

TRANSIT NEWS



APRIL, 1972



TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

The purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds on the CTA Payroll Savings Plan provides a convenient, painless way to save for your children's education, to save for a new home or car, or to establish a retirement fund to supplement your CTA retirement plan. CTA does the bookwork and you reap the benefits.

It is my pleasure as Chairman of the Chicago Transit Board, to launch this year's CTA Savings Bond Drive which will be conducted from May 1 to May 31.

Savings Bonds draw $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest when held to maturity of 5 years, 10 months, and they continue to draw interest when held beyond maturity which makes them even more desirable for a long-range savings goal.

I urge each of you to join me in enrolling in the Payroll Savings Plan during the drive. If you are already enrolled, increase your deduction. With your support the campaign this year can be the best that we have had at CTA.

Remember--the purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds means security for you - and for our country.

Sincerely,



Michael Cafferty
Chairman

Take stock in America.

Now Bonds pay a bonus at maturity.

CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD

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Board unveils design for 100 new "L" cars

THE DESIGN for 100 air-conditioned rapid transit cars was revealed by Chicago Transit Board on April 6 when the Board authorized the taking of bids for their construction.

The cars were styled by the nationally recognized industrial design firm of Sundberg-Ferar who also designed the cars for the Bay Area Rapid Transit (San Francisco) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Washington, D.C.).

Importantly, rigid specifications have been established for noise and vibration control in the manufacture of the cars. Construction will be such that exterior and interior noise levels will be greatly reduced. (CTA recently engaged the firm of Wilson, Ihrig & Associates, Inc., to study existing noise and vibration levels in trains operating in subway and on elevated structure and noise levels on station platforms, and to prepare design criteria.)

The purchase of these cars according to Chairman Michael Cafferty 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 the CTA.

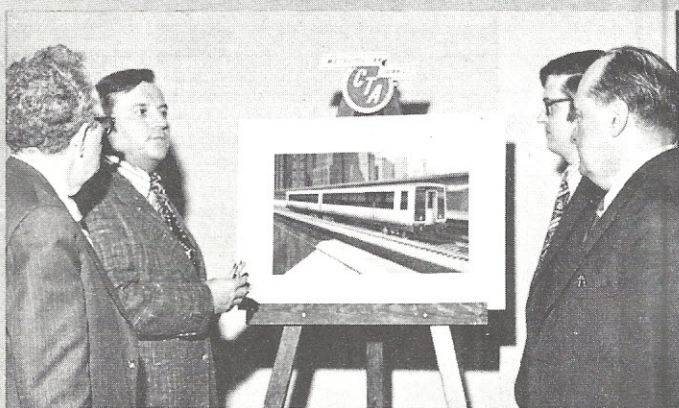
"The interiors of the cars will follow the same color scheme and styling as specified for the 525 buses being ordered by CTA," said Cafferty. "The colors and seat preferences are those that the public selected when our Suggestion Buses toured the city."

The cars will have a dusky walnut woodgrain wall covering throughout with an off-white ceiling. The contoured, padded seats will be beige with alternating cushions of tangerine or golden brown. The floors will be java brown.

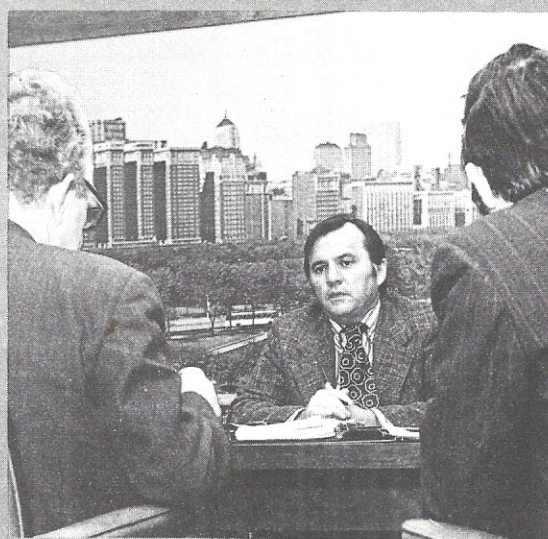
An improved air comfort system for all-weather convenience, better lighting, a more dependable public address system, and a new space radio network for communication between the motorman and the Operations Control Center are features to be incorporated in the new cars.

The 100 cars will replace vehicles built between 1922 and 1924, experimental units built in 1947, and some cars built in 1950.

Four prototype cars are to be delivered 15 months after date of contract. All 100 cars are to be delivered in 23 months.



MICHAEL CAFFERTY, Transit Board Chairman, is shown describing features of the newly-designed air-conditioned rapid transit cars to newspaper reporters Fletcher Wilson of the Sun-Times, Dennis Byrne of the Daily News, and Tom Buck of the Tribune.



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Operating employees honored

SPEAKING TO a group of employees who represented the 8,800 members of the Transportation Department, Transit Board Chairman Michael Cafferty extended his congratulations to all operating personnel for setting a new safest year record in 1971.

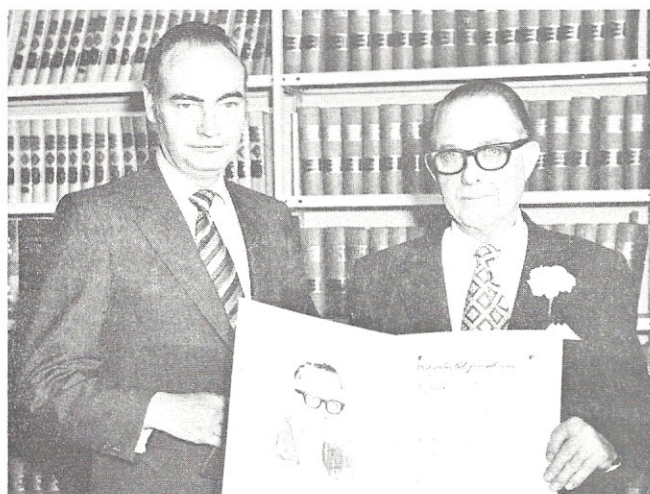
Mr. Cafferty said, "I am especially grateful that your efforts have produced two consecutive safest years. I wish I could personally give recognition to each and every operating employee, because it was their team effort which resulted in the new safety record.

"I am proud to be a member of the organization which is first in safety in the transit industry," Mr. Cafferty continued. "With improvements to equipment and facilities already under way, working conditions will be greatly improved, enabling us to con-

centrate even more on providing safe, dependable transportation. Hopefully we will be able to reverse the riding loss which is prevalent throughout our industry and return CTA to a basis where revenues meet expenses," he concluded.

In comparison with 1970, the previous safest year, traffic and passenger accidents were reduced by 13.4 per cent in 1971. Accident rates, which are based on the number of traffic and passenger accidents per 100,000 miles operated, were 7.1 in 1971 and 8.2 in 1970. In numbers of accidents, there were 1,822 fewer than in 1970--traffic accidents were reduced by 1,242 and passenger accidents were reduced by 580.

To mark the attainment of the safest year record in 1971, personnel at all 21 Transportation Department operating stations were treated to free coffee



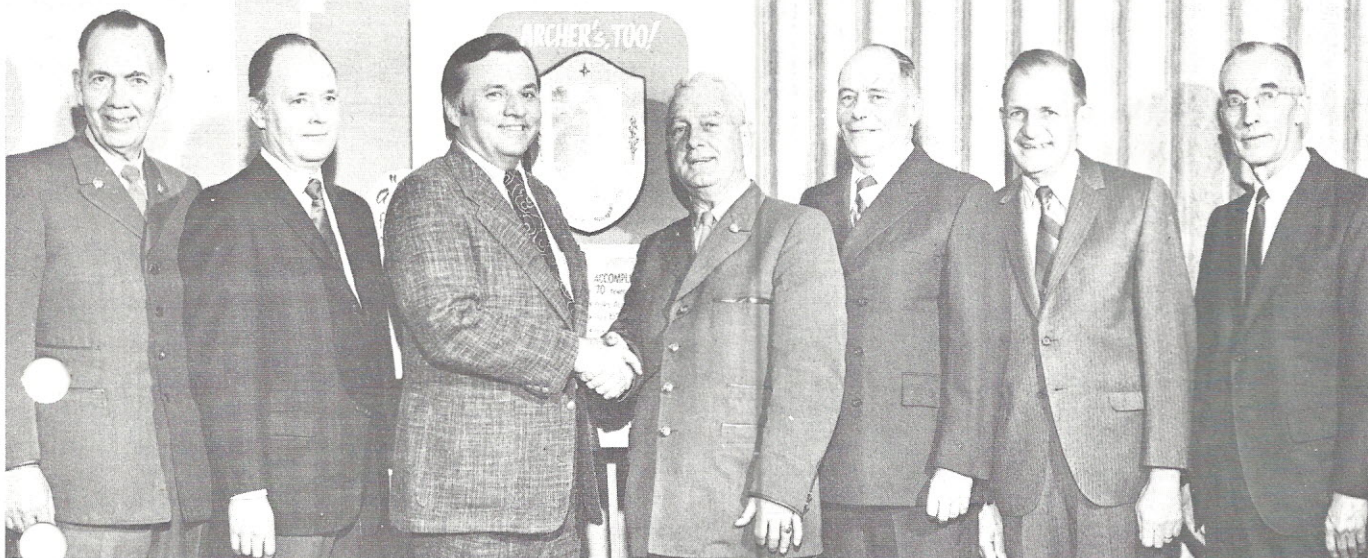
O. R. Hamlink, C. J. Ricker

TRANSIT CAREERS of First Assistant General Attorney Oscar R. (Bob) Hamlink and Chief Equipment Engineer Charles W. Ricker were drawn to a close with their retirement April 1.

Mr. Hamlink is pictured at left holding a personalized card signed by friends and co-workers; beside him is Second Assistant General Attorney Frank J. Mullen. Mr. Ricker is pictured at right accepting his retirement portfolio and best wishes from Operating Manager Charles E. Keiser.

Mr. Hamlink's 38-year career in transit started when he joined CSL as a streetcar motorman on

1971: CTA's SAFEST YEAR



for 1971 safety achievements

TRANSIT BOARD Chairman Michael Cafferty expressed his gratitude to representatives of all operating employees who helped make 1971 CTA's safest year. In the picture on page 4, Mr. Cafferty is addressing (from left) Conductor Santo Siciliano, Ticket Agent Dorothy Parker, Motorman Roosevelt Cory, Bus Operator George Garfield, Janitor Walter Chapman and Instructor Charles Weyer. Shown in the picture on page 5 are (from left) Rapid Transit Traffic Supervisor Donald Murphy, Surface System Station Clerk William Henderson, Mr. Cafferty, Surface System Traffic Supervisor John Spoo, Radio Dispatcher Arthur Calder, Line Supervisor James Luvisi and Rapid Transit Station Clerk John Barry.

and rolls. As a memento of the occasion, each male employee who helped to set the record was presented a special tie clasp. Female ticket agents were presented CTA pens.

The 12 operating employees pictured above with Mr. Cafferty were the first to receive their safest

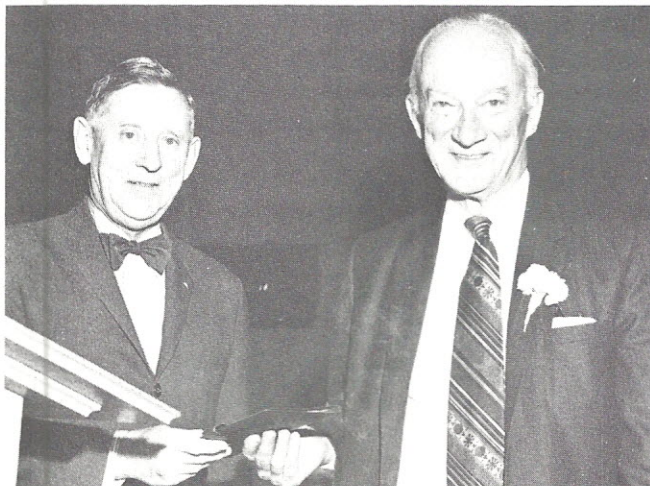
year memento. They include a bus operator, motorman, conductor, ticket agent, janitor, a surface and a rapid transit traffic supervisor, instructor, radio dispatcher, line supervisor, and a surface and a rapid transit clerk.

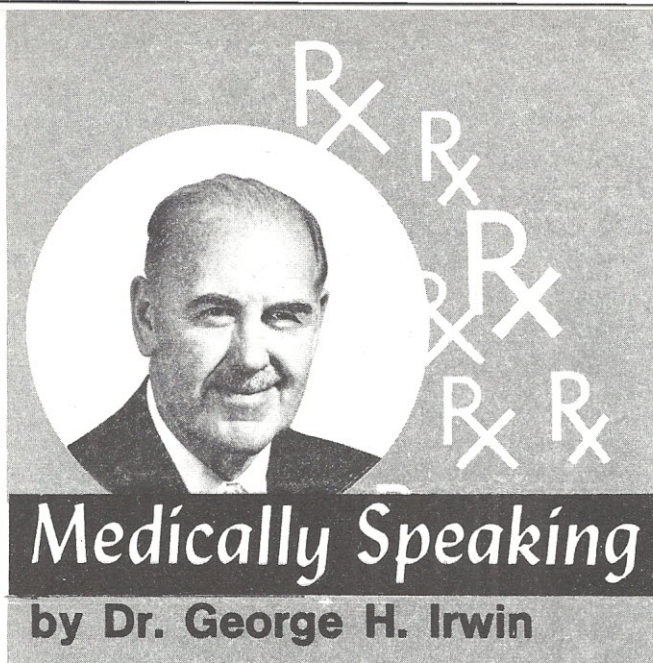
Twelve operating stations which set their own safest year record in 1971 contributed much to the CTA system record. Surface stations which beat their previous safest year were Archer, Forest Glen, Kedzie, Keeler, Lawndale, North Avenue, North Park, 69th Street and 77th Street. On the rapid transit system, Dan Ryan, Howard and Kimball also established their new safest year in 1971. A special plaque was presented to the superintendent of each of the above locations on April 31, so that they may return to their station and display it with pride before the operating personnel who earned it.

join retirement ranks April 1

March 8, 1934. He transferred to the Claim Department as an accident investigator in 1935 and became an attorney in the Law Department in 1952. Mr. Hamlink was named first assistant general attorney in 1965, the position he held until retirement.

