

# TRANSIT NEWS

DECEMBER, 1972



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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

The announcement on Saturday, December 16, that the federal government had approved a grant of \$40.5 million to CTA was a milestone in CTA history. Coupled with a \$20.2 million grant from the State of Illinois, the \$60.7 million will enable us to implement the second year of CTA's Capital Renewal Program.

Some of the projects made possible by these grants are the purchase of an additional 525 new buses, environmental improvements for 1100 older buses, new service vehicles and maintenance buildings, more rapid transit station remodelling and track and structure rehabilitation, plus cab signal equipment to complete signalling on the rapid transit system.

Besides providing much needed capital improvements, the announcement reaffirms the faith that the U.S. and State of Illinois Departments of Transportation have in CTA. It also fulfills a commitment I undertook when I arrived here, to obtain the funds necessary to restore and modernize CTA properties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Cafferty". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Michael Cafferty  
Chairman

CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD

Ernie Banks  
Wallace D. Johnson  
James R. Quinn

Michael Cafferty, *Chairman*

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Lawrence G. Sucusy  
Donald J. Walsh

# CTA emergency crews lauded for aiding IC crash victims

WITHIN MINUTES after CTA's Operations Control Center learned of the disastrous IC crash on Monday, October 30, emergency crews and trucks from both the Utility & Emergency Service and Electrical Departments were at the site of the crash near 27th street and King drive. Using their heavy duty cutting equipment and power jacks, CTA crews assisted in the removal of those trapped inside the tangled wreckage.

Emergency measures were also effected to carry thousands of stranded IC commuters from standing trains to the Loop. Many buses were diverted from South Side routes to serve IC stations. Jackson Park-Howard rapid transit trains remained at their eight-car length for several hours after the A.M. rush because of the heavy influx of regular IC commuters.

"I am especially proud of the way CTA employees responded to the catastrophe on the IC," CTA Chairman Cafferty said. "Our employees contributed valuable service to the Chicago public. It is unfortunate that a disaster such as this was the basis for several recent commendations."

Alan S. Boyd, president and chief executive officer of the Illinois Central Gulf railroad, in a letter to

Chairman Cafferty said, "You must know what a terrible time these past few weeks have been for all of us at Illinois Central Gulf. After nearly a half century of almost flawless operation, a tragedy of massive proportions almost crushed our fine organization in spirit and outlook.

"It probably would have, but for the sympathetic help and courage given us by many organizations like yours. We put an advertisement in the Chicago papers to thank everyone--and predictably missed some to whom we owed much.

"But I still wanted to say 'thank you' in a more personal way than that public advertisement. We were in great need. You and your people helped. My associates and I at Illinois Central Gulf can only thank you and promise to remember."

Two other commendations, both in the form of resolutions lauding those who provided immediate assistance were proposed by Mayor Daley and other members of the City Council and also by the Illinois House of Representatives. Both documents cited CTA emergency crews as well as doctors, nurses and orderlies at Michael Reese and Mercy hospitals, Chicago firemen and policemen, civil defense crews and others.



## Senior citizens receive new CTA permits

AN INTENSIVE effort to issue CTA reduced fare permits to senior citizens began December 4 at 23 registration centers throughout Chicago. By December 19, 49 locations in Chicago and suburbs were cooperating in the program.

The first permit was issued at the Civic Center by Chairman Michael Cafferty and Mayor Richard J. Daley. A regular CTA rider, Mrs. Jessie Barnes, was the recipient of permit No. 1. She is 94 years old.

When paying reduced fares, senior citizens must display the new CTA permit rather than the Medicare Card which had been used previously for identification. Senior citizens were afforded 24-hour reduced fare privileges starting November 5, 1972.

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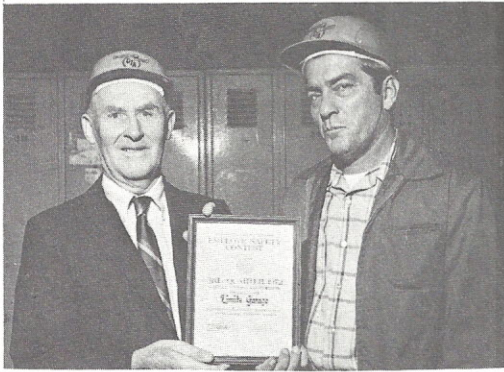
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## Limits, Forest Park, Skokie

### ESC winners named for third quarter of 1972



FINAL STANDINGS for the third quarter of the Employee Safety Contest (ESC) were announced recently naming the winners in each of three competitive groups within the Shops & Equipment Department.

ESC gives recognition to men at work locations achieving the best safety performance during each quarter of the year, as determined by the number of injuries per million man-hours worked.

Winning the surface garage competition with a frequency rate of zero was Limits Garage. In the picture top left, Foreman Edward Murray (right) is accepting the award from Supervisor of Garages Tim Riordan.



Taking first place in the rapid transit maintenance terminal competition, Forest Park Terminal had a rate of 57.4. In the picture at left, Foreman Aaron Swoope (left) is displaying the award presented to him by Superintendent of Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminals Anthony Porcaro.

First place in the shops competition was won by Skokie Shop with a rate of 53.1. In the picture below, Superintendent of Skokie Shop Robert Winther is displaying the award before nine shop safety coordinators, from left: Mitchell Faczek, Michael Connolly, Michael Fabian, Ted Lesniak, Mr. Winther, Donald Prendergast, Kenneth Blocker, Joseph Flanagan, Gary Wilson and Thomas Torrey.



## B. P. Dinter, CTA property accountant, dies at 63

MASS FOR Bruno P. Dinter Jr., 63, property accountant for CTA, who died suddenly on December 6, was said December 9 at St. Matthias Catholic church, 2310 W. Ainslie street.

Mr. Dinter joined the Electrical Department of the former Chicago Surface Lines on May 22, 1934, as a laborer. He subsequently served as a rail bonding foreman and clerk within that department until transferring to Property Accounting in June, 1950. Mr. Dinter was a valuation engineer until January, 1968,

when he became assistant property accountant. He was appointed property accountant in September, 1969.

Mr. Dinter was on military leave twice during his transit career, serving in the U.S. Navy for three years during World War II and 16 months during the Korean conflict.

Survivors include his father, Bruno P. Dinter Sr., a brother, Michael F., and a sister, Kathryn Shufflowski.



# Holiday Greetings

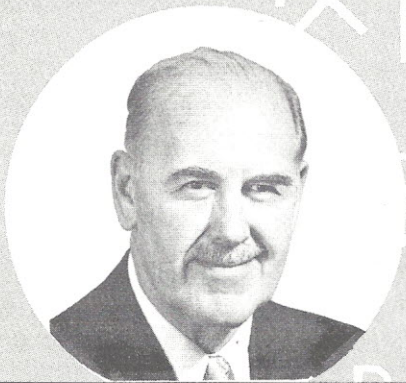
TO OUR FELLOW CTA EMPLOYEES!

As we reach the end of another year of good service to Chicago, and transfer our effort to 1973, let us hope we will do even better on our "next trip around" ....

*Michael Cabot*  
CHAIRMAN

*T. B. O'Connor*  
GENERAL MANAGER





## Medically Speaking

by Dr. George H. Irwin

**COLD FACTS**--The common cold is an acute disease of the upper respiratory tract which includes the nose, throat and the upper part of the breathing tubes. The signs of a cold usually appear within three days after exposure and last five to eight days.

Why are colds called colds? It may be because chilling causes the symptoms or because a feeling of cold is a prominent symptom or because they occur during the cold season. "Old King Cold" is a king-size troublemaker causing much human suffering and costing the people of the United States many billions of dollars annually in lost wages, material production, school absenteeism and medical expenses.

The common cold has been one of the most elusive illnesses in medical research. The common cold of itself has probably never been fatal but its importance lies in serious complications and the many days of disability it produces. For over 2,000 years, doctors have been trying to find out what causes colds and how to cure them, and, so far, they have had only limited success.

In ancient times, people blamed their colds on night air, decaying leaves, face powder, cats, or the influence of the comets. Colds have been fed, starved, ignored and treated with more remedies than any other ailment of the human body. However, some progress has been made. We now know that colds are caused by viruses, but viruses are tricky. When a vaccine which kills them is found, another breed of viruses is developed which is not affected by the vaccine. A vaccine was found for polio, in time medical research will discover one to cure the common cold.

The number of colds during the cold season will run between 25 and 50 million at any one time and can therefore be considered a most important public health problem.

As stated before, we know that a cold is probably actually caused by one of many viruses. However, just being exposed to a virus is not enough to start a cold. A second factor is needed--a lowering of general body resistance to infection. A few of the conditions which lower our body resistance are getting overtired or chilled, also overeating and not dressing properly to maintain an even body temperature.

The symptoms of the common cold most everyone knows. Briefly, the onset is usually accompanied by loss of pep, a chilly feeling, a head cold with a running nose, sneezing, sore throat, headache, general body pains and a fever. If complications occur, symptoms will vary depending upon what organ is involved--the ears, sinuses, lungs, etc.

The treatment or management of the common cold should be considered in two parts--preventative procedures and active measures after the cold has started.

Preventative procedures include keeping in the best physical condition possible by following the simple rules of good hygiene. Namely, adequate rest and sleep, moderate diet with plenty of fluids, reasonable exercise, proper clothing, and correct heating and ventilation of living and working quarters. Avoid the twin dangers: chilling and overheating, either of which can weaken body resistance. You may improve your physical condition by avoiding fatigue and crowded places.

Cold shots or vaccines for the common cold and flu are a controversial subject. Some statistics show that vaccine will successfully immunize against about 50 per cent of certain types of viruses. It is especially advised for the elderly or chronically ill persons who have lowered body resistance.

Active measures after the cold has started include:

1. Stay home and rest in bed, especially during the early stages; this is the period when colds are spread most easily.
2. Cover all sneezes and coughs. When blowing your nose, do it gently and use disposable tissues or a clean handkerchief. Use your own towels, dishes, etc.
3. Take a warm bath or shower frequently.
4. Eat a well-balanced diet with emphasis on more fluids than usual.
5. Use a steam kettle or vaporizer to relieve nasal congestion.
6. Don't experiment with cold pills or nose drops. Aspirin frequently relieves headaches or general body aches. Penicillin and various other antibiotics should be reserved for complications.
7. If you are no better in a few days or the fever persists, call your personal physician and follow his instructions.

# Service anniversaries in December

## 30 years

R. J. Arendt, South Shops  
C. Bowman, Keeler Garage  
G. I. Campbell, Law  
F. Carpino, Kedzie  
P. R. Colucci, Limits  
A. T. Cooper, Kedzie  
J. P. Cosgrove, North Park  
J. D. Craig, District C  
J. A. Cunningham, Treasury  
C. A. Drozda, Research & Planning  
C. E. Eugene, Kimball Maintenance Terminal  
E. J. Evans, South Shops  
P. J. Fidanze, Security

S. L. Jacobson, Office Services  
M. J. Korzen, Stores-North Division  
A. J. Kunka, Beverly  
T. A. Kusiak, Electrical Distribution  
M. E. Levee, Schedule & Traffic  
A. J. Mickovic, Schedule & Traffic  
H. S. MocarSKI, North Avenue  
L. J. Reinhart, Forest Glen  
S. Rini, Security  
S. T. Skiba, Forest Glen  
J. Strzelecki, West Section  
C. Tarantino, 52nd Street  
L. Tignac, Forest Glen  
C. S. Turek, Skokie Shop  
A. C. Vidmont, South Shops  
J. Wegl, Power Operations

## 25 years

Z. Artis, Track  
E. Cooke, 77th Street  
W. B. Duren, District D  
J. E. Durr Jr., Electrical Distribution  
O. Ertl, Utility & Emergency Service  
J. E. Foley, South Section  
T. E. Freeman, West Section  
G. Hann, North Avenue Garage  
J. Hennelly, North Park Garage  
J. Hudale, Shops Squad Car  
J. J. Martorano, Forest Glen

W. O. McDaniel, Limits  
J. McPartlan, North Park Garage  
J. S. Mule, West Section  
W. J. Murray, Electrical Distribution  
G. C. Olson, South Shops  
L. F. Powell, North Park Garage  
A. G. Rizzuto, Beverly Garage  
R. E. Ryan, North Section  
S. J. Salamone, Electrical Distribution  
E. J. Superczynski, Substation Engineering  
W. E. Walker, 77th Street  
G. Woodmore, West Section  
F. W. Zaloudek, Forest Glen Garage  
H. F. Ziolkowski, Instruction-Surface

## Archer-expressway bus service expanded on weekdays

EXPANDED HOURS for the route 62A Archer-Expressway service started Friday, November 24, just in time for the busiest downtown shopping season of the year.

