports, everyone thinks I'm going to live (sorry about that folks). There was one fellow that came up to the hospital receptionist and said he wanted to see me. He was informed that I was in intensive care and was asked if he was a "relative or friend." His answer was, "I'm neither, I'm his BOSS and just wanted to check and make sure he's here." Needless to say, he did get in to visit for a short while. My wife wanted me home for Christmas, so with a little persuasion from the nurses, the doctor agreed to her request and let me out the day before. The nurses claimed their job would be so much easier if I wasn't forever chasing them around the halls. I want to thank everyone for their get-well cards and phone calls. Some of them were real cool, man. I know that my return to work has disrupted the peace and tranquility of the office, but it will make it so much easier for the station superintendents, who have been doing a mighty fine job of keeping things running smoothly during my absence without my moral support...Our request for cards from our readers (it was a little late but don't forget next year) uncovered the fact that there is, by his own admission, a pensioner living in the State of Washington that

knows how to read. He must also ski cross-country to mail his letters. This is none other than Herr HANS HABBESTAD. Many thanks to you, Hans, and all the rest of you who took a few precious moments from your busy lives to drop me a card. To mention just a few that I heard from, they were: Operators F. ZAPP and W. WOODS from Forest Glen. They also want to say "howdy" to all their former co-workers at North Avenue, Supervisor S. PERCE and Pensioner CONNIE O'SHEA. Also those two great gals from the General Office, KATHY MOSER and EILEEN NEURAUTER. Kathy, I'm going to have to start taking lessons from Fred Astaire or Arthur Murray. Then, of course, there was this gentleman who was having his little private joke by sending the card to my wife and not telling us anymore about himself than his name. Thank you, W. MURBACH, but you won't remain a mystery man much longer. I have already started an investigation that will reveal your identity...Operator RAY ZIELINSKI would have given anything if there had been streetcar tracks in Cicero avenue when he came to visit me. I'm sure he would have brought old No. 144 down from the Illinois Railway Museum at Union, Illinois...Clerk JACK HESTER was so afraid that his family would want him to go out and chop down a Christmas tree next year (if they had seen the one we cut down this year), that he refused to allow them to get out of that sharp Pontiac station wagon they have. You're doing a great job of keeping it waxed, NOREEN! He only came by to drop off some calendars (1971?). Come again when you can stay longer...We enjoyed talking over old times with Pensioner HERB GRABE, formerly of Forest Glen, who was here from his home in Arizona. Our deepest sympathy to Herb in the recent loss of his wife...March is the month that an awful lot of GOOD people celebrate their birthdays. Among them being my wife, VIRGINIA, happy birthday, dear; Mrs. PEGGY KOCAR, the wife of Instructor MARVIN KOCAR; Clerks ED WITEK and BOB (story teller) WITTENBERG; Pensioner ED McDERMOTT; the wonder boy of Forest Glen, BILL (don't call me Wilbur) HENRY, and Grandma NEUMANN, the mother-in-law of Archer Station Superintendent BILL MOSER. A very happy birthday to you all!..The month of April is when we get around to celebrating Easter. Along with its religious significance, it is also a day for the showing off of new spring clothes, unless we wind up with a lot of snow and cold weather. It's also a day of bunny rabbits, colored eggs, to say nothing of the chocolate and marshmallow variety. Let's not forget some of the tummy aches that go with all these goodies. April is also the month that Operator ROCKY MALFESE, Forest Glen, celebrates his birthday, along with one of the sweetest little girls we know, MARIANNE KOCAR. She's not quite into her teens, but she is without a doubt a very sympathetic and gentle little lady. Just a short note, written in her own school girl scrawl, hoping for my recovery, and promising to say a prayer to speed up the process. This is enough to make anybody get well a lot quicker. Thank you, Marianne, and many happy returns of the day. All I want from you is the promise that you will always stay as sweet as you are.

- William Miedema & Walter Bliz

NORTH PARK -

Operators, let's all try to comply with our parking privileges. We are fortunate to have room for parking and a little consideration of the following rules will be appreciated. Use one space only and park in the areas according

