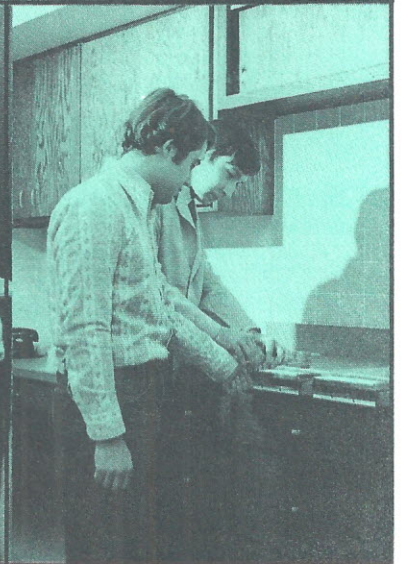
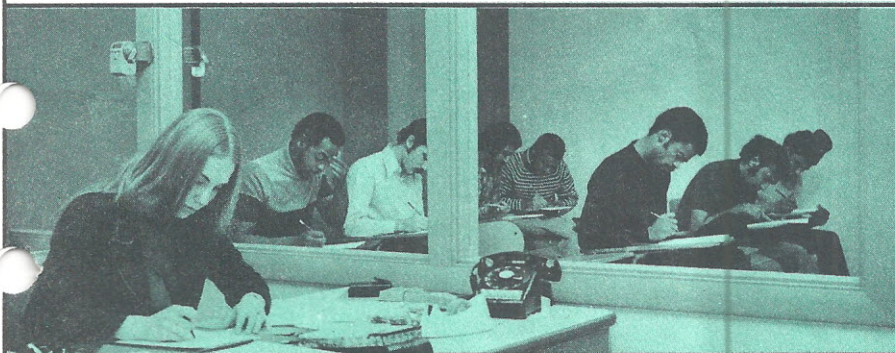


TRANSIT NEWS

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CTA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE MOVES INTO NEW QUARTERS (see page 4)



TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

The very existence of our cities and transit systems not to mention hundreds of thousands of jobs, is at stake, and right now you have the opportunity to play an important role in keeping public transportation strong.

The government has provided funds for the construction of highways since 1916, and now the metropolitan areas of our nation are being strangled by traffic congestion. Our legislators in Washington, D. C., are beginning to recognize the need to provide financial support for faltering transit systems.

Much of my time in the last six months has been spent in Washington trying to explain that public transportation can no longer be supported solely from the fare box. This is true not only in Chicago, but also in every other major city. As a matter of fact, we are doing much better than most other systems, but we still are in desperate need of financial assistance.

Congress has now begun to act. On March 2 the United States Senate passed legislation authorizing funds for subsidies to CTA and other transit systems.

The job now is to convince the House of Representatives that they should endorse the Senate's action.

If you want to see CTA continue to be the vital organization it is, you should write to your congressman urging him to work for operating assistance for urban mass transportation. The names of members of the House of Representatives from Chicago are listed at right; address mail to them at: House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Sincerely,


Michael Cafferty
Chairman



TESTIFYING IN behalf of the American Transit Association (ATA), Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty appeared before the Housing Sub-committee of the U.S. House of Representatives Banking and Currency Committee to present a program providing federal aid for transit systems. Shown with Mr. Cafferty on the panel are ATA President Carmack Cochran (center) and General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap (right) of Southern California Rapid Transit District. With them to add support were (from left) Herbert J. Scheuer, assistant to the ATA executive vice president; Robert Sloan, ATA executive vice president; Stan Gates, ATA vice president, and Fred Burke, ATA legislative consultant.

U. S. House of Representatives
Members from Chicago, Illinois

Dist. 1	Ralph H. Metcalfe
Dist. 2	Abner J. Mikva
Dist. 3	Morgan F. Murphy
Dist. 5	John C. Kluczynski
Dist. 6	George W. Collins
Dist. 7	Frank Annunzio
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Bus fleet modernization under way

Order placed for

525 air-conditioned buses

PLACING THE largest single order for passenger equipment in CTA's history, Chicago Transit Board at its March 10 meeting authorized the award of a contract for 525 air-conditioned buses totaling \$21,926,604.

The purchase of these buses is one of the projects included in the first \$80 million of CTA's \$121 million two-year capital renewal program being funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and CTA.

The Truck and Coach Division of General Motors corporation, Pontiac, Michigan, was the successful bidder. The bid from General Motors was \$840.39 lower per bus with air conditioning and \$1,182.70 lower per bus without air conditioning than that of the only other bidder, the Flxible company, of Loudonville, Ohio. The cost per bus from General Motors is \$41,764.96 with air conditioning and \$35,812.96 without air conditioning.

"After receiving the bids for buses with and without air conditioning, we determined to purchase buses with air conditioning for the comfort of our riders. Improvements such as air conditioning must be made to provide riders with the most modern vehicles and to attract new riders to public transportation," said Chairman Michael Cafferty of Chicago Transit Board.

"These new buses will have the latest type anti-pollution devices in order to meet all federal, state, and local standards for exhaust emission and noise control. This is a most important step in CTA's overall plan for living up to our responsibility to preserve the quality of the environment in the community we serve," added Cafferty.

The Environmental Improvement Package built into each bus contains ingredients that reduce exhaust odor and smoke. The main feature of the package is the lo-sac needle valve injector that virtually eliminates pollutant-causing unburned fuel in the combus-

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CTA seeks funds for

diesel engine modifications

ANOTHER MOVE toward improving the environment in Chicago was taken February 24 by Chicago Transit Board when it authorized an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation for funds to modify bus engines to reduce the emission of pollutants from CTA diesel buses.

"This is a most important step forward in CTA's overall plan for living up to our responsibility to preserve the quality of the environment in the community we serve," stressed Chairman Cafferty of Chicago Transit Board. "With the delivery of 525 new buses, proceeding coincident with the modification of present diesel-powered buses, we are moving at the fastest rate practicable preparing our fleet to meet all federal, state, and local standards."

The application will call for the purchase and installation of lo-sac needle valve (LSN) injectors to eliminate pollutant-causing unburned fuel from entering the combustion chamber and being exhausted as dark smoke. The LSN injector will replace less efficient injectors now being used in diesel engines. The new injector is also part of the Environmental Improvement Package being specified for all new buses being ordered by CTA.

The LSN injectors will be installed in 1,226 diesel buses bought by CTA between 1961 and 1969. Each bus contains six injectors, one per cylinder. The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.

CTA plans call for a campaign to install the new LSN injectors in all buses as rapidly as possible, hopefully before the end of 1972, depending upon how soon funding of the project is approved after application to the governmental agencies.

The only diesel buses not included in the project are 58 vehicles constructed in 1950-51, all of which will be replaced upon delivery of new buses. The remainder of the fuel-burning fleet is made up of propane buses which have smokeless and odorless exhaust emissions.

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CTA Employment Office moves into new quarters

MONDAY, MARCH 20, marked the opening of the new CTA Employment Office at 2660 N. Clark street. The facility is one of two offices replacing the former Employment Department in the Merchandise Mart.

Within the modern quarters, the Employment Office is conducting pre-employment screening and processing for job applicants, activities which are depicted on the cover of Transit News.

Final hiring processing of those acceptable for employment is being conducted in the Placement Office, Room 750 in the Merchandise Mart. The Placement Office also handles all other employment

functions such as processing applicants for job postings and announcements of training.

In the picture above, Director of Personnel F. A. Johnson (left) and Superintendent of Employment R. J. Ruzich are briefing Employment Office personnel on the new facilities at the Clark street office. Listening attentively are (from left): F. Brady, interviewer; D. Schwamb, clerk-typist; A. Curtis, interviewer; S. Tadevic, interviewer; C. Sparrow, test administrator; J. Ferlito, receptionist; F. Moore, interviewer-instructor; E. Jendrach, interviewer, and J. O'Connor, coordinator of employment and placement procedures.

Shops employee wins \$2,000 suggestion award

RAYMOND SPATZEK of South Shops recently became the second CTAer to receive a cash award of \$2,000, the largest amount ever presented by the Employee Suggestion Plan for an adopted suggestion.

Mr. Spatzek's suggestion to modify and thereby extend the life of transmissions in 5000 series buses had been adopted in 1971. The amount of savings realized by CTA since that time resulted in his being presented the \$2,000 supplemental award.

The previous winner of a \$2,000 cash award was James Forrestal, also of South Shops.

The Employee Suggestion Plan also announced the adoption of 36 new suggestions and approved the disbursement of cash awards and gift certificates to the suggesters. Accepting cash awards for their adopted ideas were seven Shops & Equipment Department employees: James Olsen (\$175), Victor Celebron and Michael Fabian (joint suggesters who shared \$160), and Raymond Laskowski (\$60), all of Skokie Shops; John Newman (\$30) and John Kalinowski (\$25), both of South Shops, and C. Forbes (\$25) of 77th Street. Electrical Department--S. J. Salamone (\$25) of the Rapid Transit Line Division and A. Trocker (\$25) of the Signal Division. Transportation--S. W. Christ (\$25) of West Section.

For submitting their second adoptable suggestion within a year Marjorie Schintz of the Claim Department was presented two cash awards of \$25 each and Robert Swanson of Skokie Shops was presented a \$25 cash award. Another cash award winner was Nello Paolicchi of Skokie Shops who received a \$30 supplemental award for his suggestion adopted last year.



ACCEPTING HIS \$2,000 suggestion award from General Manager T. B. O'Connor is Raymond Spatzek of South Shops. Watching the presentation are Operating Manager C. E. Keiser (left) and Superintendent of Shops & Equipment G. J. Clark.

For their adopted ideas the following were named as winners of \$10 Jewel/Osco gift certificates: General Office--Mary Berry, Marie Crawley, Marjorie Schintz and M. Szykowny, all of Claim Department; Bernadette Kizior of Electrical; Mary Anne McMahon of Employee Relations; Leonard Skrine of Office Services, and Colette Szczepanek of Transportation. Shops & Equipment--Leroy Hagen, William Nichols, Jerome Pavel and Daniel Watson, all of South Shops; Daniel McClure of Skokie Shops, and Terrance Mueller of 69th Street. Transportation--William Kennedy, W. Pearson and G. Poklodowski, all of Forest Glen; James Heidewald of Archer; Rita Heinze of South Section, and E. LeSanche of Jefferson Park. Engineering--Edward Gertz of South Shops and W. Hallford of West Shops. Electrical--W. Rehder of Blue Island. Stores--Edward Grzenia of South Shops.

Report cards show Retirement Plan credit

RETIREMENT PLAN report cards showing each employee's credit in the Plan as of December 31, 1971, will be distributed system-wide between April 12 and April 20, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

Information provided on the face of each employee's card may be used in the formula on the reverse side to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1971. Employees with LESS than five years of service, for whom no "estimated five year average earnings" is provided, can make the projection by using the earnings credit for 1971. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1971 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 454 retirement applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 184 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 214 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 56 were disability retirements.

There were 57 survivorship options approved, of which 10 were for the "All" option, 16 from the "2/3" option and 31 for the "1/2" option.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1971 totaled \$24,203,908--contributions by employees were \$8,605,428 and CTA contributions amounted to \$15,598,480. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$12,481,644 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries and expenses of administration.

During 1971 assets of the fund increased \$15,738,272, making a total of \$98,430,998 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the Plan.

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

525 air-conditioned buses ordered

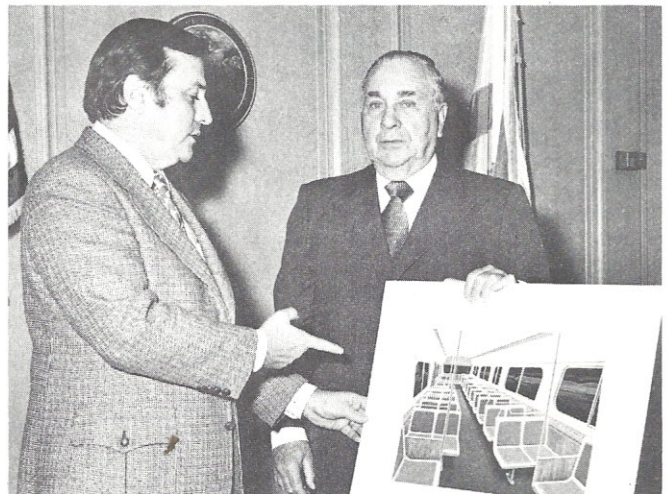
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tion chamber. In addition, the exhaust pipe will be at the roof line to improve the dispersion of exhaust.

"The interiors of the buses are being designed to reflect the preferences of the public as determined by CTA's Suggestion Bus Project which polled 30,000 persons," explained Cafferty. "The new buses will have a dusky walnut woodgrain wall covering with a white, gold-flecked ceiling. There will be contoured, padded seats of beige with alternating cushions of tangerine or golden brown."

The exteriors of the buses will be given a new appearance using a combination of lime and pine green and pearl white to complement the fluted anodized aluminum sides. The fronts of the buses will be white for easier recognition. Lime green bands will frame the windows and sweep along the front roof line. Pine green bands will add contrast for an overall coordinated look.

Features included in the 50-passenger buses are V-8 diesel engines, hydraulic transmissions, power steering, fluorescent lighting, safety glass windows, air springs, thermostatically-controlled central heating, air conditioning and ventilating, and two-way radios with emergency alarm. One hundred of the buses will be equipped with water bumpers to determine their effectiveness in lessening impact in case of collisions.



TRANSIT BOARD Chairman Michael Cafferty points out features of new buses to Mayor Richard J. Daley.

The access step on the buses is being lowered to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, the lowest step that can be obtained.

Delivery of the first 100 buses will be made by mid September and the total order is to be completed by the end of November. The 525 buses will replace vehicles that are up to 22 years of age.