The service previously operated during weekday rush hours only from Archer/Harlem to the Loop in the mornings and from State/Wacker to the Southwest Side in the evenings. The route operates non-stop via the Stevenson Expressway for about six miles.

The new mid-day Express provides two-way service every 15 minutes between rush hours, operating to the Loop from Archer/Cicero in 27 minutes, from Archer/Harlem in 42 minutes.

Buses leave Archer/Harlem from 6:10 a.m. to 3:02 p.m., routed via Archer, Pulaski, Stevenson Expressway, Cermak and State to Wacker. Buses leave Wacker/State from 9:30 a.m. to 5:51 p.m., routed via State, Cermak, Stevenson Expressway, Pulaski and Archer. During rush hours, certain buses serve Cicero avenue between Archer and the Stevenson Expressway.

The Archer-Expressway service makes all local stops between Harlem and Cicero and limited stops from Cicero to the Stevenson Expressway. All local stops are also made on State street between Wacker and Harrison; limited stops will be made at Roosevelt, 18th and Cermak.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

MAUREEN HOULIHAN took part of her vacation at election time so she could campaign for her father, Representative JOHN J. HOULIHAN. Although she worked hard, she said it was very interesting; an interview and her picture were in the Joliet Herald November 8. She was also a delegate to the 1972 Democratic Convention which she found most educational...CLOTILDE FRANKIEWICZ spent some pretty interesting days on some fascinating cases while serving on jury duty...ERNA KARGE, who took an early retirement, paid us a visit last week. Now that she has more leisure time, she has traveled a great deal around the United States. She also had a pleasant surprise to reveal--she is now Mrs. DEDERT. Best wishes, Erna!..JEANNE and JACQUELINE BIZIK, Revenue, had a marvelous vacation in Hawaii in October. They flew from Chicago to Los Angeles on a new TWA 1011, then boarded a 707 to Honolulu where they spent a week in the Hawaiian Village hotel. They enjoyed some time on the other islands of Kauai, Maui, and the big island of Hawaii before returning to Oahu and flying back to the mainland. The weather was good and everything was so enjoyable that they highly recommend a visit to these lovely islands to everyone.

- Clara Lawrence

### (General) -

On a lovely autumn day HELEN FRANSON, a retiree of the Revenue Accounting Department, and WANDA BEKIER dropped in on RUTH HUGHES, another retiree from Revenue, who is confined to Oak Forest hospital. Ruth is well and as witty as ever. Ruth's door is always open for visitors at Oak Forest hospital, 159th and Cicero, Oak Forest, Illinois, Room H-22. Helen and Ruth asked to be remembered to all of their CTA friends...MARTHA NEFFAS became ill while on vacation in Asia. She is now at home recuperating after surgery. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Martha!..Our condolences to ESTHER ERMANN of Revenue Accounting in the death of her brother...Best wishes to LORRAINE FALK who went on a disability retirement October 1. Hope you're feeling lots better soon.

- Judy Cuci

### (Tabulating) -

October 1 marked the date of retirement for MARIAN BUCKLEY. A very nice luncheon was given in her honor at the M&M Club. Among the guests were her husband, JIM, their son, JIM Jr., and daughter-in-law, MARY ANNE. Also, our former boss, HERB ROHDE, interrupted his busy schedule to attend. Marian was gifted with a nice check from her many friends. Good luck, Marian, and enjoy - enjoy...After 15 years, HELEN ROMAS decided that she wanted to be a full-time stay-at-home housewife. Friends and co-workers presented Helen with a lovely gift, and on November 10 she bade us a fond farewell...We extend a warm welcome to ROSA MARIA BENEDICTO who was employed on October 11. Glad to have you aboard, Rosa... Santa Claus came early for EMIL RUSINAK when he brought Emil a new 1973 Ford Custom 500 automobile.

Come to think of it, Santa Claus probably is Emil Rusinak. Happiness is a new car. Many happy miles, Emil.

- Evelyn Lee

### CONGRESS (Agents) -

Janitor AUSTIN YOUNG will begin the New Year by joining the pensioner's ranks. We wish him many happy years. Working with him has always been a pleasure... Janitor JAMES CLARK took December for his vacation. He will probably spend it hunting, feasting and showing his grandson a good time by starting out with a visit to Santa Claus. Guess who will have the most fun?..Our sincere sympathy to FRANK ELIA and his family in the loss of their beloved father, EUGENE ELIA of Schiller Park...We also wish to extend our sympathy to EVELYN STOFFER and her family in the loss of their beloved father, OLIE KING, who passed away in Florida...GEORGE HALL and his wife, CORRINE, had a pleasant and memorable vacation in Washington, D.C. George's brother and his family live there and they made sure that the happy couple saw all the places of interest...December 18 was an eventful day at Janitor BEVACQUA's house because his daughter, IVANA, had her first birthday party...FAY CAPRIO's poodle, Taffy, surprised her with two black puppies. Fay's beautiful little granddaughter will be a very happy little girl when Santa brings her one...Pensioner MARY NOLAN and her sister, ELIZABETH, just returned from their trip to Florida. They plan another in the near future...Pensioner MARY DOYLE came home from an extended stay in Wexford, Ireland...MARY GALLAGHER is still home in Ireland visiting with her parents...One evening I met Pensioner HELEN McMAHON in the Cermak Plaza shopping center. She looked as glamorous as always...Trainman SAM PARRILLI is home on the sick list and we hope that he will be up and about to enjoy the holiday season...My New Year's resolution is going to be that I keep my column filled with news.

- Julia Brousek

### BEVERLY -

Received a nice letter from BILL (Red Devil) RADLOFF. Bill and the Over the Hill Gang, Pensioners CHARLIE SUNBLAD, RUDY KOPOWITZ, RALPH LAYTON and WALTER (Hagen) BAROWSKY live about ten minutes from one another. They fish, play golf and old maid, and talk about their leaders and followers on the streetcars and the good old days. Bill's address is 29 Pilots place, Gulf Harbors, New Port Richey, Florida 33552. We hope to see all of you next year and drink from the fountain of youth. Good luck, brothers...Operator OLIVER LEE Sr. is taking his pension after 27 years. We will all remember Lee for his sermons on the mount every morning in the depot. Everyone has to do his "thing", and Oliver is going to continue his good work by being a Jehovah Witness, and like St. Paul he will spread the word of God. Keep the faith, Lee...Pensioner FRANK BLACK visited the depot recently and looks



in good shape. Frank's address is 934 Maxwell Terrace, Bloomington, Indiana. Frank was scribe for the Union Leader for many years and did a fine job. Pensioner FRED RAPP was a frequent visitor at his home... Clerk BILL LEWIS is back home at Beverly on the night shift. He is always glad to help the operators--if they have a cigar... Operator DAN LEAHY celebrated 30 years with CTA by going for a bus ride... We extend our sympathy to the family of WALTER PYPER. Walter was an instructor for many years and was always a kind, soft-spoken gentleman. He will be missed by all of us... Operator GONZALO GARZA is helping out the Employment Department by taking care of the Spanish speaking people... Box Puller HARRY LEWIS vacationed at French Lick, Indiana, and really enjoyed it... Operator CHARLES GILTMIER celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss by taking his wife, JENNY, out to dinner as a reward for faithful service. You are a brave girl, Jenny... We wish a speedy recovery to Operator W. BAILEY who is on the sick list... When you send in pictures, please send black-and-white photographs as they reproduce better.

Boy oh boy, a trip to Atlanta in November is just what the doctor ordered. It was super. Your co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, ran into Operator DAVE YOUNG of 77th Street, and he wants everyone to know that his son, CHARLES, is the proud father of twin boys, CHARLES Jr. and MAURICE, who weighed in at 6 pounds... Operator WILLIAM KELLEY lost his sister, LEATHY STEVENSON, in Greensboro, Alabama. Our sincere condolences to him from all of us at Beverly... Operator O. G. SCROGGINS wants to get back on Pullman so bad he can taste it. We take all the good runs before he gets a chance to pick. His whiskers are too short... So long!

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

**CTA SECURITY -**

Silence is golden, but not so when it comes to the news. After a lapse of a few months, we are resuming our column. I hope all of you men will help me out and send any news you might have to me... Chief BOB MILLER had a successful cataract operation and is now home recovering. We all hope your leave of absence is short, Bob, because we miss your presence at the old homestead... Acting Superintendent NORM GRAVER recently took a vacation and spent most of his time at his most favorite spot in the world--the golf course. Now that you're all rested, welcome back into the swing of things... HOWARD PERRY, chief clerk, said he just stayed home on his vacation and waited for the Indian Summer which never came. Howard did take his daughter, NOREEN, for her driving test and she passed with flying colors... Sergeant TOM SULZER and his wife, MARY, had a couple of surprise visitors this month. Their son, THOMAS Jr., and his wife, PERCY, stopped by for a few days while on leave from Washington where he is stationed with the navy... Mr. Stork recently made visits to three of our officers. To the home of MARIA and HARVEY BELL he delivered an 8 pound 6 ounce bundle of blue named JASON ROBERT. To the home of BETTY and GEORGE EVANS he delivered a 6 pound 2 ounce bundle of pink named KRISTINE MARIE. A bright pink package named ELIZABETH CLAUDETTE weighing in at 7 pounds 6 ounces was brought to the home of the JIM LaFOLLETTES... Sergeant SAM RINI has been giving organ concerts nightly at the Oleander Opry. Play it again, Sam... Congratulations are in order for Stenographer JOAN CUCI

**CELEBRATING THEIR golden wedding anniversary with smiles to match are GEORGE DEARING and his charming wife, MARY. George retired from the Rapid Transit Signal Division May 1, 1963. He's already saving to give Mary a diamond for their 75th on May 27, 1997. Congratulations!**



and her husband, JOE, who works in Methods and Procedures. They both reached their goal weight through Weight Watchers. You both look fantastic!

- Pat Flynn

**ELECTRICAL (General Office) -**

Signal Engineer C. L. WIKSTEN was feted at a farewell party at Slowik's hall on November 10. Len is leaving CTA after 20 years of service to join De Leuw, Cather & company as an engineer in charge of signals and communications. He will remain in Chicago for one year, then he and his wife, CAROL, will be making their home in Washington, D.C. Best wishes for success in your new undertaking. We will all miss you... To brighten her dreary November days, MARIE HAVLIK flew to Florida for a mini-vacation. She visited St. Petersburg and Disney World in Orlando... We welcome PARKER HAND, electrical engineer I, to the department.

- Kay McAlister

**(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**

Superintendent C. L. WIKSTEN has resigned from CTA after more than 20 years of service in the Signal Department. He will head the Train Control Communications Division of DeLeuw Cather International, a consulting firm. A party was given in his honor on November 10 at Slowik hall, 3200 North Milwaukee avenue. Some of the people there to wish him well were: Superintendent of Shops and Equipment G. J. CLARK, Electrical Engineer A. R. SANDBERG, Superintendent of Transportation D. M. FLYNN, Superintendent of Utility & Emergency Service J. J. ROCHE, Ironworker Foreman E. P. WADE and Local 9 President FRED HINCE. Best of luck, Lenny, in your new position... No one had a better excuse not to attend the party than LEON WILSON. The night before, someone burglarized his home and stole all his clothing. If any of you guys were wondering what to get Leon for Christmas, take notice... JOSEPH (Jack) WILLIAMS and LINDA JOHNSTON exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, November 16. The wedding was at St. Charles Borromeo church in Bensenville. Jack is the son of Signal Maintainer ROY WILLIAMS, and is now serving in the U.S. Navy with the Seabees, stationed at Davisville, Rhode Island. We congratulate this lovely couple and wish them many years of happiness... JACK PIPP is back in the hospital. As you know, he spent considerable time in the hospital last summer because of a

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serious operation. Jack re-entered this time for treatment of a back ailment. We all wish him a speedy recovery...A dinner party will be given for PATRICK J. DOYLE, North Section signal foreman, on Saturday, December 30, in honor of his retirement. The party will be held at Zum Deutshen Eck, 2924 North Southport avenue, at 7 p.m. Anyone desiring to attend may contact ELMER J. STOKES as soon as possible. He can be reached at the relay room, 1036 West Montrose avenue, telephone north 464. This type of party is given for each of our retiring employees and all Signal Department personnel are invited.

