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## \$18.9 million operating subsidy approved for CTA

ON MARCH 27 the Illinois Legislature gave final approval to an operating subsidy for CTA which assures that operations will continue at the present level and rates of fare until June 30, 1973. The legislation provides financial aid for CTA totaling \$18.9 million; \$12.6 million from the State of Illinois and \$6.3 million from the City of Chicago and County of Cook combined.

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

During the month of May, CTA will conduct its annual campaign to acquaint employees with the benefits of purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan. All employees will be contacted and given the opportunity to begin a savings program or increase their present programs.

Give something to yourself each payday! U.S. Savings Bonds can provide money for your children's college education, a down payment on that new home, extra comfort for retirement, PLUS a bonus--extra security for your country. All it takes is regular saving, and that's where the Payroll Savings Plan comes in. You name the amount you want to set aside each payday for U.S. Savings Bonds and the pay office does the rest; it's automatic, sure and painless. Write your own ticket.

Bonds are better than ever, with a bonus interest rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  per cent when held to maturity of 5 years 10 months.

I urge you to sign up for this saving program, or increase your present deduction.

Very truly yours,



T. B. O'Connor  
General Manager

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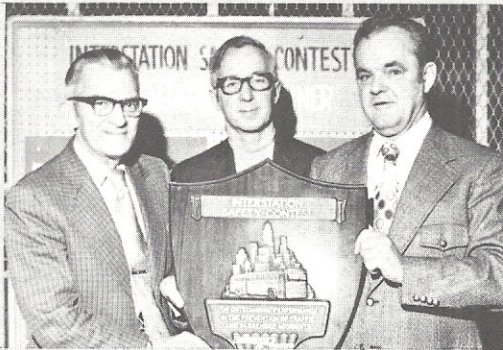
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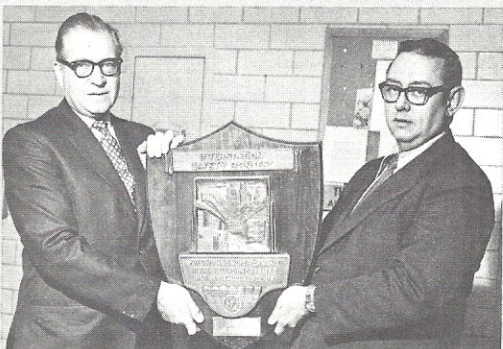
**OUR COVER:** Nearly 6,000 CTA employees are saving for the future by participating in the payroll savings plan. Bi-weekly payroll deductions currently amount to \$97,500 and result in the production of 3,300 U. S. Savings Bonds every two weeks. Inspecting bonds which have been imprinted is Mary Ann Bandur, programmer trainee in CTA's Computer Operations Room.

# ISC, ESC award winners named for fourth quarter

## ISC



**Lawndale Station**

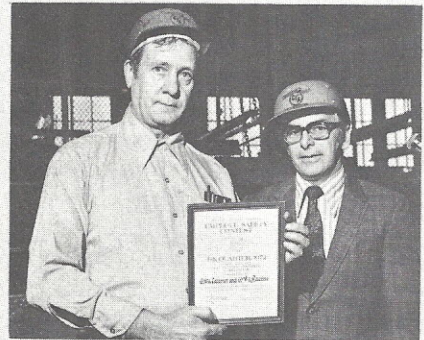


**Forest Park Station**

## ESC



**Keeler Garage**



**61st-Racine  
Maintenance  
Terminals**



**South Shops**

FOURTH QUARTER winners of safety contests among groups of Transportation and Shops & Equipment Department employees include three locations which had won awards previously in 1972.

First place winners in the Interstation Safety Contest (ISC) pictured above include Lawndale Station, which placed first among 12 surface operating stations, and Forest Park, which took the lead among nine rapid transit operating stations. Forest Park's first and fourth quarter wins in 1972 were accomplished with perfect scores of 75.00. Lawndale's second win of 1972 was accomplished with a point score of 61.40, exceeding its second quarter win with 58.26. Displaying Lawndale's plaque are, from left, Superintendent J. B. Morris, Relief Superintendent J. J. Lahey and Assistant Superintendent F. J. Vitek. Station Superintendent T. D. Boyle (right) is shown accepting Forest Park's plaque from Assistant Superintendent of Operating Stations C. W. Gibes.