"Replacement of old buses with questionable dependability will not only improve service to all bus riders, it will reduce excessive operating costs inherent to such vehicles," Cafferty concluded.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

VARICOSE VEINS may be defined as swollen or dilated veins. Doctors often refer to them as varicosities. They are most frequently found on the inner and back part of the legs. Bluish in color, they are visible through the skin. There are two sets of veins in the legs: namely, the superficial veins which lie directly under the skin and these are most commonly affected. There is also a deep set of veins located inside the muscles. These veins are not often involved because the vein walls are surrounded and supported by the muscles. There are small veins which correct the two sets.

According to history, varicose veins were recognized and discussed by Hippocrates in 500 B.C. The treatment advised then was to tear out the veins with a hook. The modern treatment gives much better results.

Veins contain valves which normally permit the blood to flow only toward the heart. One of the underlying or main causes of varicosities is leaky valves. With this situation the blood may flow backward away from the heart instead of forward. This is comparable to a leaky faucet or pipe. The blood pressure in the vein below the valve is increased and this results in swollen veins. This occurs rather easily as the walls in veins are thinner and have less muscle support than the walls of arteries. Inherited weakness in the structure of the veins may be a predisposing factor. Other contributing factors are diseases such as phlebitis (inflammation of the veins) which weakens the valves. Also increased intra-abdominal pressure, such as that caused by repeated heavy lifting, coughing and straining, may be a contributing factor. Certain abnormal pregnancy conditions can cause "milk leg" which is a type of venous insufficiency. Obesity and increasing age are other conditions which may be a cause of varicose veins.

Varicosities are common throughout the population and affect people of all ages. However the incidence is greater in persons over 40 years of age. The con-

dition is more prevalent in women. Certain occupations seem to have a bearing on the development of weak veins. For example, persons required to stand a lot such as dentists and elevator operators are more prone to this disorder. It has been shown that the pressure in the leg veins when standing is five times greater than it is when lying down. Another explanation of the prevalence of varicose veins in women is the fact that the tight girdles and corsets produce added downward pressure on the veins.

Symptoms of varicose veins depend on the severity or degree of involvement. In the mild cases no symptoms at all may be noted. In the more extensive cases the following symptoms may be noted: Change in the appearance of the legs, feeling of weakness in the legs or sensation of fullness or congestion, muscular cramps, especially at night, itching and burning skin. In the advanced cases varicose ulcers (open skin ulcers) develop due to poor circulation.

The treatment of varicose veins may be described as conservative (medical) and surgical. Here again the choice of treatment will depend somewhat on the severity of the condition.

Conservative measures for the mild cases include (1) support hose, (2) elastic bandages, (3) elevation of legs as much as possible day and night, and (4) injection of the veins in certain cases. The injections cause a hardening and blocking of the veins and the blood is then rerouted through deeper veins. The type of treatment is chiefly for small veins and the results are not always satisfactory or permanent.

Surgery for the more extensive types includes tying off the veins or removal by stripping. The results of surgical procedures are quicker and more permanent. The patients who have surgery do much better than the alternative of leaving the veins in. There is no risk in the surgical cases when done under proper technique. Your physician is the only one who can determine the proper type of management.

CTAers cited for increased Crusade of Mercy pledges

FOR OUTSTANDING participation in its 1971-72 campaign, the Metropolitan Crusade of Mercy recently presented a citation to CTA employees. Total contributions resulting from the system-wide campaign last October amounted to \$87,823.24--an increase of almost 8 per cent over the previous year.

Pledged payroll deductions of \$7,102.77 per month resulted in a projected \$85,233.24 for the year. Non-

recurring cash contributions of \$2,590.00 were also collected to produce the final figures.

Of the 12,832 employees on the payroll as of October 31, 9,995 contributed to the Crusade of Mercy. The 1971-72 campaign produced 796 new pledges, bringing to 9,107 the number of employees who contribute through payroll deductions. An additional 226 employees increased their monthly deductions.

52nd, 61st, South Shops named ESC fourth quarter winners



WINDING UP the first year of competition in the Employee Safety Contest (ESC), the three Shops & Equipment Department locations that took fourth quarter honors were not newcomers to the winner's circle in 1971.



In the surface garage group, 52nd Street had previously won two quarterly awards. In the rapid transit maintenance terminal group, 61st Street had won the first quarter award. A three-time winner in the shops group, South Shops has won each award since the second quarter.

The selection of the ESC winner in each of three groups is based on the number of injuries per one million man-hours worked. The garage competition winner, 52nd Street, completed 1971 without an injury and was presented a special award plaque.

HOLDING THE award won by South Shops, Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. Rosendhal is shown in the top picture with Transit Board member Wallace Johnson. In the picture at left, 52nd Street Garage Foreman G. Pavelka (right) is holding the quarterly award as Supervisor of Garages D. J. Sturenfeldt displays the special award plaque. The award won by 61st Terminal is being held by Foreman J. J. Molloy, standing between Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals J. Bolech (right) and Superintendent of Maintenance Terminals A. J. Porcaro.

17 complete Transportation Dept. training programs

HAVING COMPLETED training programs during March, 17 CTAers have qualified for advancement within the Transportation Department and are now assigned to pools in their respective classifications.

Three graduates of the Rapid Transit Line Supervisor Program pictured top left with Transportation Department supervisory personnel include (from left): Superintendent of Operations R. W. Tracy, C. Mathews, D. Sledge, J. Washington and Superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations J. R. Blaa.



Six graduates of the Radio-Telephone Operator Program in the bottom left picture include: E. Reason, W. Bunch, E. Wojdyla, J. Thrower, J. Stumpf and W. Taylor. With the graduates are Superintendent of Surface Operations R. Dagenais and Mr. Tracy.

Nine graduates of the Rapid Transit Supervisor Program pictured below include (from left): R. McCallister, B. Perry, H. Coleman, R. Armstrong, F. Pettis, L. Salazar, D. DeMaria and H. Wilson. Behind the graduates are Mr. Blaa and District Superintendents A. E. Johnson and E. G. Strey.



Service anniversaries in March

45 years

R. Drzik,
Special Investigations



J. A. Jankauskis,
South Shops

35 years

J. Barkauskas, South Shops
W. Cichy, North Avenue
A. A. Daus, Skokie Shops
T. J. Hurley, North Avenue
J. D. King, Beverly
H. K. Lindemann, North Avenue
L. P. Lindner, Utility & Emergency Service
C. H. Lindquist, Skokie Shops
J. H. Lynch, 52nd Street
C. R. Matuszewski, Substation Engineering
B. H. Nelson, Beverly
J. Reilly, North Avenue
J. P. Schloeder, Rapid Transit District - South
J. F. Valitis, 69th Street
J. F. Zaraza, South Shops

30 years

C. C. Cordek, North Avenue
T. J. Daniels, Beverly
N. F. Defina, North Avenue
E. L. Dieden, Instruction - Surface System
E. J. Fitzgerald, South Shops
L. L. Hagen, South Shops
J. C. Hood, West Section
G. J. Jaros, 69th Street
G. L. Karrison, West Section
H. L. McCauley, North Section

J. R. Miller, Forest Glen
P. J. Moran, South Section
A. D. Mullozzi, North Avenue
C. A. Olcik, General Office
A. M. Olson, South Shops
S. J. O'Rourke, General Accounting
J. Palmer, Archer
L. Provost, Travel Information
R. W. Robertson, West Section
G. E. Sullivan, Kedzie
H. C. Thelin, North Park
G. L. Wilson, North Section
J. C. Zdenovec, Lawndale

25 years

A. H. Alsterlund, Forest Glen
H. C. Berndt, Building & Construction Division
N. A. Brindl, Electrical Distribution Division
D. J. Brodie Jr., Wilson Maintenance Terminal
A. J. Donofrio, Campaign Area - Surface Garages
E. L. Drzewicki, North Park Garage
P. Fields, South Section
S. A. Florek, Archer Garage
E. Fortuna, Beverly Garage
W. B. Goldsby, Archer
E. J. Haimann, Kedzie
M. L. Harris, North Section
E. J. Heeran, North Section
J. R. Hobbs, Building Wiring Division
H. O. Hughes, 69th Street
H. Johnson, 52nd Street Garage
E. T. Jones, 52nd Street
J. J. Joyce, Forest Glen Garage
R. Lemke, Forest Glen

J. F. Madden, Insurance & Pensions
D. M. McNamara, Purchasing & Stores
R. C. Meckey, Investigation & Claims
W. A. Mount, South Section
T. Mullin, Beverly Garage
A. L. Mustacchi, Utility & Emergency Service
S. P. Nieman, South Shops
R. J. Noreen, Beverly
J. B. O'Brien, South Shops
H. H. Opfergelt, North Avenue
E. Pala, 77th Street Garage
P. M. Palomar, Track Division
S. Phillips, 52nd Street
C. L. Ramsey, 69th Street
E. A. Russo, West Section
R. H. Smith, South Shops
S. F. Straza, North Avenue Garage
T. H. Tadevic, South Shops
R. G. Toft, North Avenue
J. J. Wiesolek, Power Operations Division
J. M. Wilson, Forest Glen
A. Yodual, Campaign Area - Surface Garages

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Methods & Procedures) -

GERRY BLAIR and her family recently pulled up stakes in Chicago and moved to Villa Park...The VIC JOHNSONS now own a little red wagon purchased from American Motors...EDDIE SCHALK purchased a home on Chicago's Northwest Side; he and MARSHA will be moving in this spring...Big BOB BRATEK just sold his home and is now looking in the Park Ridge area to set up housekeeping. DIANE, Bob's daughter, is recovering from a broken leg suffered during the winter...JOE CUCI returned from Florida with quite a sunburn. Joe says, "The honeymoon was great!"...VIC JOHNSON re-enlisted in the naval reserves at Glenview. Vic says that Navy life is really great...In February, PAUL PLATT and his wife, KAREN, spent an enjoyable weekend on the East Coast visiting Karen's parents. Those wedding bells are near at hand for MARY ANN JERAK--the date is May 20...TOM BOLDT's bowling ball did wonders at Calo bowling alley. Tom rolled a 663 series...Our thanks to TOM WODARSKI for the news from Methods & Procedures.

- Judy Cuci

(Payroll) -

We are glad to report that DORIS YOST is now at home and doing well after undergoing knee surgery in Belmont hospital. Although she is not allowed to put much pressure on the knee at present and has to hobble about on crutches, she will improve with therapy treatments. It must be boring for one as active as Doris to be hampered this way; but with a little patience she will be as good as new. Best wishes for a quick recovery, Doris, we're all rooting for you!..If you thought you heard a clicking noise like the sound of "busy bees", it was merely the speedy knitting and crochet needles of some of our girls turning out some unique apparel. It is amazing how beautiful the caps, scarves, skirts and sweaters are and the satisfaction the wearer has knowing they are handmade. Some of these artistic people are MARY CARNEY, JOSEPHINE COLEMAN and CLOTILDE FRANKIEWICZ, who also are very fine couturieres, and to this group we can also add CHRISTINE CAMERON and MAUREEN HOULIHAN who could make The House of Dior quake in its boots...If VI MEYER seems happier and her cheery smile broader than usual lately, the reason is that she is so proud of her nephew, KENNETH DOWER Jr., who was the men's winner of the 11th Annual Sun-Times Beat the Champions bowling contest on February 20. The lucky young man is now the proud owner of a 1972 Dodge Demon, which is pretty sharp for a young fellow 20 years old. Congratulations!..MAUREEN HOULIHAN sent an interesting card from the Hyatt House in Burlingame, California. They drove through the mountains and along the scenic coast and spent some time in Santa Cruz and San Diego.

- Clara Lawrence

(Tabulating) -

DAN FRUSOLONE had some bad luck when he fell and broke his arm on February 10. We miss you, Dan, so mend quickly and hurry back...ANTONETTE DeFRISCO and her

husband had a sad journey to Franklin, Louisiana, on January 24 where they attended the funeral of their grandmother, JENNY GRAFFIO. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire family...On February 15, MARIE FOLZ left the Revenue Department for the Key Punch Department. We extend a warm welcome to Marie...Skokie Shops employee ANDREW RUSINAK, the brother of EMIL RUSINAK, passed away on February 17. Sincere sympathy is extended to Emil and his family.