- Tommie Lowery

### (Chicago Avenue) -

HOBBS does it again. JACK and VICTORIA announced the arrival of number four, REBECCA LYNN, on October 28 weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. How is that for almost trick or treat...BRIAN PATRICK MURPHY wishes to announce that his parents, the JOHN MURPHYS, have presented him with a baby sister, MAUREEN THERESE, who arrived on November 2 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. She just missed coming in on a broomstick...VITO RACANELLI brought down a birthday cake on November 2 to celebrate his 39th(?) birthday...Again after advertising about pensioners it paid off. CHARLIE PAXTON, former telephone repairman, wrote me from Pomona, California. Charlie has been retired about 17 years residing in California where he has been active in civil defense work as an amateur radio operator assisting in emergencies...LARRY SHELBY is flying again after getting the needed parts for his airplane. I don't know how good Larry is at flying, but from what I hear he is very good at landing. Larry received a first place award for proficiency in precision landing at Gary airport. He touched down nearest to the white line. Didn't bounce once...JOE STUDLEY, RON NELSON and TONY RIGLER were all in Florida at the same time and spent one day together fishing. I guess one day was enough. Too many fish?

- Ben Nielsen

### ENGINEERING -

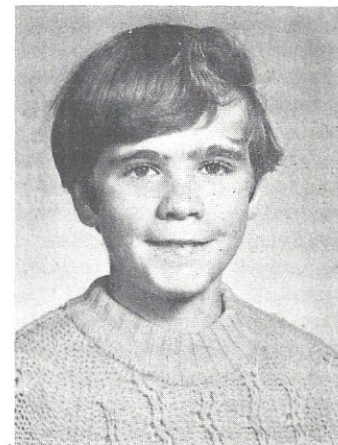
Once again we find ourselves welcoming another newcomer to our department, KATHY LEBAHN, replacing DARLENE JANSEN who left us a few months ago. Kathy is probably better known around CTA as KATHY MOSER as she is a recent newlywed. She has worked in a round of various departments since her employment with the company in '68. Kathy's most recent department was Special Investigations. We're glad to have you move upstairs again, Kathy, and we're sure that your old department is going to miss you much...It's good to hear that GEORGE SULLIVAN is out of the hospital and doing fine after having surgery. Hope you're feeling much better, George, and that you'll be returning to work soon...Our sincerest sympathy is extended to the family of KSAVERAS KAUNAS in his accidental passing. We shall all miss him very much...LEO LIZAK flew to New Jersey and New York for a week visiting with his brother. Talk about picking up strange eating habits, I hear he ate fish every day. Since his return, it has been reported that he is starting to grow gills. Next thing you know he'll be swimming around in the water cooler looking for a mermaid...BILL HUTCHINGS has suggested that ED HESS enroll in a juggling class. Maybe it will help when he's trying to balance the capital budget for

this year...Every department should have a Santa Claus to keep in season. Well it seems that we have two well-qualified candidates--BILL HUTCHINGS and KEN HOLST. We'll have to have a "ho-ho-ho" contest one of these days to see who is better suited for the job. Maybe DUFFY, Mr. LUEBECK's new secretary, can volunteer to be one of Santa's helpers, if Santa wouldn't mind having an extra hand around the house...DICK BRAZDA, BOB VANCE and DAVE PHILLIPS went to North Dakota for a weekend. They arrived there via the Empire Builder. Hope you fellows enjoyed your train ride...HOWARD BENN and his wife visited his folks in New York over the Thanksgiving holidays. Hope your Thanksgiving dinner was super delicious, Howard, and you brought along your exercise book to work off some of the extra "stuffings"...BOB VANCE is planning to visit his family in Westerville, Ohio, during the Christmas holidays. Maybe he can surprise them by arriving through the chimney. Anybody got an extra Santa Claus suit he can borrow?...Best wishes and congratulations are among the farewells extended to MARY ELLEN RUSS, JOHN O'CONNOR's secretary, who left us to take up that good old married life. Her husband, JAMES MCKINLEY, is in the navy and stationed in Millington, Tennessee. A Florida honeymoon is planned where they will visit some of Jim's relatives, and of course Disney World. Mary Ellen was quite surprised at the number of people who attended the luncheon in her honor. John O'Connor gave us a short scare by his late arrival, nevertheless a good time was had by all. Mary Ellen wishes to thank all of those who attended and says she will miss all of you very much...Glad to hear that GEORGE MACAK is feeling much better after his stay in the hospital...We'd like to welcome two newcomers to our department: KATHY KUDELKA, former telephone operator, who is replacing MARY ELLEN RUSS, and DAISY FORTE, clerk-typist. Welcome aboard!

### (West Shops) -

BERNIE HOLTANE, ironworker, was at the airport to welcome his wife, MARY, when she returned from a 22-day tour of Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece and Italy. Mrs. Holtane's roommate on the tour was RITA DEAKIN. Bernie has shown us the many pictures that were taken, and all I can say is that I wish I was there with them...Welcome back to JOHN IWANSKI, plumber apprentice, who has been away too long. Good to see you back, John...A special get well quick to WAYNE HANSEN, machinist foreman...We bid a fond adieu to BOB STAVINGA who worked for Superintendent of Track and Structures T. L. WOLGEMUTH. Good luck, Bob, wherever you are...Happy to see ROCKY FER-

A CHIP OFF the old block is WILLIAM HENRY, the 12-year old son of Forest Glen Station Inside News reporter W. A. HENRY.



# NEW PENSIONERS

WILHELM A. BEHNKE, Bus Repairer,  
North Avenue, Emp. 5-9-42  
ALVIN S. BLOOMQUIST, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 7-6-37  
GEORGE F. BRICHACEK, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 1-13-36  
MICHAEL T. CONDON, Electrical Worker,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-9-46  
STANLEY J. DEERING, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 10-24-45  
RAYMOND HIGH, Janitor,  
West Section, Emp. 10-5-51  
ALBERT J. HOFER, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 11-5-42  
PATRICK J. KANE, Collector,  
77th Street, Emp. 1-2-45  
JAMES M. LUNDY, Bus Repairer,  
69th Street, Emp. 6-10-42  
DANIEL C. MOODY, Operator,  
52nd Street, Emp. 1-15-34  
STANLEY A. OSIKA, Collector,  
77th Street, Emp. 1-26-46  
JOHN P. WALSH, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 7-8-43  
JOHN F. ZARAZA, Carpenter A,  
South Shops, Emp. 3-10-37  
CATHERINE A. ZIEMBA, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 7-23-66

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CLARENCE D. BAKER, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 11-7-60  
OTTO KLEIN, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 7-17-46  
FRED I. STOWELL, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 2-15-46  
EUGENE T. SULLIVAN, Darkroom Technician,  
Reproduction Services, Emp. 12-11-50  
PETER J. WEBER, Bus Repairer,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-2-47

RARA, labor foreman, back from his short vacation. You do look a little rested, Rocky...A speedy recovery to BOB HODGETTS, resident engineer. We are rooting for a quick recovery, and hope to see you soon...We extend our deepest sympathy to FRANK ROSS, machinist, and his family in the death of his mother.

- Kathleen Brady & Jennie Scott

### FOREST GLEN -

Belated happy 25th wedding anniversary to Operator BOB and Mrs. BUEGE. By the way, Bob, how come the tuxedo? Is that what you were going to show up in for inspection?..Supervisor PAUL LOCASSIO is now back on the job working our terminal board after having open heart surgery. It so happens Paul takes after "Chappie," another fine gentleman. Keep that smile, brother Locassio, and you'll never lose...Did anyone happen to see smiling ED KRATZKE with his cleaning equipment at Jefferson Park? What a job he was doing!..WOODY OWENS is wondering

why his wife isn't working. I believe Woody is looking for early retirement. Good luck!..Supervisor GEORGE HAND and his lovely wife are back from their vacation touring the East. Of course, George showed his bride all the good night spots on the trip. George says it was like a second honeymoon...Operator GEORGE SPORLEDER had a little work done on one of his eyes. It seems he can see all the pretty girls even better now...Operator BOB and PEARL EVERS had a late vacation, but the weather was bad...BILL WITKUS went hunting and with much luck got his limit again...Did you ever hear of anyone coming to work and forgetting his teeth? Well, ANDY KOSINSKI did it one morning...BILL LEMKE and his lovely wife just passed their 31st year of togetherness November 8...It so happens yours truly and Mrs. HENRY just made 16 years November 25...Operator W. BARRON is still looking for a live one, so beware all...Operator BOWERS is coming up with names for some of the boys who meet in the corner of the depot. He is now calling CHILDERS "Sparky"..Please take notice of PAUL CHRISTINO who operates with his seat belt on... Operator T. POLITOPOULOS and his Mrs. announced the birth of a baby girl named KATHERINA. She was born on October 27 at Ravenswood hospital weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces and is their first child...Operator "POOPSIE" and Mrs. ANN NELSON really rubbed it in telling about all the fine weather on their trip to Florida in November...Our fine credit union officer, JOHN KURINEC, was an outstanding model for the Ladies Sodality of Divine Savior parish. At present we are not sure if it was underwear or outer garments, but I am quite sure he was very outstanding, and did the church proud.

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

### GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

The welcome mat was extended to DIANE (Ritrovato) PECORARO who transferred from the Claim Department. She became Mrs. JOSEPH PECORARO on October 7 and honeymooned in Jamaica. Her husband is a bus repairman at North Park Station. Her father, FRANK, is an instructor for Shops & Equipment at Archer Garage.

### (Insurance) -

RONALD KRAMER and his wife flew to Disney World for a two-week vacation...MARJORIE HOLMES, along with three other girls took a Greyhound to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend the Morehouse college homecoming. They were exhausted when they got there from the long trip, and decided to fly back after spending three days sightseeing...MARIE CRAWLEY has been advancing in her swimming lessons. She has now learned to dive, and the exercise is doing something for her figure. Keep up the good work.

### (Personnel) -

The welcome mat was extended to MARIA LOPEZ, clerk-typist, and JOE KINAHAN, file clerk, who transferred from 77th Street Shops & Equipment where he formerly was a repairman...DON RIESS and his wife drove to Disney World in Florida touring the east and west coasts for two weeks. He said they had a marvelous time and the weather was ideal...Have you noticed JOE O'SULLIVAN's face is redder than usual? In last month's issue of the Transit News, he said PATTY JOE JACOBSON was thrilled with her shamrock from Ireland. She was thrilled alright, but not by the way her name was spelled. Her name is PATTI JO JACOBS. Sorry, Patti...LEN LOHN spent a

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week in Rochester, Minnesota, undergoing tests at the clinic. Although he didn't get a clean bill of health, he found out he is not as sick as he thought he was...We received a letter recently from Pensioner WALTER GARBUTT stating that he has completely recovered from his heart attack. The only thing he can't do is shovel snow. He says his wife will do that for him. I wonder?...RAY FLEMING showed off his new home by having an open house for the members of the Training Department...PAT DUNEK toured the Pacific Northwest and said she had a wonderful time. She liked it so well she is thinking of going back...EVELYN, the wife of BURT BOSAN, took a trip to Rome, Italy. She said she had a good time and is now back home--wiser but poorer...RICHARD FABRY, the husband of KATHY FABRY, has started his new job. Rich is now production clerk, MC&OP, at Skokie.