Holding the No. 1 spots in the three areas of competition within the Employee Safety Contest (ESC) are Keeler Garage, 61st and Racine Maintenance Terminals and South Shops. The winner within each group had the lowest number of injuries per one million man-hours worked. Keeler's rate of zero for the fourth quarter and 43.7 for the year made it No. 1 among surface garages. A fourth quarter rate of 29.9 and 1972 rate of 56.7 made the combined 61st-Racine Terminals No. 1 among rapid transit maintenance terminals. South Shops, first and fourth quarter winners in 1972, had a frequency rate of 38.0 in the final quarter and 64.9 all year, placing it first in the shops competition. Accepting Keeler's award from Supervisor of Garages T. Riordan (left) is Garage Foreman R. F. Vance. The award presented to 61st and Racine Terminals was accepted by Foreman J. J. Molloy (left) from Senior Foreman of Maintenance Terminals R. E. Flowers. Holding the South Shops award is Superintendent of Surface System Shops J. A. Rosendhal who is being congratulated by Superintendent of Surface System Shops and Garages J. J. Repplinger.

# MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

**CLIMATE** and its good and bad affects on health have been the concern of the people for centuries. And this is surely instinctive, as most of us would like to live in an area which adds to our comfort, good health and longevity.

In looking over literature on this subject it has been interesting to learn what medical researchers and weather experts say about climate and health. Before leaving your native land for an extended vacation or a permanent change of location, it would certainly be wise to do some investigating first yourself.

While it has been said that thousands of individuals have been helped, health-wise, by a change of climate, the experts say there is no guarantee attached to such a change. It is well to remember that there is no such thing as the perfect climate. The purpose of this article will be to inform you of the general viewpoints, good and bad, of climate and your health.

Research has shown that a temperature of 66 degrees is the best for the normal functioning of the human body. Temperature range, variability of weather, suddenness of weather change, humidity and atmospheric conditions are all strong influencing factors.

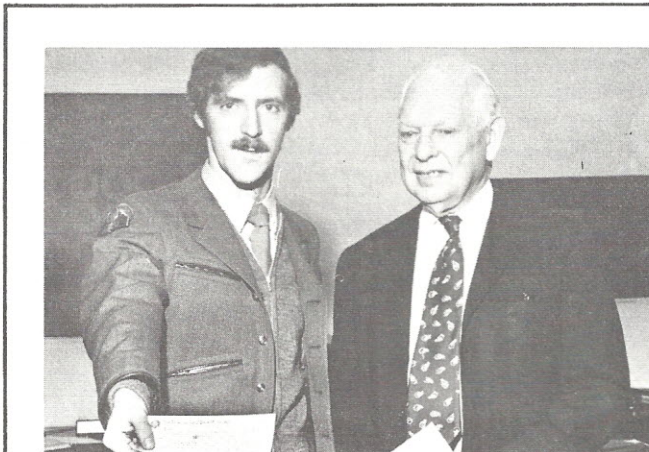
Age is an important factor in considering the affect of climate on health. Studies show that persons under 25 are not strongly affected by weather changes. Persons between 25 and 50 are moderately affected, and those past 50 years of age are strongly or seriously affected. This does not mean, however, that younger people are more resistant and more physically adaptable to weather fluctuations. The study on disease resistance also points out that cool-zone people in the U.S. withstand disease better than do the warm-zone people up to the age of 50. Above 50 the person in the south has a longer life expectancy than his northern counterpart. The ideal climate for the older citizen is a place where outdoor living is at the maximum, where weather changes are slight, where the temperature stays a little below 80 degrees during the day and seldom goes below 50 degrees at

night. Healthy people bear up under weather changes better than those in poor health. It is also true that women are less affected by weather changes than men.

What the weather does to us: Man is notoriously weather sensitive. Every change in the weather, air temperature and velocity, degree of electric activity and of positive or negative ionization, barometric pressure or relative humidity brings about alterations in the acid-base (chemistry balance) and changes in body metabolism. These changes are reflected in the functioning of the nervous system, circulatory system and body temperature and indirectly affect body resistance and disease control.

It is generally known that cardio-vascular (heart) and arthritis cases do better in an equable warm, dry--but not too hot--climate. Tuberculosis, respiratory cases such as bronchitis, asthma, emphysema and allergy patients are also definitely benefited. Extremely high altitudes are not favorable for heart cases. To confirm the advantages of a warm climate one recent study showed that respiratory infections are four to five times more frequent in January than in July. Other statistics reveal that diabetes, ulcers, heart disease, arteriosclerosis, stress diseases, including mental diseases and even cancer (excepting skin cancer), occur less frequently in the south and are also more controllable.

In conclusion, I wish to emphasize the following: some of the information in this article may be helpful to you in selecting the proper climate to live in. It is well to remember that even though your friends may have been helped by certain climates there is no guarantee that you will be. Before moving to a different climate discuss the change with your family doctor. A short visit to the area in question may not give you the proper evaluation so you may want to make several trips before making a permanent decision. In addition to the climate factors, one may wish to consider schools and medical facilities. For certain people, cost of living and availability of work may be important factors.