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to time schedules...North Park's annual credit union meeting was held on January 9 at River Park Fieldhouse where a fine report was delivered by Treasurer JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 6 per cent on savings and all members are urged to bring in their books so that they may be brought up to date. FRANK LASKE was elected to the credit committee for a three-year term, while TONY BRUNO and ED GOETTERT were elected to the board of directors. Refreshments were served and the following won door prizes: HELEN COSGROVE, ISABEL GOETTERT, ANN LITTAU, BEVERLY KURCZEWSKI, EUNICE SMALL, ANN WISNIEWSKI, ASTRID ABERNATHY, Pensioners EMERY HAYDEN, JULIUS MERSCH, MARTIN BAKKA, WALLACE BRADLEY, ROBERT BROWN, JOHN KACZAR, STANLEY ZALE, Operators HENRY SCHRAMM, HENRY LABAYEN, HOMER REED, SID HUTNICK, BEN NEUMAN, WILLARD FRIEB, IRVING RICHMAN, Bus Transferer JAMES RENTSCHLER and Division 241 President WARREN SCHOLL. Our congratulations to Treasurer John O'Brien and his assistants, Tony Bruno and DALE PETERS, for a very efficient job...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON, EDWARD BRODD and WILLIAM PARNUM would like to take this opportunity to thank the operators at North Park for making 1971 the best year we have had in accident reduction...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBOG, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED, HELEN and MARIE. Harvey has purchased a new home and is now living in Spring Grove, Minnesota, and invites his many friends to stop by and visit with them...Pensioner GEORGE VOIGHT and his wife, BEA, have moved from Chicago and are now located at Box 75, Sunsites, Pearce, Arizona 85625...Operator BOB KREMER and his wife became the proud parents of a daughter named KATHLEEN ELIZABETH born on January 2 weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces...JOHN THELIN, the son of Operator HENRY THELIN, was a member of the Hi Ridge Chargers football team which has gone undefeated for three years. The team was invited to play in a bowl game in Orlando, Florida, against one of the top teams in the state. The boys had bad luck in their contest and lost the game but enjoyed their stay in Florida...Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER, who is North Park's renowned bowler, did it again when he "Beat the Champ" with a scratch score of 601, and a handicap total of 668...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 14th; Operator HENRY NEUMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 40th; Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, their 34th; Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 32nd; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 36th; Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 13th; Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, their 42nd; Supervisor ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, their 8th; Assistant Superintendent EDWARD BRODD and his wife, ANN, their 35th, and Utility Chauffeur JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 38th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Operators IRVING WEINER, ARMAND DELGADILLO, JOSEPH GUZZARDO, SEYMOUR STEINBERG, ED NEWTON, CHARLES KEMP, GARY NOONAN, NICK GASPER, and IRIS RIPKA, WALTER LINDEMANN, GARY KEMP, FRANCES NEWTON, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, LINDA DIEDIER, MIKE SCHRAMM, MIN SEIFERT, Receiver BILL CERKAN and BONNIE NEUMAN...Operator CHARLES SCHOEWER began his pensioned life on January 1 while Operator IRVING WEINER started his on February 1. Charles worked P.M. runs on Western avenue. Irving was our ambassador of good will on the Lunt-Touhy route. We

at North Park wish these two gentlemen many years of health and happiness in their golden years...Operator LARRY SHIELDS will be sorely missed around the depot as he is now working in the mail room at the Merchandise Mart. Our best to Larry in his new position... Pensioner ART MUIR portrayed his role of Santa Claus for the fifth year in Forsyth, Missouri, where he passed out presents and candy to the children. The Muirs were awarded first prize for the outstanding job that they did with their outdoor Christmas decorations around their house and yard...Operator JON CORBITT became a father for the first time when his wife, LOIS, gave birth to a son named JON SCOTT, born November 5 at St. Francis hospital weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces...Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairmen WALTER HALLFORD and JAMES MARTIN began their pensions on January 1. Walter with 36 years and James with 30 years of service, will be relaxing and doing some traveling around... On vacations at this time are the following: FRANK SIBLEY, PAUL SCHREVEES, FRANK SCHENDLE, ART CARLSON, DANIEL SPARKS, GENE DRZEWICKI, BILL STAUNTON, JOE MAREK, AL KALISZ and ROBERT BOTH...The welcome mat is extended to Repairman MICHAEL SALVAGGIO and Servicemen MICHAEL ROWBOTTOM and RANDOLPH TRACY.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

The new system pick and regular section pick for all trainmen, agents, janitors and clerks, has resulted in many changes. Many old familiar faces have transferred and many new faces are being seen on the North Side. Good luck to those who transferred, and welcome to the new ones...Our sincere condolences to the family of Janitor RAMOS whose mother passed away, and to the family of Motorman J. CONNOR who lost his 17-year old granddaughter in an auto accident...Our get well wishes go to Agent ROSE McANDREWS, who is in Alexian Brothers hospital. Also get well wishes to Superintendent of Agents J. W. BRUCKER who has the flu and a strep throat, and to Agent STELLA GIBES who had surgery and is now at home...Agent GLENDA LYLES was feted with a birthday party by other agent friends. Glenda won't tell how many candles were on the cake...The following North Side clerks had January vacations: Chief Clerk ANDY BIANCHINI had a long weekend in Miami; RIC LANGLOIS had a week in New York City, while ERWIN HARMON had a good old vacation in Chicago. The king of them all was WALKER BALK, who began five weeks in December. Walker went to Texas, Mexico, and--where else but Acapulco with temperatures of 70 and 80 degrees while we all froze. Some guys have all the luck...TOM GUNN, North Side assignment clerk, has been on the sick list for quite some time. We all wish him a speedy recovery...Motorman JAMES QUON took a few days off and went to Colorado Springs. Jimmy said it was beautiful with all the snow and the clear warm air...Our get well wishes to the mother of Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE and Agent BETTY FIFE. Mrs. McCONVILLE underwent major surgery at Ravenswood hospital...Clerk JIM DOUGHERTY had a one-week vacation, but stayed in Chicago catching up on things to do at home...Talk about the luck of the Irish--Superintendent BILL ROONEY sure has it! He just had another vacation and Christmas was also his birthday. Because of the holiday, plus his birthday, he had two days off. Then his 28th company anniversary fell during his vacation. This was another day off, then New Year's