### (Public Information) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to QUENTIN MICHALCZEWSKI in the death of his beloved grandmother.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neuraoter

### KEDZIE -

Superintendents M. HARRINGTON, A. TABEL and J. McEVILLY would like to take this opportunity to wish all the personnel at Kedzie a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year...Congratulations to EMANUEL D. PORTER, p.m. foreman, and his wife, ORA, on the birth of a baby girl, KIMBERLY ANN, October 14...Operator A. DOMINICK received a surprise telephone call from Pensioner E. ZIELKE, who says hello to all his friends at Kedzie. The only street Zielke ever worked out of Kedzie was Harrison street...I received a card from Pensioner NICK (Money Bags) PAPPAS who said he attended the wedding of his grandson in Wilton, New Jersey. He said he also visited Reading and Trenton, New Jersey. We are sorry to report that Nick passed away on November 13. Our sincerest sympathy to his family...ELINOR COLLINS, the wife of Operator R. COLLINS, recently underwent surgery but is now home recuperating satisfactorily. We wish her a speedy recovery. Also at this writing, Operators T. SHEVCHUCK and RALPH POTTS are hospitalized in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital. FRANK VONDRASEK is in Loretto hospital, and G. PAPPAS is in West Lake hospital...MARY FIORITA, the aunt of CARM GRAHAM, your reporter's wife, passed away on October 30 in Dayton, Ohio. She was also the aunt of Pensioner MIKE FIORITA, Foreman JOE FIORITA of Archer, and Instructor of Garages ADAM FIORITA. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families here and in Dayton...The mother of Operator M. GAYLORD passed away in Plymouth, North Carolina. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

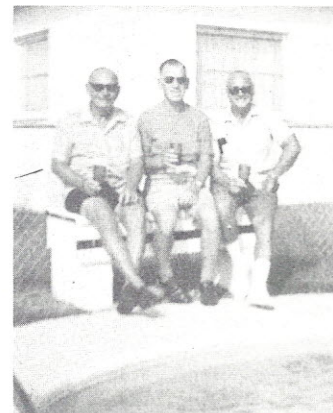
- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Hi guys and dolls. I found this witty observation after my Thanksgiving dinner--there are more gluttons than drunkards in Hell. Of course, I'm lost either way...Last issue your old scribe pulled another boo-boo. I acknowledged that the JARECKIS were vacationing in Florida, but failed to mention that Operator DON BABER and his lovely lady were the Jarecki's travel partners. Don forgave me

and took JOHN off the hook. He will suffer enough now that LINDA is taking clarinet lessons...Superintendent KEAG is very proud of his son, KEVIN, who is the quarterback for the Wright Junior college football team. He led them to a 28 to 19 victory over Rockford, remaining undefeated as the undisputed champions of the Northwest Community Conference title. Kevin was also chosen all-American quarterback for junior colleges throughout the nation. Boss man, please steer him in the direction of the Chicago Bears...Another father-son happening involves my good buddy, Supervisor LEE OAK. Lee's son, DON WILCOX, with the aid of his wife, MARGARET, made Lee a grandpa recently. Don is also one of our good garage servicemen...Not to be outdone, Serviceman BYRON LeVAULT boasts of his son's very extensive vocabulary. GREGORY BYRON, at the ripe old age of 16 months, can very plainly say dada...Mechanic A. M. PARILLO owned up to 53 miles on the birthday odometer November 16...Mechanic JOHN ZAJAC will shortly leave the garage force to join the ranks of the courageous men in blue...Glad to see CHESTER FILIPEK off the sick list. We do, however, miss MELVIN STOKES who, as of this writing, is hospitalized. No one can take Stokes' place as no one can take up that much space. Hurry back, Stokes...I heard a rumor that T. J. (Boerwinkle) JONES has his leg in a cast, the result of the strenuous practice basketball coach C. BLAKENEY puts his team through. We want a running team, coach, but at that price? ..Received a nice long letter from ZIELKE, and his letters never fail to give us a lift. By sheer coincidence, one of Zielke's favorite operators, CHACHERE, was visiting his old buddies at Keeler and was tickled to see his name mentioned in Zielke's letter. Zielke didn't know that Satch had abandoned us Keelerites for Limits Station...These fellows are really on the ball. Operator G. KARRAS remembered that his wife, DONNA, had a birthday on November 16, or was it her 16th? Operator O. HAMPTON had to buy a pre-Christmas gift for his Mrs., ADDIE, when she birthdayed on December 2. Clerk RONNIE MILLER isn't so smart. He tells me that his wife, BARBIE, can now go dancing at the 30 and over club following her birthday on October 19. Barbie is no dummy either. She's letting Ronnie go deer hunting in upper Michigan with her cousin as guide. Ronnie will definitely hunt deer--not dears...SY GOLDMAN and his wife, NELLIE, are taking a second honeymoon in West Palm Beach, Florida. Just in case things are a little different the second time around, they will also do some sightseeing at Disney World in Orlando...Say, fellows, have you noticed the svelte look of Operator M. WIDENHOEFER? He has lost 20 pounds, and I can't lose two... One of our new operators, PHILLIP DAVILA, and his wife,

THESE THREE leisurely fellows are Pensioners BILL RADLOFF, WALTER BAROWSKY and RALPH LAYTON enjoying a "cool one" by the pool at Bill's home in Newport Richey, Florida.





**HOCKEY IS** a year-round sport for Forest Glen Bus Operator **CARL BENOIT** and his son, **VICTOR**, who looks like a typical defenseman. Carl has been teaching and coaching junior hockey teams for over a year at Rainbo Arena.

**THERESA**, just celebrated their second wedding anniversary and didn't bring us a piece of cake...A hearty welcome is extended to **FRANK TORRES** and **CARMELO MONTANEZ**.

- Ernest C. Carter

**LAWNDALE -**

Well, fellows, as I am writing this the weather is giving us an indication that we're in for a long, cold winter (but I sincerely hope not). Station Superintendent **JACK MORRIS** recently reminded us that for the first month of the last quarter we're in first place in the system for the least amount of accidents. This is a very good sign that we're all trying harder to improve the overall safety record of CTA. Keep up the good work!..A hearty welcome to these new men at Lawndale: Operators **CHARLES E. WILLIAMS**, **PADERON MAURO DeLEON**, **ANTONIO LOPEZ** and **MANUEL DeLaCRUZ**. All of us here at Lawndale extend a welcome to you, and we also hope that you'll enjoy your stay here...P.M. Foreman **CLARENCE MILLS** is preparing for the 1973 model airplane championship matches. Clarence is looking for a couple of new models for Christmas. Good luck...Clerk **JIMMIE KORLONIS** of the repair department recently returned from a three-week vacation, but on a sad note. During the last week of his vacation his mother passed away. Our deepest sympathy is extended to you and your family...Our condolences are extended to Operator **IRVING CUNNINGHAM** in the recent passing of his mother, and to Operator **TOMMY HARPER**, whose mother also passed away...We recently received a beautiful card from Pensioner **BILL** and **EM KLECKA** who are vacationing in Florida...Operator **ABE WILSON** is challenging anyone capable of playing the game of chess. Abe must admit, however, that checkers is not his game...Congratulations to Operator **SOLOMON DAVIS** and his family on their new home...**DARRYL D. PENDLETON**, the son of Operator **JOHN PENDLETON**, recently received a scholarship to St. Francis de Sales High school. Congratulations to you, Darryl, from the men of Lawndale...Congratulations to Operator **EDDIE McCUTCHEON** who recently took his **MARY** in matrimony on October 13...Glad to see Operator **JAMES FITCHPATRICK** back with us after his recent illness...Former Operator **PETE MOLFESE** of Lawndale has been ill for some time now. We hope that Pete is doing better at this writing...Also back on the job after his illness is Operator **EXCELL BENN**...Personnel on our sick list as of this writing are: Operator **TILLMON SHAW** in Mary

Thompson hospital; Operator **GEORGE M. O'DONNELL**, and Cleaner **ROBERT WALKER**...On December 1 Operator **GEORGE F. BRICHACEK** retired after 36 years of service. We're all wishing George loads of good luck on his retirement...Foreman **JOE RITROVATO** will retire on January 1 after 38 years of service. Joe spent 18 years as a foreman. You've been a very nice guy to know and will be missed around Lawndale. Good luck on your retirement...Our condolences are extended to Operator **LENZIE ALFORD** in the recent passing of his brother...Here are the men on the 1972-73 basketball team from Lawndale: Coach **ROSEY WRIGHT**, Assistant Coach **RONNIE McKNIGHT**, Captain **GREGG CROOM**, **JAMES BURRIS**, **IRVING CUNNINGHAM**, **RALPH WILLIAMS**, **ARLANDER MARTIN**, **JOHNNY PAIGE**, **TOMMY ARTIS**, **DAVID JOHNSON** and **DUANE SMITH**. Good luck for the season, fellows, I hope that as many of us as possible can get out to see the games...Wedding anniversary congratulations go to Operators **WILLIAM** and **ANN MILLER** on their 15th, October 26; **JOHN** and **ANN HAWKINS** on their 3rd, October 28; **ARTHUR** and **MELVITA WILLIAMS** on their 11th, November 10; **JEROME** and **EVELYN JOHNSON** on their 12th, November 27; **ROBERT** and **SANDRA BRAXTON** on their 2nd, December 5; **EDDIE** and **ROBERTA JOHNSON** on their 11th, December 10; and it's going to be eight years of wedded bliss for **HAYWARD** and **JOYCE BORDERS** January 9. Many happy returns to all!..Congratulations are in order for Clerk **CLARK** and **MARGIE CARTER** on the recent birth of their son, **CLARK LEE CARTER Jr.**, on November 2. Little Clark topped the scale at 7 pounds 6½ ounces...Happy birthday to the following personnel: **LOU J. KAZDA**, **ALLEN H. JACKSON**, **C. McQUAY**, **TILLMON SHAW**, **ROBERT C. DILLARD**, **ROBERT WILLIAMS**, **WALTER JENTSCH**, **ROY JENKINS**, **DAVID O. CARROLL**, **CHARLES F. HILL**, **ERNEST BURNETT**, **MANUEL NAVARRO**, **MAURICE A. WALTON**, **E. BROWN**, **C. A. AUGUST**, **W. STUBBS**, **WILLIAM PRICE**, **T. COLEMAN**, **H. E. MOORE**, **LEROY WILLIAMSON**, **R. L. LAY**, **J. KETCHUM**, **W. A. LEE**, **H. DAVIS**, **TOM BYRNE** and **JOHNNY L. McCLAIN**...On Sunday, October 29, the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower Society held it's communion breakfast at St. Patrick's church. Lawndale personnel in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. **EDDIE KAWCZYNSKI**, Instructor and Mrs. **DAVE HINMAN**, their son and his mother-in-law, and Clerk and Mrs. **WILLIAM KELLY**. Former Assistant Superintendent of Lawndale **STANLEY BITEL** and his lovely wife were there. We also had a chance to see Pensioner and Mrs. **ARCHIE DILLON**, who are both looking very well. Archie happened to win a prize in the drawing—a statue of the Madonna of the Kitchen. Other winners from Lawndale were **EDDIE (Cookie) KAWCZYNSKI** and yours truly. Everyone really had a wonderful time...We extend our deepest sympathy to Assistant Superintendent **H. P. BRAUN** in the recent passing of his brother, **WALTER BRAUN**...Our hearts go out to Operator **A. A. HADAC** who sustained an injury recently en route to work. We all wish you a speedy recovery.

- James Marshall

**LIMITS -**

Time marches on, and the time has come when your scribe has reached that golden age of 65. As of January 1, 1973, I will be retired. I thank the good Lord who has seen fit to keep me in good health and strength these many years. I want to thank the men at Limits for their coopera-

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tion in writing our column, for without their help there would not have been a column. I also want to thank Bob Heinlein, Mel Alexander and the Transit News staff for their help. They have all done a fine job of getting the Transit News out regularly to all of the employees, active and retired. Your new scribe beginning with the January issue will be CHARLES TURNER, who is most capable. Please keep the Limits column alive by giving him the cooperation that you gave me. Thank you...The Limits credit union annual business meeting and party will be held on January 28 at 3 p.m. in Weigelt's hall, Byron and Damen avenues. All members and their families are invited to attend. Prizes will be given after the meeting, and delicious food and beverages will be served...Superintendent M. DeWITT and his dear wife returned from a refreshing vacation down in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where they enjoyed themselves to the fullest...Operator STANLEY DEERING took his pension on December 1. He and his dear wife are planning to tour the good old U.S.A. and visit the many places of historic interest...Mechanic KEITH KLEIN and his dear wife, DIANE, became the parents of a cute baby girl, KAPRICE MARIE. This is the first girl in the Klein family after having eight boys. Congratulations to the very proud parents...P.M. Foreman E. KUKLEWICZ and his dear wife, FRIEDA, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on November 16, and it was also his 31st year with CTA. Congratulations and best wishes to this fine couple. They are planning a trip to San Antonio, Texas, to mark the occasion...Our sincerest sympathy to Operator MITCHNER in the death of his beloved mother; also to the families of Operators SAM WILSON, JESSE BROADNAX and HARDY CARLSTEDT, formerly of Devon and North Park, who passed away...In closing this column, as it will be my last one, I will not say goodbye but just "au revoir." May all of you and your families enjoy good health, happiness and prosperity in the years that lie ahead.