Mr. Ricker started with CSL on November 1, 1946, as an assistant instructor in the Staff Engineers Office. In January, 1950, he was named chief specifications engineer in the Engineering Department. Mr. Ricker joined the Equipment Research and Development staff as assistant to the chief equipment engineer in 1965 and became chief equipment engineer in 1969.





PROSTATE DISEASE is very common in men over 50 years of age, in fact one out of every three men in that age group will experience some difficulty with the prostate. Since this problem is only present in the males, from now on I may omit the sex category in discussing the subject.

The prostate gland consists of a rubbery mass of glandular and muscle tissue. It is about the size and shape of a horse chestnut divided into one middle and two lateral lobes and serves as an accessory part of the sexual apparatus. It is located in front of the urinary bladder at a point where the urethra is attached. The urethra is the canal passage which empties the urine from the bladder. The prostate gland is literally wrapped around the urethra where it joins the bladder.

One of the main functions of the prostate gland is the production of a milky fluid which mixes with the sperm cells. The sex hormone cells from the testicles influence or cause the prostate to produce this milky fluid, which helps the sperm cells to survive. At the time of ejaculation in the sex act, the prostate contracts and forces this fluid with the sperm cells through the urethra and into the female where fertilization takes place.

Another activity of the prostate is the part it plays in the normal starting and stopping of the flow of urine. The kidneys fill the bladder with four or five pints of urine daily which must be expelled periodically. If the prostate is swollen or enlarged from any cause whatsoever it may interfere with the normal emptying of the bladder. When this happens it is actually a malfunction of the prostate.

To simplify the picture one might use the following comparison: The kidneys produce the urine and pass it into the bladder (a reservoir) and the urethra (a canal) passes it out. Mechanically, let us compare the kidneys to a water pump, the bladder to a sink holding the water and the urethra to a pipe draining the sink. Now if the prostate swells up and inter-

feres with the emptying of the bladder it is like the drain pipe blocking up and preventing the sink from draining properly.

The types of prostate gland disease include simple inflammatory or infectious (bacterial) diseases of any part of the urinary tract, called prostatitis. Small stones may also form in the prostate gland as they do in the gall bladder. By far the most common type of prostate trouble is the benign hypertrophy or swelling of the gland, which is probably due to changes of advancing age and hormone imbalances. A less common type is cancer or malignancy of the prostate. Nothing more is known about this form of disease than is known about cancer of any other organ. The severity and the progress of the malignancy in the prostate seems milder and less fatal compared to other organs.

Symptoms of prostate trouble, in general, begin gradually. At first there may be just a feeling of mild pressure or fullness in the bladder region, then the stream of urine lacks force, the flow becomes weak and dribbly, there is difficulty in starting urination and blood-tinged urine may be noted. A strong desire to empty the bladder is experienced but nothing may be accomplished. Often a man's first indication of trouble is having to get up several times each night to urinate. The progression of symptoms may lead to complete shutoff of urination varying in time from several months to several years.

The diagnosis of prostate trouble is made from the above symptoms in addition to a rectal and cystoscopic examination. The physician can usually tell with the gloved finger in the rectum whether the enlarged prostate is benign or malignant. If there is any doubt a biopsy during a cystoscopic examination will give a positive diagnosis.

Treatment of prostate gland disease depends upon the nature or type of the disorder. Medical management, including antibiotics, heat and massage usually takes care of the inflammatory and benign hypertrophy types. Surgery is always necessary for cancer and the severe obstructive types. There are several types of surgical procedures, but details are not necessary here.

In conclusion the following points should be emphasized:

- (1) Early treatment in certain cases may avoid complications and surgery.
- (2) Don't be ashamed to discuss your prostate trouble with your physician and your family.
- (3) Forget the gossip about venereal disease being the sole cause of prostate trouble. It is not true.
- (4) Remember that prostatic operations do not necessarily mean sexual failure.
- (5) Have annual prostate gland checkups especially after the age of 50. They are inexpensive and take very little time. Should symptoms develop between checkups see your physician again and follow his advice.

Fire prevention award presented to CTA

CTA WAS the recipient of a Certificate of Merit in the 1971 Fire Prevention Contest sponsored by the Fire Prevention and Clean-Up Campaign Committee of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Competing in the Industrial division, CTA ranked 27th out of 143 North American organizations participating. The Fire Prevention Contest is an annual competition to recognize excellence in the field of

fire safety education and performance. Major emphasis is placed on year-round fire prevention activities and the objective of the contest is to encourage more positive fire safety attitudes among all people.

For its entry, CTA submitted data on all phases of fire prevention measures including fire inspections, fire prevention campaigns, fire safety education, and training programs.

Appoint seven to new posts

NAMED TO new supervisory positions during April were seven employees in three departments--Transportation, Internal Auditing, and Equipment Research and Development.

Within the Transportation Department, three employees were advanced to posts in rapid transit districts. W. E. Nash became South District superintendent, L. H. Lykins was named South District relief superintendent, and J. Johnson became district supervisor of North & South Districts. The appointments, which became effective April 1, were made by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser.

Appointed to the position of supervising auditor April 2 was J. J. Lurito. The appointment was made by Internal Auditor J. R. Wexelberg and approved by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

Taking the post of chief equipment engineer on April 1 was F. J. Cihak, whose appointment was made by Operating Manager C. E. Keiser and approved by General Manager T. B. O'Connor. In two additional appointments within the Equipment Research and Development Department, effective April 2, G. M. Andersen was appointed senior equipment engineer, rapid transit section, and F. W. Venezia was appointed senior equipment engineer, surface section.

Set September 10 departure for 1972 CTA group tour

CTA EMPLOYEES will once again be afforded the opportunity to visit a distant part of the world at a considerable cost-savings by traveling on a CTA group tour.

Being planned for 1972 is a 22-day tour leaving Chicago on September 10 and returning October 1. Starting from Vienna, Austria, the itinerary includes

scenic and historic stops in Yugoslavia, Greece and Italy. The return flight is from Rome.

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

Car repairers attend evening refresher training sessions

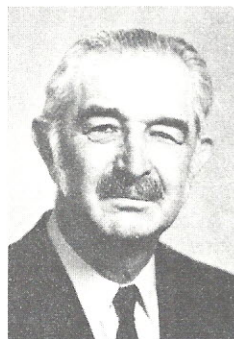


RAPID TRANSIT car maintenance employees recently participated in a 19-session refresher training program which was conducted on evenings. Seventeen of the 54 employees who signed up for the program attended more than half of the sessions and received "special recognition" certificates.

PICTURED AT the last session of the program, held March 22, are (from left): First row--M. Palacios, C. Nevels, A. Crawford, A. Curtis and J. Alleyne; second row--J. Plomin, D. Falborski, D. Lasiewicz, F. Porcaro and J. Zoccoli; third row--J. Hoffstad, J. Laurinaitis, G. Klein, R. Watson and A. White. Standing behind the group are (from left) Instructors H. Young, L. Monaghan and D. Nicosia; Superintendent of Terminals A. J. Porcaro; Superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals J. Bolech; Senior Foreman of Terminals R. Flowers; Senior Instructor A. Zubor, and Instructor G. Barnes.

Service anniversaries in April

45 years



L. E. Agin,
South Shops

35 years

G. M. Benshish, Internal Auditing
D. G. Dulfer, 69th Street
E. E. England, Skokie Shops
J. A. Knerr, 77th Street
F. McCrea, South Shops
J. J. O'Shaughnessy, District A
J. F. Riha, Lawndale
E. F. Troike, Rapid Transit District - South

30 years

L. E. Arrasmith, District D
G. Bachelder, Archer
F. J. Brady, South Shops
R. J. Brens, Forest Glen
E. L. Campbell, Beverly
T. B. Canning, Beverly Garage
F. M. Carlin, Archer
W. A. Chrusciel, Beverly
J. R. Czajka, Archer
J. B. Curran, Beverly
R. C. Davidson, South Shops
A. J. Dielle, 77th Street
J. E. Doherty, North Section
R. J. Drope, 77th Street Garage
H. W. Feltz, Utility & Emergency Service
A. D. Fernback, North Park
E. T. Frederick, Archer Garage
C. H. Glover, North Park
R. S. Gray, District A
H. A. Hanson, Archer
J. S. Hebda, Forest Glen

C. J. Heilbronner, Instruction - Beverly
E. S. Koscienski, North Avenue
G. W. Lemar Jr., Forest Glen
S. R. Lukaszewski, Plant Equipment Maintenance
W. J. McCarthy, 77th Street
L. A. McDermott, North Park
K. A. Miller, North Avenue
E. G. Parson, North Avenue
S. G. Paulov, Archer Garage
W. C. Rohl, District A
F. C. Schmitz, Archer
P. C. Schumacher, Forest Glen
B. J. Shimashus, Beverly
D. Siegel, West Section
A. A. Sim, Rapid Transit District - South
D. Simpson, District C
J. Tedeschi, North Avenue
J. Wallon, Substation Engineering Division
L. W. Weissgerber, Building Maintenance Division
W. A. Weissgerber, North Section
W. P. Wentzel, District D
S. F. Wodarczyk, 69th Street
W. W. Worcester, Schedule & Traffic
B. F. Zentmyer, Keeler

25 years

B. J. Bilek, South Shops
J. Billis, Schedule & Traffic
J. R. Breyspraak, Building Maintenance Division
F. Bynum Jr., 52nd Street
F. P. Dechon, South Shops
C. F. Dreasler, Skokie Shops
S. J. Drinka, Forest Glen
U. Jones, 77th Street
C. J. Kaczorowski, Lawndale
M. A. Klumpp, South Section
M. R. Kuchan Jr., South Shops
R. G. Lafferty, Forest Glen Garage
T. Lobono, North Section
W. D. Marsh, Archer
C. B. Marshall, 77th Street
R. L. McCoy, South Shops
R. Mijanovic, North Park

R. Mueller, Skokie Shops
W. A. Mulwee, Track
J. J. Murphy, 77th Street
M. J. O'Donnell, Instruction - 69th Street
J. Peresin, Building & Construction
E. L. Pluska, North Avenue Garage
E. C. Sajatovic, South Shops
C. D. Salvatore, Electrical Distribution Division
M. R. Schramm, South Shops
M. Shea, Campaign Area - Surface Garages
A. J. Thomas, Beverly Garage
J. J. Ulanski, Electrical Distribution Division
W. R. Vandervest, South Shops
J. J. Viola, Schedule & Traffic
H. L. Ward, South Shops
P. J. Weber, Forest Glen Garage
J. P. Wise, Limits
G. S. Witt, North Park Garage
V. A. Zalatoris, Archer
R. Zazzara, Special Investigations

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

BEA FRANKE recently returned from vacation sporting a beautiful tan acquired while fishing with her husband in Brownsville, Texas, near the Mexican border. She was lucky enough to catch a 28-pound drum fish, but said it was such hard work that she gave up fishing and just relaxed for the rest of the trip...Another vacationer was MIKE CIKARA who spent 16 days in England. The trip began with a wonderful seven-hour flight on a 747 Jumbo jet. Upon arriving at London airport, Mike was greeted by relatives who drove him 200 miles north to their home in Huddersfield, England. After staying with them for awhile, he returned to London and saw such sights as Piccadilly Circus, Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace and Westminster Abbey. He also spent some time seeing the city from the top of a double deck bus, and touring the beautiful countryside. The return flight was delayed but still enjoyable, especially seeing Chicago from the air at night...It's good to see LORRAINE BUEHLER back on the job after a short stay in the hospital...Get-well wishes go to LORRAINE FALK. Hope you'll be back with us soon...Congratulations to CHU GOSRISIRIKUL who advanced to the position of accountant II, and to JIM HAASE, accountant I, who came to us from the Transportation Department. Glad to have you aboard, Jim. Best wishes go with ART PINELLI in his new position as information clerk in the Transportation Department.

(Property) -

Little KEVIN DUANE BURDA, who was born on March 19 weighing in at 9 pounds 1 ounce, was greeted by his parents, DUANE and FRAN BURDA, his sister, ANN MARIE, and grandparents, HAROLD and MILDRED BURDA. Duane formerly worked with the Accounting Department, while Harold is presently with Property Accounting. Congratulations to all!