## Package found on bus yields \$2,500 reward to operator

LIMITS STATION Operator John Cradick is \$2,500 richer now because he made a routine terminal inspection of his bus. The reward was presented to him by Edward F. Blettner, vice-chairman of the First National Bank, for recovering a package containing \$375,000 in negotiable bonds. Operator Cradick found the package at the Union Station terminal of the No. 156 Wilson-LaSalle route only minutes after a bank messenger left it on a seat.

# Old yoke not such a tough egg to crack

EXCAVATION ALONG Clybourn avenue hasn't exactly uncovered the archeological find of the century, but it did produce some relics of early Chicago history dating back over 80 years.

And the truth is, the team of "archeologists" aren't too happy about what they're finding. They're working between the old streetcar tracks digging a trench to bury a duct line for Commonwealth Edison cables and the job went smoothly north of Fullerton avenue. As the crew worked south, however, they began to uncover huge castings right in the path of the duct. Unable to identify the objects which looked like ornate ruins from a long-lost civilization, they consulted CTA. The objects were promptly identified as cable yokes--400 pound cable car track supports that should have been removed 65 years ago.

It may be hard to believe now, but Clybourn avenue was once one of nine busy transit routes that warranted use of cable car trains. CTA predecessors may well have copied the travel mode from San Francisco where it was originated in 1873, but in doing so they formed the largest cable car network in the world--totalling 86 track miles.

Chicago's first cable cars served State street in 1882 between Madison and 21st streets; by 1887 cars went through to 63rd street. Cottage Grove service started late in 1882. North Side service began on Clark in 1888, Lincoln-Wells in 1889, and finally Clybourn in 1891. West Side lines included Milwaukee and Madison completed in 1890 and Blue Island and Halsted which were opened in 1893.

Incidentally, the introduction of cable cars to Chicago was in no way occasioned by geographic features of the area, as was the case in San Francisco. Rather, the cable system was chosen because the seem-

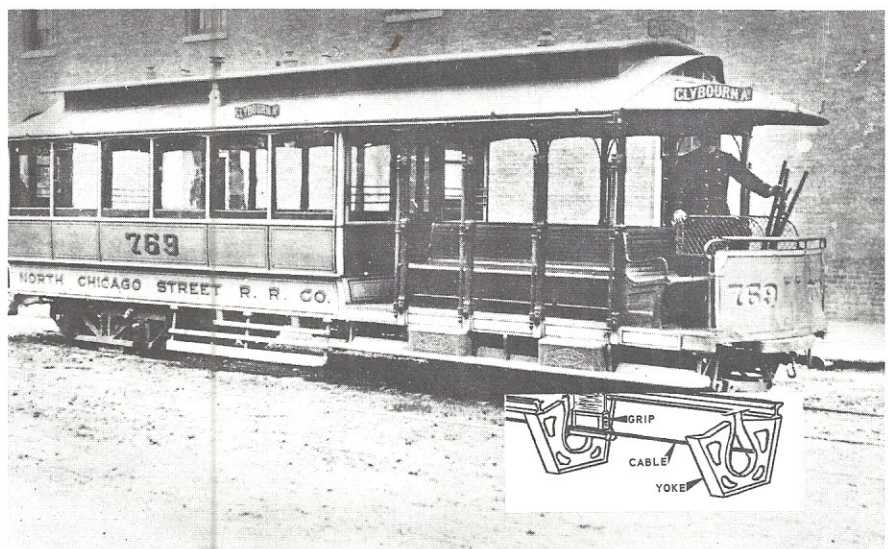
ingly limitless power source had the capacity to move more people faster than was ever possible with horsecars. Frequent trains of three to five cars in length were not uncommon, each one carrying up to 250 people.

Installation of the cable car system proved to be an expensive venture in itself though--costing in excess of \$100,000 per mile, including the powerhouses, boilers, engines, pulleys, continuous cables and special track. Cable car track was unusual in that it included an underground slotted tube to enclose the moving cable. Supporting the running rails as well as the tube were a series of yokes set in concrete every 4½ feet. The cast iron yoke was designed to maintain a constant slot opening at street level while resisting side pressure from packing of soil under the weight of heavy wagons and expansion due to freezing.

Added to the cost of the fixed plant was the construction of more than 500 cable cars, each of which was equipped with a grip mechanism suspended beneath the car into the slot. The moving cable passed through the open jaws of the grip even when the train was standing; however, by pulling a lever the gripman tightened the jaws, gripping the cable and accelerating the train to its maximum speed.

San Francisco's cable car system is now 100 years old; Chicago's lasted only 24 years. Conversion to electric streetcars brought the last cables to a standstill in October 1906. Except for a few remaining old car barns, powerhouses, and a grip car at the Museum of Science and Industry, little evidence remains of Chicago's cable car era, save for the occasional discovery of a buried treasure from bygone days. Buried treasure, hah--at 400 pounds each you could almost say the yoke's on the guy who finds one.