- R. S. Benson

### LOOP -

Clerk ED PFANNKUCHE celebrated 39 years with CTA in October, and he and his wife, VI, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on November 26. Our congratulations on both occasions. On October 27, Ed and Vi flew to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and enjoyed a boat ride down the Mississippi river...Motorman GEORGE EASTMAN said so long to CTA and his co-workers when he resigned recently to open his own business, a hardware store. If any of you are in the vicinity of Madison and Western, drop in and give George some business...Janitor CRUMPLER spent his vacation in New York this year. He said he really had a great time...CHESTER GAVIN is back to work after his four-day holiday. Tell us, Chester, is it who you know or what you do?...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of retired Assignment Agent ANTHONY BALKAS who passed away recently. Anthony was with CTA for 25 years. High mass was celebrated for him at Our Lady of the Ridge church on October 11...Our sincere condolences are also extended to Agent MARTHA BLEERS who recently lost her grandson, and to Clerk RON SORENSEN in the death of his mother...Agent TONI STIPATI, the wife of Agent SAM STIPATI, is recuperating nicely. We hope to announce her return to work shortly...JOHN FILIPEK has asked us to thank all his co-workers who so kindly remembered him with cards and gifts during his hospital stay. He was deeply touched...Agent W. RAJEWSKI and his wife happily an-

nounced the birth of their fifth and sixth grandchildren, born just three weeks apart. Their daughter had a little girl, VICKI, and their daughter-in-law had a little girl named DEBBIE. Moms, dads and grandparents are really proud...We just can't seem to keep the DOYLE name out of the news for one issue. This time we announce the 33rd wedding anniversary of DAN and Co-reporter MILDRED on November 11. May they enjoy many, many more years together. Congratulations from all of us...It is with deep regret that we announce the retirement of Janitor E. SCHULTZ, Lake Street. He will be greatly missed and hard to replace. Schultzy, as he was affectionately known by his many friends, never idled away his time. He managed to keep busy at all times, and his stations showed it. Good luck and many happy retirement years to a truly fine gentleman. Don't forget to let us hear from you...We are happy to see BILL CUSACK back at the old stand after his recent illness. Stay well, Bill, and don't let anything get you down...Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN is much too humble to tell anyone, but we found out that she received an "Employee of the Year" citation for 1972. Minnie certainly deserves this honor as she is a most conscientious and gracious lady...Belated birthday greetings to Chief Clerk HARRY BAKER and retired Agent PIERRE FLECK...On November 4 a retirement party was held for Agent MARY JO OHNESORGE at Weigelt's hall on Damen avenue. Those who attended enjoyed a lovely dinner and an enjoyable evening of dancing. Mary Jo was presented with gifts which she accepted graciously. Everyone was moved by her acceptance speech when she said looking around this room and seeing all these people as her friends was the greatest gift of all...Agent ED ROHDE retired on November 1. May he enjoy his retirement in good health...Electrician JOE HOBBS is back on the job and really looking great. Joe had open heart surgery at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital...Agent OPAL (York) WOZNIAK is home recuperating from her recent surgery at St. Anthony hospital. We will be glad to give her number to all her friends who would like to call her...In closing, our grateful thanks to Transit News Editor BOB HEINLEIN and his staff for all their hard work and efforts in putting out our magazine in 1972. Thanks, gang. May 1973 be a blessed and happy year for all of us. Keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wirted

### MILWAUKEE LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Anyone interested in a puppy or kitten for a Christmas gift? Please contact MATTIE ANDERSON. Don't ever tell her when your birthday is, or you will be sure to get one or the other as a present...Speaking of pets, KATY MORIARTY, your co-scribe, has a big beautiful Irish setter who was graduated from obedience school in November. Congratulations...JIM GEORGE spent his vacation in Wisconsin working on his cottage there...DOROTHY FORD has some new glasses, and had a two-week vacation which started the week of Thanksgiving. Gee, what a nice time to be off and get ready for the upcoming holidays...JUNE BAREKMAN and her family had a wonderful vacation in Hawaii in August...Relief Superintendent R. SUTA said he had a nice "honey-do" vacation. He did everything his wife told him to do. Knowing Mr. Suta, he enjoyed every minute of it...Congratulations and good luck to all the newly-hired agents. Those hired as conductors recently are: JOSEPH C. MARTIN Jr., J. LOPEZ, S. VICENS, M. BISHOP, E. HOWARD, P. DIAZ, TOM RAMOS and JOSE LAM...Our

sincere condolences to JOSEPHINE GIBLIN in the loss of her father. May he rest in peace...EDNA KANTOR was off for 12 days with what she thought was a cold, but was discovered to be the measles. She is now back at work with a bad cough. ELEANOR HASBROUCK is also back to work after a short illness. We hope you both stay healthy throughout the changeable weather...ED ROHDE took his pension on November 1 after more than 26 years of service. Ed says he is going to do all the things he has always wanted to do. He loves to fish and camp out...Everyone really had a good time at the retirement party for MARY JO OHNESORGE on November 4. Mary was presented with a huge telephone and a giant watch...Question of the month: Who is Ann Landers of the Milwaukee branch?...MARY WIXTED's son, TOM, is a chip off the old block. He already received a commendation with only one month's service with CTA. Tom is a bus operator on Irving Park... Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HALL returned from their vacation which took them through Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland, where they visited Arlington National cemetery and various interesting and beautiful historical sites. They also stopped to see George's brother, WILLIAM, and said they had a wonderful time.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Congratulations to Operator LAWRENCE ABRAHAM who welcomed his second granddaughter, LAURIE, born October 23 at McNeal hospital...On February 1, Clerk EDWARD O'KEEFE will be joining the ranks of pensioners after 39 years of service. He has some great plans. First, a trip to Hawaii with his wife and sister-in-law. Then an automobile trip and some sightseeing. Good luck, Ed, keep in touch...My co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, had open-heart surgery. He is at home recuperating and will be back at North as soon as the doctor gives him the OK. He would like to hear from all of his friends. See ya' purty soon, Walter...Operator RALPH POTTS from Kedzie is in Oak Park hospital. Operator HERB LINDEMANN is on the sick list. We hope you both are well by the time you read this... We are happy to report that Bus Dispatcher BILL KOSEK, South Shops, is back to work after surgery...Pensioner JOE HIEBEL and his spouse, CATHERINE, vacationed in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas. According to their card, they were having a ball. Joe says, "Old bus drivers never die, they just drive away"...Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA and his wife, BONNIE, paid Day Foreman ALEX PALA and his wife, ROSE, a visit during their vacation. Wayne and Bonnie enjoyed the local forest preserves and a delicious dinner prepared by Rose. Alex and Rose are big land owners in Wisconsin--they have a nice farm. Wayne and Bonnie are also new property owners. They bought a home on the Northwest Side of Chicago...Congratulations to the September members of the Courtesy Caravan Club. They are: Operator W. JOHNSON for assistance of handicapped, Operators R. COVYEAU, H. FIELDS, E. BRYANT, W. FLIENT and J. DUBIN for exceptional courtesy...Pensioner WILLIAM BUETOW lost his wife, ANNA, November 2. Operator WADE SIMMONS lost his father October 13. Operator NICK DE FINA passed away October 13. Operator J. SUKIS lost his wife October 13. The sister of Operator FRED COOPER passed away October 11. We extend our deepest sympathy to these families. The Bible tells us Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also"...Superintendent LES KEAG of

TOMI JEAN GRIESEN-AUER, the daughter of North Avenue Station Inside News reporter WALTER BLIX, was a recent graduate of the Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing. She will be working at Swedish Covenant hospital.



Keeler Station and his wife, LORETTA, are very proud of their son, KEVIN, who is quarterback on the Wright Jr. college football team. They beat Rockford 28 to 19 to win the Northwest Central Community Conference for junior colleges. He threw two touchdown passes and scored a touchdown himself. Last year he received the award for the all-American quarterback for junior colleges all over the U.S.A...We received a welcome letter from Pensioner NEIL COTTER in Portage, Wisconsin. The duck hunting and the deer hunting are good there, but Neil doesn't care to take advantage of it. He asks to be remembered to all and tells all, "Stay well"...In the January, 1953, issue of Transit News, there was a feature story on BILL LOUBSKY, the son of Pensioner BILL LOUBSKY. At that time Bill, age 12, was building scale models of CTA buses as a hobby project. In 1963 our magazine announced that Bill, age 22, was a graduate engineering student at the University of Illinois. Now 1973 is coming up and we have a letter from his father telling us that Bill is now attending Stanford university to obtain his Ph.D. He is considering many offers of teaching, one of which is at M.I.T. in Boston, or to go into research at Los Alamos, New Mexico. He also has an offer to teach in France. He has worked part time at NASA and gave a televised talk to NASA and Lockheed on November 7. Bill went to Russia August 12 to attend the 13th International Congress of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics held at the University of Moscow where scientists from all over the world met. There were 4,000 in attendance, 2,500 Russians and 1,500 foreigners. Bill wrote a technical paper, and out of 400 entered in the U.S.A., 48 were accepted. Two were from Stanford university, and Bill's was one of them. This trip was paid for by Stanford and the U.S. Academy of Science. Bill visited The Red Square, St. Basil's church, Lenin's Tomb, Leningrad, Province of Georgia, Armenia, and the Russian Riviera on the Black Sea. The Russian buses are very much like the old "Queen Mary", only gasoline versions. They have many trolley buses and streetcars. People there ride on the honor system and some of the fares are 3 cents. He said Russian subway stations are the most beautiful in the world, made of marble, many paintings, sculptures and golden chandeliers. Whatever Bill's plans are for the future, we wish him luck...I want to thank all of you who, like JULIUS BISWURM, let me know the news that gets into this column. One little problem has arisen. When I moved, I put my new address in the column but many of you didn't keep it and a lot of my mail is still being sent to my old house. Send it to Bill Miedema, 3900 North Pacific avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60634. Write it down right now before

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you forget! And use it to let me know all of the things your friends would like to read about. I can't print things if nobody lets me know about them. Just drop them in the box at the depot, or, if you are a pensioner, write to me.

- William Miedema & Walter Blix

### NORTH PARK -

The North Park credit union annual business meeting will be held Friday, January 12, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco avenue at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served with drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend...Operator HAROLD BASON and his wife, NORA, became grandparents for the eighth time when their daughter, Mrs. JANICE ANDERSON, gave birth to a daughter named GWEN MARIE on November 1 at Lutheran General hospital weighing 7 pounds 7 ounces...CHRISTINE CHRISTENSEN, the daughter of Operator CHARLES and GRACE CHRISTENSEN, was married on Saturday, December 15, to STEVEN KOIS at Evangelical Free church of Wauconda, Illinois. The reception was held at the church and was attended by 200 guests...BOB and EMELIA CIESLA became grandparents for the second time when their daughter, CAROL ANN COLBURN, gave birth to a daughter named CHRISTINE MARIE on November 4 at Wesley Memorial hospital weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces... Hospitalized at this time are Mrs. MILDRED SHER, the wife of Operator IRVING SHER, at Weiss Memorial for major surgery, and Mrs. CONNIE DIGIOVANNI, the wife of Clerk JOE DIGIOVANNI, at Forkosh hospital for major surgery. The ladies are recuperating satisfactorily and our prayers are with them for a complete recovery...Going on pension November 1 were Operators RICHARD HALLIGAN with 43 years of service and Operator RAYMOND BLAA with 33 years of service. On December 1 Operator ALVIN BLOOMQUIST with 35 years of service started his pension. In the near future we expect to hear from Richard who is expecting to move to Florida. Ray will be at home at 1706 Rogers avenue in McHenry, Illinois. Alvin will be found playing golf on many of the Chicagoland golf courses when weather permits. We at North Park wish to express our sincere appreciation to these fine gentlemen and their wives as they enjoy their leisure years together...Operator JAMES HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, traveled throughout the West and Southwest. Points of interest visited were Bryce Canyon, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone National Park and several stops in the Ozarks with a boat ride at Bagnall dam...Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, drove their new '72 Buick LeSabre to Dallas, Texas, to visit Miss NANCY NANN, who is attending Southern Methodist university. Also on the agenda was a trip to Ellington, Missouri, for a two-week rest period...Superintendents ALEX JOHNSON, VICTOR JOHNSON, WARD CHAMBERLAIN and LOUIS MUELLER and their wives spent two weeks on a Caribbean cruise visiting islands in that area...Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, flew to Los Angeles, California, where they stayed with Ethel's mother, Mrs. MINNIE MOLL. On the agenda were visits to San Diego, Long Beach, and three wonderful days at the Executive Sweets motel at Las Vegas, Nevada...Operator JERRY BUDZICZ and his wife, HELEN, traveled to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for their traditional visit with Helen's relatives. While there, Jerry challenged the relatives to a golf match and won some Wisconsin money...Operator PLEAS (PG) SMITH and his wife, MADELYN, wish to announce that they are distributors of Amway products. The phone number is

539-9358 and the Smiths will be happy to come out and serve you...Pensioner ROY PEDERSEN of 310 John street, Decatur, Michigan, has another champion beagle named Black Hawk Billy. Billy has won two seconds and one first place trophy in competition against other beagles. Roy, who is an avid hunter and fisherman, along with his wife, BERNICE, invites his many friends to stop by for a visit... Happy anniversaries are extended to: Street Collector TONY GLOPPE and his wife, JENNIE, their 37th; Signal Maintainer JAMES NESBIT and his wife, MARGE, their 34th; Pensioner STANLEY ZALE and his wife, MARIE, their 44th; Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON and his wife, RUTH, their 33rd; Operator CONNIE SCHMIT and his wife, FRANCES, their 41st; Operator FRED BOLDT and his wife, AGNES, their 40th; Operator FRED STOWELL and his wife, WILMA, their 37th, and Paymaster MIK KOMPANOWSKI and his wife, JOSEPHINE, their 38th... Happy birthdays are extended to: Pensioners BILL SEIFERT, BILL STEINSPRING and VERN WENNERBERG, Clerk BOB PETERSON, Operators LEO HARA, MEL HORNING, CAROL, BILLY and EILEEN STRITZEL, and JOE DIGIOVANNI...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Pensioners WILLIAM KROSK, ARTHUR SEPKE and FRANK WIESHAAR, and Paymaster MIKE KOMPANOWSKI in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. ALEX KAWALSKI...Repair Department Chit Chat: Congratulations to the garage personnel on their second award-winning performance. For their safety record coffee and rolls were served...Repairman C. TICE was injured in an automobile accident, and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily...Enjoying December vacations at this time are the following: DANIEL LOHSE, ANDY KARIOLOICH, ED OLENDER, FRANK SCHENDL, EDWARD BAKANOWICZ, DONALD SPARKS, GEORGE WITT and MATT HEAVEY...Watch your money grow by saving each payday in your credit union. You can save through payroll deductions every two weeks...Remember to change your beneficiary on your insurance and pension plan as soon as your circumstances change.