- Judy Cuel

(Payroll) -

MARY JANE HOSTETTER was the "mother of the room" on March 11 when her son, ROBERT HOSTETTER, was married to LYNN McCARREN of Park Forest. The couple spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas before settling down in Los Angeles, California, where Robert is a resident...VALERIA BOWMAN took some time out to go visiting, shopping, lunching with friends, and just buzzing around having fun and doing everything but work. However, she did spend some time with our shut-in, DORIS YOST, who is coming along nicely but slowly...Poor CLOTILDE FRANKIEWICZ will never argue with a meat grinder again. While trying to dismantle one, her right thumb was caught and badly cut. She swears that she will never use it again. With a handicap like that, she can't even tie her own shoe laces. Fortunately, her hubby, JAMES, is very understanding...Your scribe enjoyed another fun-in-the-sun vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona, visiting with friends, and returning to the many interesting places which Arizona has to offer.

- Clara Lawrence

CLAIM & LAW -

Congratulations to the members of our staff who have recently contributed to the population explosion: Mr. and Mrs. CARMEN PACELLA on the birth of their third child, TARA MERCEDES; SHARI SMITH and her husband, RAY, on the birth of their first, KIMBERLY ANNE; Mr. and Mrs. HARRY BONESS on the birth of their 11th grandchild, THOMAS DAVID JENKINS, and special congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. BILL UHL on the birth of twin girls, THERESA and MELISSA...We would like to wish NORA CRONIN and ED COMAN many happy retirement years. Nora retired after 30 years of service, and Ed retired after 25 years of service...Two of our men have decided to give up the good outdoors and join the inside office staff: RAY TIERI will be replacing ALDEN LAWSON, who is now special legal investigator, as inside adjuster, and JIM HICKEY is doing fine on his new job as accident clerk...Congratulations to DAN PERK on his promotion to special investigator...KAREN MUNYER is very satisfied on her new job as blind case clerk...Good luck to MARIE CRAWLEY who transferred to the Insurance Department as a stenographer...We extend a warm welcome to three new members of our staff: COLLEEN ZAMBOLE, MARY ANN HALL and TONY GRANATA...MARGE SCHINTZ was the recipient of a Jewel/Osco gift certificate in addition to a \$25 suggestion award for submitting two acceptable suggestions in a year...The D.A.I. Employees Federal Credit Union recently held their annual dinner-dance and meeting for election of officers. The following officers were elected: RON BARTKOWITZ, president; CLAUDE WORLAND, vice-president; BARBARA BAGNUOLO, secretary; DAN PERK, treasurer, and MARY BERRY, assistant treasurer. The meeting was followed by a satisfying dinner and dancing to the inviting sounds of a 14-piece band which included our own Claude Worland.

- Rosemarie Ritrovato & Terri Kramer

CTA SECURITY -

Our condolences are extended to Sergeant PETE GENU-TIS in the death of his mother, ANNA. A number of CTA officers paid their respects at the wake...AMVETS Police Post 18 held its St. Patrick's dance at the Pick-Congress hotel on March 11. The affair was BYO (bring your own) except for the entertainment. A fine show was hosted by Johnny Matson, recently with the Bob Crosby group. Marsha, a comedienne, cracked jokes that were quite humorous. Song and dance and unicycle numbers were performed by the Versatiles. Taking in all the good times and having a good time themselves at the CTA Security table were JOHN PARKS, Sergeant PETE and MELVINA GENU-TIS, Lou Licastra (who's taking pre-law at Lewis college) and NANCY SUTA, a secretary in the CTA Law Department, Don Sherner from the Kropp Forge company with Connie Faggiana, and your scribe. On the great day itself, March 17, CTA men about 100 strong looked fine coming down State Street. The CTA's miniature bus was a big attraction. At the reviewing stand the announcer remarked, "Have exact fare." Along the way many friendly teens called out to have bus cards ready. From Evanston Bus

there was Otto Williams marching along. Flag bearers were BOB RENO and BERNARD JONES of 77th with the U.S. flag, DAVID WILKIN and ANDREW JOHNSON of 77th with the Division 241 banner, ED BARRY of Kedzie with the colors of Eire, ROBERT THOMAS of 77th with the Chicago banner, and the right guard was DONNIE HENDRICKS of 77th. A tremendous crowd enjoyed fine weather and the antics of politicians with birds under their hats. The TV broadcast of the parade was delayed and the marchers who went straight home were able to see themselves. CTA Security should have more participation in this happy event. So, officers, keep it in mind for next year. Festivities for the St. Pat's weekend continued with the 32nd annual dinner-dance of the Shamrock-American club, held at St. Demetrios hall on Winona Street. Many CTA people, including your scribe, were there. The CTA was there in the persons of Howard Street Station Superintendent MICHAEL LA VELLE and his wife, JEAN, Howard Street Supervisor TIM McDONAGH and his wife, MARY ANN, Linden Shopman FRANK RAKSTIS and his wife, BRIDEY. From Wilson Shops were Shopman JOHN HENNELLY and his wife, MAUREEN, Shopman JOHN COLLINS and his wife, MAUREEN, Retired Shopman MIKE O'MALLEY and his wife, MARGARET, and Blacksmith JEFF KEATING with his wife, KITTY. Irish folks from the Electrical Department were LUKE and PAT HOWE, MIKE and ANNE O'TOOLE, and JIM and BEA KELLY. From North Park were Night Foreman JOHN HENNELLY and his wife, ANN, and Day Foreman PAT O'CONNOR and his wife, PAT. The Forest Glen crowd included Day Foreman JOHN JOYCE with his wife, WINIFRED, Assistant Day Foreman JIM BYRNES with his wife, Mechanic JACK CALLAGHAN and Operator PAT JUDGE. Keeler Sanitary Engineer ED McDONELL was having a good time, as were Retired Operator A. GRANAHAH and Retired Shop Foremen DAN O'BOYLE and DAN CLARK. Judge John Moran was among the more than 1,000 celebrators and had many compliments for CTA Security work. A traditional St. Pat's menu was served. Everyone enjoyed being entertained by the Shannon Rovers bagpipe band and youngsters from the McNamara School of Dancing doing Irish steps. There were surprise appearances by States Attorney candidates Edward Hanrahan and Ray Berg. Both sang Irish patriotic songs. The JIM KELLY family and HUGH F. HEGARTY of Division 308 each had prominent ads in the Shamrock program book... Lieutenant ROBERT McELROY and JOHN HIGENS of the Archer unit, and JIM LELIOSH on a foot post at Archer Depot coordinated their efforts to nab seven youths and recover 11 fire extinguishers. Lieutenant McElroy and HIGENS were driving up to the depot when they saw a youth walking away with something red wrapped in his coat. This youth got into an auto with the other six offenders. Leliosh met Lieutenant McElroy and HIGENS, and all three officers cornered the auto as it was driven around the depot... Lieutenant BILL BUTLER and WHITEY LAATSCH were at Limits Depot when a Clark Street bus driver called them over about some men bothering passengers. These officers found two well-known pickpockets busy jostling passengers and arrested them...Royalty always shows up a little late for big occasions. JEANETTE MARIE MAZURKIEWICZ, a princess of Poland, is now in this world after keeping her parents, CHESTER and JOSEPHINE, waiting a few days... What's new for LEON and ANALE RUTH is a four-flat building they bought in Alsip...ROBERT HAWKINS was swapping war stories with JOHN HIGENS, only to find his tales about Marine boot camp were about the same as John's. In fact, their stories were identical. A few perti-

JOHN POPE, Treasury Department, spent two relaxing weeks at Miami Beach, Florida. After this picture was taken, John tried the pool and almost drowned -- cigar and all.



nent questions were exchanged and both ex-Marines were surprised to find they were in the same company at the same time at San Diego 19 years ago. And their serial numbers were one digit apart. Bob resurrected his boot camp album, and guess who was standing next to whom in the group photo from boot camp?...In a good but unsuccessful showing, GORDON PURTELL polled 722 votes in a three-way race for one on the union election commissioner slots...Happy June birthdays to MARTINIAC on the 2nd, DAVIS on the 7th, EVANS on the 15th, McELROY on the 20th, LONERGAN on the 27th, and GARNER on the 30th... Now that you're getting out of the winter doldrums, let your scribe hear about those fun times that are sure to be happening this summer.

- Timothy O'Mahony

ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

A nice send-off was given for BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and TED WYNCOTT, who have started their pensions. Each was presented with a nice gift. The party was one of the first of its kind. It was a combination of retirement and recognition of the graduation of two fine engineers, MIKE KELLY and BUD MOORE, who were also presented gifts. To the dinner committee--BOB TAUSCH, DICK VALONEY, CHESTER MATUSZEWSKI and PAUL SAUVE--a job well done...MARY and TONY ARDUINI celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary by attending mass at Our Lady of Hope church in Rosemont, Illinois, on April 22...Here are the names of those off sick whom you could visit or send cards to: ELMER TEGTOW, ROMAN PRIESBE and MEL COOK... Who was the fineman who gave his upper plate a mud-bath and took it to the car wash to give it a cleaning? His nickname is Champ...JOE SALAMONE has picked up the nickname "the Godfather"...Received a nice letter from GILTON QUICK stating that he has been visiting and working with disabled veterans in the Veteran's hospital in Oteen, North Carolina. Anyone wishing to correspond with him can reach him at RR# 1, Box 389A, Black Mountain, North Carolina 28711.

- William Rehder

(Chicago Avenue) -

The locker is more crowded now because we finally have a full crew. Welcome back to CHARLIE SALVATORE, DINO FUGGITT and JIM ROEBER...March 11 was an eventful day for a couple of our fellows. LUKE HOWE reports that this was the day his granddaughter was born at Swedish Covenant hospital. She weighed in at 8 pounds 5

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ounces. Luke reports that mother, father and baby are doing fine, but it seems to me that with a name like COLEEN ANNE, she could have waited six days and done it up right...March 11 was also a busy day for JOHN and EMMA CAMPBELL. This was their daughter's wedding day. SANDRA CAMPBELL joined DON KREIGER in married bliss in South Holland. John says the honeymoon will be in the nicer time of the year...TED and MARGE NADROWSKI spent a bowling weekend in Muskegon, Michigan. While Ted bowled, Marge sat in the bleachers waving and urging Ted on to bigger and better scores. Right, Marge?...New arrivals: TOM FORTUNE is now with us from West Shops. BILL MILLAR came a couple of days later, transferring from the Shops & Equipment Department...Some of our pensioners have contacted me by phone or have dropped in. I was wondering if anyone has heard from ED MOLINE out here in Indiana. I understand that TOM HENRY was in some time ago but I wasn't here to see him...Two of our fellows had an unusual occurrence at the Bureau of Statistics concerning their birth certificates. It might be well for you older fellows to check your certificates on record. They might not be the same as the notice of birth registration...I just discovered an all-around athlete in our family midst. RICHARD MAROSE, the son of BILL MAROSE, is going to attend Leo High school on a basketball scholarship this coming fall. This active young fellow is only 14 years old and has received a total of 19 first-place trophies for baseball, football and basketball while playing on teams in his community. Perhaps he gets his interest in sports from his father who has been associated with the Bermele Little League for the last 15 years as manager and president.

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

We were all saddened by the loss of ALBERT TROCKER, who passed away March 18 following an abdominal operation. His death climaxed 30 years of service with CTA, over 18 of them in the signal department. Al was the type of fellow who appeared on the surface to be tough, but just about everyone knew he was all heart underneath. Mrs. TROCKER sent a note to thank Al's co-workers for the floral piece, cards and masses. She has our deepest sympathy in her loss...A party will be given for D. H. WORCESTER, general signal supervisor, on Friday evening, June 2, in honor of his retirement. Anyone desiring to attend should contact ELMER J. STOKES as soon as possible. He can be called at the relay room, 1036 West Montrose Avenue on North 464. All signal department personnel are invited to attend...PAT J. DOYLE is back to work. Pat, who has been off because of an eye operation, showed up with green on his mind for one or more reasons. His release for work came just in time to assure him of a bright St. Patrick's day. Welcome back, Pat...Hey, guys! I know you'll do a double-take on this one. CLYDE and DERNITE YOUNT proudly announce the arrival of their first grandchild. Of course it's a boy. Little CHRISTOFER JOHN, weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces, was born March 29. The proud parents are JOHN and MARILYNN SEEBOCK. Congratulations, Clyde, take a bow.

- Tommie Lowery

ENGINEERING -

JACK O'REILLY, who recently retired, called to let all his friends know that his new home has been completed and

that he was off for Florida, where he expected to spend the majority of his time lounging in the sun. Jack requested that we print a special "thank you" from him and his family for the fine going-away party he received...Our condolences to the BUSCH family in the death of Pensioner HAROLD W. BUSCH. Mr. Busch was superintendent of buildings before his retirement, and returned as a consultant. Mr. Busch retired after 50 years of service...We would like to welcome back GEORGE SULLIVAN who has been off because of illness.

