

Michael Cafferty
1924-1973

CHAIRMAN
CHICAGO TRANSIT BOARD
1971-1973

CTA Chairman Michael Cafferty

taken by death at 48

MICHAEL CAFFERTY, 48, CTA Chairman and one of the nation's best known public transportation figures, passed away January 17 after a short illness. Mr. Cafferty was appointed to the CTA Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley in April, 1971.

From 1969 to 1971, while with Secretary John Volpe at the U.S. Department of Transportation, he helped to establish the new office of Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems. He was Acting Assistant Secretary of Transportation at the time he left the Department to come to Chicago.

It was ironic that Mr. Cafferty's passing should coincide with a fare increase and a reduction of service at the CTA. He was emphatically on record in behalf of reduced fares, and often cited as his long range goal--free fares for the citizens of metropolitan Chicago.

Mr. Cafferty believed that the mobility of citizens in a free society was essential to the well-being of that society. He was particularly concerned that the aged, the handicapped and the poor suffered the greatest inequities from insufficient and expensive public transportation.

Mr. Cafferty believed that raising fares beyond certain levels was counter-productive. The CTA, however, determined that it could not survive as a system without some form of financial subsidy. Its Board was forced to vote a fare increase and cuts in service, along with other economies, in order to keep the CTA operative.

His environmental concerns, a carry-over from his Department of Transportation days, led to programs controlling rapid transit noise pollution and providing environmental improvements for both old and new CTA buses.

Recognized as one of the chief spokesmen on public transportation for the nation's cities, Mr. Cafferty led the crusade for operating assistance (subsidies), a battle that some think is close to being won, largely due to his efforts. He was frequently called to Washington to testify before various Congressional committees on urban problems.

It was Mr. Cafferty who organized a summit meeting of transit industry leaders in Chicago last November. The objective was to mount a campaign aimed at obtaining subsidies during the upcoming session of Congress. A subsidy bill narrowly failed during the last session.

In less than 22 months as CTA Chairman, Mr. Cafferty put his own indelible stamp on the CTA. He inherited antiquated equipment and a staggering debt, but a system he stoutly defended as one of the best in the nation.

He saw two immediate goals: a more modern system and obtaining the funds with which to operate it. He accomplished the first and was in the thick of the battle over the second at the time of his untimely illness and death.

He believed that his first mission was to restore CTA's aging physical plant. He was eminently successful, personally spearheading a CTA task force that obtained \$140,000,000 in Federal, State and local funds for the most extensive capital improvements program in Chicago's transportation history.

As proud of that as he was, Mr. Cafferty took as much pride in finding a method by which passengers could communicate their views to management. He called it "Project Suggestion Bus." It was a massive elaboration of the corporate suggestion box theory. "Project Suggestion Bus" featured CTA buses circulating throughout the city allowing people to make suggestions on how to improve the CTA and enabling them to give opinions on what they wanted in the new buses which today appear throughout the system. The concept received the plaudits of public officials from coast to coast, including accolades from Secretary Volpe.

Mr. Cafferty was keenly concerned about the morale of CTA employees and often toured various locations, sometimes turning up at night in a remote part of the system, to the surprise of the employees.

He considered himself more than the Chairman of a transit system. He felt he was at the heart of the nation's urban problems--all of them. Thus, his views generally ranged far beyond the ramifications of transit. Pollution, noise, parking and the automobile all received his vigorous attention. He considered automobile traffic a threat to urban America and insisted it should be better regulated--particularly in terms of its entry to downtown.

He advanced the theory of downtown transportation that would resemble a horizontal elevator. A passenger would pay one fare and be permitted to transfer unlimitedly. He thought of this as a way to preserve the vitality of downtown, a concept to which he was greatly committed.

SHOWN DURING his tenure of office as CTA Chairman, Michael Cafferty is pictured on our cover:

- In November 1971 standing at the entrance to one of the suggestion buses he created.
- In March 1972 in Washington, D.C., testifying in favor of federal aid for transit systems before U.S. legislators, with American Transit Association President Carmack Cochran.
- In October 1971 presenting CTA's Chairman's Award to Bus Operators Clevon Wardlow and James McWilliams.
- In August 1972 with U.S. Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, Mayor Richard J. Daley and bus operators who drove the first of 525 new buses delivered to CTA in 1972.

Mr. Cafferty is also shown at right on a few of the many visits he made system-wide to CTA locations.



Mr. Cafferty believed that public officials should be more involved with their transportation systems. To kindle that theory, he established the Chicago Transit Authority Technical Institute (CTATI). This program gave a crash course in CTA operations to representatives of industry, government officials and others who were willing to invest several days in familiarization.

Mr. Cafferty had a special regard for his Board. He felt that some had prodigious talents that had never been given sufficient latitude, and he sought new ways in which to have those talents put to their optimum use. It was a source of pride that while he was incapacitated, it was Board members who stepped into the breach to keep the CTA functioning well.

He firmly believed that while other systems might be newer or have better financing, none were better managed.

Though a Democrat, who came to Chicago from a Republican administration in Washington, D.C., he had a unique capacity as a brilliant analyst of the political scene. Yet he was able to remain free of the entanglements of partisan politics. He got along well with Governor Ogilvie and stated that Mayor Daley's only mandate to him was to give the city the best public transportation in the country. He had met Governor Walker on several occasions and was optimistic that since the Governor had campaigned against the Crosstown Expressway, he would be very sympathetic

to public transportation. He was looking forward to working with the new administration.

Mr. Cafferty served with the President's Task Force on Transportation after the 1968 election.

From 1965 to 1969, Mr. Cafferty, while engaged in the practice of law, served as personal advisor to Mayor Dorm Braman of Seattle, who was heavily involved in national urban transportation policy. From 1961 to 1965, he served as special assistant to Alan Boyd, then chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board and later secretary of transportation. From 1959 to 1961, he served as counsel and legislative assistant to Senator Henry M. Jackson of the State of Washington.

Mr. Cafferty was a naval aviator during World War II and held the rank of Commander in the United States Naval Reserve.

He was a graduate of the University of Washington from which he received a degree in economics, and from its law school he received a doctor of jurisprudence degree.

He is survived by his widow, Pastora; three grown children by a previous marriage, Michael and Terry of Seattle and Christine of Boston; a brother, Frank of Seattle, and a sister, Mrs. Henry (Joan) Wittman of Seattle.

A funeral mass for Mr. Cafferty was said on January 19 at St. Ambrose church, 47th and Ellis.



SPECIAL SAFETY awards were presented recently to ten Transportation Department operating stations which established new safety records during 1972. Each of the stations--six on the surface system and four on the rapid transit system--broke their own previous safety record and made 1972 their safest year.

The surface operating stations include Archer, Forest Glen, Kedzie, Lawndale, Limits and 69th Street.

The rapid transit operating stations include Ashland, Forest Park, Jefferson Park and Kimball.

Accepting the safest year plaques in behalf of operating employees at their respective stations are the superintendents pictured here. Making the presentations is Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn.

10 stations cited for safety in 1972

Above: holding safety awards for surface operating stations are Superintendents M. F. Harrington, Kedzie; G. D. Peyton, 69th Street; W. J. Moser, Archer; Mr. Flynn; G. W. Daubs, Forest Glen; M. H. DeWitt, Limits, and J. B. Morris, Lawndale.

Below: holding safety awards for rapid transit operating stations are Superintendents T. D. Boyle, Forest Park; M. V. LaVelle, Kimball; Mr. Flynn; M. J. Veltri, Jefferson Park, and E. J. Heatter, Ashland.



Transit News mailing, frequency revised

TO REDUCE costs related to production and mailing, Transit News will be published bi-monthly starting with this issue for January-February, 1973. The mailing to homes of active employees will also be discontinued; magazines will be distributed internally at each employee's work location. The mailing of Transit News to pensioners will continue.

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Second largest year

Suggestion awards total \$5,950 in 1972

SUGGESTORS ACCEPTED cash awards totalling \$5,950 during 1972, a dollar amount which ranked the year second in the 28-year history of the suggestion system according to the annual report issued recently by the Employee Suggestion Plan. The top ranking year was 1968, when cash awards totalled \$6,183.

The cash awards were presented to suggestors in two categories: \$2,720 represented the amount presented as a result of the adoption of 103 suggestions during 1972 and \$3,230 was presented to five suggestors whose ideas adopted in 1971 continued to produce savings to CTA.

According to the suggestion plan report, 904 employees submitted a total of 1,233 suggestions during 1972, bringing to 29,700 the number of suggestions received since an employee suggestion system was established in 1945. During the same period, 2,898 suggestions have been accepted and awards of \$65,338 have been presented to employees.

When it began in November, 1944, only Shops Department employees of the former Chicago Surface Lines participated in a suggestion system which provided cash awards for accepted ideas. Since then, the suggestion plan was expanded system-wide for all employees (October 1, 1952) and the anonymous suggestion system became effective (September 1, 1965) providing awards of up to \$10,000 for adopted suggestions.

Estimated value of the first-year savings realized through the adoption of suggestions during 1972 was \$29,040. Total first-year savings realized on all suggestions adopted since the plan went into effect in 1952 amount to \$400,770.

In its announcement of award winners during the month of December, the suggestion system named two joint suggestors who split a \$230 cash award, a \$25 cash award winner, and four winners of \$10 gift certificates. Additionally, winners of supplemental awards for \$90 and \$50 were also announced.

Sharing the proceeds of their \$230 award-winning suggestion were two Shops & Equipment Department employees at Skokie Shop, Anello Digianfilippo and David Fuereca. Winning his \$25 cash award for having a second suggestion adopted within a year was another S&E employee, Daniel R. Watson of South Shops. Among the four winners of \$10 Jewel/Osco gift certificates were three more S&E employees, Albert Bonick of Forest Park Terminal, and Max Kuchan Jr. and Joseph A. Wydra of South Shops. Mary Jane Johnson of Payroll Department in the General Office also won a gift certificate.

The two supplemental award winners are also Shops & Equipment Department employees, both of whom are assigned to Skokie Shop--Kenneth Blocker who was awarded \$50 and Joseph Sarata who received \$90 as a result of previously adopted ideas.

Board member C. M. Roddewig elected acting chairman



AT A special meeting on January 10, Board Member Clair M. Roddewig was elected acting chairman of Chicago Transit Board to fill temporarily the position held by the late Chairman, Michael Cafferty. Mr. Roddewig will serve until a permanent chairman is elected.

Mr. Roddewig, an attorney, was appointed to the Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley in August, 1970, and filed his oath of office on October 8, 1970.

A veteran railroad executive, Mr. Roddewig was a former president of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad and of the Association of Western Railroads. He has also served as a member and president of the Chicago Board of Education and was a member of the Metropolitan Fair and Exposition Authority. He is vice chairman of the Chicago Committee on Urban Opportunity.