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JOSEPH BAGNOLE, 87, North Section,
Emp. 8-22-10, Died 12-4-71

FRANCES BRANDL, 73, Loop,
Emp. 1-16-24, Died 12-25-71

SAM BULICH, 86, Way & Structures,
Emp. 7-9-27, Died 12-3-71

JOHN M. BYDON, 72, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-8-27, Died 12-4-71

THOMAS CAREY, 88, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-14-07, Died 12-31-71

THERON R. CARSON, 74, Beverly,
Emp. 1-10-19, Died 12-29-71

JOHN CASEY, 56, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-7-46, Died 1-12-72

JOHN D. COATES, 99, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-25-06, Died 12-1-71

MILAN CVYANOVICH, 83, Douglas Park,
Emp. 11-9-13, Died 12-8-71

ANDREW J. CZUBA, 63, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 8-20-45, Died 12-18-71

LUIGI DICRISTOFANO, 88, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-19-44, Died 1-5-72

LESTER F. FERRIS, 71, North Section,
Emp. 6-27-28, Died 12-28-71

HARRY C. ITTER, 78, North Section,
Emp. 5-3-44, Died 12-2-71

PATRICK F. KERWIN, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-10-23, Died 12-5-71

ALEXANDER KUKURAITIS, 84, South Shops,
Emp. 3-29-23, Died 12-6-71

THOMAS LEAHY, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-22-29, Died 12-24-71

JULIUS LEGARDY, 57, Archer,
Emp. 7-3-51, Died 1-10-72

IGNATUS C. MARJANEK, 80, West Shops,
Emp. 10-27-22, Died 12-11-71

ARTHUR B. McREE, 86, Legal,
Emp. 6-27-27, Died 12-6-71

JAMES E. McTIGUE, 61, Engineering,
Emp. 7-13-42, Died 1-3-72

JOHN J. OCHOTA, 63, Archer,
Emp. 9-2-43, Died 12-31-71

THOMAS R. O'HARA, 76, Forest Glen,
Emp. 11-4-13, Died 12-5-71

DENNIS V. O'KEEFE, 81, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-31-23, Died 11-22-71

PAUL PAYNE, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-1-26, Died 12-30-71

ANTHONY A. POSTEL, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-6-23, Died 12-17-71

FERDINAND PROROK, 48, Electrical,
Emp. 3-26-47, Died 1-16-72

MARGARET E. QUEENAN, 79, West Section,
Emp. 11-20-26, Died 12-6-71

GLEN F. RENTFROW, 65, Archer,
Emp. 8-25-42, Died 12-26-71

BENNETT F. ROGLIN, 72, Building,
Emp. 6-15-39, Died 11-19-71

HELEN RYAN, 74, West Section,
Emp. 4-17-39, Died 12-4-71

FRANK P. SAMP, 86, Lincoln,
Emp. 2-9-12, Died 12-26-71

ALBERT C. SCHARF, 60, West Section,
Emp. 3-3-42, Died 1-5-72

MICHAEL J. SCHULTZ, 65, North Park,
Emp. 6-1-27, Died 12-12-71

GERARDO SIPARI, 85, West Section,
Emp. 7-22-26, Died 12-27-71

ARNETT A. SMITH, 73, North Section,
Emp. 4-21-20, Died 12-20-71

CATHERINE SMITH, 71, West Section,
Emp. 9-28-22, Died 12-21-71

THOMAS A. STEWART, 78, South Section,
Emp. 11-24-17, Died 12-16-71

GABRIEL THEODORE, 83, South Shops,
Emp. 5-19-43, Died 9-25-71

ARTHUR M. WASHINGTON, 55, West Section,
Emp. 6-14-51, Died 12-13-71

CHARLES ZELOWITZ, 85, Track,
Emp. 7-16-27, Died 10-2-71

day came and this gave him another day off. So he really had a long vacation, during which time he went to Bloomington to visit his son and daughter-in-law. Now we know why Bill is so pure. It's because his birthday is on Christmas...In a recent article in the Chicago Tribune, Reporter Carol Kleiman, who writes about the working woman, spent a day working as a ticket agent at Grand and State under the tutelage of Agents BRIDGET MULKERRIN and ART LUCKY. Her article was very well written, and was praiseworthy of all agents. She stated that after her day at the ticket window, all agents, every single one, is a hero. Our thanks to Miss Kleiman for giving praise and recognition to our agents...The following had birthdays in January: Janitors WARDELL LEE and LUTHER STOKES, Agents DELORES JONES, CAROL GREEN STEVENSON, LILLY WILLIS, THELMA ZINNIGER and DOROTHY HARRIS. Happy birthday to all.