- Melvin Horning

### NORTH SECTION -

North Side employees were shocked by the sudden death of our pensioned North Side Station Superintendent KENNETH MANAUGH who passed away on November 7. Our sincere sympathy to the members of his family...Our deepest sympathy also to Agent TONY ABBANATI in the death of his aunt. Tony is now caring for his 86 year old uncle...On Saturday, November 4, agents from all sections had a farewell dinner for Agent MARY OHNESORGE at Johnnie Weigelt's banquet hall. There were many former and retired employees in attendance. Among them were Former Division 308 President JOHN BURNS and his brother, CHARLIE BURNS (with his good jokes), MIKE CRONIN, Mrs. McMANN, retired Agents ELSIE REIMER, BETTY HAWKINS, MARGARET CASPER, MARGARET LAVIN, Mrs. CASSELS and JOSEPHINE COVENY. A few of our North Side agents (names withheld) showed everyone how to do the Irish jig. A good time was had by everyone, and we wish Mary many happy years of retirement...Agent MINNA KING flew to Florida for a few days to visit with her parents...Agent ANN TOMLINSON was in Las Vegas on vacation and managed to make the machines pay out. Glad you had a good time, Ann...Birthday wishes to retired Agent BETTY HAWKINS. May you have many more. Also



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

ANTHONY C. BALKAS, 65, South Section,  
Emp. 9-3-42, Died 10-7-72

ARTHUR A. BREEN, 82, Lawndale,  
Emp. 2-16-35, Died 10-7-72

JESSE BROADNAX, 57, Limits,  
Emp. 3-15-51, Died 11-9-72

OLAF H. CARLSTADT, 73, North Park,  
Emp. 1-21-44, Died 10-7-72

PETER F. DALEY, 75, Archer,  
Emp. 2-23-17, Died 10-5-72

AUGUSTA S. DALY, 76, Transportation,  
Emp. 8-27-23, Died 8-25-72

NICK F. DeFINA, 61, North Avenue,  
Emp. 3-4-42, Died 10-13-72

JOHN DROBENA, 73, South Shops,  
Emp. 3-30-37, Died 10-2-72

FREDERICK C. GOETZ, 74, South Division,  
Emp. 9-21-37, Died 10-27-72

FLOYD N. GRAHAM, 87, Engineering,  
Emp. 4-1-27, Died 10-24-72

ALBERT E. GRUENLER, 72, Stores,  
Emp. 2-3-37, Died 10-24-72

WALTER HOGG, 80, Track,  
Emp. 9-17-30, Died 10-1-72

PAUL JAKSEBOGA, 88, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 5-1-20, Died 9-13-72

PETER JOCIUS, 78, Kedzie,  
Emp. 6-28-23, Died 9-30-72

JOHN Y. JOHNSON, 75, Howard Street,  
Emp. 6-3-26, Died 10-28-72

THEODORE A. KAWOL, 81, Electrical,  
Emp. 1-5-10, Died 10-5-72

CONSTANTINE C. KLOSTER, 80, Armitage,  
Emp. 1-27-25, Died 9-25-72

EMIL C. KROSS, 65, North Park,  
Emp. 12-7-36, Died 10-23-72

TOM LOMBARDO, 83, Way & Structures,  
Emp. 8-13-19, Died 11-2-72

JOSEPH M. MATEVICH, 78, South Shops,  
Emp. 9-6-27, Died 10-17-72

PATRICK McAREE, 83, 61st Street,  
Emp. 4-24-41, Died 10-19-72

MARGARET M. McBRIDE, 64, North Section,  
Emp. 3-9-51, Died 10-4-72

JOHN W. McGUIRE, 65, South Shops,  
Emp. 6-7-24, Died 10-17-72

WILLIAM Q. MERRIOTT, 69, North Section,  
Emp. 8-26-26, Died 10-6-72

THOMAS MORAN, 77, Devon,  
Emp. 3-8-23, Died 10-15-72

PATRICK J. O'REILLY, 89, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 10-2-17, Died 10-25-72

CLARENCE E. OVERMAN, 70, West Section,  
Emp. 6-11-26, Died 10-8-72

ELISABETH A. PAYSSEN, 80, West Section,  
Emp. 9-7-18, Died 8-26-72

WALTER F. PYPER, 67, 77th Street,  
Emp. 11-1-33, Died 10-19-72

HENRY E. RENKEN, 84, 69th Street,  
Emp. 6-23-09, Died 11-1-72

ARTHUR H. SEPKE, 77, Devon,  
Emp. 6-4-24, Died 10-21-72

JOSEPH SUSMAN, 61, District D,  
Emp. 10-3-45, Died 10-9-72

ALOYSIUS L. TUCHOWSKI, 65, West Section,  
Emp. 3-14-28, Died 10-16-72

GEORGE B. TYRIVER, 75, North Avenue,  
Emp. 11-5-29, Died 10-26-72

SAM WILSON, 51, Limits,  
Emp. 2-1-65, Died 10-26-72

to Agent CATHERINE ZIEMBA...North Section Motorman JOE WACKER went on pension October 31. He started with the Chicago Rapid Transit as a station watchman; his duties being to spend the midnight hours at a station which was closed due to the depression and the loss of riders. When passenger traffic began to pick up, he was transferred into train service as a guard-conductor. Later he became a motorman on the South Section. During the last system pick, Joe transferred North, finishing his days on the North-South route. His total service spans some 37 years, all of which Joe said he enjoyed very much and would gladly do over again. Joe was taken to lunch at the Kon-Tiki Ports by one of his former student motormen following his retirement, where he told some interesting tales of the old rapid transit. The former student is Supervisor BOB JANZ... On the sick list at this time are Agents JERRY OLSEN and DOREEN HORN. Our best wishes to you both for a speedy recovery...Agent CLESEN and his wife and daughter took a trip to Algoma, Wisconsin, and brought back 272 pounds of potatoes. Well there is one wife who doesn't get a chance to use instant potatoes...Everyone was glad to see Agent ROSE O'CONNELL who returned to work after her long illness...Our best wishes and good luck to Conductor CARL SCHERIERMAN on his retirement after more than 30 years of service. Carl says he is just going to goof around and take it easy...Birthday greetings to Mo-

torman ANDREW CROUT, Collector JOE GOLDBERG, and to Agents DOREEN HORN, MYRTLE OTT and DORTHEA DAVIES...Wedding anniversary congratulations to Agent GERDA MATTHEWS and her husband, BILL, on their 27th year. May they have many more.

*- Tina Henke*

### OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

Our sympathy is extended to the families of AUGUSTA S. DALY, retired stenographer from the Transportation Department, who passed away on August 25 and KENNETH MANAUGH, retired superintendent at Howard Street Rapid Transit, who passed away on November 7...JACK TCHELEBIAN, his wife and a guest from Europe drove to St. Petersburg, Florida, for a vacation. They spent some time in Disney World and were quite amazed at the things they saw there. The weather was in the 80's all the time and was beautiful, just like the whole trip...We would like to extend a warm welcome to JEANNE ROHE, clerk-stenographer, who is replacing ELKE MOLINA who transferred to the Insurance Department. We also wish the best of luck to LORRAINE BRAZZLE who transferred to the Claim Department and KATHY KUDELKA who transferred to Research and Planning...CHARLES E. KEISER, retired



ONE LOOK at this handsome young lad and you can easily understand why DAVID MARTIN, line supervisor in Operations Control, is so proud of his 8½ month old son, DONALD.

operating manager, recently came to the General Office and visited with many of his friends. It was good to see him and to know that he is feeling fine and enjoying retirement.

**(Transportation Instruction) -**

Our condolences are extended to the family of WALTER F. PYPER, retired supervising instructor at 77th Street, who passed away on October 19.

**(Utility and Emergency Service) -**

JAMES ROCHE and his wife recently vacationed in the east and said that Connecticut was very pretty. They enjoyed the great weather and the beauty of the fall colors. Mr. and Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON went to Iowa for their vacation and had a real nice time... Congratulations to J. J. ROCHE who celebrated his 35th anniversary with the CTA, and to N. GEWELKE and F. BECKER with 30 years of service each... A word of thanks for a job well done to O. ERTL, C. ROCHAN, J. PAULSON, J. SHELDON, G. ISDALE, V. LANDES, A. WORKS, W. WALTON, E. SHIELD and J. ROCHE who worked at the site of the I.C. train crash on October 30.

- Colette Szyzpanek

**PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -**

We missed wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving in the November issue so we hope that you all had a very happy day! ..On October 22, our office attended the wedding of MARY BETH (Murray) MROZ. Everyone had a real swell time dancing the different dances, and JOANNE BOETTIN is still saying that she could have danced all night. After the wedding, Mary Beth and her husband, JERRY, flew to Acapulco, Mexico, for a seven-day honeymoon. They stayed at the Contessa Del Mar hotel, toured the bay, shopped in the market, and swam in their pool. The weather was very hot, 90 degrees every day, and after that it was hard to return to the rainy weather in Chicago. They both say they had a wonderful time... Get well wishes are extended to BECKY COUSIN, Purchasing, who is in the hospital. Hope you have a speedy recovery!.. We received word from Pensioner FRED LOITZ who attended the softball championships in Texas and also stopped to see his daughter. Fred reports that he is feeling fine and says hello to everyone... Glad to see LEE DE SUTTER, Specifications, on her feet again. Hope she is having a great time on her vacation in

Florida... MARY ANN BURNS, Stores, and her husband, JIM, purchased a new 1973 Oldsmobile Royal. It is burgundy with a burgundy vinyl top. They took their first trip in the new car to Wisconsin to spend Thanksgiving weekend with their family... JIM TOOLIS, Purchasing, has moved into his new home. Jim and his family spent Thanksgiving day in the new home. He likes the house, but Jim says he is tired of painting. Jim and BOB McCARTHY, along with their sons, attended the "Dad's Day" football game at University of Illinois in Urbana... Congratulations are in order for KEN SIPICH, stock clerk I, who received a 100 per cent on his Red Cross training program. You fellows in Storeroom 20 must feel awfully safe with Ken around!.. As of this writing MARVIN CASTLE, stock clerk I, is on vacation in Florida... A big welcome is extended to RALPH LOUIS and JAMES QUALLS, our two new stock clerks at Storeroom 42... Divisional Storekeeper MIKE KORZEN is vacationing in California... SAM CANELLA, fork lift operator, and his wife flew to Las Vegas on a 747 Jet. This was their first time in an airplane. Hope you had a nice quiet flight!.. Assistant Divisional Storekeeper GEORGE LINDEN went fishing with his two sons on the Chippeflow River. George informed us that he was the cause of letting the "big one" get away. It seems that George's son, GARY, caught the fish and George tried to help by grabbing the line. The line snapped and the fish got away. This sounds just like another fish story... We are sorry to report that one of our co-workers, GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, stock clerk I, is in the hospital. Granville helps us gather the news from the Stores Department, South Shops. Hope you are feeling better soon as we miss you!.. Belated happy birthday wishes are extended to CHARLIE BENNETT's daughter, SYLVIA, who celebrated her 13th birthday on November 5... The WEATHERSBY brothers, HOMER and RICHARD, spent a week touring the West Coast... Congratulations are in order for RICHARD WEATHERSBY and JAMES RILEY who both became the proud fathers of 9 pound 8 ounce baby boys.