- Evelyn Leu

CTA SECURITY -

Wedding bells rang February 19 for JOE CUCI, Methods & Procedures, and JOAN JESTICE of Security. The ceremony took place at St. Rita's church, with a reception held at the Knights of Columbus hall on 95th Street. About 200 persons attended. On their honeymoon Joan won a jackpot for hauling in the biggest fish among nine people aboard a deep sea fishing boat off Daytona Beach, Florida. Happiness and good fortune is wished the newlyweds... There's a correction on MIKE LONERGAN's home town, he's moved to Bolling Brook...HEINZ VOGT figures education is a good thing--his dog, Duke, is being sent to obedience school. Heinz, with his HO gauge railroad, is one of an elite group of hobbyists--surveys have shown that a great many model railroaders are professional or executive people...GEORGE and RUTH BONESS are the proud parents of ADAM SEAN, born January 27. Adam is the grandson of HARRY BONESS of the Claim Department, and grandnephew of MAX NETZEL, Linden terminal. Youths had been causing problems along the Skokie Swift line through Evanston. Adam's dad was assigned to the problem. A half dozen youths were caught and corrected by Officer Boness for committing various violations...A trolley bus wandered away from North Avenue Depot and was found at Cicero and Walton. MARV GOLDWATER on the North Avenue unit assisted by keeping watch on the stray, while JIM PANKONEN, garage supervisor in a radio car, picked up a bus repairer to drive the bus in. Marv also assisted at a 3-11 alarm fire at Lake and Parkside by helping the dispatcher with communications...JACK LEAHY on the Limits unit and Marv came up with an offender after the agent at Belmont and Kimball had reported a passenger was using a CTA badge in a suspicious manner. The badge was found to have been reported stolen...A bus stolen from the Jefferson Park terminal was on the loose for less than 30 minutes. JOHN FIRLINGER on the North Avenue unit heard the broadcast about the bus and located the empty bus at Milwaukee and Cicero...Two passengers threatened Agent ELSIE OLSON at Wellington on the Ravenswood. CHESTER MAZURKIEWICZ and Lieutenant JOE OSTERBERGER brought the offenders to justice. Chester was injured in a scuffle during the arrest. He's now back fighting crime. In another incident, Lieutenant Osterberger was alerted by strange noises from the seat behind him. Joe turned around to find a youth dismantling part of the "L" car. The youth demanded to know what Joe was looking at, and Joe said he was looking at someone who was under arrest...There was action on the 77th Street unit when

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GEORGE EVANS had the assignment. One midnight George was on foot in STAN SARNA's area at the South Shops. Everything looked to be in good order, but when a broadcast sounded on George's walkie-talkie two burglars jumped and ran. For safety's sake, George held his fire until the thieves were outside. As they were pulling away in a waiting auto, George put four shots into the auto's rear. The burglars didn't get a chance to take the equipment they had stacked near a door...An old "L" car used for storage at Skokie Shops caught fire. LESLIE DEMAN discovered the fire soon after it began and major damage was averted. Officers, your fine work makes everyone's job better and enhances CTA's services...Former Officer JIM SCHWANK, now a seaman, was in town during the Great Lakes shipping season...Former officers BILL KLODNICKI and DON KUSCH have been paired up in their jobs with the Secretary of State's police. They're working in plainclothes on car theft groups...Happy April birthdays to THOMAS and IPPOLITO (1st), MOKSTAD (2nd), EICHAKER (16th), WISNIEWSKI (17th), SCHNIEDER (24th), JONAS (27th), LAATSCH and STEFFICK (29th), and POTTER and RINI (30th). Remembrances of May birthdays are being celebrated by INGRASSIA (2nd), WALLACE (10th), CONNORS (22nd), and DEMAN (23rd). Your scribe will be 10-7 until next issue.

- Timothy O'Mahony

BEVERLY -

The annual meeting of the Beverly credit union was held at Graver Park where the following were elected to the Board of Directors: G. SCHLETZ, president; J. KING, vice-president; L. BORRMANN, secretary; V. TRIMMER, treasurer; J. THOMPSON, assistant treasurer, EDWARD RICKER and E. WEILER. The credit committee consists of E. Weiler, L. Borrmann, G. Schletz, JOHN KIRBY, and H. FREIWALD. The supervisory committee consists of: M. DOWNS, R. JOHNSON, D. ALLEN, and J. Thompson is our security officer under the FDIC program. Good luck to these men who will devote their time and efforts in helping all the operators at Beverly. Contact any of these men if you should need a loan or want to save money from your paychecks...On the sick list at this writing are: Operators F. JONES, H. DeMANUELLE, A. DAVISTON, J. HICKS, and our all-around man at the 63rd and Kedzie terminal, RALPH ZACHAROLO...Glad to hear that Superintendent GEORGE EVANS is home from the hospital and coming along fine...We express our deepest sympathy to Operator E. HENNECKE in the loss of his father...Pensioner JOHN O'CONNOR was a recent visitor at Beverly. Mr. O'Connor was formerly the superintendent at Beverly and Archer...Pensioner OLLIE DAVIS is drinking orange juice, fishing, and getting a nice sun tan in Florida while we are freezing here. What a life for a poor man...Pensioner JOHN J. HEALY Sr. and his wife celebrated their wedding anniversary on February 24 by having dinner out. John, who had 39 years of service when he retired, started with the old Chicago Motor Coach in 1927.

Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, would like to apologize for missing the last issue; unfortunately, I had to leave town to attend a funeral...On the system pick we lost a lot of old friends, but will gain some new ones. My son, AMOS LEE FOSTER Jr., went back to 77th Street...SCOTTY, the big one, is still leading the lying derby...We at Beverly have our own hero. Operator WILLIAM BAILEY rescued a lady who had been robbed. He gave her bus fare

and money to call the police. Although the robbers escaped, she wrote a very nice letter to CTA commending Mr. Bailey...We have a community patrol in Rosemoor, and it seems to be a great thing. It helps in many ways, preventing crime and making the streets safer for everyone. All qualified persons living in Rosemoor who are interested in the patrol should come to the office at 415 East 103rd street, or call 264-4051 for more information. We will have more about this project in the next issue...We extend our sympathy to Loader WILLARD JOYCE, 95 station, whose mother passed away on March 6...So long for now.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Congratulations to MICHAEL KELLY, project engineer, who recently received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering. He was graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology after attending evening school for 11 years. An understanding wife and six children also helped Mike to attain his goal...Hope that RONALD and SANDRA PFEIFFER, stenographer, enjoy their new home. They have really been busy getting settled in suburban Darien, Illinois...There were several new appointments in the department recently. FREDERICK KING is assistant project engineer, responsible for co-ordinating the Electrical Department's phase of CTA capital improvement program; MATTHEW CIOFFE is special project engineer in charge of electrical line construction design, replacing FRED MARIANI who retired, and WALTER D. MOORE is electrical design engineer. We congratulate them on their promotions...Your reporter shortened the cold month of February by spending a vacation at West Palm Beach, Florida. The weather was great.

- Kay McAlister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Hi fellas. It's that time of the year again when we start thinking about the ice melting on the lakes and we can place a line in our favorite fishing hole and try to find the lunger we missed the year before. A group of signalmen, with FRANK HALPER in charge, are planning a week's fishing trip to Leech Lake in Walker, Minnesota, when the season opens on May 14. The American plan at Forestview Lodge includes three meals and lodging at a cost of \$15.50 per day. As reported by Frank and others who have vacationed there, everyone would be well satisfied with this plan. More information, including brochures, is available. Those interested should contact Frank Halper, signal maintainer at 95th on the Dan Ryan. Arrangements can be made, and anyone not wishing the American plan should state so. Everyone will not have to drive as two vans are to be used on the trip, and we will try to get by with as few vehicles as possible. Anyone having an outboard motor of ten horsepower or more should consider bringing it along to cut the cost of rental. We don't have too much time left, so within 30 days we will have to have a deposit of \$20 from each man wishing to attend...Sadly we report the death of CLINIO CANACCINI, the father-in-law of CHARLES LAS-KOWSKI. To the entire family of Mr. Canaccini, you have our prayers and sympathy...JOHN WOULFE is coming to work every day now with his face lit up with smiles. The reason being his wife, TERI, gave birth to a lovely daughter, KIMBERLY ANN, their first child, on February 11. Using John's own words, she has brought a lot of happiness

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to our lives. Weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces, she's a bargain at any price. Not bad for starts. Right, John?..The race is on! My wife also gave birth to a lovely daughter. Our little bundle of joy arrived February 4. No, she's not our first child; the last, maybe. Little ROBIN LANOR started out with a slight disadvantage--we all had high hopes for a boy. Apparently she was aware of this, and immediately after her arrival she got busy winning over our hearts. Now we wouldn't exchange her for a dozen boys...PAT DOYLE said he will be returning to work soon. He has been off for several weeks recuperating from an eye operation. The rooms in his house seem to be getting smaller and smaller with time and he wants to get out again. OK, Pat, if you think you've had enough you may come back to work...VICK ZASTERA, upon returning from vacationing at beautiful Hot Springs, Arkansas, made no mention of the steaming hot springs and bath houses for which the city is famous. But he came back clean anyway. He said it was because of his profound interest in, and considerable time spent at, the beautiful Oak Lawn Park race track. Vick also noted there are lots of lakes and good fishing in the area as well...DANNY WATERS has just returned from a vacation at Orlando, Florida, where he combined a trip to Disney World with just plain romping with his seven year old granddaughter, PAMELA. Danny, in describing Disney World, said it encompasses 5,000 acres of camp sites, golf courses and big lakes...My sincere thanks to all those who have helped to make this column possible. To Signal Superintendent C. L. WIKSTEN, who has consistently cooperated with our efforts, and to PAUL CLEAVER, FRANK HALPER, KAY McALISTER, and BERNADETTE KIZIOR--all of whom have been a source of encouragement to me.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

Your reporter attended an Old Timers Party in January and met some of our retired members. HARRY BUERGER looks just like his old self, but says that he isn't doing much traveling because his wife hasn't been feeling good. Big BILL WATERS looks just the same and says he gets restless sometimes. You know Bill was always on the go when he was working here...DOMINIC SCUCCOMORI called in to let me know that he is well and still going along. Also, to let us know that he reads the Transit News regularly...CHARLIE SALVATORE is back to work after a six-week sojourn in the hospital and at home after surgery and its complications...BOB HORMEL is back with us after a short visit to the hospital. From what Bob says, when all is normal he will be able to hear much better. Right, Bob?..DINO FUGGETTI is now home recuperating after surgery in Augustana hospital. We heard from him and he is eagerly looking forward to coming back to work...BILL SHEAHAN and CHARLIE PARHAM are both back from short vacations. Guess they both took it easy, we didn't hear any fish stories or descriptions of home projects...The daughters of PETE SZATKOWSKI, TONY RIGLER and your reporter qualified for Illinois State Scholarships and received certificates from the State commending them on their scholastic achievements...We are now awaiting word on the results of the St. Patrick's day parade queen competition. NANCY HOWE, the daughter of LUKE HOWE, is one of the contestants and we are all pulling for her...DON EDWARDS, one of our drivers, reports that his son, DON, is doing very well after a brain operation.

- Ben Nielsen

(Blue Island) -

AL BRONZELL and his wife have returned from a six-week plane and boat ride with stopovers in Hawaii and Japan...Pensioner JOHN DARCY is touring the Caribbean area...I received a nice letter from Pensioner SAM GAF-FEN who is exploring the West Coast for a retirement spot. He said his wife likes Sun City, Arizona, best. He sends his thanks to the fellows who took him out for the pizza party...Our best regards to JOHN HOFFERT and WILLARD LOOS who retired February 1. Bill thanks everyone for the fine retirement dinner held in the Blue Room at Blue Island. We were eating leftovers for three days. Happy retirement to DANNY GRANUCCI who was a special guest at Bill's party...Congratulations to ELIZABETH and BILL POWELL who have joined the "Grandparents Club." A daughter was born to JANICE and WILLIAM POWELL Jr. on Valentine's day...I received a card from DON RYAN who is spending two week's military duty in the naval reserve cooking for 900 men. Happy dishwashing, Don...Our deepest sympathy to JOE NAGRODSKI and his family in the loss of his wife...To members of the Electrical Department, don't forget to keep Friday, May 5, open for our annual corned beef and cabbage dinner for retired employees. We have 15 honored guests this year. Between now and the next issue, let's hear from all of you...Late flash--WILLIAM SPITZOCK retired on March 1. Fifty guests had coffee and rolls with Bill. The following pensioners were present to welcome Bill to their ranks: WALTER YOCIUS, EDDIE BOYLE, PETE PETERSON, ADAM GABLIN, JOHN MICHNICK, WILLARD LOOS, and FRED MARIANI.

- William Rehder

ENGINEERING -

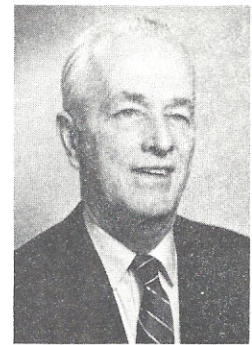
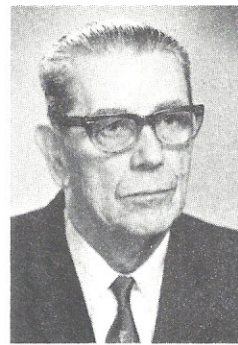
JIM JOEFFREY and his wife took a two-week vacation to California. They went to San Francisco and Los Angeles where they took in the sights and visited some friends...LOUISE SANDSTROM wants to thank everyone for the electric typewriter, and for making her last day so nice...In a recent three-game bowling match, the team of RUSTY RUSAKIEWICZ, ROY SMITH, C. POLLARD and PAUL SWANSON beat the West Shop team of GEORGE MILLONAS, WALLY HALLFORD, JOE MARSZALEK, WALLY GAEDT-KE and RON SWINDELL from Electrical...Paul Swanson and his wife went skiing for the first time at Wilmot and had a good time and no broken bones...Our congratulations to PHIL ADEZZI on his new job as title agent in Real Estate.

(West Shops) -

ED AMUNDSEN, ironworker, and his wife vacationed in Florida. The highlight of the trip was seeing their daughter graduate from college cum laude...ART STEERS, clerk in the Track Department, gave his daughter's hand in marriage on January 29. This is the last of Art's four daughters, they are all married now. Art retired on March 1. We wish you many, many happy and long years of retirement, Art...Congratulations to P. JONES who completed his carpenter apprenticeship on December 31...W. C. HALLFORD, supervisor of mechanical maintenance, vacationed in Florida. This was supposed to be a fishing trip, but Wally said the fish didn't bite. The weather was too cold and windy and the trip was too short. Wally did manage to see Disney World. Did you have fun, Wally?..We wish to express our deepest sympathy to the family of DANNY RAYMOND who passed away February 27 after a long ill-

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired March 1 after completing 40 or more years of transit service each are, left to right, JOSEPH FAMERA, PAUL F. COOK and ARTHUR W. STEERS.