- Darlene Jansen & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

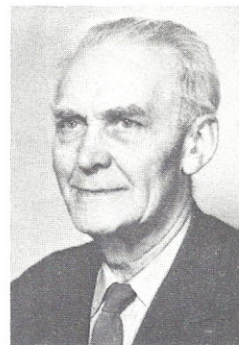
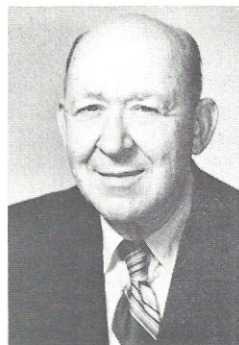
Hi men! Looks like we are finally getting warmer weather. Vacations will be starting, so let's get some news about your trips and back yard cookouts. Please use the box next to the clerk's window for any news items to be printed...Several months ago we lost one of our outstanding box pullers. HAROLD DESIROS finally decided to retire and live off his wife's income. Harold, we all will miss your pleasant smile each morning and, of course, those corny jokes. You will never be forgotten...Board Member ANDY KOHLER retired on April 1. Here's another member of the family who will be missed. All of us here wish you the very best, Andy. Do take care and drop in often. You were an asset to our company and to the union. It will be hard for anyone to step into your shoes. God bless you for your service to all...Operator CHARLES GERHOS has 26 years of service and he's quite proud--no misses in all that time. Of course if it wasn't for the Mrs., he'd never have made it. So let's give credit where credit is due. Right, Charles?...PETE KLOSS finally retired. Too much pressure on the street for him. It seems some of the boys held a party and ended up with quite a headache. Of course Pete wasn't with them. Pete, they must have been your followers. Anyway, Kloss is going out west to relax and unwind for a spell...Operator AL DREWKE's son, AL Jr., will be entering West Point in July. Like father, like son; only Al is going to improve on his dad's image. Good luck, young man...Badge No. 9986, who happens to be UTLEY,

A SURPRISE reunion of present and former CTA employees took place at the home of retired Forest Glen Superintendent EARL PETERSON in Phoenix, Arizona. Pictured here, left to right, are: Pensioner AL PARADIES, formerly of North Avenue; TED HOELLEN, Forest Glen; Pensioner JOE GASKEY, former receiver at Forest Glen; Pensioner R. M. VENN, formerly of Limits; Pensioner JOHN A. JACOBY, former District "D" superintendent; Mr. Peterson; R. F. SIELOFF, Forest Glen, and Pensioner JOE SCHULTZ, formerly of Forest Glen.



NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired April 1 after completing 40 or more years of transit service each are, left to right, BRUNO B. CZANSTKOWSKI, EMORY K. NASH and ELMER A. MALMIN.



OSCAR V. ANDERSON, Janitor,
North Park, Emp. 10-5-36
REGINALD BARRON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-16-54
DANIEL T. BOAL, Chauffeur,
Utility, Emp. 12-20-40
JOHN A. BOKER, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 8-31-37
BRUNO B. CZANSTKOWSKI, Foreman,
Electrical, Emp. 11-9-31
OSCAR R. HAMLINK, General Attorney,
Law, Emp. 3-8-34
GARNETT HAWKINS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 10-16-52
JACOB C. JACOBSEN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-17-36
ARTHUR F. KENNEDY, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 3-15-34
PETER C. KLOSS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-20-41
ANDREW G. KOHLER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-40
JOHN D. LARKIN, Specifications Engineer,
Purch., Spec. & Stores, Emp. 11-23-48
PATRICK J. LENIHAN, Traffic Checker,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 11-9-45
ELMER A. MALMIN, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 10-31-27
PATRICK J. MORAN, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 3-7-42
EMORY K. NASH, Photo Technician,
Reproduction Services, Emp. 7-12-29
CHARLES J. NOREK, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-25-51

FRANK H. ORMINS, Bus Serviceman,
77th Street, Emp. 3-20-36
HENRY M. PETER, Mechanic,
South Shops, Emp. 11-18-46
CHARLES W. RICKER Jr., Chief Equip. Engr.,
Equipment Res. & Dvlpt., Emp. 11-1-46
EARL J. RUTH, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-4-41
LOUIS SCHWARTZ, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-19-43
EDWARD G. STREY, District Superintendent,
South District, Emp. 4-11-42
JOSEPH SULLIVAN, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-7-44
OTIS O. THOMAS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 12-10-43
WALLACE C. WEBER, Telephone Oper.,
77th Street, Emp. 2-20-36
FRANK H. WEISHAAR, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-14-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JOHN A. GARRETT, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-28-53
LOUIS C. TROKEN, Collector,
North Park, Emp. 1-11-49
GIACCHINO TURCO, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 7-7-42

would like everyone to notice that he has put on weight since giving up smoking...Operator JOHN KURINEC (of our credit union) was spotted in church one Sunday wearing one of our old CTA black neckties. Well, John, it so happens you have a very-hard-to-come-by item, and we know you can post a notice on the board and the tie will be purchased very quickly. It's a collector's item now...Seems like Operator RUDY NEURAUTER recently went off his diet when he and the Mrs. were in Mexico. He says you only live once, so why not live it up...Operator BARRON recently lost his father and a few hours later his mother passed away. Our hearts go out to you. You have had your share of sorrow. But there are brighter days ahead...Operator SAM ISON is still in the hospital, and all of us here are hoping to see him return soon...Happy birthday to the following: MEAGHER, DURFEE, UTLEY, GARCIA, RYAN,

STOBART, KOHLER, MALICKI, BOUDREAU, HENDERSON, ROQUE, ZIJEWSKI, O'BRIEN, MALFESE, LEIVA, WASHINGTON, ENGLISH, and GARRITY...Superintendent DeWITT says you men are all doing a fine job. So let's keep it up and try to improve.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Office Services) -

Wishes for a speedy recovery are being sent to Laverne SCHULTZ, clerk, who is recuperating from surgery. Hope to see her back at work soon. Also as of this writing, get-well cards would be appreciated by WALTER YEDINAK, mail clerk who is confined to Little Company of Mary hospital. Hurry back, Wally...JOHN McMAHON, mail

clerk, became a grandfather for the third time when his son, JOHN McMAHON, a former CTA employee, became the father of a bouncing baby boy, MARK JAMES...If you see MEL SCHEINER, mail clerk, walking in the corridor delivering mail with his head held high, it is because he is proud of his son, EDWARD, who was made a lieutenant junior grade in the Navy. He is now aboard ship in the Vietnam area...Sympathy is being extended to the family of CHARLES OLCIKAS, receptionist and former traffic supervisor, who passed away on April 2.

(Training & Accident Prevention) -

A speedy recovery is wished KATHY FABRY, clerk-stenographer, who underwent surgery at Lutheran General hospital...LEONARD LOHN, training clerk I, is spending his vacation relocating from one apartment to another and has his hands full. I'll bet you'll appreciate returning to work to rest up...PAT DUNEK, stenographer II, spent her vacation in Las Vegas taking in the night spots and trying to spend some of that hard-earned money...Birthday greetings to JOE O'SULLIVAN, training assistant, who became sweet 16 (so he states) on April 3.

(Medical) -

RITA WANTROBA, X-ray technician, and her husband, DONALD, had a split-level home built in Lancer Park, Schaumburg. They are looking forward to enjoying the fresh air and cool waters. Rita was also surprised at Easter when her husband presented her with a kelly green Schwinn racing bike, which is probably a hint for her to travel back and forth to work, what with the price of transportation these days.

(Research & Planning) -

F. J. MISEK, supervisor of R/P, was selected as a participant in the Spring 1972 session of the Professional Program in Urban Transportation sponsored by Carnegie-Mellon university, Pittsburgh. Frank left April 9 for the first part of the program, which consists of a four-week classroom course conducted on campus. The course is divided into three major areas of urban transit: management, planning and technologies. From the schedule Frank received, it looks as though he'll be hopping from classroom to classroom attending numerous lectures, and the rest of the time deciphering and applying everything he learns from the courses. The second part of the program is composed of a two-week lecture/study tour which will start in Pittsburgh with an itinerary of various cities such as Montreal, Paris, Hamburg and London, where the participants can acquire first-hand knowledge of varying applications of urban transit ideas and techniques now in practice. Upon completion of the course Frank and his

wife, STASE, hope to take two weeks of his vacation and stay in Europe awhile. We hope you enjoy yourselves!.. J. P. O'CONNOR, supervisor of graphics/statistics, spent his one-week April vacation in Porchville, Westchester. When he left we all wished him a nice time and, if weather permits, we think he'll get the old golf clubs out of hibernation...Bicycle season is upon us and many of us in R/P are prepared for it. MARY ELLEN RUSS bought a yellow Schwinn varsity racer and a yellow hot pants outfit to match. We reminded her that she's engaged now and can't ride along the lake front unless JIM, her fiance, is along; but somehow we don't think we have gotten through to her. WALLY PASZYNA bought his wife, MARY, a flashy red model with a seat on the back for their daughter, LUCY, to hang on to, and a gold color bike for his older daughter, JACKIE. BILL GOODWIN got a good deal on a bike for his wife, DIANE, also with a little seat on the back for their youngest daughter, DENISE. Unfortunately, MARY BOSKI still plans another season of cycling on the antique her grandmother willed her in 1929. Sounds like everyone is going to have a fun time—Happy Riding!..LIL SCHAGEMAN's basketball team lost in the finals of the Loyola Park tournament. Lil is the daughter of BOB SCHAGEMAN of R/P. Lil patterned her play after Jerry Sloane of the Bulls, but she fouled out in the first half. Lil says the refs were calling them too close; she also has to have a talk with Jerry Sloane about this...Last but not least, we hope CHARLEY DROZDA bowls better than he finds his way home. Charley and his buddy bowled a great game together the other night and celebrated with a few beers afterward. They chatted together as they waited at the train station, Charley heading south and his bowling mate going north. Their trains arrived at the same time, both said their goodbyes to each other as they boarded the trains, still cheering over their victorious night. Charley enjoyed his ride but didn't notice he was going in the wrong direction until he arrived at Logan Square. (He was figuring out his score and wasn't paying any attention.) Oh well, Charley, better luck next time!

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

Spring is here--the time of year when we have to be more alert in our driving habits. Children will be running from between parked cars, and riding bikes in the street. Spring also means cleaning and at Kedzie they've done that, too. Our trainroom and office have been painted, and they sure look good...Congratulations to Operator GUY DiMEO and his lovely wife, DORA. They became grandparents for the first time when their daughter-in-law, JANET, had a baby boy March 12 in St. Ann's hospital. FRED, the proud father, is on a cloud!..Operator LARRY TURNER became a proud father of a baby boy, and Operator JOHN HERRON became a proud father of a baby girl. Congratulations, all!..Operator JACK HAYES became a grandpa. His daughter and son-in-law, KATHLEEN and AL PEBBLES, became parents of a baby girl named CHERYLE LYNN, born at St. Alexis hospital in Seven Hills, Ohio, on February 22...Congratulations to Operator SCANLON who took his pension April 1. Enjoy your pension, and we wish you health and happiness...The Division 241 golf tournament will be held on July 17. Keep this date open; come out and golf and have dinner. If you can't play golf, try and make the dinner. For more information see Board Members WILLIAM LARSEN or WILLIAM REYNOLDS...Still on the sick list is Op-



THE LOVELY wee lasses pictured here are RHONDA KAY and YULONDA FAY MORGAN, the four month old twin daughters of Operator MELVIN MORGAN, Lawndale Station.

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erator FOLEY. Hope you're back on the job soon...Returning to work after being off sick is Operator R. COLLINS. Welcome back!..Don't forget your credit union. Save a little each payday so you can help a brother in need!

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Hi folks. Aren't we lucky to have such fantastic weather in Chicago? Doesn't it make one's heart just throb for joy to see the little flower buds peeking up through the lovely snow?..This bit of news is no snow job. Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN is really proud of Keeler's safety award. This was our best year ever, and the coffee and rolls will be unlimited. It's only fitting and proper to give Superintendent Christian such a lift because retirement time is almost upon him. What a nice gift for him. Let's finish out his remaining time with nothing but zero days...If you should wonder why this column is sort of haphazard this month, it's because I returned to work after two weeks of jury duty and found that the deadline had passed. It was really a worthwhile experience to get a close-up of how the wheels of justice grind away. Most of the cases dated back as far as 1966, and I was bounced from most of them as I am a public vehicle operator and most cases involved accidents. All of you know that shouldn't be an excuse to disqualify me, as I happen to be slightly familiar with most types of accidents, personally..."The man who can govern a woman can govern a nation." On April 27 it will be 34 years of marital bliss for my chief of staff and me, and I can't even fool my grandchildren as to who is boss...Operator JOHN JARECKI seems to think that by growing a full mustache he can establish his dominance. John best recall the story of Samson and Delilah, and now with electric scissors and clippers--you can't win, John...Box Puller WHITEY SZYMELL purchased some property in Mesa, Arizona, and plans to spend some of his vacation surveying his holdings. The fellows are wondering if Whitey could have bought a pig in a poke?..We bid a fond adieu to all the fellows who left Keeler on the system pick, and extend a warm welcome to the newcomers. Let's hope everyone will be completely happy with their choice...Happiness personified describes, I'm sure, the following couples: Operator JIM and GLORIA WHITE, Serviceman LULLING and CAROLYN SAVAGE, and Operator D. ROBBINS and his wife, MAE. These three couples are all awaiting the arrival of "Mr. Stork." Boy, how can I smoke all those cigars...Operator G. DeROSE and his wife, ROSE, celebrated 24 years of wedded bliss on April 10. Their daughter, GEORGETTE, celebrated her 19th birthday on April 10...Mechanic M. PATTERSON had another yearly checkup--that is birthday-wise, April 15...Day Foreman R. VANCE is vacationing in Florida. Rumor has it that Vance has been provided with eye blinders to keep them from roving. ..Another slightly confused fellow is Operator GREZLIK who, after many, many years of navigating on Addison street, is now floundering on Diversey...Station Instructor CHARLEY WEYER, yet on the sick list, sent a nice card to all the Keelerites. Word is out that Charley saved his recently removed gallstones and is in the process of drying them out so he can make a most unique necklace. He will sell it to the highest bidder...Others who are sick and missed are Operators KARRAS, LEE and WALKER. We are glad to have TED PYZNA back in the saddle again after a lengthy illness...Maybe I'm a bit confused and puzzled, but SY GOLDMAN informed me that his daughter, RO-