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

JULIE WILLEM flew to Mexico to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and daughter-in-law. They visited

with many friends, drove to Mexico City to visit the Archeological Museum, and also saw the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. The weather was beautiful; sunny and about 85 degrees every day. It was a wonderful week and was enjoyed by all...On January 1, Line Supervisor RUSSELL ELDERKIN retired from CTA with 45 years of service. We all wish him a very happy and healthy retirement...Our sympathy is extended to THOMAS and MATT STIGLIC whose father, MATE, who retired from the Chicago Surface Lines 26 years ago as a track foreman, passed away on January 16. The funeral mass was said at St. Benedict church at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 19. We would also like to extend our condolences to the family of OTTO BRUEBACH, retired assistant superintendent from Kedzie Station, who passed away on January 15. Sincerest sympathy is extended to Relief Superintendent THOMAS A. HILDEBRANT, Districts C & D, whose brother, KENNETH, recently passed away.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Heading for warmer climates on vacations were Mr. and Mrs. WALTER SWAIN who went to sunny Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. PAT PORCELIUS who traveled to Acapulco, Mex-

ico, and Las Vegas. Vacationing during the Christmas holidays were LARRY HEISE, JOE HAAS, RICHARD MURPHY and JULIUS KUTA...Pensioner PETE CARPINO visited Blue Island before leaving for a four-month stay in Florida. I think a few people were jealous and envied him... Pfc. MICHAEL T. ROCHE, the son of JAMES J. ROCHE, was named trooper of the month from the 2nd Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division. He is now stationed at Phu Bai, Viet Nam...Our condolences are extended to the family of CHESTER ZAKE who passed away suddenly.

(Equipment Research & Development) -

After a lot of talking, MARY VENEZIA finally convinced her husband, FRANK, that Spain was the place for them to spend their vacation. They began their trip by flying direct to Malaga, the Costa DeSol. They went to Alhambra in Granada, the nicest place on the entire trip, and stopped at a number of small villages in the Sierra Nevada mountains and got to see what the real Spaniards were like. From Algeria they traveled by Hydrofoil to Tangiers. Here they went for a camel ride and found everything rather old fashioned. Adding something different was having one of their meals at the Casbar. The weather was ideal—a comfortable 75 degrees every day. There was a lot of sight-seeing and picture-taking. Both Mary and Frank had a wonderful time and would like to go there again. Of course, like any other vacation, it was much too short.

- Colette Szycepanch

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

In the mail the other day our department received a wonderful letter from Boys Town, U.S.A., as a result of our donation to the school. Rather than send Christmas cards to one another in the department, we took the money we would have spent on postage and cards and sent it on its way to Boys Town. We were thanked for our gift to them and assured that the money would be spent for something they were in need of at the school. Even though Christmas cards are nice to receive, I am sure the thank-you letter from Boys Town was appreciated more by everyone in the department...A big hello is extended to IRENE KLEIN who became stenographer I in the Specifications Department. Good luck in your new job...KATHY BRADY, who was unassigned and working in Specifications, has accepted a job as stenographer I in the Engineering Department. Sorry to see you go, Kathy...FRANK MAGUIRE, Specifications, and his wife became grandparents for the sixth time when their daughter, BARBARA, gave birth to DAVID HECKLER in December. Congratulations to all of you...Back from her two-week vacation in Nashville, Tennessee, where she visited with her parents, BECKY COUSIN has only one thing to say, "Beautiful"...JILL MISE, Specifications, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents visiting relatives in Orlando, Florida. They went to Disney World on the busiest day so far. There were 69,500 people there which helped to create quite a crowd...We were sorry to hear that ED AHLBRAND, Specifications Department, is on the sick list. Hope to see you back at work and feeling fine real soon, Ed...Congratulations to MARY BETH MURRAY, Purchasing, and JERRY MROZ, Internal Auditing, on their engagement. They are planning an October wedding...PHIL MELLENDER, laborer, South Shops, and a prominent member of the "Over the Hill Gang" of South Shops, is on a three-week vacation in Florida...We are sorry to report that TOM RYAN, stock clerk I, is off sick. Hope you are

feeling better real soon, Tom!..There was a surprise birthday party in honor of JIM WHITTLE, stock clerk I, and the big question at South Shops for a week was "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" The only answer that we received was STEVE ZAHORA. Hope your birthday was happy, Jim...Condolences are expressed to BILL NOVAK and his family in the loss of his brother...As hard as it is to admit a mistake, we must do just that. In the November-December, 1971 issue we referred to GRANVILLE (Chico) CHEATHAM as a laborer. Chico is a stock clerk I with the Stores Department. We have now corrected our mistake and we hope that all the ticket agents that work with Chico's wife take note of it...FRANK RUND, retired stock clerk II, returned to 78th & Vincennes for a surprise visit. Frank is reported as looking very well...A big welcome is extended to ALBERT MEEKS and DONALD POWELL, stock clerk I's, at South Shops...We are glad to see HANK BRANDENBURG, stock clerk I, back at work and feeling fine. Also WAYMOND COBB, laborer, has returned to work after a long illness. Hope you are feeling better...BERNARD FITZPATRICK, stock clerk II, is back from his vacation. Bernie reports that his vacation was spent putting his home back in shape...Happy birthday to CHARLIE BENNETT, stock clerk, who was 41 this month...HAROLD ENRIGHT, Storeroom 42, reports that his grandson enlisted in the Army on January 27 for three years...JOHN GILL and I would like to thank the following employees in the Stores Department for their cooperation in helping us obtain news during 1971. They are: HELEN SLATTERY, DOROTHY DOLJANIN, GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, RALPH PODGORSKI, PAUL JANKOWSKI, and STANLEY HALL. These fine people are located at South Shops, Skokie Shops, and Store-room 20. Thanks for your cooperation!