LEONARD C. BORRMAN, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 2-4-36
ROY T. BOVINGDON, Bus & Truck Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 2-6-42
PAUL F. COOK, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 2-5-30
NEIL J. COTTER, Bus Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 8-30-29
JOSEPH FAMERA, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 9-6-28
ARTHUR C. FOURNIER, Car Repairman A,
Forest Park, Emp. 9-24-42
WILLIAM J. GEHRIG, Car Repairman A,
Forest Park, Emp. 11-13-41
LAWRENCE M. HELINSKI, Clerk,
69th Street, Emp. 1-20-43
HARRY E. JOHNSON, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 7-15-37

PATRICK JOYCE, Laborer,
Stores, Emp. 4-22-43
WILLIAM P. SPITZOCK, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 4-6-39
ARTHUR W. STEERS, Road Clerk II,
Engineering, Emp. 8-2-29
WILLIAM H. SUNAGEL, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-3-36
FRANK SWAIN, Shopman II,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 4-14-34

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DALE C. GILMER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-30-36
ANTHONY J. SHEVCHUK, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 6-26-41

ness. Danny was well liked by all at West Shops...We would like to send some CHEER to our shutins: TONY SUNZERI, Track Department, JOHN IWANSKI, plumber helper, DON EDWARDS, laborer, and P. SIMON, painter...BILL FINKLER, engineering trainee, is leaving the West Shops. Nice having you aboard, Bill, and good luck wherever you land. Keep the old concertina in tune...We want to put out the welcome mat to the following new ironworkers: E. LASKI, D. PROTSMAN, S. RUDMAN and H. STENGEL.

- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

Superintendent DeWITT wishes to thank all of our operators for the big improvement in Forest Glen's accident record. So, fellows, keep up the good work. Remember--a moment's pause can give you the time to make sure it's safe to start. Passenger safety is our top aim now...Operator JOHN MAHNKE is on sick leave, having a little trouble with his eyes. Hope to have him back shortly as he is missed greatly by all...Operator DeMAYO was in Mexico again. By the way, DeMayo, what's down there that makes you return so often?..Operator LES DANDERS and his wife spent a three-week vacation driving to Florida. They visited Disney World and took a Caribbean cruise. Boy, do some people know how to spend a vacation...Operator FRANK MORAN and his wife took a week of their vacation and flew down to Tucson, Arizona, they spent an enjoyable time basking in the sun and he was so rested up that he decided to work a little longer...Operator SAM JONES is in the hospital and at present taking quite a rest. Here's hoping Sam is up and around soon. Those pool games are missed and hardly anyone can beat Sam...DON MOTYKA,

the son of JOSEPH MOTYKA, was married to PATRICIA CARROL on January 24. Don works at Skokie Shops. Also a happy birthday to Joseph on February 7. On February 15 Joe and the Mrs. marked 25 years of wedded life. Here's hoping there are many more. Of course, Joe says his wife took him out to dinner...GEORGE and GRACE STREAKE are in Puerto Rico having a ball. He says, "No time for rest, have been on the go ever since we left. Food is fine and the drinks hit the spot"...Clerk PHIL MANGAM went to Hawaii and played golf but had to quit after 12 holes--he ran out of golf balls. Nobody told him the balls wouldn't float on salt water. Of course Phil isn't saying anything about those beautiful girls...If you watch Operator MILLER, you can see he's also getting ready for the golfing season. What's that he's holding in his hand all the time?..TOM MEAGHER's son, RICK, is now living it up in Germany and will be back in two years--most likely with a bride...DAVE EGGERSDORF is now one of our instructors. Good going, Dave...L. DEANE recently celebrated 40 years of married life, and what's nice about it is they were with the same doll...Operator BILL SUNAGEL may have retired March 1, but he intends to keep up his hobby--watching girls...W. R. BARRON was in Florida again and is now driving a new car. Boy, Florida must have something...On April 10 RAY DOWDLE and his lovely wife, MARY, will be married 35 years. Congratulations!..By the way, our CTA golf tournament will be July 17 so let's get ready now.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. GEORGE B. SILER in the recent death of his father, Dr.

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CHARLES A. SILER...Dr. STEPHEN D. MOSNY, with his wife and grandson, flew to Tampa, Florida, for a couple of weeks of sunshine and swimming. He is now sporting a beautiful tan...A puppy by the name of Sniffles has been added to the household of ARLENE and TOM PURALEWSKI and has been keeping them up nights. It's either the puppy or Tom who will end up sleeping in the garage if things don't improve. Someone is bound to end up in the "dog house"...Belated birthday greetings to Dr. B. PIERZYNSKI who claims he was only 39 on March 20, and to HARRY SOREGHEN, medical technician, who will feel like 39 on April 25...News has been received that Pensioner AL GLUECKERT is confined to Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital where he recently underwent heart surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery...MARYANN (Daukshis) TRACEY, former clerk-typist, and her husband, TIM TRACEY, paid a visit. They both look great and are now permanent residents of Chicago.

(Executive) -

JANE MITCHELL and MARY STOMNER decided to try their luck in Las Vegas for a few days recently, and even took in several of the night spots. We have not heard as yet whether they were winners or losers.

(Employment) -

The following employees recently joined the ranks of the CTA: DONNA SCHWAMB, clerk-typist, SUSAN HESS and JOAN WADE, clerk-typists, and CYNTHIA SPARROW, clerk II. Also back with us is JEAN O'NEILL, secretarial stenographer, who formerly worked in the Stores Department. Good to see you back again...ELLIOTT McMAHEL, employment clerk II, spent a week's vacation in and around Chicago taking in the various sights and places he hasn't visited before.

(Reproduction Services) -

We welcome back with open arms MARY LOU PODALAK after being off sick for several months...Looks like SUE GILLESPIE and MARGUERITE RUFFULO have a weight watchers club of their own. Comes every Monday and they both are on the scales weighing in. Wonder how things are going and who's winning the bet. Any comments on your progress, girls?

(Employee Relations) -

JERRY McMANAMON recently flew to Albany, Georgia, where he spent a weekend visiting his brother and sister-in-law. He says the weather down there is ideal.

(Office Services) -

It seems like the department missed the west end of the building and decided to move back to their old headquarters in room 756...Belated birthday greetings to LAVERNE SCHULTZ who celebrated on March 2 and doesn't look a day over 40.

(Personnel) -

MARIE and BILL CLINE just returned from a wonderful two-week stay in Hawaii. While there, they visited the islands of Oahu, Kauai and Maui. They were particularly impressed by the beauty of the islands, especially the endless number and variety of flowers found growing in great abundance wherever they went. The Clines urge everyone to visit Hawaii at least once, but warned that you should allow yourself at least two weeks in the islands. On the way home Marie and Bill stopped off for a few days of fun in

Las Vegas. Except for a marvelous performance by the Supremes in the Fortier Music Hall, Vegas left them flat in more ways than one...The department welcomes TONY BORCIC, former clerk at 69th Street Garage. His sister, CHRISTINE, works in Public Information...WALTER GARBUTT has settled down in Fort Collins, Colorado, and is now living the life of a "retired gentleman"...BRUCE JOHNSON, the son of Superintendent FRANK JOHNSON, has returned from Vietnam and is now attending Rocky Mountain college in Billings, Montana. Frank's other son, DOUG, is the athlete of the family. In recent competition in a Naperville District athletic contest, Doug placed second in the trampoline competition and third in the high bar competition. On March 4 Doug took part in the regional meets. More on that later.

(Public Information) -

We welcome LOIS MOLLENKAMP who transferred from the Employment Department, replacing KATHY MOSER who transferred to the Special Investigations Department. On Valentine's day, Lois' fiancé sent to the office a beautiful self-designed heart of red carnations with a center of white roses and little red foil hearts which made her very happy.

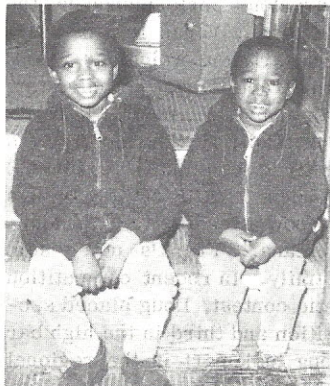
(Insurance) -

We were sorry to see SANDY BARRETT leave to take up full-time housekeeping, and welcomed MARIE CROWLEY, formerly in the Claim Department, who replaced her.

(Research & Planning) -

To start our news off this month we welcome JOAN LISAGOR who joined R/P as a typist for R. LUCZAK, supervisor project liaison. It's nice to have you with us, Joan...Next on the agenda is the IACONO family with news of their new apartment at 1116 W. Taylor street. Grace and her husband, FRANK, South Shops, were so busy getting their new home set up, they weren't sure if they were coming or going. They are glad the moving is over, and the family is now happily settled in their new home...While we were suffering through our sub-zero Chicago weather, BILL JONES was in beautiful Mexico City enjoying a comfortable 75 degrees during his week of vacation. Bill spent a lot of time sightseeing and just getting away from it all. He was real enthusiastic about the entire trip and had a fantastic time...The MACAKS have joined the ranks of the color TV families. GEORGE's eyes have looked a bit bloodshot lately, and now we know it's from staying up and watching all those late, late talk shows and movies...DIANE TRAXLER and her husband, SCOTT, are the owners of a new red Vega. Diane says the car is a lot of fun, and if anyone wants a ride in it and is willing to trust her driving they're welcome to it...TIM OSWALD and CHUCKY MACAK were the leading actors in their school plays. Tim had the title role of Julius Caesar and his dad, NORM, along with the family were in suspense when Brutus did his thing on old Julius. Chucky, who is in kindergarten, starred as Humpty Dumpty. His mom and dad had a lot of fun making his egg-shell costume. After all that hard work they felt a bit saddened when old Humpty got crunched in the end. Despite these tragedies, you can be sure the plays were a great success and their parents were very proud of their children...Last but not least, DAVE LEVITIN has been taking his great dane, Cleopatra, for quite a few walks ever since they found \$10 one night.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neunauer



TWO FUTURE bus operators who can hardly wait until they can drive a bus are DERRICK and STEVEN PITTMAN, the sons of Beverly Station Operator LEODIS PITTMAN.

KEELER -

Hi all you birds and bees. Ah yes, 'tis nearing the season for blooming trees stretching their arms skyward, and shy flower buds peeking through the soil. Then comes the sound of the ice cream vendor, the whirl of the old lawn mower, and the sickening flat slap of the old paint brush. Oh well, you have to take the good with the bad. So, fellows, knowing that the clean-up, paint-up season is upon us, I tried to find an out for us. The doc told me that my problem was just plain laziness. I said, "Yes, doctor, I know that, but what is a scientific name for it? I've got to report to my wife."..Well, we can look with happy anticipation at our ole Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL who is still vacationing in sunny California after retiring...A couple of really good guys are Serviceman JOHN GURRIERI who remembered that his mom, KATHLEEN, had her birthday on March 25; and JOHN KOHMAN proudly showed off his daughter, DENISE MARIE, on her sixth birthday March 6... Congratulations are extended to lovely ADDIE HAMPTON, the wife of Operator OTIS HAMPTON, who is still the apple of his eye after two years of marital bliss...It's nice to see our good paymaster, JOHN POPE, fully recovered from surgery and back at the helm again...We all lend moral support to our station instructor, CHARLEY WEYER, who will have undergone surgery at this writing. Hurry back, Charley, we all miss you. BOB ANDERSON is doing a very capable job pinch-hitting for Charley...Operator TED PYZYNA was fortunate enough to ease by his hospitalization without surgery...Not yet, but we're waiting for further news of possible fractures. Reason--two of our garage-men, JOHN ZOJAC and JIM ARNOUX, are amateur hockey players...I received news that Repairman BOB McCABE is recuperating at home with a broken ankle. The kicker is, I was told, he injured said ankle after stepping on a snowflake...The garage grapevine also revealed that Mechanic FRANK HAGEN is back on days after six months of nights. Word also has it that Frank and JOHN KOHMAN have ended a long standing feud. Maybe they got their wrenches crossed...Seems that everyone is waiting for JOE VALTIERRA to enter the sick book very shortly. Joe finally got himself a haircut. He and the barber took the hair away in bushel baskets...WHITEY SZYMELL, now our official box puller, returned from the ranks of the sick in time to remind me that on March 1, his wife, HELEN, let another birthday sneak up on her. Keep having them, Helen, because on you they don't show...JOE ESPOSITO won \$10 in his mixed bowling league. Some very low personage stage-whispered, "What kind of mixed league--little kids and cripples?" That's alright, Joe, a 120 average isn't half bad...Say, fellows, if you have trouble bringing in those big ones, then see the fishing pros--Operators BROWNING and

FISCHER. Browning is also a great hunter. He went hunting a while back and a bear had to lead him back to civilization. Last year Browning, Fischer and myself went on a fishing trip. There was a fourth in our party, but I promised not to tell anyone that Operator FILIPEK might as well have stayed home...Hi, ZIELKE, we haven't forgotten you...Until next time, while doing those chores for the little lady, remember, "Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully."