SETTE STRUBEL, and her family visited him from Southfield, Michigan. It was an Easter holiday visit. Is there such a thing as a "Kosher Catholic?"..The birthday boys for April are: Operators JOE VALTIERRA, FILIPEK, PANCIC, KUGELBERG, BREWER, CUBIE and WISCHLER. Many happy returns, fellows...It was good to know that we kept all of our clerks. However, greetings are extended to our two new relief clerks, MOSLEY and MIJANOVICH...See you next month.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Now that the nice weather is upon us again, the Lawndale softball team is preparing itself for the upcoming season. This year's coach, JAMES T. BURRIS, is very optimistic about the team's chances for capturing the championship. It's a much-improved team over last year, says Coach Burris, and this team seems more confident than ever before. Coach Burris says to watch the bulletin board for practice workout sessions which will begin very soon...Vacation time is nearing for all, and we'd like to stress a little safety in all of your summer-time endeavors. Remember that the streets will be filled with children soon, and we all want to avoid any type of confrontation with them. I'm wishing everyone a safe vacation this year, and have lots of fun...Anyone interested in joining Lawndale's bicycle club can contact Operator M. H. COLQUITT at the Depot. Everyone is invited to join...I'd like to wish a speedy recovery to J. W. STAHULAK, TONY KASMAN, LEMUEL COOK, ROBERT SMITH and DAVID COPELAND...We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Operator LONNIE JOHNSON in the recent passing of his brother. We also express our condolences to Operators JOE and EDDIE RIHA in the recent passing of their mother...It's been rumored that Lawndale's own professional golfers are challenging all comers to a match. Those known pros are JOHN PATER, EARL WASHINGTON, ROBERT ROSS, LESTER MORTON and JOHNNY CALVIN...On April 1, Operator JOHN BOKER retired after more than 30 years of service. Good luck on your retirement, John. Operator LOUIS (Bubbles) SCHWARTZ of North Park Station also retired on April 1 after many years of devoted service. Many operators around Lawndale knew Louis only as Bubbles, and Louis recalls those individuals who have contributed to his early retirement: they are CASIMIR WISNIEWSKI, LEON MINOR, JOE LUSCALZO, TILLMON SHAW and WILLIAM LEMAR. Good luck in your retire-

THIS CHUBBY little beauty is ANDREA MARIE FINCH, the five-month old granddaughter of NELLO PARRILLO, Congress Maintenance Terminal.



ment, Lou...The annual membership meeting of the Lorraine Federal Credit Union was held on March 25 at the Lorraine ballroom. Everyone really enjoyed themselves while renewing old acquaintances. It was indeed a beautiful afternoon...Clerk BILL RUDDLE and his family are presently in Nebraska visiting their son who is stationed there with the U.S. Air Force. When Bill returns he'll be going to 52nd Street Station for a new assignment. Good luck, Bill...Senior operators celebrating anniversaries this month are: CLEM KACZOROWSKI, 25 years, A. H. JACKSON, 21 years, LEON MINOR, 19 years, and W. L. STEVENS, 15 years...Operator EDDIE BAINES is mad at himself for overlooking a choice run. I wonder who did get that run?...Those birthday-ing this month are: C. CHAMBERS, F. CROSBY, J. ALLEN, R. WRIGHT, J. AUGUSTA, E. DILLINGHAM, R. SAMPSON, C. DIXON, W. HARRINGTON, J. JOHNSON, C. SMITH, A. MARTIN, R. WALTON, P. IVORY, B. BROWN, W. WHERRY, R. AUSTIN, L. McCLELLAN, S. HARDY, F. FARRELLY, R. FENRICK, J. McGHEE, E. JONES, E. WASHINGTON, G. MATHEWS, H. LUKA and F. DVORAK...Well, fellows, that's all for this month. Remember, always drive with safety in mind.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

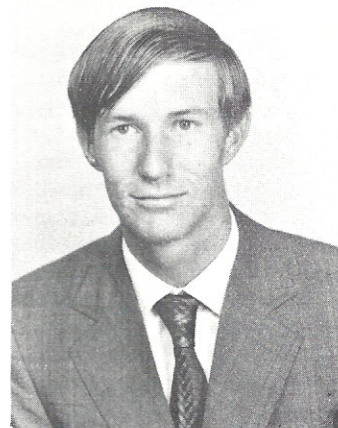
We welcome all the men who came to Limits Station in the last seniority pick. May your stay with us be a long and pleasant one...JOHN WEBER and DUKE ELLINGTON are very happy to be back here again after an absence of four years...ELMER MALMIN, No. 1 man on the pick list, retired April 1 after 44 years of service. May you have a long and healthful pensioned life. PAT CRONIN is now No. 1 at Limits and is enjoying the fruits of his labor after many years...Congratulations to Operator EDWARD SOUVIGNY and his wife, ROSEMARY, on 25 years of married bliss. A party was held in their honor at the Indian Hill Social club in Round Lake, Illinois. Sixty guests were present to help them celebrate...Board Member EDWARD DAPPEN became a grandfather for the third time when his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. GORSKI, presented the family with a baby boy, BRIAN ANTHONY. Grandpa is mighty proud of him. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents...BOB PENDLETON is back as an operator again after being a box puller for a long time. Too bad you did not have enough seniority Bob, but patience will bring your reward...JAMIE MORALES, our p.m. foreman of the repair department, is doing a good job of keeping the buses in tip-top shape. This also goes for all the fine repair and maintenance men we have at Limits...Operator RONALD BROWN is busy in his off time showing home-made movies in various churches throughout Chicago. From the reports we have heard, they are of excellent quality...Our sincerest sympathy to the family of EDWARD STOIKE, who passed away suddenly last month. Also to Operator O. E. McDANIELS in the death of his mother.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

Belated greetings and best wishes to the following people who had birthdays since our last issue of Transit News, and may this year and all those to follow bring good health, peace and joy to you, one and all: Agents TERESA BARETT, March 11; DOROTHY PARKER, March 14; MINNIE

STEVEN BOGIRA, the son of MICHAEL BOGIRA, 61st Street Maintenance Terminal, recently won a Chick Evans scholarship to attend Northwestern university. He plans to study journalism.



DIKEMAN, March 17; DOROTHY FORD, March 18; JULIE MATTRAN, March 20; ROSEMARY ROBERSON, March 22; Student Agent TOM LINDENMUTH, March 13; Clerk J. HARTIGAN, March 31, and last, but not least, Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO, March 26...A happy first wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. ARTHUR SMITH, March 27. Here's hoping you both have many more happy married years...Agent BILL PFEIFFER celebrated his 26th year with CTA on April 15. Doggone, Bill, you don't look a day older than you did last year. It must be that trip to Hawaii. ..Some of our people are still on the sick list. Get well wishes are sent to K. McKENNY, MARY JO OHNESORGE, DOROTHY FORD who is recuperating at home from eye surgery, and Chief Clerk JOHN HANNING who was hospitalized at this writing. Hurry and get well, gang, we miss you...Retired Janitor LESLIE BYRNES is home from the hospital, but is confined to a wheel chair. He would love to hear from his old friends. A phone call, card or letter would be greatly appreciated by Les. You may get his phone number or address from Janitor MOORE at the Lake-Kedzie Station...Agent LOUISE DREWS has a bright gleam in her eyes these days. Why? She is anticipating all the nicethings she will do on her vacation soon to come. ...Agent HATTIE ROHR has been unusually perky lately. She is wearing a constant smile and goes about humming a pretty tune. We can't believe it's because of the new pick. Is there a new B.F.? What gives, Hattie, let us in on the secret. Have you been reading the April issue of Cosmopolitan?...Congratulations to JIM HAASE, the son of Agent MORA HAASE, who has started his new job at the Mart. Jim worked as a clerk on the surface system for many years. Much success to you, Jim...Agent MARY VIDAS has really sore feet. The poor girl has been pounding the pavement for weeks in search of an apartment, with no luck. If anyone can help her, contact your co-reporters, as Mary would make an ideal tenant (quiet as a mouse)...Agent MONICA LAMKE returned from her Florida vacation just in time for the new pick. We were surprised to hear that she picked on the Kennedy line this time as did Agent BILL PFEIFFER. Their moving over bumped a few of us out, but since they are such nice people, we're happy to say welcome to Bill and Monica and hope they like our new line... Retired Superintendent LEO BIEN called to say he had read our item concerning him and was happy to be remembered. He asked us to say hello to all and he promised to keep in touch with us. Please do, Mr. Bien...Those of us who attended the annual Metropolitan "L" Credit Union dinner at Nielsen's Village on North avenue, Saturday, March 18 had a wonderful time. The food, the company, and the enter-

tainment was great. Those of you who missed it had better plan on attending next year. Agent DOROTHY ADLER made her stage debut that night, and let me tell you, she really has talent and is a good sport...JUNE BAREKMAN entered Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital on April 5 for eye surgery for the second time. Knowing our bouncy "vamp", we are sure she will be up and around in great spirits very soon. Our best wishes to all our friends on the sick list and may you all be back to good health soon...Agent JACK TAYLOR started his vacation the first part of May, and when he returns he will only work a short while until his retirement on July 1. Have a fun vacation, Jack...In closing we would like to welcome into the CTA family circle TOM WIXTED, the son of your co-reporter MARY WIXTED. Tom will be driving a bus out of Forest Glen. Welcome, Tom, and good luck in your new position...We hope you all enjoyed a blessed and happy Easter. Keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Spring has finally arrived, but you'd never guess it by the amount of snow on the ground when I wrote this. Summer will be here soon so let's hear about all those fabulous vacation plans...BETTY RUSSO spent her two-week spring vacation in Sarasota, Florida, with her sister and her mother. They spent most of their time relaxing at the beach. They also saw the Ringling Bros. circus and visited with friends in Barenton and Daytona. Betty came back to work looking very well-rested and tanned...ELEANOR HASBROUCK and MARY WIXTED are both in the hospital at this writing. JUNE BAREKMAN and DOROTHY FORD are also in the hospital for eye surgery. Hope to see you all back to work soon. JOHN HANNING, chief clerk for Congress-Douglas, has been on the sick list for some time. Also Agents VALERIE THOMAS and A. (Fox) CONNOR and Janitors CHARLIE RAJEWSKI, ERMA BOND, and LEROY SUTTON. Hope to see you all well and back with us soon...Best wishes to CHARLIE NOREK and Janitor G. HAWKINS who took their pensions April 1. A long and happy retirement is wished both of you...MARGARET NOLAN spent her two-week spring vacation in Las Vegas winning some and losing some. Margaret came back looking very well rested and eager to work again. Hope to see Margaret's counterpart, KATHERINE MCKINNEY, back soon. Katherine is still on the sick list due to injuries she re-



THE HAPPY bride and groom are JOHN and SANDRA HOFFMAN who were united in holy matrimony on March 11. The lovely bride is the former SANDRA PFUND, material control clerk at South Shops. John is the brother of KAREN HOFFMAN, also of South Shops.

ceived when she was in an automobile accident. State-Lake inner is just not the same without both of you...HELEN GUTH celebrated her ninth anniversary with CTA on March 30. FRED FRIEB put in his 26th year with CTA on March 11. Fred spent his day off by taking his three-year old granddaughter to her first circus...We all wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of JAMES PAICELY who passed away on March 29. CTA lost a good employee and many of us lost a good friend...Student Agent CHERYL LEE flew to Tarkio, Missouri, for the Black Art festival at Tarkio college. She said she had a great time...Did anyone know that Student Agent STANLEY BULLARD was an all-American guard in high school and turned down several scholarships for basketball to work for the CTA instead?...A warm welcome is extended to GABE BARNES and SANDRA MAHONEY, both former student agents who have returned to CTA. Also a warm welcome to EARL BOYD, a former South Section agent who resigned and has now returned to the great West Side...Student Agents MARCIA ERENBERG, LINDA WAYNE and PAT MARTINEK have resigned. The best of luck to all of you...Congratulations to two of our agents who were recently married, GLORIA TAYLOR who is now GLORIA JENKINS, and OLEY FOWLER who is now OLEY DENNIS. Best wishes for a long and happy marriage to both of you...Everyone is happy to see Assignment Agent JACKIE HOLMES back to work after being off a week due to injuries sustained while on the job. Jackie has promised never to do what she did so forcefully again...Congratulations to BARB COLWELL and CYNTHIA FLORENCE who recently qualified as assignment agents. Good luck to PAT GRIFFIN, GERALDINE LOMAX and JUNE JOHNSON who are currently breaking in as assignment agents.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

Hi! This is Bill, and I am back to work and feeling good again. I want to thank all my friends for the cards and visits while I was in the hospital and after I got home. As for news for this column, I think all of you forgot about me. Spring is here, so I should be getting a lot of fish stories if nothing else...Foreman WILLIAM J. KOSEK of South Shops has returned to work. He really is a lot slimmer than before after being on a strict diet for over a month. I offered to take him out for a nine course meal; believe it or not, he turned me down. Naturally Bill paid the feed bill for his mechanical horse. I was happy to look after the horse while he was sick...Foreman RUDY GOODE is rushing spring. He's been wearing short sleeve sport shirts, snow and all. Please, Rudy, wear your winter shirts, then maybe spring will come...Goodby and good luck to all the North Avenue men who transferred to other stations, and welcome to the new men who have come to North. We're happy to have you and hope you will help us have the fewest number of accidents and the most commendations of all the depots...I met Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER of Archer. I told him I would say hello to all his friends at North for him...Chief Clerk WILLIAM PINASCO, Forest Glen, is oiling his fishing reels and getting ready for a fishing trip to Minnesota. He will miss his fishing partner, Pensioner GEORGE ROHRHUBER, who has taken up fishing in Arkansas. I understand he has purchased a home there to live the life of leisure--just fishing and fishing and fishing. Bill's new fishing partner is none other than Pensioner BILL DI GIOIA. Bill seems to get the best chefs for part-

ners. I haven't been that lucky. Pardon me, Pensioner LARS PEARSON, I miss your good cooking. I hope I can latch up with a partner who is a good fisherman and a good chef, too. The less said about my culinary arts, the better. ..With deep regret we report the passing of CHARLES OL-CIKAS, general office information clerk and former District C supervisor. Our sympathy is extended to his widow...I hope all of you have a safe and happy Memorial day weekend.