During World War II, Mr. Roddewig was general counsel of the federal government's Office of Defense Transportation in Washington.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

ACUPUNCTURE is a procedure which, because of its newness in this country, is arousing much public interest.

For your better understanding, acupuncture means therapeutic insertion of needles. Acus is the ancient word for needle so putting it together we have the word acupuncture meaning puncture with needles. It signifies the old method of Chinese needle treatment. According to some statistics its origin dates back to 207 B.C.

The old Chinese opinion is that there were several nerve routes and sensitive spots in the human body. It is also believed there are connections between the nerve routes and sensitive spots. There are, in fact, about 14 main nerve routes and their names are derived from various parts of the body; the routes of the lungs, heart, pericardium, spleen, liver, kidneys, small intestines, large intestines, stomach, gall bladder, urinary bladder and the routes to the head, back and extremities.

Furthermore, the theory reveals that there are two interacting antagonistic forces along these nerve routes. It is also believed that if a person is healthy, these two forces are in balance. If the balance is disturbed and one of the forces suppresses the other, then the person becomes ill.

In view of the above explanation it becomes a little more clear what the technique of acupuncture involves and how its use may be divided in two general classifications: first, health control through stimulation or suppression of nerve routes by electrical or drug agents; second, application of these principles for anesthesia.

In September 1971 there was an article in the American Medical Journal relating to a visit to China by Dr. Paul Dudley White and Dr. E. Grey Diamond.

Acupuncture was one of the medical subjects the Chinese doctors demonstrated. A typical case story or example follows:

A man 40 years old walked into the operating room. He had no previous or preoperative medication. He removed his clothing and got on the operating table. The diagnosis of a large tumor of the thyroid had been made. The needles were inserted in the forearm and proper electrical current applied. This point or nerve route had been selected for the most effective in thyroid surgery. A skilled surgical team completed the operation. The man, fully awake all the time, sipped a glass of milk when surgery was over, got off the table, thanked the doctors and walked out.

Spinal puncture has been used in the U.S. for a long time and is very efficient in operations on the lower abdomen and lower extremities.

In the classification of health control acupuncture is used to control or cure certain illnesses. Not all diseases are helped but the following conditions are said to have been helped or cured by acupuncture: certain types of paralysis, neuralgia, epilepsy, toothache, headache, tonsillitis, asthma, stomach disorders, diarrhea, constipation, high blood pressure, urinary tract disease, gonorrhoea, arthritis, menstrual problems, skin rashes, eye infections, deafness and influenza. Duration and number of treatments vary according to the nature of the illness.

Conclusion: acupuncture is an old method used chiefly by the Chinese doctors. Its use in disease control and anesthesia is safe as far as I know. Results are not always 100 per cent beneficial according to the literature reviewed. There are some medical-legal problems about its use in the United States. Only time and further medical research will determine what the practical use or value of acupuncture will be.

Eight-car trains serve Lake-Dan Ryan route

SINCE DECEMBER 18, about 160 of the 450 trains operated each weekday on the Lake-Dan Ryan rapid transit route are eight cars in length.

The one-third longer trains provide increased passenger capacity and greater freedom from service irregularities. Traffic on the Dan Ryan line has been growing constantly. On the first weekday of its operation, September 29, 1969, about 35,000 riders entered the stations south from Cermak through 95th. Currently, about 63,000 persons enter, an increase of 80

per cent. Counting passengers travelling from downtown makes total riding about double this amount.

Preparations for eight-car train operation included the extension of 20 platforms which previously could accommodate a maximum train length of only six cars. This work was carried out at a cost of about \$500,000 as part of the 1972 capital improvement program funded by the Illinois and U.S. Departments of Transportation. Fourteen other platforms on the route were built new for eight-car trains since 1962.

Combined service totals 616 years

14 transit veterans retire Jan. 1

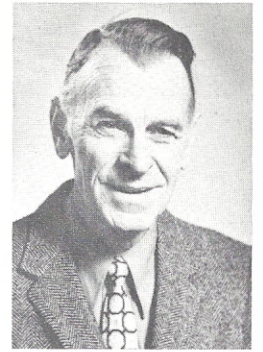
AMONG THE 112 January 1 retirees listed on pages 12 and 13 of this issue of Transit News are 14 CTAers whose transit service extended over periods of 40 to 47 years each. Combined service of the 14 transit veterans is 616 years.

Topping the list in length of service is Paul L. Spolec, a South Shops electrical worker who was hired on February 3, 1925. Also retiring with 47 years of service was Edward P. O'Connell who was hired on July 6, 1925, and retired from the Claim Department as supervisor of legal investigators and statementmen and William F. Hansen who was hired July 13, 1925, and retired as a South Shops electrical worker.

The careers of the 14 retirees have taken diverse paths and at the time of retirement they were employed in seven different departments; four were in the Shops & Equipment Department, three at South Shops and one at Skokie Shop; four were in the Transportation Department, one on the North Section, one on the South Section, one at North Park, and one in District D; two were in the Treasury Department at Central Counting; and one each was assigned to the Claim, Electrical, Public Information and Schedule-Traffic Departments.



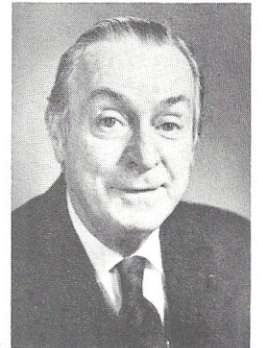
P. L. SPOLEC
47 Years



W. F. HANSEN
47 Years



M. STOMNER
46 Years



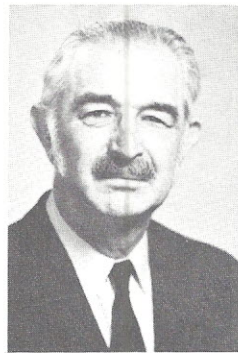
E. P. O'CONNELL
47 Years



E. F. POTENBERG
46 Years



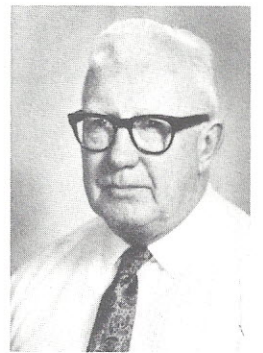
S. L. LECK
44 Years



L. E. AGIN
45 Years



J. F. DiGIOVANNI
43 Years



P. J. DOYLE
43 Years



J. G. DECKER
43 Years



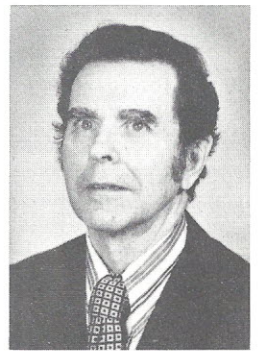
M. C. WALKER
42 Years



A. R. BROMAN
40 Years



J. M. CONNORS
42 Years



A. A. KREUTZER
41 Years

Service anniversaries in January

35 years

C. C. Cacioppo, Mechanical Maintenance Division

30 years

P. J. Cannon, Stores - South Division
D. J. Coughlin, Investigation & Claims
J. Dennesaites, 69th Street
E. J. Hammond, Forest Glen
R. F. Horning, 69th Street
R. G. Illion, North Park
C. J. Kasal, Lawndale
T. P. Lyons, North Section
F. A. Madaj, Forest Glen
P. S. Marchisotto, North Park
T. F. McGuire, 77th Street
J. T. Mollo, Forest Glen
W. J. Murphy, Treasury
W. J. O'Brien, 77th Street
D. A. O'Leary, Limits
N. J. Ouimet, Kedzie
R. Sheldon, Archer
A. F. Shimkus, District A
W. M. Sieron, Kedzie
L. Vanderhorst, Skokie Shop
J. G. Wolf, North Avenue
F. A. Zemaitis, Beverly

25 years

J. H. Brown, Kedzie Garage
P. M. Califf, Substation Engineering
P. Cleary, Archer Garage
A. DeBuono, Forest Glen
A. J. DiGiovanni, Stores
L. E. Ford, North Avenue
J. B. Forrestal, South Shops
S. G. Gorski, North Park
W. Griffin, Kedzie Garage
E. P. Grzenia, Stores - South Division
J. L. Heffernan, Beverly
L. D. Holmgren, West Section
S. Kielydyk, South Section
A. G. Klopacz, North Park
H. Lindberg, Kedzie
J. E. Majka, Kedzie
S. Montrose, Transportation
A. E. Muirheid, Stores - South Division
O. I. Porter, Kedzie
V. P. Shayer, Limits
G. A. Silicani, Skokie Shop
R. A. Tannhauser, Building Wiring Division
J. R. Tyk, West Section
A. Voss, Limits
M. Wenger, Operations Control
M. F. Wesely, West Section

New appointments announced

GENERAL MANAGER Thomas B. O'Connor recently gave approval to the appointment of eight CTAers to new supervisory positions within three CTA departments in the General Office.

Taking new posts within the Electrical Department effective November 12 were Signal Superintendent P. C. Cleaver, Senior Signal Supervisor T. M. Szewc, Supervisor of Signal Maintenance G. E. Matejovsky, Senior Signal Design Engineer K. D. G. Bisset, and Senior Design Engineer C. R. Hayes. The appointments were made by Electrical Engineer A. R. Sandberg.

Effective December 7 P. J. Clifford was named property accountant and J. R. Boland became assistant property accountant. The appointments were made by Manager of Finance P. J. Meinardi.

The appointment of E. W. Tobin as assistant superintendent of stores effective January 1 was made by General Superintendent of Purchasing, Specifications and Stores G. S. Graybiel.

Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn also announced the appointment of five CTAers to new posts at Surface System District Offices effective January 1. T. A. Hildebrant became District C superintendent, P. J. Kehoe became relief superintendent of Districts C & D, W. J. Rickert became District D supervisor, J. E. Ohse became relief supervisor of C, D & Central Districts and J. Thrower became relief supervisor of Districts A, B & C. The appointments were approved by Operating Manager G. Krambles.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

Cupid did it again! He shot his arrow and MARY BLACKMORE was his target. You can imagine what happy confusion occurred when Mary came in after Thanksgiving with a beautiful diamond sparkling on her left hand. We would like to extend our very best wishes to Mary and her fiancé for much happiness...The bad weather, with the ice and cold, has taken its toll. Poor CHRISTINE CAMERON slipped and fell. Result--a broken arm, and right before Christmas too! We hope she will mend quickly and that the cast on her arm didn't hamper her enjoyment of the holiday festivities. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Chris, from all of us.

- Clara Lawrence

(Tabulating) -

The Key Punch Section held a very nice Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 14, at Henrici's. MARIAN BUCKLEY came down to join us and we liked having her. The consensus of opinion was that, "Luncheons are great, but it's sad to have to return to work."..We welcome CAROLYN HASKELL who joined us on November 27. Glad to have you with us, Carolyn...Not to be outdone by others who have fallen on the ice this year, MARGE DORGAN took a nasty spill one Wednesday evening spraining her left wrist. She is mending nicely, but is still wearing the decorative bandage.