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

I received a letter from Pensioner JESSE CINKUS and his wife who are presently in Phoenix, Arizona. Since being there, Jesse has visited gold, silver and copper mines. He also visited the Tombstone gallows and boot hill cemetery. Jesse and his wife have been in Arizona for four months and have collected nearly 80 pounds of rock samples. When he returns to Chicago, Jesse will seek out some cutting and polishing machinery so that he can prepare them for display. He and his wife returned to the Windy City around March 1...The 34th annual membership meeting of the Lawndale Federal Credit Union was held on Saturday, March 25, at the Lorraine ballroom, 2801 Hamlin. For further assistance in your credit union, JOE NOLAN, JOHN DANIEL and BILL KLECKA are always ready to serve you...Operator FRANK DOWNEY has fully recovered from his illness and is now working as a loader. Good luck on your new job, Frank...Instructor JOE STEINBACK has returned to Lawndale and was a welcome sight to Instructors JAMES FULLER and DAVE HINMAN...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator HARRY COX in the recent passing of his mother...We also extend our condolences to Operator and Mrs. DOMINICK PAPA in the passing of his mother-in-law...As of this writing our basketball team has won seven games and only lost two. The feeling around Lawndale is that the team might go all the way...Board Member FRANK LASKE, North Park, has cited one of our operators, HAYWARD BORDERS, for preventing what could have been an embarrassing traffic jam at the Devon-Kedzie terminal recently. Laske cited Operator Borders for his quickness of thought and devotion to duty. Congratulations to Hayward as he is indeed a credit to his fellow operators...Our sick list this month includes Operators L. EVERETT and ARTHUR ADAMS. Operator DAVID COPELAND is in Veteran's hospital, and Repairman LEMUEL COOK is receiving visitors at St. Ann's hospital. Operator ROBERT SMITH is now recuperating at home. Assistant Foreman TONY KASMAN is still off as of this writing recovering from an operation. Repairman JOE OLANDESE is also recuperating from his illness...I would like to welcome these new men who have transferred from other stations during the recent seniority pick: L. A. KRAHULA, R. O. YOUNG, D. HOWARD, E. G. WHEAT, P. L. HOLLINS, R. A. WALTON, J. W. HAWKINS, R. L. BOWERS, D. L. JOHNSON, W. STUBBS, R. L. HUGHES, R. C. BROWN, R. F. JONES, J. R. WILLIAMS, H. E. MOORE, R. RAMSEY, R. L. MCCOY, W. SMITH Jr., D. SMITH, E. GIDDENS, A. SIMS, L. L. WHITEHEAD and W. A. EMBRY. I would like to say to all the men who left Lawndale, I sincerely hope that you enjoy your new assignments and good luck...Operator TOMIE JACKSON enjoyed a week's vacation during our recent cold spell...Clerk CLARK CARTER and Operator ABE WILSON are going at it head and head with their chess matches. Each claims to

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be the best, and they've challenged all comers...Happy birthday to the following personnel for this month: R. J. HOLAN, H. O. COX, D. DeBUONO, S. E. JONES, B. J. HERRON, L. M. MINOR, W. L. STEVENS, C. J. RIEP, W. WALKER, E. L. BAINES, S. E. SZARAFINSKI, D. HOWARD, J. E. VAN OOOY, C. E. WAIR, D. COPELAND, M. MORGAN, T. THOMAS, W. ALLYSON, E. MILLBROOK, H. G. TERRY, F. JONES, T. L. STEWART, J. B. JEFFERS, D. STENNIS, and W. SMITH...Don't forget, fellows, to think safety while we're doing our respective jobs. Let's all try a little harder to bring our accident par down each month. So long now until next month.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

Operator IRVING LEWIN, his wife, JEANETTE, and granddaughter, LAURIE, had a very enjoyable vacation in sunny Florida and the Virgin Islands. They did a lot of sightseeing and fishing. They visited HERMAN ERICKSON, former superintendent at Limits, who is now enjoying his pension in Florida. He sends his regards to all the men at Limits...Operator WILLIAM HARVEY and his wife, CAROL, spent their vacation in Mexico visiting friends and doing some deep sea fishing in the Gulf of Mexico...Happy birthday to Operator GEORGE GART who was 12 years old on February 29. He has a birthday every four years because of leap year. George is really the young age of 48 years old...SAM GIRARD had an enjoyable vacation taking in the sights of these United States and visiting many places of historic interest...Congratulations to VINCENT SHAYER and his wife, MARY, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Denver, Colorado...STANLEY GUSTAFSON suffered a broken collarbone in an automobile accident. We all wish you a speedy recovery...Instructor E. DIEDEN celebrated 30 years of service with the CTA. He has a few more years before he will be eligible for his pension. Congratulations!...EDWARD FEDEROWICZ is back to work after being off for a long spell due to illness. He will be working as a maintenance man at Limits...We are happy to see bus placer KEN STENDEL back to work again after suffering a fractured foot. He does an outstanding job of placing the buses fast and efficiently...At this writing Operator E. NOWICKI is confined to the hospital due to illness. We wish you a speedy recovery...The men in the garage are doing an excellent job of keeping our buses in shape. All of us operators wish to thank you...Limits Credit Union will now be located in our new offices, for which our officers are very happy. If you need financial assistance, visit our credit union and you will be happy you did...Our sincerest sympathy to ROBERT and LES KEAG in the loss of their dear mother, Mrs. MYRTLE KEAG.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

Birthday greetings are extended to Agent DOROTHY FORD. Dorothy and her husband, LEO, also celebrated their wedding anniversary and her anniversary with the company...Congratulations to Agent MORA HAASE and her husband who celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary, and they are still in love...Wedding anniversary congratulations are also extended to F. LUCAS and his wife. They always have a great celebration for this occasion...Collector V. NORSTROM and his wife celebrated their wedding

anniversary on February 22...Pensioner HELEN PALLISTER is a proud grandmother again. Her son and daughter-in-law are the proud parents of a little boy. Helen, write and tell us all about this little sweetie...A few weeks ago Clerk DAN DOYLE had a nice phone call from retired Chief Clerk HARRY BAKER. Harry is just fine and says hello to all...It's great to see Agent DAVE GRAFMAN back on the job at Pulaski and Kennedy. Keep well, Dave, that station doesn't look right without you there...Retired Superintendent RALPH DeMARIA visited the 54th Street office and he was looking good and feeling fine...Your co-reporter, MILDRED DOYLE, and her hubby, DAN, had a warm and fun-filled vacation this winter. They flew to California when the weather here was 18 degrees below zero. While there they also visited Mexico. The highlight of the trip was a tour of the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Dan drove their friend's Indian Winnebago camper through the desert to Las Vegas. Mildred and her friend, JEANETTE, played cards all the way, while Jeanette's husband, VIC, acted as co-pilot to Dan. In Arizona, Mildred carved her name on a rock. She said she will see if it is still there when they go again next year. They made a stop in Calico, an old silver mining and ghost town. The old boot hill cemetery next to the town contained about 200 graves ranging in age from 1881 to 1945, with plots reserved for people still living in the Calico area. Dan and Mildred enjoyed dinner and the show at the Stardust hotel in Las Vegas. The show was very colorful and beautiful...We hope by the time this goes to press, Agent DOROTHY PARKER has a bright new shiny car. Dorothy was awakened in the wee hours of the morning by a loud noise and the ringing of the doorbell. Yes, a hit and run driver had smashed into her car and it was a complete loss. The one pleasure her mother and dad had, was going places with Dorothy on Saturdays and Sundays. So with your new car, I hope you have the best of luck, and that your mom and dad have many pleasurable rides during the warm days of summer...Pensioner JOHN CAMPBELL sends his regards to all at CTA. He would enjoy letters from his friends. His address is: 5004 Cedar avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19143.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Senior Station Instructor KEN BROWN and his wife, DONNA, welcomed another little one, CHERYL LYNN, into their home on February 6. The Browns bought a camper recently and I wonder if the little one will change their vacation plans?...If you see a new Buick LeSabre around Jefferson Park, it must belong to MIKE VELTRI as he has one ordered. Congratulations, Mike...Janitor CHARLIE RAJEWSKI is in Little Company of Mary hospital. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery. Charlie is the brother of Ticket Agent WALLY RAJEWSKI...Pensioner WILLIAM BLISS had lung surgery on February 29 and is coming along fine. All his CTA friends wish him a speedy recovery...Motorman TOM RAPP was in an accident recently and is presently on the sick list and wearing a neck brace. Hurry back, Tom, as you are really missed. Also on the sick list are: MARY JO OHNESORGE, VALERIE THOMAS, and "Fox" CONNER. We hope they will all return to work soon in good health...Student Agent RODNEY JACKSON and his wife, BRENDA, are the proud parents of a baby girl, RANDI JASMINE, born on February 12 weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces...TOM WIXTED, the son of Agent MARY WIXTED, is on cloud nine as he was hired by CTA as a bus operator,

a job he has long dreamed of. His father was a bus operator for about 17 years. Tom's wife and children are very thrilled because their daddy is going to drive one of those great big buses...Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband had a two-week vacation in Florida on February 6 and visited Disney World, Busch Gardens, Cypress Gardens, Lion Country Safari, and took in the dog races and won, but lost on the horses. They visited three sisters of Grace's and her son and his family. They also visited with ALEX MUSCATO in Hollywood, and had a nice chat. Alex said to tell all his friends at CTA hello for him. Grace also visited her nephew in Hialeah...Congratulations to VERN NORSTROM and his wife, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on February 22. Hope they have many more happy years together!

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to two grandpas. One is Repairman JOSEPH HURMAN whose daughter, MARY PLESKEWICZ, gave birth to an 8½ pound baby girl, MICHELE, on December 14. The other is GEORGE SLADEK, repair department, whose daughter, ELIZABETH, presented him with an 8 pound 13 ounce grandson--his sixth grandchild...We received a welcome letter from our old friend, BILL ECHOLS. He has been in and out of the hospital several times, but is at home now. He sent along news about some of our pensioners. EDDIE HANSEN is in the hospital. HERB OUMETTE and EDDIE CANNON lost their wives. THOMAS LEAHY passed away. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also." Eddie and his wife were the parents of movie actress MAUREEN CANNON. Bill says the last time he came home from the hospital there were over 50 letters waiting for him. The folks Bill lives with are very kind to him and he is happy there. We were also happy to hear from Pensioner CARL WINDMUELLER who is temporarily living in West Chicago...Supervisor WILLIAM GILLIS and his better half spent their vacation at Pompano Beach, Florida. Operator FLORIAN DWIEL and his spouse, EVA, enjoyed their vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida. The weather was warm. Many homes are being built there for pensioners...Pensioner SYLVESTER (Red) CAROLAN left for Tucson, Arizona, in January. The doctor felt the change of climate would be good for Red. It's a great time of year to get away from the snow and cold...We wish a speedy recovery to South Shops Foreman BILL KOSEK. I do hope he is back soon. I have the job of looking after his horse and I'm running out of oats...I hope you and your families had a great celebration on St. Patrick's day. I know most of you men are polishing up your fishing gear and golf clubs waiting for the good warm weather to come around...Operator EDWARD DOWLING visited New York on his vacation...We hope all of you had a blessed and happy Easter.

Once again a great big HELLO to everyone from the Inner Sanctum. Our first order of business is to get Instructor JIM BROGAN out of the dog house. It seems that his wife, EVELYN, wasn't at all happy that he forgot to mention that they had been married 31 years last January 21. If it's all right with the two of you, we will offer our belated congratulations and hope that Jim's memory will improve during the next 31 years. All of us in the office are anxiously looking forward to April 16. That's the day

ON HER recent visit to Florida, GRACE MOUNTS, co-reporter for Milwaukee, Lake & Douglas, is pictured here picking an orange in the back yard at the home of her brother-in-law, DICK BROMBERG. Dick retired as a Logan Square ticket agent in 1961, and previously worked on streetcars from Elston and Devon carbarns.



we are going to help Instructor Brogan blow out the candles on his birthday cake. Happy birthday, Grandpa!..Would anyone know whether Operator HARDER and his wife still have that 21-inch Crosley TV set that she won at a picnic way back in 1956...The HICKEYS, TOM and BEA, once again boarded their magic carpet and flew off to the land of Sunkist oranges and Disneyland, the State of California. Along with a side trip down to Mexico, they had a great time. Have you ever heard of going from Chicago to California by way of Atlanta, Georgia? Believe it or not, that's the way they went...Retired Supervisor CONNIE O'SHEA was a welcome visitor to the office recently. He's looking well and enjoying his retirement. We wonder how Mrs. O'SHEA likes having him under her feet all day. One of our informants had told us about a surprise retirement party given for Connie last January by his family. We were told that in spite of a band-aid on his thumb, the great virtuoso entertained the guests with several classical selections on the piano. In the event that the Shannon Rovers would like to enlist Connie's services, our informant would like very much to be his manager. Party refreshments included a specially made cake that contained a bit of Irish porter. Connie was also presented with a "curb check." It was nice seeing you Connie, drop in anytime...We are going to stray over to Keeler station to congratulate Operator HALL and his wife on the birth of their son, CHRISTOPHER, who was born January 7. Is the little guy still keeping you awake Hall?..We also wish to extend our most sincere sympathy to the family of Operator JOHNNIE O'SHEA, also of Keeler, on their recent bereavement. Yours truly had the pleasure of working with John for many years and always thought that he was a great guy. We also offer our sympathy to the following families: Superintendents BOB and LES KEAG, in the loss of their mother. Operator PELIKAN, in the loss of his father. Relief District Superintendent HILDEBRANT in the loss of his brother...If everything goes well, our next column should contain a twin announcement. Don't forget to look for it...Let's hope that by this time TOM SHANAHAN of Surface Operations has recovered from a bad accident that occurred in February. Also, Superintendent VIC JOHNSON, of Forest Glen, who was hospitalized about the same time. And last, but by no means least, MARY LOU PERCE, the wife of Supervisor SOL (Jogger) PERCE, who also spent a few days in the hospital. To all of you, hurry up and get well and let's try to stay out of those places...Just one last request; all you operators that have any news items, be sure and put them in the Transit News box just outside the token sales window. All of you superintendents, clerks, supervisors, in-

structors and custodians, drop your news items off to me here at the switchboard. Between Bill and I, we'll see that your name gets into print as soon as possible. We also want to say "Goodbye, and good luck" to those of you who left North Avenue on the recent system pick. The welcome mat has been rolled out for those of you coming from other stations.