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Congratulations to Pensioner JOHN J. SLOVACEK, who was a recent recipient of the Certificate of Merit from the Village of Lombard. The certificate was presented to John in recognition of his service to the village and for his contributions to the civic welfare...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to M. HEIL and A. SCHNELL, Wilson, who are on the sick list...Welcome to new Car Servicemen J. MARTINEK, J. SMITH and R. GLOVER Jr. from all the boys at Wilson...Our sympathy to FRANK HOLTON, Dan Ryan, and his family in the passing of their grandmother who resided in Louise, Mississippi...A luxurious vacation was enjoyed by the JOHN KOGER family, Dan Ryan. Topping off the vacation was a trip to Detroit, Michigan, and a stay at the Conrad Hilton hotel...A mid-winter vacation was enjoyed by A. DICKETT and R. DAVIS, Dan Ryan...Congratulations to BILL (Skinny) THORNTON, who was victorious in the weight race between himself and QUINTON BONDS.

- Ray Brycezek

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Seven people, G. JOHANNES, J. DeGRAZIA, S. DeSALVO, ED HILL, J. FITZGERALD, J. LAZZARA, and R. GUNTHER, totalling 254 years of service, retired from the Schedule-Traffic Department on January 1. G. Johannes started with the rapid transit as a traffic clerk in 1927, schedule clerk in 1936, and then schedule maker from 1950 till he retired, a total of 44 years of service. Joe DeGrazia



AFTER 39 years with CTA and CSL, CHARLES M. SMITH can't seem to get transit out of his blood. Now living in Arcadia, California, he recently attended the groundbreaking for an exclusive busway for Southern California Rapid Transit District and is shown with RTD General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap. Charles retired from the Insurance Department in 1965.

started as a traffic checker in 1928, traffic clerk in 1936, schedule clerk in 1939, supervisor of traffic clerks in 1944, and schedule maker in 1944, a total of 43 years of service. S. DeSalvo started with the Chicago Motor Coach as a schedule clerk in 1929, and then came to CTA as a schedule clerk in 1953, and then a schedule maker in 1961, a total of 42 years of service. Ed Hill started as a traffic checker in 1935, clerk in the Transportation Department in 1942, traffic clerk in 1943, and as a schedule clerk in 1944 until his disability retirement on December 1 after 36 years of service. J. Fitzgerald started as an operator in 1940, traffic checker in 1962, and a traffic clerk in 1970 with a total of 31 years of service. J. Lazzara started in the Track Department in 1941, became an operator in 1942, and then traffic checker in 1967 with a total of 30 years of service. R. Gunther started as motorman and bus operator in 1943, and then a traffic checker in 1968 with a total of 28 years of service. Good luck to all of you...MARY ANN COX has resigned to await the stork. Good luck and good health, Mary Ann...E. WROBEL flew to Fort Myers, Florida, to soak in some sunshine...J. BRENNAN, outside checker, and his family drove to Sarasota, Florida, to spend the holidays with his family...WALTER THOMAS and his wife flew to Europe where they rented a car and visited Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Germany and France...J. LARKIN, outside checker, is in the hospital. We wish you a speedy recovery...WALTER SCHWEINFURTH is in the hospital undergoing tests. We all wish you a very speedy recovery, Wally...The department extends its sympathy to PHILIP LEAHY in the death of his mother.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

STANLEY RAVEN, electrical worker, and his wife, DOROTHY, are the proud grandparents of JENNIFER ANN RAVEN, born on December 26 at St. Anne's hospital weighing 11 pounds 5 ounces. The parents are DANIEL and PEGGY RAVEN...WILLIAM BUERGER, electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new Chevrolet. Lots of luck, Bill...ANDREW RUSINAK, electrical worker, is in Swedish Covenant hospital. Hurry back, Andy...JOSEPH P. BUTERA, electrical worker, is sporting a new 1972 Oldsmobile Toronado. Hope you and yours enjoy many rides...JOHN ODDO, electrical worker, is the happy owner of a 1972 Volkswagen camper. Lots of nice camping trips, John...DENNIS WINNICK, shopman II, is home nursing a cut left forearm which he suffered at work. Here's hoping you heal fast,