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill

**RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -**

Our condolences to the family of Pensioner FRANK FORNIER who passed away at the age of 73... Congratulations are the order of the day for some of our 61st Street men: JESSE CROSS on the purchase of a 1973 Cadillac; FRANK LEWIS on the purchase of a new home; M. LALL who also bought a new home, and MICK MALLOY who bought a new Buick convertible. We can all go for a ride in the new cars to see the new homes... The opening of hunting season is the start of vacations for L. STRYSZAK and S. NETTLES, 61st Street. Wonder if they bag anything or do they end up in the bag?.. Happy to see ED SHIELDS, Dan Ryan, back at work. He and his wife spent a two-week vacation soaking up the Florida sun and they've already put a reserved sign on a retirement spot... The gang was all out to wish F. PICKETT, Dan Ryan, a happy birthday. His fellow club members gave him a party to remember... GEORGE NICHOLSON, Dan Ryan, is getting his Santa's helper suit ready and collecting contributions for the annual Christmas party... Enjoying a holiday vacation are A. CITRO, E. WITKOWSKI, T. BRANDON and J. O'TOOLE, Forest Park... Best wishes for a very joyous holiday season from all the boys who keep those trains neat and running!

- Ray Brzyzycz

**SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -**

DOROTHY ETSCHIED flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to rest and enjoy the sun and surf. She returned sporting a beautiful tan...RUTH HAVLIK, along with her mother and sister, MARIE, of Electrical, flew to Tampa, Florida, for a short vacation. However, most of their leisure time these days is being spent readying a recently-acquired summer home...Pensioner JAY KELLY sent a letter and pictures of his new mobile home in Sun City, Arizona, and says he and his wife are really enjoying living there. Mrs. KELLY also sent a poem she wrote which we all enjoyed... We also received a letter from Pensioner PAT LENIHAN who is also enjoying California living... Our newest pensioner, Retired Superintendent L. C. DUTTON, is keeping us abreast of his happy wanderings with a card from the West Coast. Another retiree, BILL DEVEREUX, is happily wandering southward with stops in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Atlanta, Georgia, and various points in Florida...Welcome to new Traffic Clerk JOE LYNCH, Checker GUADALUPE NAVARRO, and Statistical Clerk BILL STANLEY who is just off the graduate trainee program.

- Kathryn Batina

**SKOKIE SHOPS -**

News from the Upholstery Department! Upholsterer KEN METTLER's wife, MARG, is recovering at home after undergoing surgery at Augustana hospital. Take it nice and easy, Marg, and get well soon!..Upholsterer JOHN ZDUNEK and his wife, VIRGINIA, celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary with dinner and a play at the Rustic Barn. John claims he picked up the tab (but we know you better than that)...Upholsterer LARRY VANDERHORST's daughter, JANICE, was married on October 21 to WAYNE ORLOWSKI at St. Veronica's church. Janice also works for the CTA in the Claim Department...Phew! The stork must be exhausted. He's really had a busy schedule! Electrical Worker Apprentice MICHAEL KEELE and his wife, MARIANNE, had their first son, MICHAEL, born on November 1 weighing 9 pounds 4 ounces. They also have a daughter, MICHELLE. Shopman JIM GOLDEN and his wife, JOAN, had a little girl, TERESA, born September 26 weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces. Material Handler DAN PROZANSKI and his wife, VALERIE, had their second son, ROBERT MICHAEL, November 7, who weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces. Our hearty congratulations to the proud parents!..Congratulations to Electrical Worker CHESTER BUJNOWSKI and his wife, MARY, on the birth of their first grandchild! Chester's daughter, ALICE, and her husband, ROBERT YEARSLEY, had a baby boy, CHAD, born November 7 weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces and 19 inches long...Machinist JIM PAOLICCHI reports that he and his wife, MARY, had a wonderful two weeks in St. Petersburg, Florida. To their surprise, Electrical Worker ROBERT BINNIE and his wife, CAROL, were vacationing close by and they had a chance to visit each other. While he was there Jim took time out from fishing and swimming to visit Skokie pensioner friends, WILLIAM MICHALIK, airbrake axle foreman, GEORGE RATEIKE, engineer, and PETE EHMKE, machinist. Jim's happy to report they are all enjoying good health and look wonderful...Electrical Worker LOUIS KARIOLICH and his wife, RUBY, spent 15 days island hopping in Hawaii. They visited Maui, Kauai, Hawaii and Oahu. They saw many interesting places and things and enjoyed every minute. They went to a Luau and even tasted poi (ugh). Talk about a small world--they met retired electrical worker

JOHN McGEE on the island of Maui...Skokie Celebrity-- Electrical Worker BILL BUERGER sings with the World Champ Golden Throat Medinah Chanters. This outstanding group was on FM radio on November 12 and previously appeared on Channel 5 TV. Line forms to the right for autographs, fellows!..We'd like to welcome Material Handler DAN PROZANSKI to Skokie, and congratulate RICH FABRY on his promotion to production clerk. Good luck, fellows!.. Electrical Worker ED MAY and his wife, ALYCE, clerk III, were happy to be in California to celebrate their grandson's second birthday. Their grandson, GREGORY RYAN, is the son of DAN and KATHY RYAN. Kathy was formerly in Public Information. Alyce and Ed had a great time and enjoyed every minute they could with Gregory. It's hard to return to work after such a wonderful vacation...We were sorry to hear that retired shopman OTTO LINK passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family...I'd like to thank all the fellows in the shop for the help they've given me with the column!

- Catherine Ann Hegarty

**SOUTH SECTION -**

The South Section has done itself proud once again. In the third quarter of the Interstation Safety Contest, 61st Street finished in first place, Ashland Avenue in second place, and 95th Street in third place. We took the whole show. On November 2 61st Street received its award and coffee and rolls were served and keychains were given to the men. Director of Personnel F. C. KNAUTZ presented the plaque to Assistant Station Superintendent JAMES WALSH. Ashland Avenue broke their par for more commendations than complaints for the third quarter and they had free coffee served also. Keep up the good work, men... Conductor STANLEY ZIELINSKI had a big smile recently when he told us about his new grandchild, a baby girl named CHRISTINE MARIE. This makes three grandchildren for the happy grandma and grandpa...We welcome back to work from the sick list Conductors SCOTT GIVENS, JAMES FOLEY, JESSE OWENS, and JOE DOYLE...The office force at Ashland Avenue was treated to a delicious chocolate cake for Clerk BOB STEWART's birthday. That

THESE FOUR guys really had a lot to talk about when they got together at the home of Pensioner STEVE HERMAN in Forsythe, Missouri. Pictured left to right are: North Park Operator BEN NEUMAN, Pensioner ART MUIR, North Park Station Inside News reporter MEL HORNING and Steve.



# Season's Greetings

Art Buesing  
Anna Zester  
Regina H. Dawson  
"Muriel" Neuntes  
Grace Monte  
Kay McAlister  
James E. Marshall  
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Jennie J. Scott  
Thomas J. Daniels  
Mary Misted  
Catherine Ann Hegarty

Clara Lawrence  
Raymond Graham  
Allison DeBennett  
Kathryn Batin  
Denise A. Patheiger  
Howard Berrin  
Walter A. Bly  
Collette Dzygajewich  
R.M. BEZECZEK  
Michael Doyle  
Ernest Carter

Yvonne Harting  
Jimmy Ahern  
R. S. Benson  
Pat Lynn  
Julia Brunato  
Tina Henke  
Evelyn M. Lee  
Melvin Harning  
Tommie Lowery  
Facilia Drucos  
John D. Huber  
Ben Nielsen  
Bill Miedema

from your  
reporters



## INSIDE NEWS

sure was nice. Oh boy, all the weight I lost when I was sick is coming back, so I'm going to have to cut down on my eating. But I love to eat as everyone knows...We were shocked and saddened to hear that Agent VELMA HUSBAND's husband passed away suddenly. Velma is a real lady and our hearts go out to her in her sorrow...It was real super to see Retired Yard Foreman WALLACE (Wally) BROWN when he stopped in to see us at Ashland. He lives in Riverdale, Michigan, and just loves it up there. He was in Chicago for a few days and said Mrs. BROWN had been ill and was in the hospital but is now home and feeling much better. We talked over old times with Wally and that's a sure sign we're all growing older. No, I'll take that back. Now they call it nostalgia...This is a little late in reporting, but I just received the news, and it is better late than never. Our Division 308 softball team did itself proud for the second successive year when they beat 69th Street Station 9 to 2. The championship team was managed by Motorman JOE RAYBURN. Everyone who attended had a swell time and a picnic was held after the game...Hi to newly-hired Conductors JOHN MARTIN, HAMP JOHNSON, HENRY LESLEY and RICK MOORHE, and to newly-hired Janitors LUIGI MAZZA, ROMUALDO SALINAS and LEONIDES RIOS. Also glad to see Student Conductor CHARLES WILLIAMS Jr. who decided to stay with us as a full-time conductor...We received a nice postcard from Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO out in San Bernardino, California. He said he was getting a good rest and trying to get his mind off his daughter who had passed away recently. While there, he was also planning to visit Retired Towerman CHARLES RUMMEL and Retired Conductor JOHN LOUGHLIN...Well, women's liberation has hit our clerks' staff when the first woman clerk started on the South Section November 12, KAREN DOMINO, who transferred from an agent. Congratulations, Karen, and much good luck on your job. You know all us women are looking at you, so do a good job...We went to a wonderful retirement dinner for West Section Agent MARY JO (Fergus) OHNESORGE on November 4 at Johnnie Weigelt's hall on the North Side. It was a complete surprise for Mary Jo as she thought she was going to attend someone else's retirement dinner. She said this was the first time she was at a loss for words. It was really heartwarming. My hubby, Clerk ROLAND, and I had a chance to see many North and West Section employees we hadn't seen in a long time. It was fun to renew old acquaintances. We were so happy to see our old boss, Retired Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, and we talked over old times. Former president of Division 308, JOHN BURNS, was the master of ceremonies. Our hats are off to West Section Agent DELORES BERO and the other agents who arranged this dinner. The food was good and about 250 people attended. Division 308 was well represented with President LEONARD BEATTY, Vice-president CHARLIE LOUGHRAN and Secretary-Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY. We talked to quite a few pensioners: Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT, Retired Agents PEG WENSTROM and HELEN SHANNON, Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN, Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS, and many more. Our very best wishes to Mary Jo and her husband, Retired Supervisor GEORGE, for a happy retirement life. May good fortune always smile on them...We were at a loss for words when we heard that Retired North Section Station Superintendent KENNETH MANAUGH passed away suddenly. We had just seen and talked to him and his wife at Mary Jo Ohnesorge's party, and now to hear this sad news. Mr. Manaugh was a real gentleman and will be missed by all his

friends and co-workers. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Manaugh and the family...We had a delightful visit at Ashland from Retired Conductor WILLIAM RUEHL whom I haven't seen in ages. He brought us a nice apple pie which he baked himself for the office, and it was enjoyed by all. He has been on pension almost 15 years. He worked with my father, deceased Motorman ARON ROTHSCCHILD, for quite a while. Mr. Ruehl looked just great and spry as ever...Recently two of our foot collectors were on television. On October 30 Collector LYN FLOWERS gave blood to the injured in the Illinois Central train wreck and was interviewed on Channel 2 on the p.m. news. Also Collector THOMAS BRAGGS was on Channel 9 for the 10 p.m. news on October 31. He was interviewed by Jack Taylor, "Man on the Street," and was asked what he thought about the "Watergate Incident" in Washington. Our men are really making headlines...Motorman DOMINIC CESARE is on the sick list at this writing. He was in the hospital but is now home recuperating. Motorman SIDNEY EDWARDS had an operation but is now home getting stronger. We hope they both return to work soon...Our deepest condolences to Agent LEOLA CULPEPPER whose husband passed away recently...Received a nice letter from Retired Conductor HARRY ANTONION who has been on pension 12½ years after having worked 40 years. He and his wife are now residing in Oak Lawn. Harry said "hello" to all his old friends and co-workers...Conductor JAMES HOWARD received a second commendation within a short period of time for his good announcements. Keep those commendations coming in.