- Evelyn Lee

CTA SECURITY -

It was really nice seeing all the officers at our annual Christmas party. I would like to thank all of them for being the greatest bunch of guys all year long, not only at Christmas. Among the familiar faces was Pensioner MATT HOWE, who stays home and relaxes by serenading his family on his new organ...RAY LOHSE is enjoying his retirement doing what everybody would like to do most--nothing at all...Little JOHN McGRATH spends his time taking trips to the old sod just to look at the 40 shades of green...A few of our alumni who have graduated to the Chicago Police Department also stopped by to wish a Merry Christmas, BILL GROSSMAN, ROCKY COLUCCI and BOB McHUGH all looked good in their Christmas blues. . . Officer JOHN HIGENS has been appointed Illinois State Vice-president of the American Federation of Police. Anybody who wishes to be a member can join through him. Good luck to you, John. . . Officer JOHN PARKS took a vacation before the big Christmas rush and went to Traverse City, Michigan, to see his niece begin many years of wedded bliss...Officer JOHN LEAHY spent his vacation at Our Lady of the Snow shrine in Belleville. Jack said its beauty and elegance was a sight to behold. I think it sounds like a worthwhile trip for anyone. . . Sergeant PETE GENUTIS spent his three weeks of relaxation looking over his new property in Indiana. Pete says it will be nice when he retires as the man-made lakes and other beautiful sights are absolutely breathtaking...We of the Security Department wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Sergeant CHUCK BERG-

LUND in the loss of his grandmother, MARY KUNZELMAN. . .The new face in the department is that of KENNETH PAVLAK who transferred from Shops and Equipment. Glad to have you aboard, Ken, and we hope your stay is pleasant... December was a big month for hospital hopping. As of this writing FELIX ROBINSON is recuperating from a very painful operation on his sinuses. We all hope you're feeling chipper and back on the job soon, Felix...Graduate Trainee DICK GROSS, on loan to this department, also had a little visit to the hospital. A case of walking pneumonia walked right into him. It's good to see him recovered and back in the groove of things...Lieutenant BILLY BUTLER suffered a slight stroke. Thank goodness it wasn't too serious as he was back to work in no time.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

Here we are into a new year and looking forward to new things. We'll start our column with something brand new. SHANE MICHAEL RUNDLE was born on November 12 to the daughter of PAUL and LaVERNE SAUVE, LINDA, and her husband, JAY. He is the fifth generation in the Sauve family... Congratulations to ARTHUR ARDUINI who was elected commander of Republic Post of the American Legion... MILDRED and JOHN FELHABER celebrated 30 years of marriage on November 30. Best wishes to both of you...It seems like the pensioners are doing a little traveling. RALPH and MILLIE JOSSI vacationed in Hawaii, and JOE NAGRODSKI also said "aloha" from the 50th state. Joe said he forgot to take his scissors which he could have used while watching the hula girls. Received a card from BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and his wife. He was trying to break the bank at Las Vegas, and then moved on to San Francisco... Off sick at this writing are MIKE WHITE, ROMAN PRIESBE, ALBERT FENNEMA and NORMAN WALLACE. Fellows, if you can't visit them, please send a card... ROBERT BOOTH would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the Christmas buffet... Welcome back to BILL TIMMERMAN... Best wishes to AL BRONZELL who retired on January 1.

- William Rehder

(Chicago Avenue) -

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of TRUMAN SHELBY, the son of LARRY SHELBY, on November 30. Services were held December 4 at New Friendship M.B. church. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Shelby family... HARRY BUERGER, one of our pensioners, is convalescing at Fairfax Convalescent home, 3601 South Harlem, Berwyn. I am sure cards would be appreciated... CHARLIE SALVATORE visited with BILL EGAR, another one of our pensioners. Bill would appreciate hearing from his old friends. He lives at 9529 S. Sacramento, Evergreen Park... PATRICIA SHEAHAN, the daughter of BILL SHEAHAN, is a public health nurse for the City of Denver. Pat was recently the recipient of further schooling by the City of Denver. She was graduated from Colorado university as a pediatric practitioner... ED WHITING is back to

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work after getting the works in the hospital. Also recently returned to work is SANDY BOCZKO.

- Ben Nielsen

(General Office) -

We were pleased to learn of the recent appointments in the department; PAUL CLEAVER was appointed signal superintendent; TED SZEWC, senior signal supervisor; GEORGE MATEJOVSKY, supervisor of signal maintenance; KENDRICK BISSET, senior signal design engineer and CLYDE HAYES, signal design engineer. Congratulations to you from all of us...We also extend our best wishes to the parents of two new arrivals; KATHLEEN JANICE PIENTO was born December 8 and weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces. She is the daughter of CHRISTINE and JOSEPH PIENTO, power supervisor. She was warmly welcomed by her brothers, JOSEPH, MICHAEL and DAVID. . . KATHY and CLYDE HAYES, signal design engineer, flew to New York to meet their chosen baby daughter, KIMBERLY SUSAN, when she arrived from Da Nang, Vietnam. The Hayes' little son, CRAIG, was also on hand to greet his new sister...HERMAN SMITH, engineering assistant III, decided to get away from the January weather for awhile. He and members of his family boarded a 747 and took off for Miami. They planned to visit Key West and then fly to Nassau. What a wonderful way to forget about the long Chicago winters.

- Kay McAlister

FOREST GLEN -

Happy New Year to all, and may this be the year all your dreams come true...Operator CHARLIE FRASSICO and his wife celebrated 28 years of marital bliss on September 16. Charlie and the Mrs. had a night out on the town, dinner and dancing until the early morning hours... Box Puller BILL DEVITT and his wife, ETHEL, celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary on December 1. A surprise party was given for them by their four children and close friends. Everyone had a wonderful time--in fact, Bill didn't even have a drink. . . A proud father was FRED KRAWCZYK when his wife gave birth to a baby boy on December 26. Mother and baby are doing fine, but Fred, we're not so sure. Fred said he will give us the name of the baby later...The boys in the repair department also believe in night work along with their day jobs. J. BESKOON, L. SANDORA, R. STENZEL, R. KAESE and JOE WARD are all expecting the stork to visit their homes in the spring. What gives in our garage?...JOHN JOYCE is one of the finest fellows in the repair department. He treated all the boys to a Christmas drink at their club. The boys all say thanks, John, and a Happy New Year to a fine gentleman...While we are freezing here, Supervisor GALLAGHER is enjoying five weeks in sunny Florida. Boy, what fish stories we will hear when he returns...Operator LEIVA RICARDO wants us to say a good word about him. Well old buddy, just keep up your good record and watch the road. Also, your hair looks 100 per cent better...Yardman WOODY OWENS is in the hospital. Here's hoping he will be well soon and back to work. Woody, your smile is very much missed...We welcome JOHN MAHNKE and JOHN PLANTHABER back to Forest Glen. You were missed in your absence...CHARLES LATHAM's daughter, SHERRY, gave birth to a 10 pound 7 ounce baby boy named SHAWN CHARLES on December 9. Charles says he is a young grandfather at the age of 37...GEORGE STOVE took his

pension January 1. He will be missed on the trolley buses. Good luck...On December 24 GEORGE KUBANDA and his wife went to Hawaii for a week of sunshine and relaxation... ROBERT VELINSKI and TERRI ZEMAN announced their engagement on Christmas eve. All the boys said it was about time...The Christmas and New Year's party at Park-side included a big surprise when Relief Foreman DAN LOHSE, North Park, stopped by and bought a round...ED KRAUSE retired on January 1. No one believed that Eddie was old enough to take a pension. Anyway, Eddie, we will all miss you on Austin.

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

ENGINEERING -

First off, I would like to welcome 1973 to the Engineering Department by wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year...I've heard a few strange rumors about some of you fellas being on diets (not mentioning any names, of course). Well, anyway, I hope those "what have you got to lose" pounds are coming off well...I would like to join with my father, FRANCIS L. BRADY Jr. of Placement Department, in congratulating my grandfather, FRANCIS L. BRADY Sr., who retired on January 1 after 30 years of service. Gramps worked with Way & Structures of the Engineering Department for eight years before transferring to South Shops in 1953. Best wishes from both of us and grandma, too...The Engineering Department joins in extending our sincere sympathy to EVAN E. OLMSTEAD, general superintendent of Engineering, in the loss of his wife, RAJEANE...CAROL HART, a former employee of our Real Estate Division, paid us a visit over the holidays. Everyone was happy to see her again and glad to hear that she is enjoying her leisure time. Glad you stopped by, Carol...LINDA and BILL LEMONNIER are the proud new owners of a duplex in Hometown. Linda, with those two extra rooms you inherited, you should find ample space to house those two cats of yours...Congratulations to all the fine bakers in the department (plus a few of the wives) who baked up some super delicious cookies to spread the holiday cheer among the co-workers...DIANNE TRAXLER's husband, SCOTT, is the proud winner of two tickets to the Chicago Rock concert. All he had to do was be lucky enough to call in third on the WLS news switchboard. Dianne said they enjoyed the concert, but their ears were ringing for days to follow...Hope CHARLIE DROZDA is feeling better after his fall. It couldn't have been too much fun bringing in the holidays with a cast on your leg. Hope you're on your feet and out of the cast soon...Well that's all there is folks. I hope all of you will make a resolution to stop by with some interesting news for the column.

(West Shops) -

On November 17, JOE MARSZALEK and his bride celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and many, many more happy years together...Happy to see J. BAJIC, tinner, back to work again. Also WAYNE HANSEN, machinist foreman, and WILLIAM SMITH, our mailman. Stay well, fellas...JOHN HEFFERNAN is back from his vacation spent painting at home and getting ready for the holidays. Not my idea of a vacation though...Now Mr. and Mrs. DON EDWARDS, laborer, have the right idea for a vacation--spending it in Florida at the height of our very bad weather in Chicago...I heard that the farewell party for Superintendent C. L. WIKSTEN was a beautiful success. Mr. Hallahan and his band of renown were there, and TOM

INSIDE NEWS

STAUNTON, track foreman, helped with the serving of the liquids...At the end of December we said goodbye to two new pensioners, CHARLES SCHREY, assistant mason foreman, and V. SCHUBAT, painter. Many happy years of retirement, fellas...We want to welcome two newcomers to the West Shop, HELMUT SCHWEITZER and JOHN KRONEK. Welcome aboard, men, and hope your stay will be a happy one...We want to wish ROCKY FERRARO, labor foreman, a happy birthday. You don't look a day over 39, Rocky...I'm wondering how the turkey tastes that M. SMITH, steamfitter, won. We didn't ever get a sandwich. Happy eating, Smithy.