- William Miedema & Walter Bliz

NORTH PARK -

Superintendents ALEX JOHNSON, EDWARD BRODD and WILLIAM PARNUM, along with the instruction force, wish to thank the operators and garage personnel for their part in setting a new all-time low accident record in 1971... Miss JOAN ELAINE MIKIETA, the daughter of Operator JOSEPH MIKIETA, was married on Saturday, February 12, to ROBERT J. MORTON Jr. The wedding was held at the First Baptist church of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, and was attended by 150 guests. The young couple honeymooned throughout Florida... Operator ELMER WILLENBROCK recently had his picture published in the Chicago Tribune when he was photographed shaking hands with Oakland Athletics pitcher Vida Blue at the Chicago baseball writers annual banquet... DEBRA SAUER, the daughter of Operator CHARLES SAUER, a sophomore at Roosevelt High school, won first place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy script writing and broadcast contest. Debra will now advance to Springfield to compete against other district winners for the State championship... MORT LIBERT, formerly an operator at North Park, is now working as a ticket agent on the Congress branch. Mort, who had been seriously ill, would like to thank his many friends for their prayers and cards during his recovery period... Operator FRANK LASKE paid off Operator JOHN WEBER with a bag of 3,000 pennies on a recent wager. John had to hire a taxicab to get the loot home as the weight of the bag was too much for him to carry... Pensioner LARRY BENNETT, formerly one of our fine supervisors in District D, writes to report that he is enjoying his pension life to the hilt, and doesn't mind the zero weather and snow, now... North Park Depot is sparkling and shining with a new paint job provided by painters RICH KRUGER, PAT WHITE, PETE PLUTA and JOHN LAZZARO... Pensioner ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION, who are enjoying life in Forsyth, Missouri, have purchased a deluxe 35 foot Bass fishing boat equipped with an electric motor for trolling and a 35 horsepower motor. The boat also has three upholstered chairs and a large cooling box for food and beverages. I'll be looking for a free ride in April, Roy, when I come down to Forsyth... Operator HENRY HIGLEY, the most eligible bachelor of North Park, vacationed at Montego Bay, Jamaica, for two weeks in January. Henry reports that it was the most enjoyable vacation he has had... Operator WILLARD FRIEB and his wife, ADELAIDE, enjoyed their two-week vacation in Chicago's sub-zero weather by dining out at several outstanding restaurants. The Friebs' daughter, DEBORAH, presented her parents with a beautiful color TV set in appreciation of their kindness to her... Operator ZEKE JAGST and his wife, HILDA, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on February 20 and began their second honeymoon with a week of skiing at Indianhead Mountain in Wakefield, Michigan... Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI and his wife, GERALDINE, became the parents of a second child when a daughter, KARALIN JULIAN, was born on October 27 at Northwest hospital weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces... Operator RAVINDRA M. GORADIA became a

father for the first time when his wife, SHIRLEY MAE, gave birth to a daughter named SHARMILA SHIRLEY on January 26 at Resurrection hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces... Operator CHARLES CHRISTENSEN celebrated his 15th birthday on February 29 when he became 60 years of age. Charles' wife and children held an open house at their home and the festive occasion was enjoyed by all... Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator KEESLER POLK Jr. and his wife, CHARLOTTE, their 8th; Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, their 24th; Operator TOM DeCANTILLON and his wife, MARY, their 25th; Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, their 35th; Operator GEORGE TORSON and his wife, JUNE, their 19th; Operator DON McKINNEY and his wife, BARBARA, their 18th; Pensioner IRVING MOSKOVITZ and his wife, ANN, their 42nd; Pensioner WILLIAM KLEPITCH and his wife, IRENE, their 43rd; Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, their 38th; Pensioner ALBERT PARADISE and his wife, FAYE, their 8th; Instructor EDWARD SCHWAMB and his wife, DONNA, their 11th; Instructor JOE DAUGIRD and his wife, LOTTIE, their 32nd; Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, their 26th, and Superintendent VICTOR JOHNSON and his wife, RUTH, their 32nd... Happy birthdays are extended to the following: BONNIE NEWMAN, STEVEN and CYNTHIA BUDZISZ, DANNY and LAURA KURCZEWSKI, HEIDI PESTINE, Operators WALTER ZINKOVICH, SOL MUSCARELLO, GEORGE TORSON, ARMAND DELGADILLO, CHESTER DAMIAN, LOUIS SCHWARTZ and GARY NOONAN, Receivers ED STENZEL and BILL CERKAN, Clerk RAY MILANOVICH, and Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON... Our deepest sympathy and condolences are extended to Superintendents ROBERT and LES KEAG in the passing of their mother, Mrs. MYRTLE KEAG, and to Superintendent of Instruction TOM STIGLIC in the passing of his father, Mr. MATE STIGLIC... Operator PAUL COOK, who has been working as the number one box puller at North Park, retired on March 1. Paul, a member of the credit committee of the credit union, is going to relax and spend some time traveling around. We at North Park wish Paul and his wife, LAURA, many years of enjoyment in their golden years ahead... Congratulations to GENO BRACH on his promotion to garage instructor, and we all know he will be a good influence on the younger mechanics... NORA KARIOLICH, the daughter of Assistant Foreman ANDY KARIOLICH, became engaged on February 1 to RICHARD ACKART, a medical student at North Carolina State university. The young couple is planning a June wedding... Repairman PAUL SCHREVEs vacationed at Miami Beach, Florida, and reports that he didn't have time to find a rich widow, but the weather and swimming in the Atlantic ocean was great... ART CARLSON and WILLIAM STAUNTON were also on vacation... Repairman ROBERT JOHNSON was hospitalized at St. Elizabeth hospital for a hernia operation and at this writing is recovering rapidly... The garage welcomes new Repairman AL RANDLE and Servicemen ROBERT TRACY and L. BIALEK... The sympathy of the garage is extended to Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR in the loss of his father, EDWARD O'CONNOR of Kerry County, Ireland, and also in the loss of his brother-in-law, JOHN GLEASON.

- Melvin Fanning

NORTH SECTION -

Ticket Agent ROSE McANDREWS has returned to work after a long siege of illness and a stay in the hospital.

INSIDE NEWS

Rose wishes to thank all her many friends and co-workers for all their visits, calls and cards...Returning to work after being off sick were Agents SARA SIMMONS, TOM QUINLAN, and VALERIE BRADBERRY who suffered a bad fall on an escalator. MARY GALLON, secretary at Howard Street office, was home with the flu bug. All the office employees missed her witty humor, and were glad to see her back again...Former Ticket Agent GERTHA WILLIAMS, who took a leave of absence, is now the proud mother of a baby girl...Howard Street Clerk TOM GUNN is still off sick. We all wish him a speedy recovery...Agent CATHERINE ZIEMBA has been seriously ill and in the hospital. We wish her a rapid recovery. Other agents on the sick list at this time are: M. McBRIDE, M. ROCHE, A. HORN, T. MOORE, J. SAINSBURY and A. WASHINGTON. Agent DORIS BARTHEN, Kimball A.M. agent, is presently at home very ill. Our well wishes, Doris...Student Agent MARY RAGO has received her engagement ring. Talk about being on cloud nine! Everyone is wondering where Mary found such a nice young man. As yet no date has been set for the wedding. Congratulations to the young couple...Kimball Avenue Station Superintendent BILL ROONEY and his wife celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on February 14. Mr. Rooney said they tripped the light fantastic at the Terrace Room in Lombard...Agents with one year anniversaries with the company are JEAN BOWENS and MATILDA WILSON, who also celebrated their birthdays on February 24. Happy birthday!...Agent VIVIAN LEE had a week's vacation and Vivian said she just goofed around and had a do-nothing vacation...Agent PEARL LANOFF flew to Texas for two weeks with her daughter...Congratulations to Agent LORRAINE ORR. Her son, ANGELLO, and his wife have made Lorraine one of the youngest looking grandmas on the line...While Janitor JOHN McCONVILLE was on vacation during the last part of February he had his toe operated on. What did you do, John? Drop the broom on it?.. Our sincere sympathy to Kimball Motorman RAY EGGBRECHT in the passing of his father in Largo, Florida. Services were held in Hammond, Indiana, on February 17... Congratulations to JOE GOLDBERG who has been made chief collector on the North Section. We also have two new collectors, J. BRISTER and T. McKENNY...HUGH HEGARTY, secretary of Division 308, has informed us that the Blue Cross insurance will be discontinued April 14 and the Travelers becomes effective April 15. If anyone wishes to know more, or has any questions, be sure to get the correct answers by calling the union office at ST2-4665. . . Question! Has anyone heard from former Agents FEDELMAN HENRY or BETTY HAWKINS? Many of their former co-workers have been asking about them...I would like to make a correction on a typographical error; Superintendent of Agents and Janitors J. W. BRUCKER and Mrs. BRUCKER recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary--not their 30th (sorry boss)... Supervisor JACK PRITT celebrated his birthday on February 26. To Jack we say happy birthday and many more. Also to JOHN McCONVILLE and JIMMY QUON. Birthday greetings also to the following men who had birthdays in February: C. HOWARD, W. WOFFORD, W. COX, E. JAMISON, N. MOORE, R. RIDDLE, R. WALTER, J. TURNER, L. MURPHY, J. NAPLES, J. WILIEKO, S. MIRALLEGRO, R. FRANKE, H. RANDELL, J. WILLIAMS, R. JACKSON, W. ROLAND, E. JAMES, B. BUCKLEY, E. PALMER, J. NAVY, W. RICHARDS, M. SZCZECIN and T. GREEN...The officers of your credit union stand ready to help you should the need arise. Your credit union might not be the "big bank with the little bank inside", but it could prove to be a

valuable asset in your future...Now that the vacation picks are over, remember, should you take a trip or whatever you might do, your fellow workers would like to hear about it. Remember your Transit News. Nothing is printed unless you, yourself let us know. Your news can be left at the Howard or Kimball offices. Let's see the North Section better represented from now on.

- Tina Henke

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Superintendent of Stores J. T. HARTY and his wife recently enjoyed a trip to Florida. They left behind the 7 degree weather of Chicago and headed for the 87 degree Florida weather. While there they stopped at Zephyr Hills, Disney World and Ft. Lauderdale. They also visited Mr. Harty's sister and a cousin. They spent an enjoyable time with Mr. and Mrs. ED DEVINE, a former buyer for CTA. They send their regards to everyone. The Harty's vacation ended with a return trip via Washington, D. C., for a delightful visit with their grandchildren, and are back in Chicago's 7 degree temperature. Welcome back!...CATHY CLOUGH, former reporter for Transit News, and her husband, HARRY, welcomed the arrival of their son, HARRY MARTIN Jr., who weighed in at 7 pounds 10 ounces...JOAN THOMAS, formerly of Purchasing and her husband, JIM, also welcomed the arrival of their daughter, MONICA... TONY DI GIOVANNI, Stores, became a grandfather on January 15 when his daughter gave birth to a baby boy, MATTHEW JOHN BIEWER, in Manhattan Beach, California, where she resides...And what about this one? JOHN SPRINGER, Stores, became a grandfather for the 26th time when his daughter gave birth to 7 pound 8 ounce JAMES DANIEL McGRATH. John now has 13 grandsons and 13 granddaughters. Congratulations to all of you...Get well wishes are extended to TERESA DE LEONARDIS, Purchasing, who underwent surgery. Hurry back, Teresa...LEE DeSUTTER's husband, FRANK, is also on the sick list. We all wish you a speedy recovery...Wedding bells rang on February 26 for MARY ANN WALLACE, Stores, who became Mrs. JAMES BURNS. The happy couple is spending two weeks in Acapulco, Mexico...After a tiring day at work, JILL MISE of Specifications was heading home recently when a rock came hurtling through the window of the train and hit her on the head. After much confusion, Jill only had one thing to say, "Why me?". MIKE TOOLIS, the son of JIM TOOLIS, Purchasing, recently made the dean's list at Illinois University in Urbana. Congratulations, Mike!..We would like to wish PATRICK JOYCE of Stores a long, happy and healthy retirement. Patrick retired on March 1 after 29 years of service.

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Sugar and spice and everything nice, that's what little girls are made of. On February 12, the VODVARKAS became the proud and happy parents of a new 6 pound 13 ounce baby girl named JENNIFER ANN. Congratulations to JOE and MARILYN. They now have two boys and two girls. Another proud person in our office is JULIE WILLEM who became a grandmother twice within 15 days. RAYMOND and ADELINA WILLEM had their first baby, ANA MARIE, who weighed 7½ pounds, then on February 15, KARLA ANN was born weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces. Her parents, KEN-

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ARTHUR G. ANDERSON, 70, South Section,
Emp. 12-10-17, Died 1-1-72
MATE BABICH, 75, Frog Shop,
Emp. 8-25-19, Died 1-11-72
EMIL F. BAEHREND, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-15-24, Died 1-6-72
CRUTCHFIELD F. BAKER, 70, North Park,
Emp. 5-20-25, Died 1-25-72
THOMAS J. BARRETT, 75, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-26-27, Died 1-21-72
JOSEPH BARSKIS, 87, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-4-44, Died 1-21-72
OTTO C. BRUEBACH, 69, Kedzie,
Emp. 12-27-33, Died 1-15-72
FRANCESCO BRUNO, 70, Track,
Emp. 8-4-29, Died 1-27-72
ARTHUR C. BURGSTROM, 83, Devon,
Emp. 7-15-25, Died 1-12-72
NATALE CALE, 73, Track & Structures,
Emp. 10-20-41, Died 1-31-72
JOHN H. CAMPBELL, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-10-44, Died 1-9-72
JOHN CARROLL, 87, Devon,
Emp. 6-7-06, Died 1-3-72
ENRICO COSENTINO, 85, Track,
Emp. 9-16-29, Died 1-20-72
THOMAS J. CURNANE, 71, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-25-27, Died 1-15-72
CARL J. DAHLBERG, 73, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-14-23, Died 1-22-72
WILLIAM H. DAWE, 75, Kimball,
Emp. 12-5-23, Died 1-18-72
DAVID E. EVANS, 68, Public Information,
Emp. 11-23-53, Died 1-29-72
THOMAS GEARY, 76, Beverly,
Emp. 5-5-31, Died 1-16-72
NICK GRBO, 83, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-19-22, Died 10-20-71
WALTER GRUBNER, 82, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-29-10, Died 1-6-72
WILLIAM HEELAN, 71, West Section,
Emp. 4-13-18, Died 1-10-72
MICHAEL J. HOWLEY, 68, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-10-42, Died 1-23-72
JOHN F. KAPLAN, 50, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-2-47, Died 2-7-72
JOSEPH KISELUS, 56, Technical Services,
Emp. 4-26-40, Died 2-25-72