Denny...Welcome back to work to all the employees who were off sick at the start of the New Year.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to JAMES HAWORTH, Technical Services Division, on his appointment as senior technical services technician. Jim replaced CHARLIE SHREEVE who passed away...Members of the Technical Services Division family would like to welcome Co-Op Trainee JIM STEWART to the department. Jim is completing his engineering studies at Illinois Institute of Technology...Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES P. STARR celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, December 26. A dinner and party was held in their honor at the Old Prague restaurant in Cicero, and attended by many friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Starr are the parents of CHARLIE STARR, electrical worker, Section D, Area 317. Mr. Starr Sr. retired as chief clerk at Kedzie Depot...FRED JACOBI, Area 312, and his wife, JOANN, became proud parents for the second time when FRED Jr. was born on November 17 weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces. They also have a daughter, JODI, eight years old. LEONARD WIENCEK, shop clerk, and his wife, LENORE, became proud parents for the second time to a bouncing 6 pound 10 ounce baby boy by the name of DANIEL LEONARD on December 23, making a delightful Christmas present for Lenny. Lenny and Lenore also have a daughter, JILL CHRISTINE...The South Shops would like to extend best wishes and good luck to TONY SPATAFORE, shop inspector who retired on January 1. Tony, we miss you already...Congratulations to AL SAMASKA Jr. who became a machinist journeyman on January 14...Your co-reporter, ELAINE, spent seven beautiful days in New York for the holidays sightseeing and partying at night. The weather was beautiful and my family was wonderful. I visited the Statue of Liberty, United Nations building, Empire State building, went to New Jersey shopping, and saw lots more, including two plays on Broadway. And for the rockers, I saw Wilson Pickett at the Apollo. Yes, you guess right, I really need a vacation to catch up on my sleep...On December 17 the South Shops held their Christmas party at the Manzar House. Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal and lots of dancing afterwards. The highlight of the Ball was when Santa Claus appeared and passed out goodies to everyone. And guess who Santa was--our good old electrician AL SAMASKA of Area 349 who is always keeping the office lit up (with light). He really came to the party lit up--oops, I goofed--I do mean lit the party up. Al, thanks for the help, you were a wonderful Santa Claus. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we hope to see you next year...DON NORD, the son of ROBERT NORD, foreman of the Converter Department, and JUDY McGOVERN were married on December 11 in the United Methodist church in Gilbert, Arizona. After a short honeymoon they will go back to Northern Arizona university in Flagstaff where they met. Judy will finish her studies to get a BA degree, and Don will get his BS degree in Geology and will work toward a business degree. Bob and his wife were there for the wedding, and stayed over for Christmas and soaked up a lot of sunshine...Mr. and Mrs. MERLIN WASHACK became the proud parents of a baby girl weighing 5 pounds 6 ounces born at St. Francis hospital in Blue Island on November 28. After spending Christmas day with their children, RICHARD E. ZAJAC, Area 351, and his wife, MARGIE, boarded a United Air Lines 747 and flew to Los Angeles, California,

to spend an enjoyable winter vacation with relatives. Among the highlights were the Parade of Roses and Rose Bowl game in Pasadena on New Year's day, plus visits to San Francisco, Palm Springs, Las Vegas, and Disneyland.

- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson

WEST SECTION -

My partner, LOU PAYNE, and I would like to apologize for not writing too often, but we aren't literary giants and it is difficult to put one word after another. We promise that we will write more often...Our Christmas party was a huge success under the leadership of Lou Payne. Archie Bunker was right, they do take over right away. Last year I was the leader, but this year I was just the helper. Without Lou it probably would have been a flop. There was chicken and ham and many other goodies, and everyone had enough to eat which was better than last year. We even gave SAM JONES, the Archie of the "Soul Brothers", a chicken leg. He was one who didn't receive anything last year. Let's hope we made some amends...Our sick list was pretty long, but we now have JERRY BOYLAN, Reverend GEORGE CLARK, and JIMMY HOOD back to work and looking good. Now if we can get TINY ROBERTSON and CHARLEY LOUGHRAN to return we can get back to normal...We were saddened to hear of the death of AL SCHARF who died while on his way to work. We will all miss him as he was a very fine gentleman. Our deepest condolences to his wife and family...I just returned from a week's vacation which I spent painting and trying to defrost the water pipes that froze during that severe cold spell. I can honestly say that I was glad to get back to work...Our coffee club is much better since LEROY HASLIM and JOHN CIMMERER started to help out. They are regular Simon Legrees. Their favorite saying is, "No dime, no coffee", and it works out great. We have reached the \$1,000 mark, so thanks to all. Now if we can only get RUDY PTACIN to drink some. ROBERT L. CRAWFORD says Rudy is frugal with his money, and Rudy says he likes hot chocolate. So we will have to buy some hot chocolate so we can get some of his money. ..Hold it a second, my wife just gave me a big kiss for being quiet this evening...My motorman, MIKE BELLEZZO, is going on a three-week vacation. Let's hope he will come back a little cheerier. To Mrs. Bellezzo, will you quit sending Mike to Dominicks for all those Italian goodies. He is getting quite chubby...Our three smiling clerks, KUKOWINSKI, MONTGOMERY, and SORENSON are back, and they would make Ed Sullivan look good. The only time they smile is when EVELYN LA SCHANE is working at Lake Street. She is a darling, wonderful, sweet person, and I hope this makes up for all the terrible things I said about her...The other day the conversation turned to our pensioners. We were wondering what happened to all these fine gentlemen. So all you pensioners come out and see us and show your handsome faces...We extend birthday greetings to these famous men who were born in January: J. LONGO, T. McCORMACK, E. G. RUSSELL, H. YOUNG, D. WILSON, E. G. HAYES, T. CULHANE, M. MARSHALL, and last but not least, little old me, SANTO SICILIANO, who turned 39 but feels like 52...Motorman G. MORTER, who was born in the British Honduras, says it is always warm there. After that 15 degree below zero weather, we would all like to go there with him. Guess what, he likes it here!..Before I forget, my son gave me a wine-making kit. So from now on I will be the little old winemaker...I am closing this column with a few words to my friend, LOU PAYNE, that if he

doesn't write the next column he will end up in a trunk...So ending with a happy note, you all be good, you hear.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