A great big HELLO to everyone from almost anywhere (not just the Inner Sanctum)...The month of May brings thoughts of faraway places to most of us. We know it did to our genial custodian, ED KOCIENSKI, who headed down to Puerto Rico to vacation with his daughter and her family. Clerks ED WITEK and TOM HICKEY (he's one-half of the magic carpet Hickeys), and yours truly intend to spend "honey do" vacations--you know the kind, "Honey do this, and honey do that." We'll probably grumble but still enjoy doing it...District C Superintendent RAY REIGHARD and his Mrs. headed for Fort Lauderdale, Florida, stopping off at St. Simon's Island, Georgia, on the way down and Foley, Alabama, on the return trip...Clerk BILL REYNOLDS has returned from an Amtrak vacation that included New Orleans, El Paso and Mexico, then by plane (ygggh) to Denver, where he again joined Amtrak for a trip to Omaha, his last stop before turning for home. We sure wish more people would travel that way...Clerk BOB STACH will be heading for Lake Leach, Minnesota, to try and snag some of those big ones that got away last year...Clerk AL ROHDE set his car on automatic pilot and let it take him wherever it wanted to go. Would you believe he ended up in Elkhorn, Wisconsin? What other place is there to spend a vacation? We're wondering if his new car will do the same thing... District C Superintendent VIC LAULETTA had the misfortune of breaking one of his fingers while trying to hold the door open for an operator at Kedzie Station...Quite a few of our friends and fellow workers are confined to the hospital at this writing. They include: Switchboard Operator ED MAKOWSKI, who underwent serious heart surgery at Presbyterian-St. Lukes; Operator NICK DEFINA at St. Anne's; Retired Senior Instructor ED WEHMEYER at Lutheran General, and Former Board Member AUGIE JOHNSON at Columbus. We're hoping that you'll all be up and around again real soon...Just the other day Laverne TABEL, the wife of Relief Station Superintendent ART TABEL, received a get-well card. This isn't anything unusual for someone who has been ill, but Laverne hasn't been hospitalized since 1970, and, believe it or not, that was the postmark on the envelope--JUNE 1970...Now here's a bit of news that's just about as tardy as that get-well card was. On January 25 Operator F. COOPER Jr. and his wife, VERA, became the proud parents of little DEMETRIOS LEWIS, who weighed in at an even 7 pounds. Our belated congratulations to both of you. Come on fellas, give us the news while it's news; that's how you get your name in print. While we're on the subject of parents don't forget Mother's day, May 14, and Father's day, June 18. They'll appreciate knowing you didn't forget. If they're no longer with you, remember them in your thoughts...It was our pleasure recently to talk to Retired Switchboard Operator CHARLEY SCHMIDT and Retired Clerk ED McDERMOTT. Ed has been doing a lot of traveling around the country to such places as Florida, New York, and California. We also spotted another ex-switchboard operator in the station, JOE CABAY. On our way to work, we had a chance to chat with CHARLEY (Montrose avenue) EICHLER, former oper-

LOOKING QUITE the pro at having her picture taken in mommy's arms is little ERICA ANNE SMITH, the 3-month old daughter of Operator FRANK and JOYCE SMITH of North Avenue.



ator at Forest Glen. These fellows all look and sound as though they are really enjoying their pensions, and that's the way it should be. Good luck to all of you...We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Collector E. STOIKE who passed away recently. Also to Operator CHARLES KING in the loss of his mother-in-law, Mrs. BERTHA DEVINE; to Operator CALABRESI and Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON, Lawndale, who's mothers passed away. Our condolences to Operator BARRON, Forest Glen, who had the double misfortune of both of his parents passing away on the same day in the same hospital...One fellow that wound up in the sick book recently was Supervisor LESLIE PEASE. Mrs. CHAMBERLAIN, the wife of Night Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN, should literally be back on her feet by now. Watch it, boss, those dishpan hands are showing. If you've learned how to make good coffee, maybe you can brew us a "fresh pot" here at the office occasionally...The recent clerk's pick involved a bit of musical chairs. Clerk FRANK PASCHE vacated the No. 3 clerk's chair to take over as assistant chief clerk, displacing HANK ZYCH who latched on to the relief job that was left open when BOB STACH dropped into the No. 3 clerk's spot. Are you still with me, or have I lost you? Along with a few other minor changes, the office force is conducting business as usual. Oh yes, the team of HESTER and BRINDISE was left untouched. (How about that, you young Hesters, dad made the news again!)...We leave you with the following thought--you can't spray the perfume of happiness on others without spilling a few drops on yourself... See you all "purty" soon.

- William Miedema & Walter Bliz

NORTH PARK -

Remember the date--Monday, July 17. The event is the annual Division 241 Golf Day at St. Andrew's Country club. Golf, dinner and prizes for all are on the agenda. So make your reservations now for this big day...Coffee was served on Wednesday, March 15, with rolls supplied by the North Park Credit Union for beating our par for the month of February in lowering our complaints and raising our commendations. Keep up the good work, fellows, and let's have more coffee and rolls...With the coming of the college students, your help and consideration will be appreciated by the instruction force. The hiring of these fellows makes summer vacations possible for most of us, so let's give them a hand...KEN PAOLI, the son of Operator GINO PAO-

INSIDE NEWS

LI, was a member of the Mark McDunn Brass Ensemble that performed at the Center Theatre at DePaul university. Ken, a music major at DePaul, did all the arrangements for the group...WAYNE BAEUCHLER, the son of Operator LEN BAEUCHLER, was hospitalized at Mount Sinai hospital for major surgery, and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily...Operator CHARLES SAUER and his family, along with his daughter, DEBRA, attended the Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy banquet at Springfield, Illinois. Debra, who attends Roosevelt High school, won first place in the second district, and was competing against winners of other districts. Debra didn't win in Springfield, but our congratulations to her for a fine try...FRED ANHALT Jr., the son of Operator FRED ANHALT, was graduated on March 21 at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, as a 2nd lieutenant. Fred and his wife, ANN, attended the graduation and pinned Junior's bars on him. He will be stationed in Boston, Massachusetts...Pensioner JOE EIFFLES and his lovely wife, LINNEA, have purchased a mobile home in Clearwater, Florida, and will be at home at House 68, 3220 U.S. 19 North, Clearwater, Florida. Joe invites his many friends to stop by and visit him when traveling through Florida...JOE GOLDBERG, formerly an operator out of North Park, is now the chief money guard working out of the Howard Street "L" terminal. He is enjoying his work with his usual cheerful attitude...Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG suffered his second car accident in front of the depot on Foster avenue, when his Plymouth was piled up by a careless driver. Parking in the yard would be a safer solution, Seymour...Operator FRED ANHALT fell on an icy sidewalk Sunday, February 27, breaking his wrist in two places and is now enjoying a two-month vacation. Hurry back, Fred, we all miss your cheerful comments...Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, JUDY, have purchased a seven room brick ranch type home located at 5032 Greenleaf avenue in Skokie, Illinois. Allen is going to hold an open house in the near future and promises to invite his many friends to come and socialize...Supervisor GENE ADAMS and his wife, EMMA, have purchased a new home located at 2223 Edgewood drive, Grandwood Park, Illinois. Gene has an acre of property and expects to have a large garden and several fruit trees to work on...Operator BERNIE KONIARSKI and his wife, GERTRUDE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 16 and received a congratulatory letter from President and Mrs. Richard Nixon on White House stationery...Operator JOHN COSGROVE and his wife, HELEN, vacationed in New Orleans where they attended all the fun events in the famous French Quarter...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER spent his annual vacation at Phoenix, Arizona, where his brother, EDWARD, resides. Len reports a few rounds of golf and a couple of visits to the race track. A visit with Pensioner JOHN (Jake) JACOBY of Scottsdale was also a must...Sanitary Engineer OSCAR ANDERSON retired on April 1 after serving the company for 35 years. Oscar and his wife, LUELLE, will be at home at 1104 Butler street, Morris, Illinois 60450, and will devote considerable time to fishing and raising their garden...Operator LOUIS (Bubbles) SCHWARTZ retired on April 1 and is looking at apartments on South Shore drive, where the work will be left to the peasants...Street Collector LOUIS TROKEN went on disability pension. We at North Park wish him well in the future...Operator BERT SCHWARTZ became a father for the second time when his wife, LINDA, gave birth to a son named FREDERICK BRUCE, born February 8 at Weiss Memorial hospital weighing 8 pounds 7 ounces...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator PETE

DOLAN and his wife, ROSALEEN, their 15th; Operator JACK KOVITZ and his wife, SHIRLEY, their 41st; Operator JAMES PATRICK and his wife, ROSE MARIE, their 21st; Operator IRVING SHER and his wife, MILDRED, their 37th; Operator THOMAS WILSON and his wife, BONNIE, their 14th; Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, their 38th; Operator P. J. SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, their 19th; Operator ADOLF JENDRYCZKI and his wife, JEAN, their 34th; Operator FRANK KENNY and his wife, their 26th; Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, their 21st, and Pensioner ALBERT NAGELE and his wife, ANN, their 36th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Paymaster MIKE KOMPANOWSKI, LOUIS SCHWARTZ, LE ROY CONKLIN, HAROLD JULITZ, ADOLF JENDRYCZKI, Clerk TERRY LATTIN, FERNANDO ESQUIVA, DEAN and MERYL SECLAR, AGNES ERICKSON, TOM KURCZEWSKI, MATTHEW DOLAN and MARY KIRKWOOD...Our sympathy and condolences to Operator AL FERNBAC in the loss of his mother, Mrs. LILLIAN FERNBAC; to Operator G. BRIESCHKE in the loss of his father, WILLIAM BRIESCHKE, and to the families of Street Collector EDWIN STOIKE, ALBERT GLUECKERT, ALBERT TROCKER and Utility Chauffeur RICHARD MURPHY.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Assistant Day Foreman JOE COUGHLIN and his wife, DOROTHY, vacationed throughout the State of Florida and had a wonderful time... On vacation at this time are Repairman FRANK SCHENDL, FRANK SIBLEY, PAUL SCHREVES, and Servicemen BILL STAUNTON and EDWARD OLENDER...Repairman A. GUTANSKY is presently at Edgewater hospital for observation...ROBERT JOHNSON and A. KULCZYK are still off sick at this writing, and our prayers are with them for a fast recovery...Clerk EARNIE LOTITO is doing a major remodeling job on his bathroom, and his wife is very proud of him...Assistant Foreman DENNIS CRONIN had a serious fire in his home recently. Fortunately, his family was able to get out before anyone was injured...Need cash for that vacation? See JOHN, DALE or TONY at the credit union office and they will be happy to provide you and yours with ready cash.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

North Section Superintendent M. LaVELLE extends his personal congratulations to all North Side employees, both at Howard and Kimball Stations, and to the men of the Instruction Department, who were instrumental in helping the North Section receive a safety award for 1971. It was the safest year in CTA history. The North Section had 19 fewer accidents than in 1969. It broke accident par once; had 280 zero accident days. Broke commendation/complaint par once. And added 16 new members to the Courtesy Caravan Club. Mr. LaVelle is looking forward to another safe year, and again says "Thanks" to everyone. For winning the award, the North Section enjoyed coffee and rolls on April 13...Welcome to new Agent THOMAS MITCHELL, coming to us from the Shop Department. He has been with the company 11 years...Agent EVELYN LANZ recently underwent surgery at St. Francis hospital. We hope she will soon be well and back with us. Agent EARL STEVENS also was in the hospital, as was Agent DORIS BARTHEN. We wish them a speedy recovery. Agent LILLY WILLIS is back to work after having had spinal surgery. Lilly was off work for four long months, and we're glad to see her back...Our sincere condolences to Agent BENNIE RUSH and her