- Kathleen Brady & Jennie Scott

KEDZIE -

First, I would like to wish the office staff, operators and repair department a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year...To start the New Year off right at Kedzie, I hope everyone will obey the "No Parking" signs in front of the depot. This is an order from the General Office. In case of an emergency, the buses won't be able to move to a safe area. So please, NO PARKING!..Operator JACKIE HAYES received a letter from Pensioner ED McCALLUM who is enjoying his retirement in Colorado City, Colorado. Ed says hello to all at Kedzie. Ed, all I can say is, "Have a nice day, operator"..Pensioner DAVE CLARK underwent surgery in Northwest hospital. We hope you are up and well very soon, Dave...Our clerk, C. (Red) O'CONNOR is back to work after suffering a broken shoulder. It's good to see you back on the job...Operator A. LOHMEIER took his pension January 1. We wish you the best of health on your retirement, and let us hear from you now and then...Our deepest sympathy to Mrs. R. POTTS in the death of her husband, Operator RALPH POTTS, who was laid to rest December 23. Also to Mrs. B. BRUNO whose husband, Operator T. BRUNO, formerly of Kedzie, was laid to rest on December 7.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Happy New Year to all you lovely people. Now that we have shelved the last of those idiotic resolutions we made, let's relax and be our over-indulgent selves. Seriously though, my last paycheck came through a total blank. At first thought I felt no need to bother our new chief clerk, ANTONIO J. ARNIEKI, as I figured my deductions finally caught up with my salary...The welcome mat is out for our entire clerk force. Chief Arnieki's staff includes ED (Curly) STENZEL and JOHN WALTHIER. Relievers are ART COOPER, H. STANKEVICIUS and W. GERRISH. We will give you a bit more on our new office force in the near future. Keeler lost Clerk J. O'BRIEN to Limits, and as of this writing Clerk JOHN SIMKO will have joined the ranks of the retired...Rumor has it that since former Station Superintendent R. W. CHRISTIAN dropped by, the station has been extolling the attributes of Phoenix, Arizona...I'm gonna miss my follower, JOHN KREBS, who turned in his punch on January 1...SY GOLDMAN will have to train another man to replace recent retiree JOHN MARTEN. Here's wishes for many happy years of relaxation to all you nice guys...Would you believe that Mechanic CHARLEY BOWMAN has 31 years of service and all of it at Keeler?.. Seems that January is a very popular month for birthdays.

The following operators share birthday salutations: E. LATIMER, W. FORD, C. MONTANEZ, A. J. DAVIS, A. L. BOOSE, R. E. WILSON, T. JOHNSON, F. TORRES, S. A. BRASWELL, C. M. ANDERSON, L. W. HOUGHLUND, A. L. HAMPTON, F. HOLDEN, T. N. MOSELY, W. P. DABROWSKI, C. GRECO and L. G. KUMBERA. Operator CHARLES LEE remembered that his wife's birthday was January 20, and wisely forgot which one...Meanwhile, downstairs in the garage, Chief Clerk MULCAHEY PATRICK's daughter, LAUREEN, reached the ripe old age of five years January 30.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Hi again fellows. Well, we're well into the new year and I hope that 1973 will be everyone's year for good luck... Christmas arrived a little early for Operator DAVID and MARJORIE HARRIS, who were blessed with a son, DAVID HARRIS Jr., on December 20 who tipped the scales at 9 pounds even. Congratulations!..We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Repairman JOE JAGOS who recently passed away. Our condolences are also extended to the family of Retired Operator JOHN PATER who recently passed away...Our deepest sympathy to Operator TILLMON SHAW in the recent passing of his brother, CALVIN SHAW. ..We sincerely hope as of this writing that Retired Operator ART KENNEDY is up and around since being confined to St. Anthony's hospital...On January 1, Lawndale said farewell to one of its finest operators. OTTO TORK retired after 37 years of devoted service. We hope you enjoy your retirement Otto, and stop by to see us sometime...We sincerely hope at this writing that Operator GEORGE BROWN is doing much better. George is now convalescing at home and would like to see some of his old buddies...Received a card over the holidays from former Operator PETE MOLFESE. Always nice to hear from you Pete...Operator RUDY HOLAN, recently back from a vacation just before Christmas, said that it was the best yet and he's sorry he didn't pick his vacation this way 20 years ago. Well I learned early, Rudy, I also just got back from vacation and enjoyed the rest. We'll be going again in a few more weeks...Amvet Post No. 247 held its annual family Christmas party on December 15, and it was a huge success... Happy birthday to the following personnel: R. E. BELL, E. SHIELDS, P. L. HOLLINS, L. C. CHATMAN, D. BROWNLEE, M. GRICKI, R. F. JONES, T. IVERY Jr., R. A. GREEN, T. C. STUCKEY, J. WILLIAMS, I. P. CUNNINGHAM, T. E. GUMBUS, J. A. DANIEL, J. W. STAHULAK, R. J. FAY, I. L. DAVIS, C. HARRIS, J. A. GIBSON, A. REESE, C. C. KONOPACKI and C. GREEN Jr.

- James Marshall

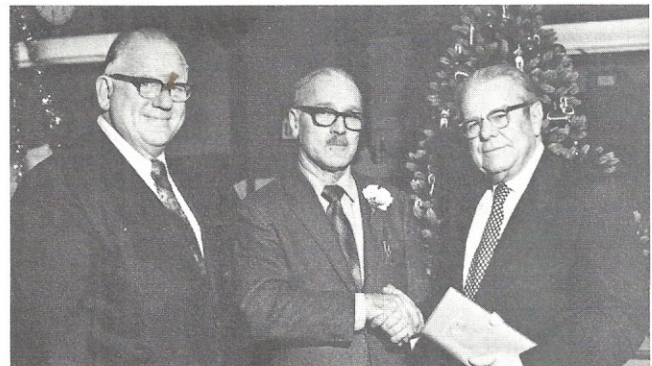
LIMITS -

To start off my first column I would like to wish everyone a very happy and rewarding new year...Now to the news. The drivers who worked the free State Street buses during the holidays said they enjoyed it very much even though it--now get this--was hard work...And a big hand goes out to our great basketball team with a win-loss record of 2-1 at this time. Stay on the ball fellows...A speedy recovery is wished Operator LAMONT UPTON who was injured in a gallant play in our first game...Wishes for a quick recovery also go out to the wife of Operator B. H.

NEW PENSIONERS

LAWRENCE E. AGIN, Blacksmith,
South Shops, Emp. 6-4-27
ALVAR H. ALSTERLUND, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-31-47
CARL M. ASCHENBRENNER, Carpenter A,
Engineering, Emp. 10-21-42
FRANK J. BECKER, Line Truck Chauffeur,
Utility & Emergency Service, Emp. 10-3-42
JASPER BELLAFIORE, Tire Repairer,
Tire Center, Emp. 5-25-47
ROBERT S. BENSON, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-2-42
ROY G. BERGLUND, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-15-36
PLATO L. BIBBS, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 10-21-43
ANTON J. BOBER, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 1-11-34
GEORGE T. BONKOWSKI, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-20-46
FRANCIS J. BRADY, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 4-17-42
JAMES J. BRADY, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 2-4-37
ARTHUR D. BRINDLEY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-31-34
ALFRED R. BROMAN, Supervisor,
Central Counting, Emp. 7-30-32
ALFRED H. BRONZELL, Lineman,
Electrical, Emp. 12-28-44
LOUIS BRUNO, Trackman II,
Engineering, Emp. 6-26-42
HENRY BUKEMA, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 10-31-42
LYNN H. BUTLER, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-9-42
DONALD D. CARLSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-24-36
ROSS CARTER, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 10-11-45
PAUL A. CEROTZKE, Laborer,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-18-42
HUGO J. CINCETTI, Platform Man,
North Section, Emp. 2-18-42
DENNIS P. CLIFFORD, Shopman I,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-20-40
STEPHEN COLLINS, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 1-19-41
JOSEPH M. CONNORS, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 1-6-30
FLOYD T. CREAL, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-30-36
JOSEPH R. DAVIDSON, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-28-42
JOSEPH G. DECKER, Electrician Foreman,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 7-17-29
JAMES L. DENNARD, Janitor,
North Section, Emp. 2-1-51
GEORGE H. DiGIORE, Material Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 8-5-36
JOSEPH F. DiGIOVANNI, Clerk,
North Park, Emp. 4-23-29
RAYMOND J. DOWDLE, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 11-30-36
PATRICK J. DOYLE, Signal Foreman,
Electrical, Emp. 6-18-29
JOHN R. DUDEK, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 2-18-42

CLIFTON E. EBENHOLTZ, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 6-20-45
CHESTER L. ELKE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-3-42
GARFIELD L. FRANCIS, Photographer,
Reproduction Services, Emp. 8-11-41
EDWARD T. FREDERICKS, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 4-29-42
RAYMOND L. GOLDSTEIN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 3-12-48
GEORGE C. HAAK, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 11-28-41
WILLIAM F. HANSEN, Electrical Worker,
South Shops, Emp. 7-13-25
DANIEL P. HAYES, Supervisor,
South District, Emp. 2-20-36
ANDREW J. HOLZMAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-8-41
JERRY J. HURT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-42
LEONARD T. JOLLY, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 7-25-46
THOMAS JONES, Painter A,
South Shops, Emp. 7-6-42
HAROLD L. JULITZ, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-20-42
BENJAMIN E. KAMKA, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-25-33
DAVID L. KELLY, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-16-36
JOHN A. KENT, Box Puller,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-2-42
THEODORE R. KINDERMAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-19-37
HOBART E. KNIGHT, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 5-12-42
JOHN W. KREBS, Operator,
Keeler, Emp. 9-5-45
ARVIN A. KREUTZER, Supervisor,
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 11-2-31
EDWIN J. KRUSER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-7-52
STANLEY L. LECK, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 5-22-28



THE 31-YEAR transit career of GAR FRANCIS came to a close January 1 with his retirement from CTA. Gar started with Chicago Motor Coach as a bus driver in 1942. He became a photographer for CTA in 1959 and through his knowledge of photography has produced many interesting pictures for the pages of Transit News. Gar is shown here accepting congratulations upon his retirement from Manager of Finance P. J. MEINARDI (right) and Coordinator of Reproduction Services T. C. HAANING.