52ND STREET -

We have come to a sad time in our lives as we are losing two of our hard working union representatives, CHARLES O'KANE and ERNEST A. HILL. Since I'm relatively a newcomer to 52nd Street, I had to get some help in preparing this outline on our two board members from L. GARMONY, D. GARNER and T. M. PHILPOTT. Ernie started his career with the Surface Lines on January 18, 1944, and there is hardly anyone at CTA who doesn't know him. If you heard a voice say "scrub" or "bandito", you knew it was Ernie. If someone needed good sound advice, it came from Ernie. If someone was down in the dumps and wanted a bit of cheer and laughter, all he had to do was to be around Ernie. He served as our board member since 1956 and was the first black man so elected to serve in our local division. Another distinction is that Ernie was also the first black man to be elected as a vice-president of our union. He has served many long hours in behalf of all of us and never hesitated in fighting for a good cause. He certainly was the best of the lot. Ernie thrives on activity, and it was through him that our credit union was organized 12 years ago. He served unselfishly as the assistant treasurer and has been our president since 1963 and was re-elected this year, too. And last, but not least, Ernie shoots a mean pool cue. He will be missed, but never forgotten. Good luck, Ernie, and may you enjoy the very best of everything...Charles O'Kane, better known to all in our garages and repair departments as CHOLLY "O", has been a board member of Division 241, representing the repair department, since 1946, and has worked for CTA and its predecessors for 42 years. As a union representative it will be extremely difficult to fill his shoes. He has brought about many changes, all for the better, in the Repair Department. We certainly hope that he will be retained as an advisor to Division 241 for the Repair Department. We also hope that he and his wife will have many years of happy retirement life. So long, Cholly "O"!..Operators ALVIN DAVIS and LOUARD CRUMBAUGH have joined the ranks of the retired...Operator BILL BURNS has just returned from a Florida vacation. The highlight of his trip was a visit to Disney World...Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. EUGENE CANNON on the birth of a baby boy, SHAWN, born on January 5 weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce. Mother and child are doing fine...Our deepest sympathy to Operator HARVEY BEALE Jr. and his family in the death of his mother, Mrs. MINNIE L. BEALE...Say, all of you good operators, make sure you stay off that emergency alarm button. We're getting a lot of false alarms. If you do step on it by accident, call the dispatcher right away.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

Instructor ROY WILSON returned to Archer Station, and Instructor J. JOHNSON came back to his old hunting grounds here at 69th Street. Instructor WILLIAM GUTHRIS has been working here at 69th Street. We don't see too much of Instructor SWANSON as he has been filling in as a relief superintendent at various stations. The one day he was back in uniform, we had a big, hard-earned rooney.