- Verna Hartney

### SOUTH SHOPS -

It's time to report all the things that have been happening here at South Shops...Congratulations to LENNY WIENCEK and WALLY FEULNER on a successful hunting trip that saw them take their limit of pheasant in Illinois. Unfortunately they were the only ones in their party to take the limit. The only other bird taken came when Len's brother, RICH, tripped on a cornstalk, thereby firing his shotgun and striking a nesting hen pheasant. The fourth member of the party, TONY PLATTA, didn't take any birds, but was photographed by Outdoor Life for the cover of their November issue as the best dressed hunter in Illinois...We would like to welcome GAIL HATHAWAY back to

THEY SAY that when you retire, that's the time to do all the things you never had time to do before. This seems to be the philosophy of OTTO MOSER, retired Skokie Shop electrical worker pictured here deplaning in Cusco, Peru. Since his retirement January 1, 1967, Otto has traveled all over the world.



our office after her furlough. We would also like to bid a short goodbye (we hope) to JEAN ROHE. We surely do miss you, Jean. The first week you were gone, the coffee machine broke down three times!..Now for the out in the shop news. Our hearts are heavy due to the sudden death of JOHN McGUIRE, formerly of Area 344. John retired on October 1 after 48 years of service and passed away only 17 days later. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family...It sure is good to see the smiling face of GEORGE CHRYSANTHOPOLOS, Area 346, again. George had been recuperating for the last eight weeks from surgery. . . We extend our deepest sympathy to WALTER STREET, Area 333, in the passing of his aunt, Mrs. L. GLENN...We also extend our sympathy to CHARLES BREISHIS, Area 333, in the passing of his brother-in-law...JO SHUA JAMES, Area 333, can now translate--Hanlo Espanol, Joshua?..A speedy recovery is wished to O. ELLIOTT, Area 333. Hurry back, Elliott...ERIC SMITH and his wife, PAMELA, recently celebrated their third wedding anniversary at the Millionaire's Club. Wow! What a star...HENRY MILEWSKI, Area 333, and his wife, BERNICE, spent a wonderful vacation and a combined 32nd wedding anniversary in Orlando, Florida, jaunting to Nassau by boat for two glorious weeks...LEON GRIFFITH, Area 317, is sporting a new Cadillac. He says it's white on white... Also in the Cadillac crowd is CHESTER ZIELINSKI, Area 312. How about that?..A happy retirement is in store for J. ZARAZA of Area 312. Congratulations!..HARRY HOLLANDER and his wife recently returned from a vacation in the Bahamas...CLARENCE DIDOWSKI, Area 321, spent a fun-filled week in Las Vegas recently, taking in all the gambling casinos and all the glamour that town could offer. Maybe Clarence has a hidden shoe box of silver dollars... Congratulations are extended to BOB MARRION, Area 318, on the arrival of a new baby boy, GARY JOSEPH...JOE CARROLL, Area 313, is recuperating from a recent illness. We all wish Joe a speedy recovery...Tragic news--winter fires are upon us again. A recent tragedy happened when fire destroyed GEORGE WRIGHT's, Area 312, father-in-law's home...STEVE SLUZINSKI, foreman of Area 336, is extending the welcome sign to all his good buddies at South Shops to patronize the new resort he will be opening next year near the Manitowish waters in Wisconsin. It will have a nice community size recreational area and cabins, with good fishing for walleyes and trout. To make it complete, Steve will have scales to prove your catch. So, who is the best fisherman of South Shops?..Sorry to hear that Mrs. DOMIKAITIS, the wife of R. DOMIKAITIS, is ill. We wish her a speedy recovery...CHARLIE KARKO Jr. is the new owner of a 1973 Dodge. Maybe he will offer all his co-workers a ride with their work clothes, shoes and screwdrivers in their back pockets...Congratulations to N. SIMONETTI, A. BEAUCHAMP and S. SARNA on their recent promotions to Methods & Standards technicians. A number of applicants applied for the positions, and all who participated should be complimented. The new technicians are well qualified. So with a positive connotation we say--onward!..RAY EVANS, Area 349, and his wife recently spent eight days in Ohio visiting his father and relatives...DAVID MAGEE, Print Shop, is recuperating from a recent heart attack. Get well soon, Dave...TILLIE MOORE, Print Shop, is at home recuperating from a recent illness. A speedy recovery is anticipated...It's good to see the smiling face of JIM FORRESTAL, foreman of Area 334, who has returned to work after a short illness... Congratulations to KEN ROSSOW, MC&OP, on his promotion to shipping clerk. . .PATRICK HANNIGAN, MC&OP, was married to KATH-

THIS HANDSOME young lad is GREGORY ALAN RYAN, the two-year old grandson of ED and ALYCE MAY of Skokie Shop. Gregory's mother, KATHY, formerly worked in the Public Information Department.



LEEN HUNDRIESER on October 10. Pat is a newcomer to MC&OP and we wish much luck in his new job and marriage. Incidentally, Pat's dad is a painter in the Paint Shop...I wonder why JOE LUKOS is known as the "Big Trapper" of Bay 6. Maybe another Pied Piper, eh?..AL SAMASKA Jr. is now known as number 201 after a recent bowling tournament. I wonder why?..We extend our sincere condolences to I. WOODS, Area 345, on the sudden death of his sister, Mrs. ANNIE MAE TAYLOR, in Memphis, Tennessee...On Sunday, November 12, the annual CTA South Shops Bowling Party and Turkey Shoot was held. CARL LIDZBINSKI and E. KRAVUDIS who headed the committee, wish to thank each and everyone for making this affair a success. Loads of fun was had by all. Winners of turkeys were: R. AXTMANN, EDWARD EVANS, DAN HANRAHAN, J. LARSEN, F. IACONO, E. RADAKOVITS, F. GUADERAS, FRANK MAY and TOM COATES. JOSEPH LUSKO was the winner of the low scratch turkey shoot trophy. Joe was elated when he received a standing ovation from the group for his outstanding participation...No more for now. See you next month.

- Denise Patheiger & Howard Barris

52ND STREET -

Our credit union's annual meeting is tentatively set for Friday, January 19, 1973, at 7:15 p.m. All members are urged to attend. There will be awards, refreshments, and honored guests. Treasurer TYLER M. PHILPOTT promises something symbolic to all members who attend...Operators ROBERT B. HOLMES, ALVIN POTTS Jr., FRED POWELL, WILLIE WORD, MILTON DUFFIE, WILLIAM MACK and WILLIAM HILL recently attended seminars sponsored by the Illinois Credit Union league. Applications for membership are available and may be obtained from Philpott or Potts. Now is the time to join...Operator L. GARMONY purchased a new car last month. When asked what it takes to get one, he said, "Just a little sport"... Operator WALTER FALLS Jr. returned from a four-week vacation that took him all the way to Greenwood, Mississippi, with a lot of stops along the way...Western Electric held their second open-house in 100 years of existence during the week of October 3 through November 5. Invited as special guests to attend this occasion were Division 241 Secretary-Treasurer JAMES PATE and his wife; HOSEA JOHNSON, assistant day foreman at 52nd Street, and his wife; DORSEY GARNER of 52nd Street garage; MEL

ALEXANDER of the Transit News; Division 241 Board Member JAMES MOONE and his wife; Circuit Court Judge Russell Debow and his daughter, Deloris; Dr. Jeff McGehee of the Chicago Board of Education, and Calvin Hill, a Chicago public school instructor. They were greeted by General Manager Wylls Rheingover and Assistant Superintendent Robert Strohm, representing Western Electric, and Leo Becker, president of Local 1859 I.B.E.W. and Executive Board Member Thomas Dillon. After a delicious dinner, the group was shown movies and taken on a tour through the plant by Mrs. Rose McDonald, shop steward of Local 1859. It was a very informative and enjoyable evening.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. LEO USPEL on the birth of their second grandchild, CHRIS ANN SAVIANO. She weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces on October 16 and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ROCCO SAVIANO...PADDY FITZGERALD is heading for the sunny land of Florida and will spend the winter there...PAT HAFHEY is enjoying the life of leisure as are LUKE MORLEY and DENNY GRIFFIN who also followed the birds to Florida...MARTY GRIFFIN now resides in Fox Lake, Illinois, and is becoming quite a fisherman...WILLIE COOPER took advantage of his vacation to visit his father who is ill down in Tennessee...BILL KLIMAS, ROBERT BARNEY and JOHN VINE are on vacation at this time and we hope they are enjoying themselves. . . We all wish RALPH GRAGIDO and FRANK HIGGINS a speedy recovery. Frank is the son of SCOTTY, the bus driver, a real nice guy...Is it true that HARVEY BROCK's friends bought him water wings for Christmas?...SWANSON, JOHNSON, ROSS and O'DONNELL remind everyone to take it easy and drive safely in the months ahead...By the way, Supervisor N. TRIFFON is the former 69th Street bus operator known as Nick the Greek...CHARLEY (Drawbar) HOLLAND and his Mrs. celebrated 38 years of marriage last October...With TOM GROGAN on pension, ED BEHRMANS and JOHNNY MORNAR are trying to take his place by winning on their leader's time. This makes HANK RISCH, BILL DONAHUE and TONY VANDENBURG the most honest men on Marquette...LEROY MARSHALL, custodian, took his wife for a quick weekend vacation to Las Vegas. He claims to have won enough to pay for it all...Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE JAROS were surprised how much Acapulco, Mexico, has built up since the last time they visited there three



A FOUR-WEEK trip to the West Coast was enjoyed recently by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. BRZECZEK. Breezy, an operator at Forest Glen (right), is shown at the home of retired District D Superintendent JOHN JACOBY in Scottsdale, Arizona. John retired December 1, 1968.

years ago...MAT SCHNEIDER, who has been on retirement since 1954, has moved to Sun City, Arizona. His address is 9438 Raintree drive...From back of the "bars" in the clerk's cage comes a cry by "B.B." for cement work. He said he tried it and liked it...Heard tell that Head Custodian RAJ is getting clerk FORD's paper so as to keep him abreast of the stock market. They say a big windfall is coming...The clerks wonder why Mr. PETYON isn't sporting that McGovern grin anymore...Is it true LARRY HELINSKI, that you have moved to Florida? Send us your address and we'll send the beer...WALTER PYPER, former instructor, died, as did the father of R. RAJ, custodian. To all their loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy...Your co-reporter, ART BUESING, is on sick leave again due to a pinched nerve in his neck and hopes to be back by the time you all read this...God bless you all.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahorn

77TH STREET -

I know that I speak for all the operators at 77th Street Station when I say we appreciate the additional new equipment...I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a very fine lady and mother--my wife--upon the birth of our daughter, RUTH SERENE DeBONNETT...Congratulations to Operator and Mrs. W. SHEPPARD who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on November 5...Led by Coach R. PLATT and Assistant Coach E. GRESHAM (there's that name again), our basketball team is off to a promising start with such dazzling ball handlers as E. J. TILLEY, C. HOLT, G. STUTTLEY, E. POPE, P. NORFLEET, H. RAGSDALE, D. WILKENS, C. DAVIS and W. L. SOCKWELL. There's also ASKEW SHAVERS and SIMMS to give us added firepower. With this fine array of gladiators of the wood floor how can we lose!..Our bowlers are second to none with rollers like MAC (Mr. 642) PORTER, followed by such stars as J. C. WHITE, GIPSON WARDELL and McCANTS...Let's get a running start in 1973 by supporting Local 241 and attending meetings...Propane JOE tells us he bagged two pheasants on a recent hunting trip, but not the two he was looking at. They count just the same, don't they, Joe?...My New Year's resolution is not to miss any deadlines for the Transit News in '73...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett



WEDDING BELLS rang for ARTHUR and KAREN HUBACZ on June 10 in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. The groom is the son of ART HUBACZ of the Training and Public Safety Department.

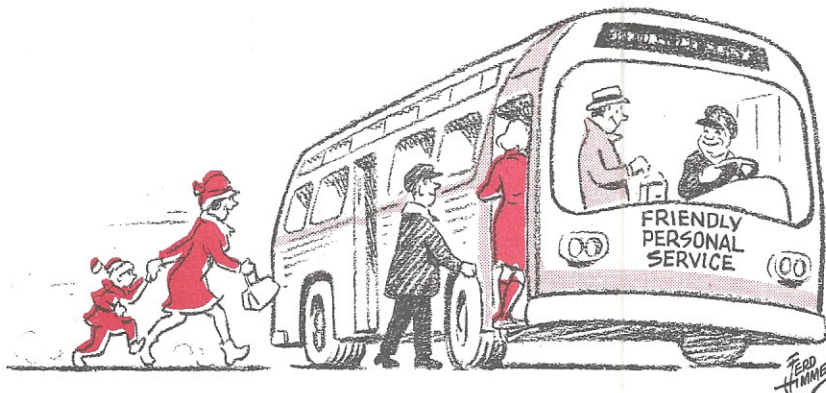
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