AUGUST W. LOHMEIER, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-26-45

JOHN J. MAHONEY, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 10-1-33

JOHN W. MARTENS, Janitor,
Keeler, Emp. 4-24-43

EDWARD F. MEYER, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 9-18-45

MAYNARD J. MORAN, Senior Radio Operator,
Operations Control, Emp. 3-13-34

MICHAEL J. MORAN, Bus Serviceman,
69th Street, Emp. 6-6-51

BON H. MULLINAX, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-19-43

EDWARD P. O'CONNELL, Supervisor,
Claim, Emp. 7-6-25

JOHN D. O'DONNELL, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-11-42

GEORGE G. OSTERMEYER, Towerman,
Howard Street, Emp. 6-1-36

EDWARD L. PFANNKUCHE, Clerk,
West Section, Emp. 10-27-33

VALERIE R. PFANNKUCHE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 5-7-60

ERNEST F. POTENBERG, Chief Clerk,
Central Counting, Emp. 9-3-26

WILLIAM POWELL, Communications Technician II,
Electrical, Emp. 2-3-36

DANIEL F. REBMANN, Box Puller,
77th Street, Emp. 2-11-36

RALPH D. REGNIER, General Clerk,
Executive, Emp. 11-17-36

PAUL W. REID, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-18-37

RAYMOND F. REIGHARD, District Superintendent,
District C, Emp. 2-20-36

NORMAN U. RIDDLE, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 12-7-36

VITO RISCOSSA, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-21-43

JOSEPH RITROVATO, Day Foreman,
Lawndale, Emp. 9-26-35

CARL E. SANDBERG, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-16-34

CARL F. SCHEUERMANN, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 7-1-42

EARL W. SCHNEIDER, Collector,
Limits, Emp. 7-7-47

CHARLES SCHREY, Assistant Mason Foreman,
Engineering, Emp. 11-18-42

ERWIN T. SCHULTZ, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 9-27-37

ALOYSIUS B. SERGEY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-27-42

VINCENT SHUBAT, Painter A,
Engineering, Emp. 6-19-41

JOHN A. SIMKO, Chief Clerk,
Keeler, Emp. 5-22-35

OTTO J. SMITH, Machinist,
South Shops, Emp. 10-7-47

CHARLES E. SOUTHARD, Supervisor,
North District, Emp. 7-1-42

PAUL L. SPOLEC, Electrical Worker A,
South Shops, Emp. 2-3-25

GEORGE W. SPORLEDER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-28-42

THOMAS J. SPRATT, Instructor,
77th Street, Emp. 2-12-42

ROBERT A. STEWART, Collector,
77th Street, Emp. 7-29-41

MARY STOMNER, Stenographer VI,
Public Information, Emp. 6-24-26

EDWARD H. STRZYZEWSKI, Supervisor,
District C, Emp. 6-25-37

GEORGE R. STUEVE, Bus Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 5-12-43

JULIUS B. SUKIS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-18-44

STANLEY J. SWIEC, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 11-14-42

ANDREW E. SZUREK, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 11-25-42

LOUIS TIGNAC, Clerk,
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-22-42

OTTO S. TORK, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-14-36

PHILLIP N. WAGEMAN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-17-34

FRANK M. WAGNER, Janitor,
Kedzie, Emp. 5-10-45

MARCUS C. WALKER, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 10-28-30

ELMER W. WEIDENHAMER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 11-24-41

CHARLES E. YOST, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-1-45

AUSTIN E. YOUNG, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 9-29-37

PETER G. ZACHARIAS, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 8-18-36

STEVE ZITTMAN, Carpenter A,
South Shops, Emp. 8-6-42

DISABILITY PENSIONERS

ANDREW M. LEE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-11-55

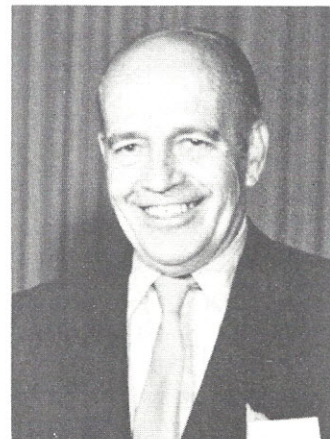
HERBERT K. LINDEMANN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-30-37

STANLEY J. LUKASZEWICZ, Lineman Helper,
Electrical, Emp. 12-26-50

PETER MARINO, Laborer,
Engineering, Emp. 5-26-41

ANTOINETTE E. STIPATI, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 4-18-52

CLOSING OUT his 30-year career with CTA and the former CSL, ROBERT S. BENSON retired January 1 as a bus operator from Limits Station. He started as a motorman at Devon Station in 1942 and became a bus operator in 1957. Bob has also served as a reporter for Transit News since May, 1967, representing Limits Station.



INSIDE NEWS

SMITH who had a recent stay in the hospital...Now I have to report some news which is both sorrowful and happy. Superintendent M. H. DeWITT is going to retire February 1. We will all miss him very much. He has worked 31 years with the company, the last ten of which were as a superintendent. He said he has enjoyed working with the men at Limits, and has always had good cooperation from the drivers and the board members. He and his wife want to see much of this great country, then they plan to take it easy around the house. Happy days to you, sir; you deserve the best...Another new retiree is Operator R. S. BENSON who retired January 1. He was my leader on this column and always did an outstanding job as a scribe. Hope you are enjoying retirement too, Bob...Our sincere condolences to the family of Operator H. L. WASHINGTON who passed away January 1. He will be missed by everyone...Before closing for January I would like to introduce myself, I am CHARLES TURNER, Badge 9509, and I have run 180. If you have any news, give it to me or just leave it with the clerk in the station.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

We would like to give out a loud word of praise for Painters JACK FLYNN, JIM KEEGAN, STAN RYCZEK and DAN DIGNAM. These fellows did a very commendable job of painting the offices at the 54th Street Terminal...VI and ED PFANNKUCHE retired on January 1 and are now enjoying a life of leisure in Florida. Have fun, kids, you have earned it. Keep in touch with us...We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of PAT O'BRIEN, retired trainman, who passed away recently...Retired Janitor PETE NAUGHTON Sr. is seriously ill in Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. We hope he will be back on the road to recovery soon...Jovial Janitor DOMINICK CASSELINO is on vacation at this writing. We know whatever he is doing he is having a ball. Don't burn the candles at both ends, Dom, for soon it will be back to the salt mines...KAREN DOMINO has left the central assignment office and is now working as a clerk on the South Side. Congratulations and best wishes to Karen in her new job...Student Agent TOM CAHILL certainly likes to be different, and goes from one extreme to another to prove it. Tom is now wearing a short-short hair style, and believe me, it is really different...We are sorry to report illness in the DAN and MILDRED DOYLE family. We hope everyone will be back in good health by the time our news is in print. The Doyles planned to leave on January 13 for Florida if everyone was well. More about this in the next issue...Hearty congratulations to LEONARD BEATTY and HUGH HEGARTY who were re-elected as president and financial secretary of our union. May 1973 be an extremely good year for all of us with your help...Agents FAY CAPRIO and OPAL (York) WOCZNAK are on the sick list at this time. Hurry back to good health, girls, we miss you both...ADAM WAAS will retire on February 1 but he does not intend to let the old rocking chair get him. Adam plans to find part-time employment to keep him busy. Good luck and many happy years to come are wished for Mr. and Mrs. Waas...By the time we read this the new pick will be in effect. We hope everyone is happily settled in their new station...Superintendent J. ZUPKO enjoyed a week's vacation at home resting up after the holidays, and enjoying the sports programs on TV...Agents BETTY RUSSO and ELEANOR HASBROUCK also enjoyed a

restful week at home after the Christmas holidays...On Saturday, December 23, Agent JULIE MATTRAN had a pre-holiday get-together at her home. Everyone enjoyed the refreshments and gay chit-chat. Among the invited guests were EDITH MORROW and your Loop co-reporters. It was a most enjoyable evening. Thank you Julie and RAY... That's all for now gang. We would appreciate any news contributions you may send in.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Congratulations to JUANITA EDEN who lost 36 pounds through Weight Watchers and received a pin for reaching her goal...EILEEN CARMODY was in the hospital in December but is now home recuperating. Hope to see her back to work soon...Good to see ELEANOR HASBROUCK back to work after a short illness...VERN NORDSTROM had his vacation during the holidays. Also BETTY RUSSO had a week's vacation before Christmas. It must be nice to have seniority...Conductor TONY WOLFE and his wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, TIMOTHY, who weighed in at 8 pounds 5 ounces...JIM SCHUMPP had the misfortune of breaking his arm recently but is now back at work and doing fine...Janitor DOMINIC CASALINO started his vacation on December 24. That sure was a nice Christmas present...Congratulations to IRWIN WIECZOREK who made Employee of the Year. Keep up the good work, Irwin, we all knew you could do it...ED PFANNKUCHE and his charming wife, VI (Moehring), took their pensions on January 1, and will spend some time in Florida. Also taking their pension January 1 were AUSTIN YOUNG and ERWIN SCHULTZ. We wish all of you a long and happy retired life...Station Superintendent T. D. BOYLE enjoyed a vacation to Florida and stayed right in Disney World...My co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, and her husband, CLEM, ushered in the new year by joining in on the celebration at Mangam's Chateau.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to our new Courtesy Caravan Club members for October. For exceptional courtesy, J. JONES, A. FRENCH and R. THOMAS; for assistance to the handicapped, R. JACKSON and L. SANFORD; for being helpful in recovering a lost article, C. REDEMSKI; for attention to duty, K. CHRABASZ, and for being considerate in curbing, A. JACQUES. For November: for attention to duty, M. McCARTHY, M. BYSTREK, R. SPAKOWSKI, T. OPFERGELT and C. AIKENS; for assistance to the handicapped, C. LESTER, J. LYNCH and F. KONOPKA; for exceptional courtesy, J. GREEN, D. SKOWRONEK, A. KISZKA, R. PEACOCK and H. FIELDS; for a heroic act, P. GONZALEZ, and for excellent street announcements, J. BACON...A number of the boys are taking their pensions. Bus Hiker JOHN P. WALSH from Archer left on December 1, and he and his wife, FLORENCE, are planning on traveling around the U.S.A. Now for our January 1 pensioners. Operator ARTHUR BRINDLEY and his wife, MARINA, plan to visit California for a second honeymoon. Supervisor EDWARD STRZYZEWSKI and his spouse, CATHERINE, plan a trip around the states and more time with their hobby raising tropical fish. Operator CHESTER ELKE leaves us after 30 years of service. He and his better