Naturally he took credit for it, but he still wouldn't buy coffee... Instructor ROSS is trying to lose weight, and is getting his diet rules from O'DONNELL of all people. So now these two fatties tell me that on bad days we drivers do a good job and drive like professionals and wish we did it all the time...It is always hard to say goodbye to our friends that have been called by the silent reaper. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families and loved ones of TOM GEARY and MARTIN REEDY, to CASIMIR URBK in the loss of his father-in-law. CHARLES POWERS, and to JEFF and JOE SILAS MCKENNIE in the loss of their father. May they all rest in peace...JESSE FLOWERS was hospitalized due to an automobile accident; W. K. MOBLEY suffered a heart attack, and ED BEHRENS sprained an ankle just before going on vacation. By the way, Ed flew first class to Chattanooga, Tennessee, but had his wife fly at a \$30 cheaper rate...G. STEPHENS has returned to work after being off sick for two weeks...ROBERT JEROZAL's daughter, SHARON ELLIOT, was hospitalized and needed blood... We wish a speedy recovery to B. VEHLING and WALLY GROCH and all the others who are off sick at this time...J. DAVIDSON and his wife recently celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary. They have eight grandchildren. ...RICHARD BELL just has to be the most polite and courteous driver on Ashland avenue. He even helps bus operators get on...I saw former Operator HILEY (big bad) BELL driving a truck for Schwartz Paper company and he looked great...Our two newlyweds, HANK RISCH and J. J. DUBINSKI, are doing fine. In fact, Hank says he has an oversupply of energy pills and will sell them to the highest bidder...Word is out that Box Puller DAVE MacGOWAN will never watch the Miami Dolphins again. Why, Dave?..ED STEFFAN was given a nice Christmas present when an envelope with a lot of green in it was returned to him unclaimed...JESSE DANIELS won't snitch on SAM or SLAY to Mama Beb Lums as to what happened to her friend, Mr. Jim Beam, at Christmas...TONY VANDERBERG vacationed in Fort Lauderdale, Florida... "Choo-Choo" FRALE flew to Naples, Florida, to look over his plantation. He held on to his rosary all the way and said they couldn't hijack a train to Cuba...Loader J. BARKER said that his buddy, C. BIRD, spent a rainy two weeks at Christmas time in California, then brought zero and snow here when he returned...A sight to see is GENE HOWE getting into that Colt automobile he bought...It was a great pleasure to escort J. C. NYMAN's wife to the elevated one day...Clerk L. HELINSKI has joined the ranks of the retired after 29 years of service...W. T. YEATMAN, former operator and box puller, is enjoying life in Hammond, Indiana...SAM VALLONI can be seen driving the suburban bus on Cicero avenue...DAVE BARNES wonders if retired chief clerk ART LIPPHARDT remembers him... "Red" GREEN, our chief custodian of out-houses, took his pension. BILL LEWIS, PEYTON, BECKER, ROONEY, HELINSKI, RAJ, MARSHALL and WODARCZYK gave him a big send off with Polish sausage instead of corned beef... Pensioner BILL JOHNSON now lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina, at 1201 Rainbow court. Other pensioners I see are: GEORGE GRINDLER, BERT MIRABELLA, DANNY BROWN, GALE RUSKA, and GEORGE WHITE running errands for his daughter. Also MIKE DWYER. DON TETLOW asked me to tell Pensioner BILL CAVANAUGH to stop by his place and say hello. Many happy years to them, including HERMAN JAMES, S. CHAMBERS, PETE O'REILLY, and LEO GLOMBICKI... We wish CHARLIE KUBAL well on his new assignment as night foreman at Lawndale Station, and to WILLIE COOPER who took his place at 69th Street. Also good luck to TERRY

SHORT, relief foreman at 52nd Street. KENNY COELYN and T. STAMPER transferred to 69th Street as repairman and bus serviceman... V. ONDRIAS went fishing in sunny Florida, while JIMMY LEE played Santa Claus on his vacation. R. SHEPP traveled through the South, and BERNIE McBRIDE was just looking for a restful vacation... Congratulations to D. MALANEY who joined the police force, then the army... TOM TWOMEY now lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His address is 2890 S. Circle drive, Lot 317. He wishes that anyone out that way will stop by and pay him a visit. It is just grand there... It took a lot of doing, but J. J. MOLNAR and I finally made a believer out of L. G. DAKE... Fellows, if you moved or are not receiving your Transit News, be sure to notify me or fill out a change of address form. It costs quite a bit to send out the magazine, and double if it is returned... God bless all of you.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

As I begin my fourth year as the reporter for 77th Street, I would like to thank the fellows who have cooperated by contributing news for the column. However, I am expecting news from every household--birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, birth announcements, and other news items which you would like to see in print. Please let us hear from you... Congratulations to all of you. We again beat our complaint and commendation par for the month of December, and again we will have coffee "on the house." Let's work on the accident par and beat it... We were glad to see our old buddy, Operator WALTER JACKSON, back on the job after a long illness... Instructor J. C. WHITE has been very quiet lately. We haven't heard any reports about his bowling average recently. Wonder why? .. Congratulations to Operator EDWARD REAUX who was recently appointed as a supervisor. He was transferred to another district, and we will miss you, "Sonny", but we know that you do a fine job... Operator W. THOMAS is in the Veteran's Research hospital on Huron street. We wish him a speedy recovery... Mrs. RUTH STEWART, the wife of Instructor J. STEWART, is recuperating from recent surgery and is making splendid progress... PEGGY GILLIAM, the daughter of Operator JESSE GILLIAM, recently celebrated her 18th birthday. She is a student at Thornton Community college. Gilliam and the "little lady" also have a "wee one" in their household, JESSINA is her name, and she is nine months old... Your scribe's two granddaughters, ANGELA and ANTOINETTE RAWLS, celebrated their fifth and fourth birthdays, respectively, with a joint birthday party on January 15... There are 20 operators who made the Courtesy Caravan during the month of December. Congratulations to Operators L. SINGLETON, F. GREEN, J. JAMES, C. PARRISH, C. HENDRIX, L. EVANS, C. ROGERS, O. SURGEON, R. JOHNSON, G. DICKERSON, A. HART, S. GIBSON, J. WEBER, J. HARDIN, J. QUALLS, L. ROBERSON, W. PAYNE, H. FARLEY, B. RICHIE, and M. BUCHANAN. Keep up the good work, fellows... Operator VERNON SWAN-AGAIN is in Forkosh hospital, 2544 W. Montrose, Room 206, bed 2. He would welcome visitors... My thanks to Instructors HENDERSON and WHITENHILL who helped me get the "old jalopy" started when the temperature dipped recently to 20 below zero. If any of you fellows need the services of two good "mechanics", I suggest that you hire them... Drive safely and keep healthy. See you next month!

- Eloisie Gresham

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