INSTALLED IN 1891 on the Clybourn avenue cable car route, yokes like the one below are being removed to make way for an underground electric duct line. Positioning of the yokes, spaced every 4½ feet along cable routes, is shown in the inset of the cable car picture at right.



# Service anniversaries in February

## 30 years

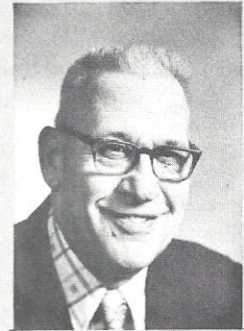
J. R. Boland, Property Accounting  
 J. W. Bruen, North Avenue Garage  
 C. A. Desch, North Park  
 J. J. Dubinski, 69th Street  
 J. J. Duffy, North Park  
 J. P. Esposito, Keeler  
 A. Fricano, Archer  
 P. P. Gerame, North Avenue Garage  
 C. R. Giltmier, Beverly  
 O. Goers, West Section  
 R. J. Howe, Archer  
 R. N. Jewett, 52nd Street  
 T. P. Kaminski, Archer  
 E. S. Kawczynski, Lawndale  
 C. J. Lachner, West Section  
 T. J. Lenihan, Forest Glen Garage  
 J. D. Lombardo, Forest Glen  
 S. V. Lukasik, 69th Street  
 J. J. Madigan, Electrical Distribution  
 E. W. McLaughlin, Lawndale  
 C. P. O'Connor, Kedzie  
 J. Pope, Treasury  
 R. J. Redding, Insurance & Pensions  
 A. F. Reszotko, Forest Glen  
 A. Tranchita, Archer  
 R. D. Zielinski, North Avenue

## 25 years

L. F. Ashley, Investigation & Claims  
 J. Capaccio, Congress Maintenance Terminal  
 D. L. Casalino, West Section  
 J. J. Cirino, Electrical Distribution  
 H. J. Clark, Investigation & Claims  
 N. M. Clesen, North Section  
 G. W. Deuter, Investigation & Claims  
 M. G. Gilmartin, Kedzie  
 C. A. Haynes, 69th Street  
 E. Huffmon, 77th Street  
 R. C. Jerozal, 77th Street  
 C. C. Jones, 52nd Street  
 F. M. Kaisher, Kedzie  
 E. C. Kennard, 77th Street  
 E. P. Killian, Skokie Shop  
 M. Kissel, South Section  
 J. Kovatz, 69th Street  
 J. Marecek, Limits  
 N. Murden Jr., 77th Street  
 D. F. Noncek, District D  
 W. A. Schmarje, South Shops  
 C. E. Skora, Stores  
 L. Smith, 52nd Street  
 A. M. Tennelle, District A  
 G. H. Ward, North Park  
 E. White, Instruction - 77th Street  
 T. W. Wiczorek, Power Operations  
 H. Williams, District A  
 R. K. Williams, Travel Information  
 A. J. Wolowiec, Forest Glen

# March

## 45 years



J. A. Lohrmann,  
District D

## 35 years

H. G. Geier, Power Operations

## 30 years

E. G. Baden, North Park  
 A. DelGiudi, Kedzie  
 T. Friend, Dan Ryan Maintenance Terminal  
 J. A. Gorecki, Archer  
 L. S. Hara, North Park  
 W. D. Hart, Utility & Emergency Service  
 W. J. Kenna, Kedzie  
 J. A. Malloy, 69th Street  
 R. K. O'Callaghan, South Shops  
 W. R. Peters, North Park  
 C. F. Pieluszynski, Archer  
 S. S. Polniaszek, Forest Glen  
 J. F. Radloff, 69th Street  
 T. J. Roan, Forest Glen  
 F. W. Schade, Limits  
 H. Schumer, Mechanical Maintenance Division  
 P. J. Sciortino, North Park  
 M. W. Sereda, Limits  
 A. D. Stahl, Stores - South Division  
 G. W. Steigelman, North Section  
 S. Steinberg, North Park  
 F. P. Steinmetz, 77th Street  
 C. P. Vandervest, Forest Park Maintenance Term.  
 J. J. Violtt, Lawndale  
 W. F. Wantroba, 69th Street  
 R. Williams, 69th Street