half, CLARA, plan a fishing trip down South. Also headed for the easy life are Supervisor STANLEY LECK, District Superintendent RAYMOND REIGHARD, Storeroom Clerk GEORGE DeGIORE, Repairman JOHN O'DONNELL and Operators ROY BERGLUND, JERRY HURT, G. BONKOWSKI, PHIL WAGEMAN, J. SUKIS, DONALD CARLSON, E. WEIDENHAMER, C. MULLINAX, FLOYD CREAL and HERBERT LINDEMANN...Received a postcard from Pensioner VIGGO WINDFELD and his wife, ZORA, who spent their vacation in Los Angeles, California. They visited Hollywood and Beverly Hills where they saw some movie stars' homes and Universal Studios...Pensioner JOHN SENKO and his spouse visited Russia and Poland...Operator JERRY HURT became a grandpa for the seventh time when his son, EDWARD, and his wife, KATHY, became parents of a baby girl on October 27. Jerry now has six granddaughters and one grandson. Our congratulations to all...I met Pensioner TOM SCANLON who is looking and feeling better than ever. He asked about "Otto Mobile" who, you may remember, is Pensioner BILL ECHOLS who wrote a column under that name years ago. I'm also certain you remember Tom's antique car with a mind of its own, and ran with or without gas. Tom finally retired it to the junk pile...Pensioner NEIL COTTER writes that they had so much autumn rain in Portage, Wisconsin, that the farmers couldn't get some of their corn harvested. The deer hunting was good...Pensioner JOE REINHART and his wife, VIOLET, have a new address: 513 School street, Harbor Beach, Michigan 48441. Joe was in the hospital in November, but he's home now and doing well...A note from Pensioner BARNEY CALLAHAN tells us that he and JOSEPHINE spent the holidays in Wichita, Kansas. They visited their daughter, MARGARET, son-in-law, and ten grandchildren...Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his wife, ANNA, are keeping busy. Lars is keeping up with his trout fishing at his home in Mountain Home, Arkansas...Pensioner ART MOILANEN and his spouse, BETTY, visited Chicago in November. They bought some Rosen's Jewish rye bread, which they can't get in L'Anse, Michigan. When they got home, the bay was full of lake trout, rainbows, brown trout, etc. The Indians had put out their nets and got hundreds of pounds of fish. They couldn't sell them so they threw them back into the water. There were dead fish all over...Bus Hikers RALPH POTTS of Kedzie and FRANK KNORR of 77th passed away in December. Ralph was an old school pal of mine from Morton High...Pensioner BILL BUETOW lost his wife, ANNA, after a long illness. Last May she was confined at the Mayo Clinic. Until this fall, they thought she would make it, but she passed away in the hospital and was buried on November 4. We extend our sympathy to the families of these departed. Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may also be"...We received a Christmas card from FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of our old friend, JERRY BLAKE. She is well, but lonesome. She comes to Chicago frequently to visit her family...Thanks to all of you who sent me lovely Christmas cards. They came from Pensioners E. BOCK, B. CALLAHAN, F. COLEMAN, N. COTTER, E. DEEGAN, W. ECHOLS, J. HIEBEL, H. HABBESTAD, A. KOEHN, J. KULLOWITCH, H. LEMIEUX, R. MAU, A. MOILANEN, G. MAY, L. PEARSON, L. PLUSKOWSKI, J. REINHART, J. SENKO, W. STRAUBING, V. WINDFELD, O. WIKRENT and E. DIETZ. Elmer Deegan has a mobile home in Payson, Arizona. It's good fishing country. Living near him are Pensioners PETERSON, CHRISTIAN, JACOBY, MACHOWSKI and PARADISE. Frank Coleman gets around fairly well after his illness. Now to the operators, I have cards from Operators E. GUNDLACH, D. KISSANE, H. LINDEMANN,

J. RICHARDSON, R. STEELE, F. DWIEL, A. AMOS, G. DI MEO and R. SHOLTENS. Also cards from Bus Dispatcher BILL KOSEK, Clerk E. LOTITO, and last, but not least, my friend and co-reporter, WALTER BLIX. I hope he will be back at work soon, also helping me with this column. See you purty soon, Walter. And cards from Garage Clerk BILL MIEDEMA, Forest Glen, and Garage Clerk WAYNE MIEDEMA, North Avenue, who also happen to be my No. 1 and 2 sons...I want to thank the pensioners who have been so helpful sending me news. I wish I could do as well with the operators. How about it? Thanks to Operator JULIUS BISWURM for his contribution...Here's hoping you're all off to a good start for the New Year.

- William Miedema & Walter Blix

NORTH PARK -

Hope you all had a Happy New Year. May you find 1973 to be healthy, happy and prosperous...The North Park credit union's annual business meeting was held on Friday, January 12, at River Park Fieldhouse. Dividends were declared and refreshments were served. There were also drawings for door prizes...The Sambruca Club dinner dance was held on Saturday, November 4 at the Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORTINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who patronized this event...Clerk JOE DIGIOVANNI retired on January 1 after 43 plus years of service at the age of 58. Joe, who is one of our most respected and congenial clerks, plans along with his lovely wife, CONNIE, to do a lot of traveling in the future...Also going on pension January 1 were Operators CARL SANDBERG, 38 years; TED KINDERMAN, 32 years; ANDY HOLZMAN, 31 years; HAROLD JULITZ, 31 years; LYNN BUTLER, 30 years, and RAY GOLDSTEIN, 24 years. We at North Park take this opportunity to wish these fine gentlemen many years of happiness in their golden years...BOB ZIENTARA, the son of Operator EDDY ZIENTARA, shot a large buck deer while hunting near Westfield, Wisconsin. The Chicago Tribune showed a picture of Bob and the deer in the sports section of the Sunday, November 26, edition...JOHN STEINBEISS, the son of Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS, along with his wife, VICKIE, spent the holidays with his parents. John, who is a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, will be stationed at Rapid City, South Dakota. John was working as a bus operator at North Park when he was inducted into the service...SHELDON BAKER, the son of Operator SAM BAKER, has accepted a position with Montgomery Ward as a copywriter working on advertising...JOHN GUZALDO, who has been off sick, is now back to work as a street collector. We are all happy to see John back on the job again...Operator FRANK SAUCIER, who is a patient at Veterans hospital, has gone on disability pension. Our prayers are with Frank for a complete recovery...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Pensioner WILLIAM STINESPRING and his wife, DOLLY, their 43rd; Pensioner MIKE PARK and his wife, GLADYS, their 19th; Pensioner LARRY BENNETT and his wife, JULIA, their 32nd; Pensioner ELY PESTINE and his wife, RUTH, their 40th; Pensioner IRVING WEINER and his wife, IDA, their 42nd; Pensioner WALTER LINDEMAN and his wife, ELEANOR, their 45th; Operator LEO HARA and his wife, ANN, their 36th; Operator JESSIE GILMORE and his wife, ROSE, their 16th; Operator JOHN WAIT and his wife, LUCILLE, their 34th; Operator SAM BAKER and his wife, HELEN, their 32nd; Operator ALLEN LICHTER and his wife, SUSAN, their

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31st; Operator BUCKY WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, their 36th; Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, their 34th; Operator JOHN EISELT and his wife, LOUISE, their 15th; Operator DAVE ARREGUIN and his wife, THERESA, their 16th; Operator JIM HALL and his wife, VIRGINIA, their 22nd; Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife, LORRY, their 23rd, and Instructor WALTER STEINBEISS and his wife, MARY, their 36th. . . Happy birthdays are extended to: Supervisor GEORGE HAND, Operators PETE MARCHISOTTO and HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, Pensioners CARL SANDBERG, ROY LEMKE, TOM CONROY, MERVA HAND and JIM KURCZEWSKI, DEBORAH and MONICA AYOTTE, BARBARA ANDERSCHAT, WILLIAM and TAMMY RAY, Mrs. EULALIE DOWEY, Mrs. MARY HOLZMAN and Pensioner JOE DiGIOVANNI. . . Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the family of TONY BRUNO who passed away suddenly on Monday, December 7. Tony was assistant treasurer of the North Park credit union and a most respected and likeable person. Also to the family of Retired Supervisor HUBERT JIMMY MORAN we express our condolences. . . I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pensioners who sent me Holiday Greetings. . . Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman FRANK SIBLEY and Electrician RICHARD ROCK were winners of turkeys at the Wauconda Gun Club shoot-out. Repairman BUCKY BAKER is in charge of the charity project. . . Enjoying vacations this month are Repairmen BOB JOHNSON, PAUL SCHREVES, LEN TROZANOWSKI, FRANK SCHENDL and GEORGE WITT, and Servicemen GENE DRZEWICKI, JOE MAREK and ROBERT BOTH.

- Melvin Horning

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

CHARLES KEELER, traffic clerk, and his wife flew to Los Angeles, California, and celebrated Thanksgiving with friends. . . GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Redington Beach, Florida, and other parts to visit. . . WALTER THOMAS, assistant superintendent of schedule makers, and his wife flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to spend Thanksgiving. . . The Schedule Department was blessed with many Christmas season birthdays. Best wishes to KAY BATINA, ED REILLY, WALTER THOMAS and JOE SABOL. . . WILLIE SCOTT was promoted to schedule clerk. . . RUTH HAVLIK and her sister flew to Spain to spend the holidays there. They became part of the jet set when they stayed in the sunny resort area of Costa Del Sol. . . ARVIN A. KREUTZER, supervisor of traffic data section, retired on December 29 after 41 years of service to CTA and the CSL. Better known as Fritz, he started as a traffic checker November 1, 1931. He worked as a traffic checker and traffic clerk until transferring to Burnside Station in 1933 as a conductor and one-man car operator. He returned to the Schedule Department in 1942 and was promoted to schedule clerk. In 1961 Fritz became supervisor of traffic clerks and was promoted to supervisor of the traffic data section in 1965, the post he held at retirement. His dedication to his work and his candor will long be remembered in the Schedule-Traffic Department.

- Kathryn Batina

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Now that 1973 has begun and all of you have started in an honest effort to live up to your resolutions for the year,

John and I would like you to add one more resolution to your list; we can't invent news, we need your help, so let's all resolve that 1973 will be the best year yet for news. . . Congratulations are in order for EDWARD W. TOBIN, Purchasing, who has been promoted to assistant to superintendent of stores. Good luck, Ed! . . . We have a special note for BECKY COUSIN who has been on the sick list for quite some time. Dear Becky, HELP! Signed, Jill. Hope you're feeling better real soon! . . . Congratulations to JOANNE BOETTIN, who became an aunt for the third time. Joanne's nephew, DAVID W., was born on December 5 and weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. . . The welcome mat is extended to WILLIAM DOERING, stock clerk I, Stores Department. Bill transferred from the Treasury Department. Welcome aboard, Bill. . . Congratulations to JAMES WHITTLEY, stock clerk I, and his wife who were blessed with a beautiful daughter, LATASHA, on October 29. . . ANDY CUNNINGHAM spent his vacation traveling with a jazz band while on vacation. Andy also stopped at Monte Carlo Bay. . . DAVE SMITH, laborer, has returned from his "honey-do" vacation. . . GRANVILLE CHEATHAM, stock clerk I, is off the sick list and back to work. While recuperating at home Granville received a surprise visit from his son who is on leave from the army. Your son's visit was probably just what you needed for a speedy recovery. Glad to see you at work once again.