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ANTON J. ANDRULIS, 86, South Shops,
Emp. 10-4-27, Died 2-9-72
BAYARD ASHTON, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-26-21, Died 2-6-72
MICHAEL BOGGINS, 85, Devon,
Emp. 12-14-16, Died 2-23-72
CHARLES W. BOTTORFF, 88, South Section,
Emp. 7-3-11, Died 1-30-72
WILLIAM H. BRIESCHKE, 76, Forest Glen,
Emp. 9-18-23, Died 3-1-72
HAROLD A. BROWN, 72, Forest Glen,
Emp. 5-19-43, Died 2-17-72
WILLIAM L. BROWNE, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-8-12, Died 2-24-72
HAROLD W. BUSCH, 83, Building,
Emp. 9-17-07, Died 2-12-72
ANTONIO CARDAMONE, 76, West Shops,
Emp. 8-19-43, Died 2-16-72
LOUIS CYGAN, 70, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-22-29, Died 3-1-72
HARVEY O. DeBARR, 78, Purchasing,
Emp. 11-17-16, Died 2-25-72
MATTHEW B. DIETERS, 77, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-1-21, Died 2-26-72
MYRON DRAGAN, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-5-25, Died 2-17-72
JOHN S. FLASZ, 88, Devon,
Emp. 4-29-13, Died 2-13-72
FRANK FOCHT, 70, North Park,
Emp. 12-26-44, Died 2-20-72
WALTER GADECKI, 75, South Shops,
Emp. 8-14-23, Died 2-23-72
WILLIAM F. GOSSICK, 69, South Shops,
Emp. 6-27-47, Died 2-27-72
HARRY D. GREENLEES, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-30-15, Died 2-3-72
ELMER H. HARWOOD, 71, Forest Glen,
Emp. 1-27-26, Died 2-25-72
PAUL A. ING, 79, North Section,
Emp. 12-13-24, Died 2-12-72
JAMES JACKSON, 25, Archer,
Emp. 8-17-70, Died 4-4-72
THOMAS J. JAVORSKI, 83, Archer,
Emp. 9-28-17, Died 2-9-72
GEORGE H. KAUFMAN, 75, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-7-24, Died 2-18-72
JOHN L. KEHOE, 48, South Shops,
Emp. 7-14-42, Died 2-21-72

TERENCE V. KENNEDY, 75, West Section,
Emp. 8-9-23, Died 2-28-72
EMMA H. KRUMSIEG, 88, West Section,
Emp. 12-29-43, Died 2-19-72
FRANK S. KUCZEK, 85, Elston,
Emp. 10-28-19, Died 2-15-72
HERBERT N. LEAVITT, 81, North Section,
Emp. 4-27-20, Died 2-12-72
VITO MARZANO, 85, Douglas Park,
Emp. 1-30-20, Died 2-7-72
JAMES J. McCORMICK, 77, North Section,
Emp. 10-11-22, Died 2-1-72
PATRICK McGEEVER, 83, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 2-10-14, Died 2-26-72
RICHARD K. MURPHY, 62, Util. & Emer. Serv.,
Emp. 12-22-42, Died 3-9-72
JAMES J. NAGLE, 83, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-20-20, Died 1-30-72
CHARLES OLCIKAS, 64, Executive,
Emp. 3-31-42, Died 4-2-72
FRANK PACULA, 64, West Section,
Emp. 10-8-29, Died 2-2-72
JAMES PAICELY, 44, North Section,
Emp. 7-3-53, Died 3-28-72
ANDREW PASSERO, 73, Congress,
Emp. 12-24-26, Died 2-20-72
RUBY M. PIERSON, 81, West Section,
Emp. 3-12-47, Died 2-22-72
WALTER F. PRIEMANN, 77, Skokie Shops,
Emp. 3-6-23, Died 2-15-72
THEODORE S. RAY, 67, 52nd Street,
Emp. 2-14-45, Died 2-12-72
EDWARD STOIKE, 57, Limits,
Emp. 12-23-42, Died 3-14-72
LOUIS A. STRUCK, 96, West Section,
Emp. 3-31-02, Died 2-28-72
JOSEPH TILL, 69, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-13-23, Died 2-22-72
ALBERT R. TROCKER, 57, Electrical,
Emp. 1-27-42, Died 3-18-72
PAUL TWINE, 52, Investigation & Claims,
Emp. 3-18-48, Died 4-10-72
PATRICK WALSH, 69, Limits,
Emp. 5-13-42, Died 2-18-72
HENRY B. WILLIAMS, 52, District B,
Emp. 11-30-50, Died 3-18-72
WALTER A. WITONSKI, 79, West Section,
Emp. 6-2-42, Died 2-12-72

family in the sudden and tragic death of her three-year old son. Our sympathy also to the family of AL TROCKER, Howard Street electrical maintainer, who passed away March 19. Al was the father-in-law of Supervisor JERRY THIVEL. Our sympathy also to the family of JAMES PAICELY, former North Side trainman. Jim passed away March 28...Agent ANNABELLE DREW is home from the hospital, but it wasn't all bad luck for her as her daughter, PHYLLIS, presented Annabelle with a grandson named TIMOTHY SCOTT KRUEGER...Supervisor ROBERT THOMAS and Mrs. THOMAS have had an addition to their family. They adopted a little boy six years of age. Congratulations and may you all enjoy the love of a happy home...Student Agent STEVE DUFFY gave his girl friend, KATHLEEN

MORIARITY, an engagement ring. The lucky couple is planning a September wedding and a honeymoon in Hawaii... Agent ED ISAK and his wife, JOSEPHINE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 24. Agent A. LUCKEY and his wife celebrated their 31st and also became grandparents again...Janitor PETE PEDERSEN has left the ranks of the CTA. Pete went into private business with the purchase of a grocery store. Good luck in your new venture...Janitor D. J. LIBERKO went to Los Angeles and San Francisco on his vacation...Agent DARLENE BOHANNON and her husband are the proud parents of a baby girl. Congratulations! ..Agent MAMIE TWINE moved into new surroundings and many of her friends had a house warming party for her... Agent BETTY FIFE spent a few days in Ravenswood hospi-

tal and is now at home recovering...Agent SARA SIMMONS attended a benefit dinner March 10 at McCormick Place for the Reverend Jesse Jackson's new program, PUSH...JOE GOLDBERG, chief foot collector, and his wife, BEVERLY, spent 12 happy days in and around New Orleans for the Mardi Gras. They had a grand time seeing the old plantation homes and having mint juleps...Agent MARY RAFFERTY celebrated 15 years with the company...As the saying goes, "it's a small world." Your reporter and her husband, GEORGE, and your reporter's father, V. WINDFELD, went to Miller's Pub for lunch and who should be there but ROSE McANDREWS and a friend. Rose was on vacation and they had attended a show and were enjoying a meal and a cocktail (P.S. we did too)...Agents celebrating their first year with the company were H. ISAK, F. KLOSOWSKI and JACKIE BERNIS. Five years with the company, LOUISE BROWN, DAVID ROSENBERG, SARA SIMMONS, MARIE HEFFERNAN, LORRAINE ORR, ED OLSEN and yours truly, TINA HENKE...Welcome back to Motorman ART PHILLIPS. Art was in a very bad auto accident three and a half months ago and came back to work on April 9...The biggest surprise on the new pick was TOMMIE LYONS changing to Kimball after many, many years at Howard. Tommie recently moved and Kimball is closer. Superintendent W. ROONEY said he couldn't believe his eyes when Tom reported to work...Superintendent M. LaVELLE had a one-week vacation in April and we were glad to hear that Mrs. LaVelle is doing fine after having been in the hospital...Our sympathy to the family of Agent LILLY WILLIS in the recent death of her mother-in-law in Florida, and to Agent DORITHA DAVIS, whose father passed away.

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

THOMAS STIGLIC and his wife, HELEN, flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and then went to an area called Plantation for a visit with their daughter, HELEN MERRY, and her family. He went swimming every day and gave his grandchildren swimming lessons. They went out for dinner (to give the ladies a rest), drove around taking in all the sights they could, and even went down to the Keys. Tom managed to squeeze in a game of golf while his wife went shopping. The weather was very nice and they had a wonderful time. His final comments were "Florida is more beautiful than people say it is." I have to admit that I

THIS PICTURE was taken in 1955 at a retirement dinner for Agents BETTY BUCKLEY and CATHERINE COLLINS. How many ticket agents can you identify? Turn to page 22 for their names.



agree with him...I've heard that lately there is a radio dispatcher walking around with a dark coat and a white carnation in his lapel. If anyone has information leading to his identity, please let me know...We welcome a new information clerk, ARTHUR J. PINELLI, who transferred from the Accounting Department. He is replacing JOE RITROVATO who transferred to the Schedule Department. Good luck to both men in their new positions...On April 1, District Superintendent EDWARD G. STREY of South Rapid Transit District joined the ranks of the retired after 30 years of service. We extend our best wishes for a very happy and healthy retirement.

(Traffic Planning) -

On March 22, FRANK BARKER's son, GEOFF, a sophomore at Oak Park-River Forest High school, received his school letter for track. Looks like he's following in his brother's footsteps. Congratulations and continued success...We would like to welcome FLOYD R. BURNS, junior traffic planning technician, to our department. He was formerly a bus operator at Archer Station. Good luck in your job, and it's nice to have you with us...NANCY JOHNSON recently got a combination German shepherd/collie and promptly named it Brandy. The dog was four weeks old when she fell in love with it.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Mr. and Mrs. ED SLAMP went west to Las Vegas for their vacation. Ed reports that his luck was bad, but was happy to say that his wife had some success. The weather was beautiful and they had a very good time...ED KENNEDY spent his vacation at Winter Haven, Florida, the training camp of the Boston Red Sox. He was particularly interested in one of the Sox players, his son. Ed predicts that the Sox will win the World Series, but didn't say if it would be the Red Sox or the White Sox...NORBERT GEWELKE went to Scottsdale, Arizona, for his vacation. The temperature ranged between 78 and 92 degrees every day and there wasn't a drop of rain. He returned home with a good tan and some money in his pockets, because he stayed away from Las Vegas...On April 1, DANIEL T. BOAL retired from the CTA with 32 years of service. Many of his friends came to Blue Island on his last day of work to wish him the best of luck. Among those present were JOE MULREE, WALTER JOHNSON and PETE RECKS. We all wish Dan a long and happy retirement...Congratulations to GENE SPROVIERI and STANLEY KAMINSKI, who celebrated their 25th anniversaries with CTA...The household of JAMES ROCHE was very pleasantly surprised when their son, SP4 MICHAEL ROCHE, came home unexpectedly, safe and sound, from Vietnam where he served as a member of the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. He will now be stationed at Fort Campbell in Kentucky...On March 10, Emergency Service Chauffeur RICHARD MURPHY passed away shortly after reporting for work. We would like to extend our sympathy to his family. We also extend our condolences to CHARLES HOLLINGSWORTH, whose brother passed away in Hempstead, New Jersey; to LOUIS GODEK and AARON WRIGHT, who both lost brothers; to VIRGIL TYLER in the loss of his father-in-law, and CARL HARE, whose step-father recently passed away in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(Equipment Research & Development) -

On April 1 CHARLES W. RICKER, chief equipment engineer, retired from the CTA. He plans to take it easy for awhile, and spend more time with his children and grand-

children. Later he and his wife, EMILY ANN, will travel to San Antonio and Denver to visit with family and friends. Charles likes to play golf, so when the weather gets warmer I'm sure he will be out on the golf course hitting that little ball. I was asked to remind HAROLD BROWN to be sure and call him up and let him know when and where the next CTA golf tournament will be held. We all wish the Rickers a very happy, healthy and long retirement.

- Colette Szyzpanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Get-well wishes are sent to TERESA DeLEONARDIS and GERI LAVINE of Purchasing who are on the sick list. A speedy recovery to both of you...DENISE PATHEIGER has left Stores for a new job with the Shops & Equipment Department at South Shops...A big hello is extended to RON TABOR. Ron has joined the Specifications Department as a specifications engineer; also hello to PRISCILLA KAMRADT, who is unassigned in the Stores Department. Good luck to all of you...LINDA LUNDBERG, chief den mother of Pack #3058, organized the cub scouts for their annual Blue & Gold Dinner. The dinner was a huge success and enjoyed by all...HELEN TOTH, Purchasing, spent a one-week vacation after Easter spring-cleaning...The new Mr. and Mrs. BURNS (Mary Ann Wallace) spent a two-week sun-shiny honeymoon in Acapulco and Mexico City. They stayed at Las Brisas, where they had their own private "casita" and pool on the hillside overlooking Acapulco Bay. In Mexico City they stayed at the Sheraton Maria Isabel. While on safari, Mary Ann came in first place in the burro races. They also saw a bull fight. The return flight home on a DC-10 Luxury Liner was very comfortable. They are back home once again loaded down with souvenirs and happy memories...Our deepest sympathy is extended to BOB McCARTHY and his family in the loss of their mother, and to the family of BEN CUTRERA, retired laborer at Skokie Shops, who passed away...Congratulations are in order for SAM CANELLA and his wife upon becoming grandparents again. Little SANDRA ANN CANELLA, weighing 6 pounds 9 ounces, was born on February 19...HELEN SLATTERY and her husband, TOM, of the Skokie Upholstery Department, were proud when their son, ROBERT, received his bachelor of science degree in accounting and mathematics from Northern Illinois university in January. Bob worked as a conductor out of Howard Street during summer vacations while attending school. Congratulations, Bob! .. CHUCK SCIMECA, fork lift operator, underwent open heart surgery and is on the road to a speedy recovery. Get well quick, Chuck...It is certainly obvious that spring is here from the rise in the automobile market. VINKO DJONLICH, laborer, bought himself a bright red 1972 Chevy Impala. GEORGE LINDEN, assistant divisional storekeeper, bought himself a new green 1972 Chevy. CHRIS LAMPROS, laborer, purchased a new car and is now planning a trip...BILL NOVAK, stock clerk II, just returned from a vacation trip to Iowa in his new car. Congratulations are also in order for Bill on the birth of two more grandchildren. Bill now has five grandchildren...ART STAHL, stock clerk II and leader of the "Over the Hill Gang", was off sick and has returned to work. Glad to see you back, Art!.. CLIFFORD PETTIS, fork lift operator, has returned from his vacation and reports that he had a wonderful time... JOHN MARASOVICH, stock clerk II, and his wife have returned home from a one-week vacation in Las Vegas. After their return John's wife was hospitalized with a slipped

disc. This leads us to believe the rumor that the injury was incurred while pulling the slot machine handle...SAM ELLIS, stock clerk I, is back from his vacation and reports that he had a "honey-do vacation"...A warm welcome is extended to RICHARD WEATHERSBY, who became a stock clerk I...Congratulations to WALTER JUGIN, who will replace ART HOFFMAN as stock clerk II...Congratulations and best wishes are extended to DAMEN RILEY, stock clerk, who retired on April 1. Damen reports that he will be heading for Japan to visit his son, Technical Sergeant NATHANIEL B. RILEY, and his family. Have a happy and healthy retirement, Damen! ..JACK GUBBINS, assistant divisional storekeeper, was off sick with the flu but is back at work as of this writing. Jack reports that he is feeling better now.