## 25 years

L. P. Anasenes, Building Wiring Division  
 V. Burgess, Rapid Transit District - North  
 C. W. Dupass, Kedzie  
 R. D. Green, 69th Street  
 A. M. Hinton, Track  
 M. Imbraguglio, Building Wiring Division  
 W. F. Knabe, 77th Street  
 J. Moore, 52nd Street  
 F. D. Riggins, 77th Street  
 E. F. Saenger, 69th Street  
 J. A. Siebert, Stores - South  
 E. L. Smiley, West Section  
 N. F. Suero, Congress Maintenance Terminal  
 M. B. Vasquez, Congress Maintenance Terminal  
 F. A. Wilson, Utility & Emergency Service

# April

## 45 years



J. C. Williams,  
Investigation & Claims



T. Guiheen,  
Building Maint. Division

## 30 years

P. Alessi, 69th Street  
C. J. Bachara, Forest Glen  
F. Benanti, Kimball Maintenance Terminal  
A. J. Canova, Limits  
A. F. Delcorse, South Section  
S. Gianpico, North Park  
J. S. Guzaldo, Limits  
V. F. Guzniczak, Forest Glen  
E. J. Juric, Schedule-Traffic  
F. T. Karl, North Park  
D. P. Leahy, Beverly  
P. J. Miaso, Kedzie  
W. L. Nelson, Electrical Distribution  
J. E. Rusnak, Power Operations  
S. Scellato, 69th Street  
J. R. Sutherland, Archer  
A. W. Szymell, Keeler  
A. J. Tchelebian, Operations Control  
R. J. Valerious, 52nd Street Garage  
R. Wenzel, Limits  
H. W. Zych, North Avenue

## 25 years

J. D. Brown, Archer  
J. S. Chambers, Operations Control  
M. W. Chatman, Beverly  
M. J. Fitzgerald, Electrical Distribution  
J. Gilliam, 77th Street  
P. M. Haralamos, Electrical Distribution  
W. S. Harvey, 77th Street  
C. G. Honath, Archer  
A. J. Jackson, 77th Street  
I. Lewin, Limits  
J. H. McCarty, West Section  
P. J. Meinardi, Finance  
F. W. Nichols, 52nd Street  
J. A. Ryan, West Section  
J. T. Summerson, North Park  
C. J. Urbik, 69th Street

## 1972 Retirement Plan report

- 386 take pensions
- April distribution announced for cards showing Plan credit

SYSTEM-WIDE DISTRIBUTION of report cards showing each employee's credit in the Retirement Plan as of December 31, 1972, will be made between April 11 and 19, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

Information provided on the face of each employee's card may be used in the formula on the reverse side to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1972. Employees with LESS than five years of service, for whom no "estimated five year average earnings" is provided, can make the projection by using the earnings credit for 1972. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1972 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 386 retirement applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 139 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 207 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 40 were disability retirements.

Exercising survivorship options were 42 retirees; five of whom chose the "all" option, ten the "2/3" option, and 27 the "1/2" option.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1972 totaled \$29,092,692--contributions by employees were \$10,182,466 and CTA contributions amounted to \$18,910,226. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$13,875,899 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries and expenses of administration.

During 1972 assets of the fund increased \$20,278,-387, making a total of \$118,709,385 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the Plan.

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

# THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ACCOUNTING (General) -

Congratulations to TONY and KATHY SCARDINA who were married in St. Francis DeSales church on November 25. A lovely reception was held at Fontana D'Or for about 300 relatives and friends. Among those attending was your scribe who was lucky enough to catch the bouquet!...ANDY and LEONA FITZSIMONS sent greetings to all their friends at CTA from beautiful Hawaii, where they spent a 16-day fall vacation. The message was sent via FRANK McGUIRE of the Specifications Department who enjoyed the company of the Fitzsimons on the tour...Among other fall and winter vacationers were LOIS JAHNKE who toured South America and ESTELLE KALECKAS who visited Panama City and Costa Rica...Get-well wishes are in order for TOM McGRATH, DENNIS McFADDEN, BILL PARRILLO and GI GI GARMISA. We hope by the time this reaches print you'll all be feeling lots better!

- Judy Cuci

## (Payroll) -

Our sympathy is extended to JOSEPHINE COLEMAN whose father, ROMAN CARBONELL, passed away February 6. Josephine and her family would like to thank all their friends who sent cards, monetary gifts and Mass cards. All were greatly appreciated...We were glad to welcome CHRISTINE CAMERON back on deck after her bout with a broken arm and hand. She is still sporting a bandage, but we hope it will soon be discarded and she will be as good as new.