ARTHUR F. KRUEGER, 66, Archer,
Emp. 12-1-14, Died 12-20-71
MICHAEL E. LAVCEK, 83, West Shops,
Emp. 8-22-21, Died 12-30-71
EDWARD MORAVEC, 78, 77th Street,
Emp. 4-4-24, Died 1-24-72
THOMAS F. O'GARA, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-4-19, Died 1-13-72
JOHN E. O'SHEA, 58, Keeler,
Emp. 8-30-43, Died 2-4-72
LESTER M. O'SHEA, 64, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-5-29, Died 1-8-72
ALEX G. PETERSON, 72, Treasury,
Emp. 6-1-16, Died 1-19-72
ARVID P. PETERSON, 74, Limits,
Emp. 10-29-29, Died 1-5-72
LEONARD D. PETERSON, 77, West Section,
Emp. 6-23-47, Died 1-1-72
CHARLES J. POWERS, 67, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-23-23, Died 1-14-72
GEORGE D. PRINZING, 73, West Section,
Emp. 6-5-23, Died 1-7-72
EARL PROVIS, 58, 52nd Street,
Emp. 2-15-47, Died 2-6-72
FRANK J. PUODZIUNAS, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 3-14-45, Died 1-25-72
STEPHEN J. RALINOVSKY, 85, West Shops,
Emp. 8-1-27, Died 1-3-72
DANIEL RAYMOND, 46, Building,
Emp. 2-26-68, Died 2-28-72
MARTIN J. REIDY, 67, 69th Street,
Emp. 6-21-29, Died 1-16-72
GEORGE ROSE, 61, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-24-42, Died 1-4-72
ANDREW RUSINAK, 47, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 9-4-69, Died 2-17-72
FRED A. SCHULTZ, 66, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-18-36, Died 1-27-72
JOSEPH P. SHEA, 71, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-4-22, Died 1-20-72
MATE STIGLIC, 90, Track,
Emp. 6-8-21, Died 1-16-72
BEN I. TWERY, 79, Accounting,
Emp. 1-28-24, Died 1-25-72
MIKOLAS WENCKUS, 85, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 9-14-09, Died 1-21-72
EDWARD T. WROBLESKI, 60, Archer,
Emp. 8-18-36, Died 12-29-71

NETH and JANET SVATOS, now have three girls...Not long ago LORRAINE BRAZZLE took a trip to Augusta, Georgia, where she visited with her sister and her family. The weather was beautiful and the temperature was in the 70's everyday. Lorraine even got a chance to go bike riding. They all had a real good time and enjoyed their first ride on a 747...In the Charter Section JANICE VANDERHORST announced her engagement to WAYNE ORLOWSKI and set the wedding for October 21, 1972. MAUREEN O'REILLY announced her engagement to LARRY PALMER with the date set for November 18, 1972. Congratulations to all of you...JESSE RODRIGUEZ, Charter Service sales manager, and his wife motored through Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas for three weeks. They visited Barksdale Air Force

Base in Shreveport, Louisiana. On March 17 they also visited their son, GLENN, in Newport, Rhode Island, who was commissioned as an officer in the Navy. Glenn will be transferred to San Diego aboard the USS Kitty Hawk for an extensive tour of the Southwest Pacific as one of the engineering officers. Jesse and his wife then traveled to Maryland to visit their other son, DANIEL, a corpsman second class, who is stationed at Bethesda Naval hospital. They are very proud of their sons.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

HOWARD SURRETT drove to Clearwater, Florida, for his vacation. He also stopped at the Smoky Mountains. The weather was ideal going, but on the return trip he experi-

enced driving through rain, sleet and snow...FRED WILSON spent his vacation in New Mexico enjoying weather in the 60's everyday. While there he wondered what the weather was like in Chicago, but didn't miss it a bit...We recently heard from Pensioner PETE CARPINO who is spending several months in Florida. He said the temperature has been in the 80's and he goes swimming everyday. It sure sounds like retirement is quite a life...We extend our sympathy to the families of MILTON CUMBERLANDER and FRANK MENDYK whose mothers recently passed away; SAM JAVORSKY in the loss of his father; FRANK FIORE whose sister passed away; JAMES MOORE in the loss of his mother-in-law, and TONY MUSTACCHIO and A. C. WORKS whose fathers-in-law recently passed away.

- Colette Szypanek

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Congratulations to TERRY and GAIL BERNERD, Wilson, who were recently wed. Wishes for many years of happiness are sent their way. Congratulations are also in line for ROBERT and CHERYL BLICHARZ, Linden, who also were recently wed. Best wishes for years of happiness together are extended to Bob and Cheryl...Condolences to JOHN HOFFSTAD, Wilson, and his family in the passing of his father...Our sympathy to IRVING PATTERSON, Howard, and his family in the passing of his brother...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MARTINER, Wilson, on the birth of a daughter, THERESA MARIE...The welcome mat is extended to ROGER CHOLLY, new car serviceman at Wilson. Roger transferred from Dan Ryan...Our sympathy to ED STAMBORSKI, Kimball, and his family in the passing of his mother February 22...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to G. VAN NORMAN and W. McHUGH, Kimball, who are recuperating at home, and to S. DOBER, Kimball, who is in St. Mary's hospital...W. McKAY and J. CHALMERS, Kimball, enjoyed a mid-winter vacation...A trip to Cleveland, Ohio, is how W. THORNTON, Dan Ryan, spent his vacation...Our condolences to GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, and his family in the passing of his sister-in-

NEIL J. COTTER (right) retired March 1 as a bus handler at South Shops, closing out his 42-year transit career which started when he was hired by Chicago Surface Lines as a motorman at Kedzie Station. Presenting a retirement gift was Mechanical Section Foreman JAMES B. FORRESTAL. Looking on from behind are (from left) Supervisor of Shop Services EDWARD BRACH and Bus Handlers RALPH POTTS and JOHN WALSH.



law, Mrs. EUNICE WIGGANS...Our sympathy is also extended to TED FRIEND, Dan Ryan, and his family in the passing of his grandson...In vows exchanged at the Methodist Chapel at Northwestern university, CATHY GUTT, the daughter of T. GUTT, Dan Ryan, became Mrs. JAMES HOOD on January 24. After a reception at the Skokie Country club, the newlyweds left for Los Angeles where they will reside. Best wishes for happiness everlasting are sent their way...Congratulations to DANIEL WITTENBERG, Congress, and MARIE O'SULLIVAN who exchanged marriage vows on February 6 at St. Dionysius church. Wishes for a long life together are sent to the newlyweds... Our condolences to SAM MILAZZO, Congress, and his family in the passing of his father-in-law, JOHN SALAMONE...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to J. NEELY, Congress, who is on the sick list...A trip south of the border to sunny Mexico was enjoyed by M. VASQUEZ, Congress, on his recent three-week vacation...Best of luck to DON SANDUK, Congress, and his family in their new home...Another soon-to-be homeowner is R. SCHEIBE, Congress, who is having his dream palace built to order... P. SABADOSA, Congress, spent a week seeing the sights of Florida...Our sympathy to D. VANTOR, Congress, and his family in the passing of their mother...Our sympathy to the family of Pensioner A. PASSERO who passed away on February 20...Best of luck to C. SCALES, Congress, who resigned after 16½ years with the company. Scales is moving to Evansville, Indiana, to start his own business...A hearty welcome back to R. REUTELL, Wilson, who returned from military service.

- Ray Brzyczek

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

JOE VIOLA celebrated his birthday on February 2, groundhog day. Many more happy birthdays...MARY ANN COX, former typist, gave birth to a baby girl, KATHLEEN BRIDGET, on February 10. Congratulations to mom and dad...We welcome JOE RITROVATO to the department as a traffic clerk, and W. TAYLOR, W. W. SMITH and G. GRIFFIN as traffic checkers...BILL WORCESTER spent three wonderful warm weeks during January in Florida soaking up the sunshine with his wife and son. He stayed at Boca Raton and motored down to Miami and the Keys, went deep sea fishing, swimming and pleasure boating. On the way home he stopped at Disney World near Orlando, which he said is fabulous...ED JOYCE is sporting a new 1972 Torino...Pensioner JOE DeGRAZIA paid the office a visit and looks like he is enjoying his retirement...JAY KELLY sent us a letter from Sun City, Arizona, and said the weather is wonderful...Happy Easter to all.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

GARY OLSEN, carpenter, is the proud owner of a Gran Sport Buick with a 455 engine. Watch it, Gary, it's fast... IVO DIPIERO, carpenter, is on the sick list. Get well quick, Ivo, so you can enjoy that new Buick LeSabre... MICHAEL CONDON, electrical worker, suffered a fractured ankle due to an accident at work. Our sympathy, Mike, and hurry back...MICHAEL FABIAN, machinist, and his family are enjoying a new Ford Galaxie. Lots of luck, Mike...WILLIAM POWELL, electrical worker, and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl, JENNIFER LYNN,

born February 14 weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces and 19 inches long. Lots of happiness to mother and father...EDWARD MAY, electrical worker, and ALYCE MAY, clerk, are the proud owners of a new Newport Royal Chrysler. It will be easy now to get to California to see their grandson, GREGORY. Greg's mother, KATHRYN RYAN, is a former employee of the Public Information Department. Hope you both enjoy the new car...GARY WILSON, electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new Plymouth Fury. Lots of luck, Gary...THOMAS TORREY, electrical worker, and his wife, KATHRYN, became the proud parents of their third boy, SHAUN THOMAS, born January 27 weighing 9 pounds 6½ ounces and 23 inches long. Lots of happiness for both parents. Their other sons are PAUL, 6 years old, and GARY, 3 years old...BEN LUCIA, electrical worker, retired on February 1 and is now enjoying and doing things that he did not have time for before. We hope you and your wife enjoy many years of pensioned life...EDWARD REYNOLDS, sheet metal worker, is the happy owner of a new Ford Sport Torino. Lots of luck, Ed.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SECTION -

Here I am at last writing my column. I know many people are wondering why I haven't written for so long. Well, I was off sick for eight weeks, from the middle of December to February 7 because of a perforated ulcer. I was hospitalized for 18 days and had an operation. I had a pretty bad time of it for awhile, but God was good to me and I'm back to work now. I'm on a strict diet, everything broiled and lots of milk. Last week the doctor lifted some of the restrictions so I can eat more now, but no more pizzas, barbecued ribs and all the goodies I used to love. Darn it! I've quit smoking too on doctor's orders, and I lost 15 pounds which I could stand to lose (I hope I don't gain it back). I'm coming along slow but sure and I'm starting to feel like myself again and looking forward to spring (maybe by then I'll be able to eat more). So that is my apology for not writing a column for such a long time. Also I want to thank everyone for all their kindnesses, cards and calls while I was on the sick list. I will never forget how good people were to me. I don't want to rehash over too much old news--no doubt everyone has heard it all by now--but I will go over some of it briefly so we can get caught up...Many things happened while I was home. There was a change in superintendents on January 23. Assistant station superintendent at 95th Street STANLEY CHRIST was transferred to the West Section and DON LEMM came in his place. Superintendent of Agents and Janitors ROBERT ROESING was also transferred to the West Section and in his place came FRENCHIE ELLIS. Best wishes to our transferees and welcome aboard to their replacements... We also had a little change of clerks on the system pick on December 12 and welcomed back from the West Section ED GREEN and WILLIE GODBOLD...Going on pension while I was off were Agents MARY McDONNELL and THOMAS BELAND, Janitor HAROLD STEDMAN, and Conductor WILLIAM ROWE. Hope they all have wonderful retired lives...Now for the sad part. We lost several employees and pensioners: Retired Supervisor ROBERT BROWN passed away October 18 (that was such a shock), Agents SEBERON HITCHCOCK and EUGENE GRAHAM, and Janitor HENRY HARRIS passed away suddenly. Retired International Vice President PAT GANLEY passed away in September as did Retired Agent JOHN RYBAKOWSKI.