- Cecilia Trucco & John Gill

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy New Year to all! May 1973 be a good, happy, and healthy year for everyone. . . Congratulations to Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN who had such a big smile when he became a grandpa again. His son and daughter-in-law had a baby girl named TAMMY. This makes two grandchildren for the Sullivans. . . Relief Station Superintendent ED MITCHELL, West Section, and his wife, South Section Agent SAUNDRA, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary at the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva over a weekend. Best wishes to the happy couple. . . Hooray! Back to work from the sick list are: Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, Work Train Motorman DOMINIC CESARE and Motorman SIDNEY EDWARDS. . . Agent ALBERT HOFER, who has been on the sick list for some months, went on pension December 1. We sincerely hope Albert regains his health real soon and enjoys his pension. . . Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO stopped by recently upon his return from a trip to California. While out there he visited with retired Conductor JOHN LOUGHLIN and retired Towerman CHARLES RUMMEL. They said hello to everyone. Joe looked great for his 83 years young; he's been on pension 18 years. . . Our heartiest congratulations to the winners of the Division 308 election: President LEONARD BEATTY, Vice-president CHARLES LOUGHRAN, Secretary-Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY, South Section Board Member WILFRED SPEARS, and to all the other people elected. . . Our Ashland parking lot attendant, STAN from 69th Street Depot, went on pension December 1. He is one swell guy and everyone misses him. Happy retirement, Stan. . . Hello to newly-hired Conductors RONALD HENDERSON and LEWIS STEWART. We're also glad to see Student Conductor CARL DAVIS who decided to return and be a full-time conductor. . . We were very shocked and saddened to hear that Agent CHARLES GRIFFITH passed away quite suddenly. Our deepest sympathy to his family. . . Retired Conductor PHARAOH (Mother-in-law) CAIN dropped in to see us. It sure was good to see

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

CLIO E. BERGER, 85, North Section,
Emp. 7-15-36, Died 11-16-72

WILLIAM BETSANES, 86, 61st Street,
Emp. 10-16-42, Died 11-6-72

WILLIAM H. BONNEFOI, 70, North Park,
Emp. 11-10-25, Died 11-7-72

VASSILIOS BOUSIS, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 8-8-26, Died 10-22-72

TONY BRUNO, 50, North Park,
Emp. 10-4-43, Died 12-4-72

HARRY C. CROSS, 83, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 3-6-13, Died 11-17-72

BRUNO DINTER, 63, Property Accounting,
Emp. 5-22-34, Died 12-6-72

MARCO DUNDEVICH, 61, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 3-19-29, Died 11-27-72

CHARLES GRIFFITH, 53, South Section,
Emp. 1-2-58, Died 12-9-72

MILDRED I. HUMES, 84, Executive,
Emp. 12-4-05, Died 11-7-72

MAURICE T. HYLAND, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-31-27, Died 11-11-72

JOSEPH J. JAROS, 58, Lawndale,
Emp. 5-8-42, Died 12-8-72

ARTHUR P. JOHNSTON, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-25-27, Died 11-16-72

FRANK C. KNORR, 64, 77th Street,
Emp. 8-11-42, Died 12-18-72

MICHAEL J. KOHUT, 74, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 6-3-42, Died 11-10-72

ARTHUR LAVIGNE, 81, West Section,
Emp. 11-17-11, Died 11-11-72

BERNARD J. LAZISKY, 62, Beverly,
Emp. 2-2-38, Died 11-29-72

OTTO A. LINK, 76, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 3-18-43, Died 11-4-72

KENNETH L. MANAUGH, 67, North Section,
Emp. 9-21-26, Died 11-7-72

EDWARD J. MARSH, 68, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-18-28, Died 11-6-72

WILLIAM McTIGUE, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 12-16-24, Died 11-14-72

WILLIAM MITTELSTAEDT, 62, Archer,
Emp. 11-2-36, Died 12-10-72

EBERT C. NYBERG Sr., 78, West Section,
Emp. 6-25-17, Died 11-22-72

THOMAS F. O'BRIEN, 68, Internal Auditing,
Emp. 10-18-23, Died 11-5-72

JOHN D. O'LEARY, 89, Halsted Yard,
Emp. 5-15-08, Died 11-15-72

ADOLPH PAOLINI, 73, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-22-43, Died 11-11-72

NICHOLAS PAPPAS, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-17-24, Died 11-14-72

VINCENT PENDOLA, 71, Engineering,
Emp. 6-23-41, Died 11-13-72

RALPH S. POTTS, 58, South Shops,
Emp. 4-10-43, Died 12-19-72

JOSEPH RAGGI, 59, West Section,
Emp. 10-29-46, Died 11-27-72

MICHAEL J. REGAN, 76, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-25-19, Died 11-19-72

PATRICK ROCHE, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-28-15, Died 11-25-72

JOHN H. SCHEID, 68, South Shops,
Emp. 8-20-36, Died 11-23-72

KATHRYN T. SEGALE, 89, West Section,
Emp. 6-8-20, Died 8-24-72

CALVIN SHAW, 31, Limits,
Emp. 5-5-69, Died 11-25-72

EDWARD SMITH, 72, South Section,
Emp. 10-3-27, Died 11-24-72

THEODORE M. SOLOVEY, 84, West Shops,
Emp. 2-23-45, Died 11-11-72

JAMES J. STANTON, 57, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-26-41, Died 12-15-72

HILTON C. STEWART, 56, West Section,
Emp. 6-22-48, Died 11-17-72

GEORGE STRICKLAND, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-4-21, Died 11-30-72

CHARLES C. SVOMA, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-5-07, Died 11-3-72

MICHAEL J. TAYLOR, 84, Devon,
Emp. 9-16-19, Died 11-9-72

WALTER C. TRINKL, 62, Forest Glen,
Emp. 7-27-45, Died 11-23-72

FRANK H. WEISHAAR, 64, North Park,
Emp. 8-14-41, Died 11-11-72

him. He and his wife had just returned from New Orleans where he visited with Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife, who live there. They really enjoyed New Orleans. Moses says "hello" to everyone, too. New Orleans is one of my favorite vacation spots...The officers of the South Side "L" credit union and their wives were feted at a dinner at David's restaurant recently. My hubby, ROLAND, president, and myself really enjoyed the dinner and get-together with the other officers and their charming wives. My little quote for today is: "Put a little money away in the credit union every payday for a rainy day."..Mrs. IRENE DOUGHTY, the wife of deceased Conductor RAY, has moved to Van Nuys, California. She said the winters were getting too hard here and she wanted to be in sunny California. Good luck to you, Irene, all your many friends here in Chicago will miss you...Agent CORRINE DALMAS was in the hospital recently for an operation but is home now recuperating. We all hope you can get back to work soon, Corrine. . . Retired 308 Board Member CHARLES

BURNS has left Chicago for the winter to stay in Phoenix, Arizona. He sure is lucky to escape this ice and snow... The agent's pension club held their Christmas dinner on December 3 at Sharko's East restaurant and a good time was had by all. We take this time to thank retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT for the wonderful parties they put out each year. Retired Agent MARY KLUMPP, who lives in Jacksonville, Illinois, was to be honored at this dinner having gone on pension this year, but she took a trip to Florida and wasn't able to be here for the festivities. We had a Christmas grab bag which everyone enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations, were there to help us celebrate. Talked to all the retirees and they looked wonderful: Retired Clerk JOE BRENNAN and his charming wife, Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE and his missus, Retired Agents CECELIA MORAN, GRACE GRIFFIN, KAREN FRIDDLE, HAZEL DUNN, MAE DRISCOLL, CATHERINE COLLINS and HELEN SHANNON, Retired Towerman PAT

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HICKEY and his missus, Retired Motorman JERRY HANAFIN and his wife, and many more...On the sick list at this writing are: Agent LEONARD HEILBRONNER, Janitor ALPHONSO NERI, Towerman ADAM MODELSKI and Supervisor JAMES FAHEY...Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN is in the hospital at this writing. Hope you get home real soon, Lill, and also hope that all our ailing people have a quick recovery and be back to work soon...Mrs. VERNON (Alice) AMMONS, the wife of deceased Conductor AMMONS, who worked in the South Section office at 61st Street years ago, passed away. She was a wonderful person...Conductor LONNIE PERRY received a passenger commendation for his efficiency and good announcements. Keep up the good work you South Siders...Former employee ALFRED CRISLER, who was sick for many months, passed away recently. Our condolences to the Crisler family...Retired Conductor CARL MAGNUSON called the other day to tell everyone hello and to say that he is well...Resigning recently for other positions were Clerk ROBERT HARVEY, Switchman ROBERT BRADFORD who went with Standard Oil, Motorman JONATHAN GIBBS, Switchman JOHN PRINCE and Conductor WILLIAM TALLEY...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Towerman ADAM MODELSKI in the loss of his mother; Conductor GARY GLEASON who lost his mother, and Motorman ALEX KOMIS whose brother passed away...Clerk JOHN BARRY was elated when his son, who was in the air force, came home from the service with his family to reside in Chicago.

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOP -

Congratulations to Laborer FRANK PIENTO and his wife on the birth of their granddaughter, KATHLEEN PIENTO, on December 8. The proud parents are FRANK's son, JOSEPH, and his wife, CHRISTINE. Joe is a power supervisor in the Electrical Department in the Merchandise Mart...Electrical Worker KERRY HOWE and his wife, MARGARET, had a baby boy November 28. Little KERRY weighed in at 8 pounds 8 ounces...Machinist Apprentice GREG MARSHALL and his wife, BEV, are happy to announce the arrival of CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM, born December 14. Christopher weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 22 inches long...Machinist Apprentice HORACE GREEN and his wife, BEVERLY, had a son born at home November 16. KYLE weighed in at 9 pounds 12 ounces. Congratulations and best wishes to all the happy parents!..FLASH from technical services--Stenographer MARY JANE HARNETT surprised everyone when she arrived the day after Christmas wearing a lovely diamond ring. The lucky fellow is BILL ARSENEAU of McHenry. A fall wedding is planned. Our best wishes to the happy couple...Congratulations to Carpenter GEORGE KIMMSKE and his wife, FRAN, on their 20th wedding anniversary on November 29...Happy retirement to Laborer PAUL CEROTZKE, Electrical Worker DENNIS CLIFFORD, and Motor Line Foreman JOSEPH DECKER. You are going to be missed, fellows, and we hope to hear from you. Best of luck! Attending the retirement doings were Pensioners CHARLIE QUALIARDI, CASEY LASKOWSKI, MARTY GRIFFIN, JOHN MCGEE and JOHN LEAHY. Nice to have had you with us, fellows! Speaking of pensioners--JULIUS ELENBOGEN keeps himself very active. Julius can be found making lovely latch hook rugs in his daughter's handcraft shop in Long Grove. The shop is called "The Slipped Stitch." Julius received quite a writeup in the Long Grove papers. Thanks for

letting us in on your activities, Julius...We were very sorry to learn that Retired Welder WILLARD LUCAS passed away. Our sincere condolences to his family.