- Clara Lawrence

## CTA SECURITY -

The Security Department would like to express its sympathy to the family of Sergeant ANTON MOKSTAD in the death of his mother-in-law, CONCETTA LA CATA...Officer HARRY LAATSCH spent some of his vacation time at the Playboy Club and visiting friends...We've been hearing rumors of a brown flash being spotted on the North Side at various times. It's not your imagination, it's none other than Officer AL COOPER sporting his new 1973 Cutlass Supreme. Yes, he finally got rid of his red jinx. Happy motoring, Coop...Sergeant TOM SULZER and his wife, MARY, and their son and daughter-in-law, TOM Jr. and PERCY, recently took a vacation to Tampa, Florida, as guests of the Tampa Police Department. Tom said one of the most thrilling parts of the trip was flying down on a private jet...Officer JIM SYNNE and his wife, DIANA, have decided that raising children is too expensive so they have switched to breeding Samoyeds. They're beautiful dogs, Jim, and I wish you a lot of luck.

- Pat Flynn

## ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Retired Estimator ADOLPH KUTZ sent us greetings from Florida where he vacationed for a few weeks this

winter. What happened to that sunny weather in Hot Springs, Adolph?...Welcome to JERRY GUTH, draftsman I. He was formerly a signal maintainer...MICHAEL KELLY, testing engineer, had a surprise visit from his brother, JOHN, of Green Belt, Maryland. Mike's look-alike is a student at DePauw university in Greencastle, Indiana...Have a happy springtime.

- Kay McAlister

## (Blue Island) -

Congratulations and best wishes to WILLIAM POWELL, AL BRONZELL and JULIUS CICHON who retired on January 1. They were each presented with a \$100 bond. A breakfast was held for them, and A. R. SANDBERG presented them with their riding cards and folders and gave a nice short speech. Also present were R. SWINDELL, G. CHRISTENSEN, J. J. HARTL, J. STEWART and MIKE RICKSON, all from the General Office. Pensioners present were: W. YOCIUS, C. SCHUMACHER and W. SPITZOCK... We want to remind everyone that the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner for retired electrical employees will be held at Harringtons on Friday, May 4. Contact the following men for tickets: H. COYNE, W. BECKMANN, L. ANASENES, K. MIKOTA, R. DORGAN or R. BOOTH...Received a card from our traveling pensioner, JOHN DARCY, and we don't know why he has an apartment as he lives out of a suitcase...SAM GAFFEN, another pensioner, is vacationing in sunny California...BRUNO CZANSTKOWSKI and his wife are spending their time in the various cities of Florida...Off sick at this time are HANK GABAUER, ROBERT O'BRIEN and ROMAN PRIESBE. Drop them a card or make a visit; I am sure they would appreciate it.

- William Rehder

## (Chicago Avenue) -

KEN and KATHY HOFFMAN announce the arrival of JULIE MARIE on December 31 weighing 6 pounds 7½ ounces and 19 inches long. How's that for timing--a ta break for the whole year. Julie Marie is the second granddaughter of SIGGY DOBOSIEWICZ...I talked to CHARLIE PAXTON via amateur radio and he sends his regards to all his old friends back here in snowland. Charlie resides in Pomona, California, where he has been retired for many years...JIM ROEBER paid a short visit to the hospital and returned to work to take over for CHARLIE SALVATORE, who also went to the hospital. Charlie is now resting at home. Help!..CHARLIE NOLTE is now off sick. Returning ?...On January 26 Local No. 9 held an Old Timers party at Plumber's Hall on Washington Boulevard. A corned beef dinner with liquid refreshments was enjoyed by all. The party was given to honor all members who had retired during the past year. CTA men honored were C. KNUTSON and C. SCHUMACHER. The retirees received a gift in a wallet from the union. I was glad to see many CTA men: BILL WATERS and WALLY YOCIUS were there, and TOM HENRY came in by Greyhound from Minnesota for the party and returned to St. Paul afterwards...There are many new faces around the shop now. Many fellows that were



## INSIDE NEWS

over at Blue Island are now at Chicago Avenue. If you have news items please let me know, and WELCOME...February 12 was the 24th anniversary of the BILL MAROSES and also the birthday of HARRY BUERGER who is still convalescing...CHARLIE KNUTSON has been in the shop a few times and I had forgotten to mention it in the column. For this I was soundly reprimanded. Purely an oversight, Charlie. Really.