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Enjoying an early spring vacation is S. SIGGERS, 61st Street...Glad to see A. LAURAS, 61st Street, back to work after a stay in the hospital...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to JOHN SHANAHAN, 61st Street, who is in the hospital...Wishes for a speedy recovery are also sent to PAT ANTONUCCI, the wife of JOHN ANTONUCCI, 61st Street, who is at home recuperating from an operation... Our condolences to LUTHER CARR, 61st Street, and his family in the passing of his brother. Mr. CARR was also the brother-in-law of TOM BASKIN...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to D. WILBORN, Dan Ryan, who is in Jackson Park hospital; also a special wish from R. BU-FORD and F. PICKETT...Spring always brings a change and that includes a change of jobs. From all the boys at all the stations, best of luck to all who transferred.

- Ray Brzezczek

SOUTH SECTION -

Is everybody anticipating spring as much as I am? Let's hope she makes her appearance soon!...A hearty welcome to our newly-hired Conductors MICHAEL COLDING, HARRY ZYCH and RONALD SMITH, and newly-hired Janitors JAY DOBBS and WILLIAM LOVE...Congratulations to Conductor JOSEPH WATKINS on winning a color TV set from the Major Charles L. Hunt Post No. 2024, V.F.W. The winning ticket was sold to him by his motorman, SIDNEY EDWARDS, a past member...A sad, sad item to report: Conductor HAROLD WILLIAMS' daughter passed away recently after a long illness. Our sincere condolences to the Williams family in their sorrow...Now a happy item: Agent RUTH LOVELL is back to work. She wishes to thank everyone for their cards and calls and thoughtfulness while she was in the hospital and home recuperating...Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS is back from Phoenix, Arizona, where he spent most of the winter. He looks good and has a nice suntan. While in Arizona he visited with Retired Station Superintendent MICKEY O'CONNOR and his wife, ALICE, who live in Tucson, and also visited the THOMAS McINERNEYS, retired conductor and retired assignment agent NANCY, who live in Scottsdale. They all say "hello" to all their friends back here in Chicago...Back from two years of military service is Janitor WILLIE STEVENS. Everyone is glad to see him return. ..Sincere sympathy is extended to Supervisor THOMAS KILL, whose brother passed away recently, and to Janitor JAMES STRONG, who lost his son...It is nice to see some

INSIDE NEWS

of our people who were on the sick list back to work: Conductors JOSEPH MITTLER and THOMAS DOUGLAS, Yard Foreman JOHN MITCHELL, Janitor EUGENE ROGERS, and Clerk ROBERT HARVEY...Forgot to tell you last month that Motormen BERNARD PERRY and RICHARD McCALLISTER, and Switchman FRANKLIN PETTIS qualified as supervisors and are now working as extra supervisors... Retired Motorman EDWARD HENNESSY called and said that he and his wife just returned from Arizona where they spent most of the winter. They saw the MICKEY O'CONNORS and THOMAS McINERNEYS, and also visited Retired North Section Motorman PAT FLATLEY and his brother, and Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK. The Hennessys said they had a marvelous trip...We were saddened to hear that Mrs. LEONARD DeGROOT, the wife of Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT, passed away suddenly. We had just seen her not long ago at a get-together. Our condolences to Leonard...Our employees are still getting some nice commendations: Motorman LEMUEL KEMP received a passenger commendation for outstanding vehicle operation, Conductor MARTIN CUNNANE received a commendation for finding a passenger's lost purse, and Clerk ELIJAH SMITH received one for finding a passenger's lost article. Keep up the good work, South Siders!.. Conductor RICHARD JOHNSON resigned to work for the U.S. Post Office. Best wishes to him...Heard that Retired Yard Foreman WALLACE BROWN, who lives in Riverdale, Michigan, was in the hospital recently, but is home now recuperating and feels much better...Conductor WALTER JOINER was beaming all over when he told us about his new son, MICHAEL, who was born February 28. The happy Joiner family have five children now, three boys and two girls... Retired Motorman CHARLES BOTORFF passed away recently. Our sincere condolences to his family...On the sick list at this writing are: Motormen WILLIAM FRANCIS, JESSE STODMIRE and WILLIAM PAYNE. Hope they all will be back to work soon...Motorman PATRICK MORAN went on pension April 1 and the men at Ashland had a little get-together for him. Cake and rolls were served and a token of remembrance was presented to him by his co-workers. Patrick was employed in 1942 and was an excellent employee. Congratulations, Patrick, and may you have a wonderful pensioned life.

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOPS -

WILLIAM EBERHART, electrical worker, is driving a new Ford. Lots of happiness and good luck, Bill...FRANK SWAIN, shopman, took an early pension March 1. Frank, who hasn't been feeling well, is getting stronger now, and we hope he can enjoy a long pensioned life. Good luck, Frank... DENNIS WINNICK, shopman, is back to work after an injury. I know you are glad to be back...JAMES O'SHAUGHNESSY, shopman II, is back to work after another operation for cataract removal. Glad to see you back, Jim, it is nice to have the operation behind you... JOSEPH ROMBOUT, electrical worker, is back to work after a few days in the hospital for the removal of a kidney stone. Nice to see you so well, Joe...RAYMOND LASKOW-

THOSE PICTURED on page 20, from left to right, are: EMMA O'NEILL (deceased), ROSE HEIDENBLUT, BETTY BUCKLEY, LULU HAMANN, ANN O'CONNOR, CATHERINE COLLINS, NORA BURNS, EDNA BELL (deceased), and MARTHA ENNIS (deceased).

SKI, machinist, had the pleasure of being picked for jury duty. Ray said he really liked it...EDWARD MAY and CASIMIR TUREK, electrical workers, are starting their jury duty on April 3. Lots of fun fellows. However, they are in different courts...Your scribe, EVERETT, and his wife motored to Muskegon, Michigan, for some tournament bowling. They had a nice trip up, but it snowed on the way back...FELLOW WORKERS--You are not doing so well in submitting news. Skokie Shops needs some--please help.

- Everett E. England

SOUTH SHOPS -

A heartfelt welcome to our new co-op students in Technical Services, RALPH MALEC and JAMES GEBIS. Both are graduates of University of Illinois Circle Campus... Congratulations to GEORGE HAENISCH, Technical Services engineer, and his wife, ARLINE, on the arrival of their first baby, 8 pound 4 ounce MARGARET ALLYSON, on March 15...Congratulations to JIM HAWORTH and his brother, BILL HAWORTH, who were promoted to senior technical services technicians. I think they are trying to keep it ALL IN THE FAMILY!..DONALD TARNOWSKI, shop clerk III, is to be congratulated on successfully bidding on a job in the Technical Services Division...Wedding bells will be ringing for JOHN STEINMETZ, shop clerk in Area 221, who became engaged to PAM KERBS. His bride-to-be is presently teaching in the Chicago public school system. They are to be married August 12...A hearty welcome home goes out to Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. ROSENDHAL. Mr. Rosendhal just returned to work after an operation...TED PIETRUS, general foreman, just returned from a three-week vacation skiing in Colorado...Best of luck goes out to HENRY M. PETER, Area 349, on his retirement.

- Elaine Stewart & Ernie Johnson

52ND STREET -

Well that's the way it goes. You speak of spring and what do you get? Winter! Yes, that's what happened on March 29 when everyone was thinking spring was right around the corner--we got six inches of snow; but we are

THE FOOD was plentiful at the retirement party held for Clerk LARRY HELINSKI, 69th Street Station, when he took his pension on March 1 after 29 years of service. Pictured here, from left, are: Superintendent G. D. PEYTON of 69th Street Station, Larry, and J. PETROCIOUS, assistant station superintendent.



still looking forward to spring--I hope! Winter isn't too bad, it brings about some good things. It made grandpar-ents of Operator BYRON DEAN Sr. and his wife, JUANITA, when JEFFERY BYRON DEAN was born on February 15 to his son and daughter-in-law, BYRON and CARLA DEAN, their first. Congratulations...The clerks had a pick, but luckily we were able to retain all but CHARLES DERRICK who is leaving us. Hope to see him return in the near future. But when you lose, you also gain--Clerk W. RUD-DLE is with us now...At this writing Operators L. MANN and VIRGIL BROWN are off sick. Operator WALTER PETERSON wants Virgil to come back as soon as possible so he can have someone to chase down the street...Opera-tor JIMMIE BROWN left 52nd Street and is now a collector out of Archer Station. See you later, Jimmie...Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM says that one of these days he is going to break the stock market, so long as Operator CHARLES JOHNSON keeps bringing him the Wall Street Journal. Good luck, chief...As you all know, Operator ROBERT HOLMES was selected to fill the unexpired term of ERNIE HILL as our board member. I think it was a very good choice...I guess we are feeling a little better now that the medical bus has come and gone, knowing that most of us are in pretty good shape...Our deepest sympathy is ex-tended to Operator EARL JACKSON in the loss of his wife; to BILL HILL in the loss of his brother, and to Janitor GEORGE BUTLER in the loss of his nephew, MOSES JA-COBS, a former operator at 52nd Street.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT is following his wife's weight watchers diet and has lost ten pounds. For his information, I am not getting fat but just pleasingly plump...HOWIE

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SANGER picked back on Marquette after a stretch as a box puller. WILLIE KANADY also gave up box pulling and picked on 55th street. How many pounds did you lose, Willie? Still on the box job are ED TIERNEY and DAVE McGOWAN. Ed tried to get as fast as Dave and broke two keys. The two quiet men on the job are SAM SCCELLATO and BOB CRANE. Joining them are EARL SAENGER and CLYDE WOOL. PRIMM fills in on Thursday, and LOWERY is the emergency relief man...Mr. and Mrs. RUDOLPH RAJ went to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to attend their grandson's first holy communion on April 9...R. JEROZAL had another setback, but is now on the road to recovery. His daughter, SHARON ELLIOT, needed blood for a serious operation and is now doing fine and on her way back to good health...We have some new faces in the clerk depart-ment. They are CARTER, LEWIS and SAM CLARK. Leav-ing us are RAY KOCMOUD and BROADNAX...E. R. ORACKI wants to know what kind of signal an operator means when he holds his index finger straight up...ERNIE TOCCI says that the 54th annual retreat at Notre Dame's Stafford Hall is set for the second Friday in August...I saw W. A. (Spider Legs) CLIFFORD, retired clerk, recently and he looks fine and says hello to all his friends...W. M. BERNAT says that DAK is that some kind of driver, even when he is working a charter...W. LOGAY, the brother of Retired Su-perintendent J. LOGAY, passed away. Retired Instructor ROSSBACH recently passed away. The wife of Supervisor WILLIAM FLYNN, District A, passed on, and the mother-in-law of SAM SCCELLATO also passed away. We at 69th Street extend our deepest sympathy to all their families and loved ones...Instructor SWANSON celebrated St. Pat-rick's day by riding the big bird to Miami, Florida. He also visited Retired Superintendent TOM SCREEN who sends his best wishes to all at 69th Street. The garbage trucks down there offer free snow removal. He also vis-ited Retirees JACK and WANDA KRAUSE, and along with District A Superintendent FRANK M. GLYNN they all went to Ft. Lauderdale for dinner and dancing at the Viking's restaurant where they enjoyed their special Viking coffee... GENE HOWE vacationed in Texas during March...To JOE KOVATZ, my thanks for the printed plate on my mail box, and to MORNAR for suggesting it...Operator A. FRAZIER flew to Las Vegas for his vacation. When he returned he told A. BRADFORD all about the fun and games he had and wished Bradford could have made the trip with him. Brad-ford explained in two words why he didn't make the trip--no funds...Vacation time is here, so just drop me a note in the Transit News mail box and tell me all about your trav-els...From the repair department, JIMMY AHERN reports that PADDY FITZGERALD and his wife, and Mrs. PAT McNICKOLAS are back from sunny Florida after wintering there...We wish the best for the newly elected commission-ers of Division 241...Pensioners BILL LORENZEN, JIM DONALDSON, JIM HOPKINS and JOE GAMEN are well and enjoying retired life...DANNY BOLES, who worked as a truck driver, retired on April 1. We wish you many good years of health and happiness, Danny...Our thanks to all who marched in the St. Patrick's day parade, and hope you all enjoyed it...PAT DONLON, former motorman, DOMINIC BURKE and PETE REILLY are all in great shape and en-joying retired life...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. WIL-LIAM FALLEN on the birth of a baby girl...MARTIN, re-tired motorman from Cottage Grove, stopped by to vote and he looks great. He has lost a lot of weight and is real trim...God bless all of you.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahorn

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