- Catherine Ann Hegarty

SOUTH SHOPS -

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the CTA a healthy, happy and prosperous year ahead. We also hope the future will bring joy to all of our fellow employees...GAIL HATHAWAY, South Shops receptionist, just bought a new 1973 Camaro. It's bright red with a black interior. Gail says it's running great. Gee, it must be nice to be rich!..We in the South Shops office are bidding a sad farewell to EDNA WALKER, secretary in Technical Services. We wish her the best as she leaves us to go to the Mart as secretary to GEORGE RILEY, superintendent of operating stations in the Transportation Department. Do keep in touch, Edna...Now for the Out in the Shop news...A banquet was held on December 21 for seven of our retiring co-workers. Sharko's East was the place. Plenty of fun, food and Christmas cheer was had by all. Best of luck for a long, happy and healthy retirement to OTTO SMITH, Area 342, PAUL SPOLEC, Area 317, Foreman BILL HANSEN, Area 317, FRANK BRADY Sr., Area 317, LAWRENCE AGIN, Area 314, STEVE ZITTMAN, Area 312C, and JOHN ZARDZA, Area 312C. Believe it or not, these men compiled a total of 240 years of service with the CTA...LOU DRINKER, mechanic of Area 335, and his wife, IRENE, were invited as guests to witness the launching of Apollo 17 at Cape Kennedy. In his own words, Lou said he was awed by the spectacular lift off. Lou is such a pro, that in case of any mechanical failure or an attempted hi-jacking, they could depend on him. Congratulations, Lou...MADONNA GUSTAFSON, the daughter of JEAN GUSTAFSON, Print Shop, and GEORGE HOLLENDONER recently exchanged the holy vows of matrimony at St. Thomas More church. The reception was attended by co-workers in the Print Shop and from the rapid transit...Congratulations are also in store for JEFF JANKUS, Area 313, and his new bride, MARYANN. Best of luck, Jeff...BULLETIN! Christmas comes but once a year, especially to GENE PAGE, Area 348. Gene recently tore the wrappings off his 1973 Plymouth station wagon. Since he is single, we wonder what his need is for a station wagon. Maybe he's contemplating giving CTA competition at the bus stops...Congratulations to AL YODUAL, dynamometer room, and his DOLORES on their 25th year of wedded bliss. Wonder why he wears his hard hat home...The DENNIS FERGUSON family is elated on the birth of their daughter, GINA LYNN, who weighed in at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Congratulations!..Congratulations also go out to JOHN LASKEY, Area 312C, and his wife on the arrival of BRIAN JOHN, 7 pounds 8 ounces...The stork was really busy as he also made a delivery to the JOSEPH REED household and presented them with their third beautiful daughter...Congratulations to LEROY HUNTER and his lovely wife on the adoption of a baby boy, ANTOINE. With the tender loving care of the Hunters, I know he is welcome in their home...And now for the grandfathers--The proud ones are RAY SPATZEK, Area 342, with a granddaughter, JENNIFER NORAE; Pensioner FRANK BRADY Sr. has a new grandson, BRIAN MCGUIRE, and last but not least is JOE LUKSO, Area 349, with a grandson, PAUL JOSEPH...Good luck to RICHARD BRYAR, formerly of Area 317, on his new assignment in Technical Services. Don't work too hard, Dick...ED MYSKOWSKI has returned

after spending ten days visiting relatives in Phoenix, Arizona. Ed said the temperatures were about 76 degrees most of the time. Quite a difference from Chicago; right, Ed?..IRV KRAULEDIS, Area 348, and his wife, PAULINE, jetted to Mexico City for the Thanksgiving weekend. Irv says there are a lot of beautiful sights to see and the people are very congenial. Irv and Pauline visited the Floating Gardens, the Lost Pyramids and took in a few night clubs and the bits Mexico City has to offer. Irv and his wife are planning to make another trip around Easter time...Nice to see the smiling face of SAVARINO BIAGIO back on the job in Area 312C...The watermelon business must be very lucrative because AL COX, Area 344, managed to buy a 1973 Pinto wagon. I wonder how many melons will fit in the back of that car?..We wish a speedy recovery to JOHN BROADNAX, Area 333, who is recuperating from surgery at St. Francis hospital in Blue Island. Hurry and get well, John...Congratulations to RICH STANTON and JAKE WEBER. Both men received honorable mention awards from the Chicago Area Camera Club Association on their fine art work.

- Denise Patheiger & Howard Barris

69TH STREET -

To begin with, we would like to thank everyone who helped us out during the cold spell...Those enjoying winter vacations are: FRANK ANDREK, STEVE MURRAY, CHARLIE WILLIAMS, JIMMY LEE and J. (Dick) DICKERSON...We heard from Pensioners DENNY GRIFFIN, LEO GLOMBICKI, FRANK KERMAN and BILL LORENZEN who are doing well. We wish them many more years of happy retired life...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. FRANK HIGGINS on the birth of a son. We also hope that Frank will recover soon from his illness and return to work hale and hearty...Good luck and good health to JIM LUNDY and JOHN WALSH who retired on, December 1, and to MIKE MORAN who retired on January 1. They all started with the CSL...We also heard from Pensioners JIM DONALDSON, MATT BASSO and MARTY GRIFFIN who are doing well and enjoying their pensioned life.

We may be in the middle of winter, but one look at the fish that Superintendent PEYTON caught will warm the hearts of all fishermen. He even cut it open so we could see it was real...We certainly lost five good men via the pension route; E. MEYER, L. JOLLY, A. SZUREK, D. KELLY and J. DAVIDSON. May all these men have many happy and healthy years of the easy life...JOE and ETHEL DAVIDSON celebrated their 43rd anniversary January 20. They have nine grandchildren, and the youngest just born December 9 is called JACQUELINE REBECCA...I met an R. A. PAUL of Orland Park who has a lifetime badge from a local in Fort Wayne. He worked for us from 1947 to 1951 and is now foreman of quality control at Electromotive. He says hello to all his old friends...One of our bowling teams out of 69th is fighting for first place at the Oak Lawn Lanes. Only eight points out are WALTER WANTROBA, STEVE CHATLOS and WILLIE WILLIAMS. Lay it in there fellas and go all the way...The 69th Street Credit Union will hold its annual meeting on February 16 at 8 p.m. in the depot clubroom. Something new has been added in addition to the meeting, election and raffle. A buffet lunch from soup to nuts will be served...Is it true that Instructor SWANSON is getting ready to put a for sale sign on his uniform?..Superintendent Peyton had Instructor

O'DONNELL, Clerk CLARK and Sanitary Engineer RAY try their darndest to open his locked car (the keys were inside) Along came Operator RICHARDSON, and with a little twist here and there with a coat hanger, bingo the door was open...The instructors ask us to slow down during the winter as the streets can get mighty slippery. They also remind us to check for fire extinguishers and to be sure to write up any defects in the buses...Haven't heard much from the Gout Club lately only some soft moans and groans...KUNIGUND (Olga) GREEN, the wife of Operator R. GREEN, spent 11 days in intensive care. She is now home and well on the way to recovery...Instructor JOHNSON became a grandpa again as did SCOTTY HIGGINS who passed out cigars when his son's wife gave birth recently... We regret to report that the mother of retiree JOHN LYNCH died. JAMES J. STANTON, a supervisor and formerly of 38th & Cottage Grove barn, passed on. The family of your co-reporter, ART BUESING, also suffered a great loss when my eldest son passed on suddenly at the age of 34 on the day before Christmas. Please accept my thanks for all your kind expressions of sympathy...One wish for the new year would be that all you operators keep my mail box filled with news.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

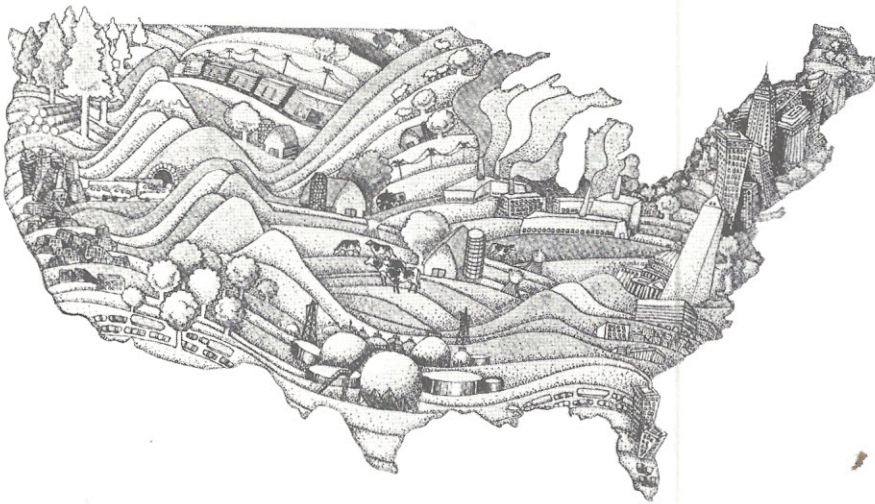
Congratulations are in order for the new treasurer of the 77th Street Depot credit union, REDO HALL. Mr. Hall is replacing a fine man, Former Treasurer TOM SHEEHAN, who has retired. The assistant treasurer's post was filled by BEN GULLEY. In Mr. Hall and Mr. Gulley our credit union has two competent and deserving men. And for the first time in history, our credit union is paying six per cent interest quarterly...Another first at 77th was a holiday drawing sponsored by Executive Board Members A. BUTLER and E. GRESHAM. The prizes were five hams. The winners were Operators O. C. COLEMAN, E. L. CHANEY, A. J. FOWLER, LEON DAVIS and H. A. WILLS. Congratulations to the lucky ones and thanks to the board members for the prizes and the drawing...If you note a certain air of pride about ANTIONE AYERS nowadays, it's because of the lovely baby girl presented to him by his charming wife, JOYCE. The little lady, Princess ANTIONETTE ANDREA AYERS, was born November 28 and has Antione and Joyce well trained for 2 a.m. feeding...On January 23 Mrs. PAT DeBONNETT will have been married to this reporter for 13 years. When we were married I promised her a long honeymoon, so she's hanging around to see that I keep my promise...Mrs. CLAUDIE MYERS, the wife of Operator CHARLES MYERS, spent the Christmas holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. OZIE McCLURE in Pulaski, Tennessee. Hope her trip was pleasant and her return safe...DORA, the wife of Operator ROBERT L. BARCLAY, is recuperating from illness. Mrs. Barclay is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. We would all like to take this opportunity to wish her a speedy recovery...We were all saddened by the passing of a fellow operator, FRANK KNOR, on December 18. Mr. Knor was also a respected officer of the 77th Street Depot credit union... Good luck and Godspeed to retiring Instructor TOM SPRATT. Speaking of retirees, JOHN SHAW, on pension since 1964, received his gold union membership card on January 1.

- Allison De Bonnett

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