- Ben Nielsen

### (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

At our union meeting prior to the holiday season, PAT DOYLE and LUKE HOWE each won a 13-pound turkey in a raffle...The burglar alarm system installed at the 47th Street "L" Station on the North-South turned out to be more like a body alarm system when it sounded bringing security men to the area. They found the alarm equipment case lying on the ground by the "L" structure with a man lying next to it. He apparently fell from a train knocking it to the ground with him. No one could explain how it happened, neither could they explain how the person could get up, insist he was not hurt, then just walk away...FRANK HALPER, JOHN GAY and D. TOPOLINSKI returned from jury duty without serving on any exciting cases...I heard from Pensioner GEORGE E. WAGNER who says he and his wife are fine...I talked with TOM NOLTE who is in the hospital. He sends his best regards to all the fine fellows in the Signal Department...HOWARD HELT is now living in Florida...GEORGE DEARING and his wife are now residing in the Chicago area and doing fine...VICK ZASTERA ran into some very unusual weather conditions during his four-day excursion to the ski slopes near Salt Lake City, Utah. Because of something called a temperature inversion, it was 15 degrees at street level with choking smog, while high on the ski slopes it was clear and sunny with a temperature of 32 degrees. I always thought there was an advantage to skiing, but wasn't able to figure it out until now...A dinner party honoring PAT DOYLE on his retirement after more than 43 years of service was held on December 30 at Zum Deutchen Eck restaurant. Signal Engineer PAUL CLEAVER presented Pat with a gift, and a congratulatory letter from General Manager T. B. O'CONNOR was read. Our thanks to FRANK HALPER and DAVE GREIG, the party committeemen, as well as to the m.c., DENNIS DOBBYN, for a fine evening. We wish you a long and healthy retirement, Pat...JEFFREY M. KEATING, blacksmith, was in the hospital with a back ailment, but is now home. Watch it, Jeff, let's keep those vertebra properly stacked so you can be on your way toward lower Wilson Avenue again...Please say a prayer for little KIMBERLY ANN WOULFE, the 11-month old daughter of JOHN WOULFE, who suffered burns on her chest and tummy when something hot spilled on her. Doctors contend that she will be alright, but it will take time...LEON WILSON and SUSAN DANN exchanged marriage vows on November 18 at First St. Paul Lutheran church. The maid of honor was COLEEN WARD and the best man was T. HARTSOUGH. The reception followed immediately with over 150 guests in attendance. The Wilsons joined in with the other guests in dancing to music provided by a jazz band. Their favorite tune, "We Are Lovers Together," was very appropriate. Congratulations and best wishes...FRANK BONK and his wife, MARGE, and their daughter motored to Disney World in Florida during the Christmas holidays. They enjoyed the visit very much. So much in fact that his 19-year old daughter elected to stay on awhile. This, of course, worked out fine as Frank

has a sister living in Florida. Frank has some suggestions for those who want to visit Disney World in the wintertime; go, but not at Christmas time. The place is too crowded with schoolchildren...Apparently there are better jobs in this department than signal maintainer. At least JERRY GUTH thinks so. He recently applied for and was promoted to signal draftsman I. Congratulations!..Signal Helper LEON WILSON recently became a journeyman, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of PAT DOYLE. Congratulations and lots of luck to you, Leon...DONALD WORCESTER on his return from Europe said he had a wonderful time traversing the country of Switzerland. He also had a lot to say about their railroads, how you can travel anywhere by train. He did it, and enjoyed every moment of it. ..FRANK GUAGENTI, BILL BAKER and JEFFREY KEATING were off sick for awhile and Jeff has already returned to the daily grind. Bill and Frank are still recuperating at home...JACK PIPP, who has been struggling against a persistent back ailment for some time, went on disability pension March 1...A bigger and better Old Timers' Party was held Friday, January 26, at the Plumber's Auditorium. This was the seventh annual dinner given by Local No. 9, with about 600 men attending. As always, a number of our signalmen were there: Pensioners CLARENCE ZAK and PAT DOYLE, CLYDE YOUNT, DANNY WATERS, ROY WILLIAMS, ROBERT BROWN, FRANK HALPER with his father and brother-in-law, RICHARD GAVRYS, DAN MORIARITY, RICHARD VIETH, CHARLES LASKOWSKI, DAVE GREIG, DENNIS DOBBYN and yours truly, to name a few. The men devoured tasty corned beef and cabbage dinners and drowned their cares with beer. Each of the 25 retiring members received a leather wallet containing \$20. I talked to TOM HENRY, a retired lineman from Chicago Avenue who is 81 years old. He was making his rounds looking for old buddies. He said he traveled by bus from Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, for this affair. Our sincere thanks to J. A. McCann and President Fred Hince and the other union members who made all this possible.

- Tommie Lowery

### ENGINEERING -

A hearty welcome is extended to DOTT HUDGIN, our first lady co-op trainee. Dott is a senior at Lake Forest college and is majoring in economics and mathematics. After graduation this June, Dott is considering employment with the CTA. Hope you decide to join us, Dott (hooray for women's lib)...We also wish to welcome RAYMOND SHEA, graduate trainee, who is presently working for G. KRAMBLES...Our sincere sympathy is extended to JOE DUGO and his family in the passing of his mother, MARY DUGO...ED HESS has been wearing a proud smile since the arrival of his second grandchild, JENNIFER. You're giving away your age, Ed...Sorry to say that DIANE TRAXLER, FRANK MISEK's secretary, has left us to go to Public Information. We shall miss you much, Diane, and hope you will stop by once in awhile. By the way, who's going to fill the candy dish now?..Congratulations to JOE DUGO on his retirement. May you enjoy it in the best of health and happiness.