Motorman WALTER JOGERST, who was sick for many months, passed away in November, and one of my retired bosses, Assistant Station Superintendent ARTHUR ANDERSON from Loomis Street, passed away in January. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all their families...Good news was that Switchman JOHN PARKER, who was injured and on the sick list for so many months, came back to work as an agent on the West Section...Congratulations to Towerman PHILIP AURIEMMA who became a supervisor a few months ago...This is old news, but I must tell you about Clerk JOE BRENNAN who went on pension September 1. He's doing just wonderful and loves retirement. Before he left 95th Street, the clerks gave him a big send-off. The delightful Mrs. Brennan came and joined in the celebration. A token of remembrance was presented to him. Clerks AL RAKESTRAW and BOB LEE are to be congratulated for such a nice spread of food (that's when I could eat). Al's mother brought the most delicious ham for sandwiches. Everyone hated to see Joe go, but we're happy for him... Birth announcements: Janitor ARTHUR SCHOENKE had a baby girl, DIANE MARIE, and Clerk TYRONE BROWN had a baby girl named SHERI. Conductor JOHN KALTSAS had his first grandchild (boy is he getting old) named DEAN JAMES, and from our District Office, VERN BURGESS had his sixth grandchild, a baby girl named DONNA MARIE... The following pensioners came to Chicago for visits before I was sick: Agent ELIZABETH BUCKLEY came in from her home in Hawaii because her sister passed away, Switchman WILLIAM (Babe) SAUNDERS and his wife were in Chicago from their home in Florida for a visit, Conductor WILLIAM DOHERTY and his wife came up from St. Petersburg to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at Nielsen's restaurant, Conductor SAM HILL came up from Port Charlotte, Florida, for a visit, while Conductor PHARAOH (Mother-in-law) CAIN who lives here in Chicago came to Ashland office for a visit. He had just come back from Jackson, Mississippi. He loves Mississippi and maybe will go to live there this year...This is old news, too, but I must tell you about our wonderful pensioned agent's dinner and Christmas party which was held December 5 at Sharko's restaurant. Honored at the dinner this time were new pensioners Agent HELEN SHANNON and Clerk JOE BRENNAN, and they looked just wonderful. There was a huge, huge crowd and the food was good and we had a grab bag. A token of remembrance was presented to both Helen and Joe. Our hats are off to Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT who put this party on. Each party seems better than the last. We don't know how they do it, but they do...Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO asked me to write about their pensioners meeting being held on a different floor at 32 W. Randolph Street. The meeting is held the third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. on the 9th floor. All who can should attend because they have such a good time...While I wasn't writing, some of our employees lost their loved ones: Conductor JOHN DANEK lost his wife, as did Switchman MARION COLEMAN and Janitor JAMES STRONG. Switchman HERMAN LOUISVILLE lost his father. Our hearts go out to these people in their loss...Also Mrs. HICKEY, the wife of deceased Station Superintendent LESTER HICKEY, who lived in California, passed away...Marriage Item: Motorman EDWARD KING was married to GWENDOLYN BUNNER a few months ago. A happy married life is wished the newlyweds.

Well that about covers the highlights of the old news; now on with the current. Congratulations to Conductor

CARL SCHEUERMANN who recently had his tenth grandchild, a baby girl...Division 308 Vice President CHARLES LOUGHRAN had been on the sick list and in the hospital, but he is back working now...The BOB ROESINGS, superintendent of agents and janitors, recently had a nice vacation down in Florida. First they went to the new Disney World, which they said was more elaborate than the California Disneyland, and then they went and visited with his mother who lives in Clearwater...On the sick list at this time are Conductors JOSEPH MITTLER and FRANK PONZIANO and Agent RUTH LOVELL, who were in the hospital but are home now recuperating. Also on the sick list are Conductors ALFRED CRISLER and THOMAS DOUGLAS. Hope they all come back to work soon...The TONY JAGLAS vacationed in beautiful Hawaii and loved it. They said the weather was perfect and everyone should make the trip... Agent CHRISTINE EVANS wishes to thank all the CTA employees who were so kind to her when her father passed away recently and she says "May God's blessings and love be bestowed upon all of you"...Supervisor DON MURPHY and his wife, GEN, vacationed down in Port Richey, Florida. They bought a nice home down there and when they go on pension soon it will be ready for them. That sure is nice to look forward to. . . Agent MAXINE JEFFERSON wishes to thank all her co-workers on behalf of her family and herself for their thoughtfulness and comfort when her father passed away recently and says "May God forever bless each and everyone of you and your families"...Retired Motorman ED HENNESSY and his wife, VIOLA, are spending part of the winter down in Tucson, Arizona, and having a good time visiting all their friends in Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Tucson...Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK was beaming from ear to ear when he told us about his daughter, DELORES, having a little baby girl. This makes nine grandchildren for the Martineks.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

The reporters would like to apologize to WALLY OLENICK, foreman of Area 349, on the article about his son TOMMY's wife having the baby. It was DAVE and his wife who became proud parents...JIM FELTZ says his name is not JAMES ERNEST FELTZ, but ERNEST JAMES FELTZ. . .Congratulations to AL SHIMKUS, Area 342, on being presented a bronze star in January for his heroic and meritorious achievement in World War II...The South Shops extends congratulations to MARY ROHE, clerk-typist, and DENNIS ROHE of Area 318. Mary is leaving to become a mother for the first time and Dennis is the proud father-to-be...The South Shops would like to extend its sympathy to the family of JOE KISELUS, Technical Services supervisor, who passed away while undergoing surgery on Friday, February 25...Congratulations to WAYNE STAPLES, Area 348, and AL SAMASKA Jr. who became machinist journeymen in February and also to E. WILSON and ALLAN COX of Area 344 who became electrical journeymen last month...CHARLEY BUZA, shop clerk, just returned from a six-week vacation in Angola, Indiana. While there, he was preparing for his retirement in May, 1972...Congratulations to ROY BOVINGDON, Area 349, who retired on March 1 after 30 years of service. Roy is moving to Phoenix, Arizona...A warm welcome goes out to DENISE PATHEIGER who is replacing MARY ROHE here at South Shops. Denise came to us from the Stores Department in the Merchandise Mart...If the spirit of the old Greek philosopher,

MARIE AND BILL CLINE are pictured here aboard the whaling ship Carthaginian, moored at the island of Maui, when they recently toured the Hawaiian Islands.



Diogenes the Cynic, should invade Bay 6, he would surely pause and gaze at ED AUGUSTINE, mechanic in Area 342. The pause would indicate that his search for an honest man had culminated successfully. The reason--without batting an eye, and with no hesitation, Ed returned to the Thillens' cashier an overpayment of \$50 that he had mistakenly received when he cashed his check...AL WENDT, shop steward of Local No. 701, was off one day with a bad back. Don't be surprised if his facsimile appears on the new Camel cigarette package...JOE McCRAY became a grandfather for the first time when a baby boy weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces was born on February 23. BILL ELDRIDGE, Brake Department, became a grandfather for the second time when his son, GREY, and his wife became the proud parents of a 6 pound baby girl.

- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson

52ND STREET -

The 11th annual credit union meeting was well attended in spite of the sub-normal weather. Reports were given by ERNEST HILL, president, TYLER PHILPOTT, treasurer, ROBERT HOLMES, chairman of the credit committee, FRED POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee, and CHARLES O'KANE, chairman of the membership committee. All reports were unanimously approved. Re-elected to the Board of Directors were: Ernest Hill, J. P. NELSON, and ALVIN DAVIS. Also elected as directors were: ALVIN POTTS Jr., FRED POWELL, and SAMUEL WILLIAMS. There are now 11 members serving on the board. We were also honored with the presence of WARREN SCHOLL, president of Division 241, JAMES PATE, financial secretary-treasurer of 241, DANIEL McFADDEN, secretary of 241, WILLIAM G. LARSEN, first vice-president of 241, TEENA ROCKMORE, In Transit scribe for Division 241 Auxiliary, and JAMES OUSLEY, field representative for the Illinois Credit Union League. Their talks were very inspiring. A new credit union payroll deduction plan will go into effect with the pay period ending April 8. Under the new plan, deductions will be made bi-weekly instead of monthly. The CTA is to be congratulated for accepting this plan as it will double their work load. We should respond immediately and sign up to INCREASE our credit union savings. See Philpott or Potts and sign up at once. An increase in savings means an increase in service...If our repair department keeps getting all those awards, they are going to be hard to get along with. Yes, they did it again. They won 3 out of 4 for the year. Fore-

man GUSTAVE PAVELKA is a real proud fellow. Oh, yes, Repair Clerk DORSEY GARNER got his ham and eggs... SUSIE JONES, the wife of Repairman PAUL JONES, was graduated from a course that could be a first. It is called Pediatric Nurse Associates. With the increasing need for child care services, this will be filled by these nurses serving in expanded roles. Susie is most excited with her new position...After 28 years, OBED BULLITT is leaving 52nd Street. Bullitt says he really hates to leave, but those downtown runs are getting the best of him...A little note to the Jeffery operators--that new 1972 Chrysler LeBaron parked out there belongs to Operator GEORGE (Grandfather) STEPTOE, so pass real slow...Operator FRANK W. NICHOLS, a widower for eight years, was married to the former CONSTANCE YOUNG on February 26. Congratulations to both of you...Did you miss Clerk McKNIGHT the last two weeks? He was assigned to Keeler Station during the system pick. Good to see you back, Mac...Operators J. CROSS, L. ANDERSON and C. WILLIAMS all had operations. If you can, drop in and say hello or send them a card...Repairman STIMAN CRAWFORD has returned to work after being off sick for eight weeks. Guess what he is talking about now? Going on vacation.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

A big welcome is extended to all the men who came to 69th Street on the system pick. You will not find a better boss than Superintendent G. PEYTON, or Assistant Superintendent J. PETROSIUS and Relief Superintendent R. ZEIGER. In fact, I think those who left 69th must want to come back. We did lose one of our favorite clerks, LARRY HELINSKI, via the pension route. He was given a nice dinner at the station, prepared by our janitorial staff, SIG WODARCZYK, L. MARSHALL and L. PAGE. The main course was "Polska Kielbasa", better known as Polish sausage. Besides our own staff, some of the dignitaries who came to wish him luck were: Superintendent J. KNERR, 77th Street; Superintendent W. MOSER, Archer; Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM, 52nd Street; Chief Clerk HENDERSON, Archer; Superintendent of Operating Stations G. RILEY; Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. GIBES; Chief Clerk of Transportation Department J. TUCKER; Supervisors R. PRYOR and T. SPRATT, and Pensioners J. LOGAY, A. LIPPHARDT, E. GOEBEL, RED GREEN, and R. ALBRECHT. The clerks were in force with B. BECKER, F. ROONEY, B. LEWIS, CARTER and MOORE. Also on hand was Board Member MORRIS, and from the credit union we had TONY VANDENBURG, BILL DONAHUE and T. COOK; from the instruction section was SWANSON, JOHNSON, ROSS and O'DONNELL. It was said that O'Donnell took a few days off just to digest all the goodies he ate. We will all miss Larry, and wish to thank him for the help and small favors he rendered to so many of us...The instructors would like to thank all the operators at 69th for keeping our accident rate down in February. We got 3 rooneys in a row, and 4 altogether. So remember, safety first and always, and drive defensively...The credit union annual meeting was a huge success. Among the pensioners who attended were: BILL YEATMAN, H. E. JAMES, E. K. NASH, W. BERZEK, PETER VANDA, FRED GAUSTAD, JAMES CHAMBERS, BERT MIRABELLA, PAT LALLY and MILLARD ENSWORTH who had just returned from a 5,000-mile tour of the Southwest. JOHN TIFFY was there, and he is now a grandpa of a baby girl born on Feb-

ruary 10. Among the prize winners were: P. VANDA and PERCY ROUNDS, \$10 each; E. BARLEY, T. GROGAN, L. ROSS, S. HAMILTON, M. PURCER, E. HIMEL, B. DuBOSE, M. JOHNSON, G. MELANDER, W. REED, and H. SANGER, \$5 each. We can be proud of the job the officers are doing with our savings, so let's give them our entire support. Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. GIBES, our former superintendent at 69th, gave a wonderful speech, and promised Swanson a trip to the moon if we got 3 rooneys in a row. He also let it slip as to the type of bus we will have at 69th when he said to take a good look at the Forest Glen equipment...Our newlywed, HANK RISCH, says things are getting tough because he saw DENNESAITES looking for newspapers. Hank said he is going to teach MORRIE DYKHAUSEN, loader at the Ashland "L", how to drive before he gets hurt. Hank will surely get hurt if his bride finds out that he gets flowers from the crossing guards...McGOWAN, known as the fastest key at the vaults, disappointed his wife when all he could give her for Valentine's day was some soft ice cream...H. H. TAYLOR Jr. is the last man on the list at 69th Street...Our number one man, J. WILSON, combined his anniversary and birthday with a weekend plus two extra days off to take his wife on a cruise to Nassau...G. SANDERS went to Austria to ski and race in the Alps. He stayed at the Hotel Flexon. He also visited Zurich, Paris, Munich and Rome...G. WHITE had nine days of golfing in the Bahamas. He left at 8 a.m. and teed off at 12:45 p.m. On the gambling tables he won \$2,000, only to drop most of it the next day. B. Avery, of the Chicago Tribune, was among the 127 people in the group who went on the tour. White said that D. SMITH didn't go because he could only play on Chicago courses...A. J. VANDENBURG has bought his retirement home in Florida and can hardly wait to move in...DAKE has his fishing resort all set up in Wisconsin...BILL DONAHUE claims he runs Marquette his way..."Scratch" BELL was late one day and said it was because the people liked him so much...J. GRADY returned from disability and promptly picked Beverly Station...EARL WATSON is out of the hospital and doing fine...The silent reaper passed our way and took the brother of Operator MERRITT; the mother of Operator JOSEPH KELSO, Mrs. HATTIE B. KELSO; and Mrs. BERNICE CHAP, the mother-in-law of CASS URBK. Cass also lost his brother, WALTER URBK. Our deepest sympathy to all...H. McCAULEY, DAN McCAULEY's brother, was on my bus and he looks great...We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of JOE KISELUS who passed away. Joe was one of the Technical Services engineers...On the sick list at this time is EDDIE SMOLENSKI and SPENCER BENNETT. We wish them a speedy recovery...We recently heard from some of our pensioners. They are: JOE GAMEN, DENNY GRIFFIN, WILLIE FAHEY, LUKE MORLEY, JIM DONALDSON, and BILL LORENZEN. All are doing fine and wish to be remembered to all...EDDIE KULPIT and JOHN GRADY have returned to work after their recent illnesses. Here's hoping they will keep up the good work and the best of health to both of them...FRANK PICWAS, formerly of 69th, paid us a visit and we were very glad to see him. It was good to sit down and talk about the good old days...We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of BILL BERNDT, machinist, in the loss of his mother...ROGER SZAFRANSKI, the son of Foreman PETE SZAFRANSKI, was graduated from Northwestern university with high honors...Don't forget the mail box--drop in your news items, please.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahorn

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