### (West Shops) -

Many happy retirement years to JAMES SINCLAIR, steamfitter foreman. We will miss you, Jim...The credit union held their annual meeting January 26. Many thanks to TONY SPAK and his wife, JUANITA, for the delicious buffet. It was good to see MARY GALLON again, and she



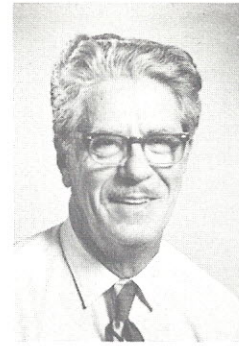
H. R. DONIHI  
46 Years



G. P. MIKOTA  
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G. T. KELLY  
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A. GASPAROVICH  
45 Years



J. NASTI  
43 Years



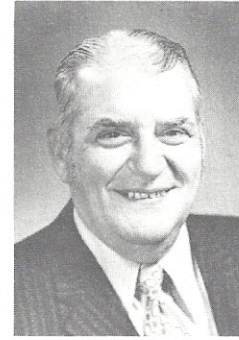
F. R. ZIMMERMAN  
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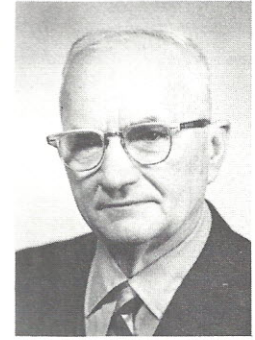
T. RIORDAN  
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R. L. MANVILLE  
42 Years



H. L. HEIL  
43 Years



J. A. WITKUS  
44 Years

# NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during the months of February, March and April were the ten employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

- ANDREW J. ALEXANDER, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 12-10-44
- HAROLD A. ANDERSON, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 5-14-34
- JOSEPH J. BADALUCO, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-25-42
- ALEXANDER J. BISSING, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-17-45
- M. I. BLAKE, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 1-13-42
- ALBERT CALABRESE, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 12-12-57
- ARNOLD P. CHRISTIANSON, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 10-31-42
- JOSEPH C. CISZEK, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-1-37
- CECIL R. CLINE, Assistant Foreman, Keeler, Emp. 11-18-36
- ANDREW DALSTROM, Bus Repairman, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-3-40
- CONSTANTINE A. DESCH, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-6-43
- MILES H. DeWITT, Superintendent, Limits, Emp. 10-16-35
- GEORGE J. DIPPLE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-13-36
- HAROLD R. DONIHI, Coordinator of Office Operations, Treasury, Emp. 10-14-26

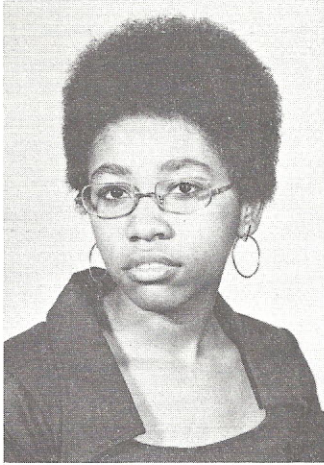
- LEONARD A. DONOFRIO, Chief Operator, Electrical, Emp. 2-19-41
- JOSEPH DUGO, Senior Clerk, Engineering, Emp. 7-10-25
- JOSEPH DURCZAK, Trackman I, Engineering, Emp. 5-16-40
- FLORIAN C. DWIEL, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 5-5-45
- MARINUS H. DYKHUIZEN, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 12-2-43
- ANTON GASPAROVICH, Electrical Worker A, South Shops, Emp. 9-15-27
- HARRY A. GINTER, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 6-17-41
- OTTO GOERS, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 2-15-43
- EDWARD J. GOETTERT, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-9-37
- ROBERT GOTTLIEB, Bus Repairer, Keeler, Emp. 10-26-37
- ROBERT S. GRAY, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 4-22-42
- FRANK GUAGENTI, Signal Maintainer, Electrical, Emp. 8-27-48
- GEORGE P. HARPER, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 9-28-36
- PATRICK J. HARRISON, Laborer, Stores, Emp. 7-27-59

HARLAN L. HEIL, Assistant Foreman,  
Howard Maint. Terminal, Emp. 6-24-29  
HENRY W. HELLER, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 7-12-43  
JOSEPH P. HENNELLY, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 8-20-42  
HENRY M. JARECKI, Bus Repairer,  
North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-42  
ROSCOE P. JONES, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 3-28-44  
THOMAS P. KAMINSKI, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 2-24-43  
GEORGE T. KELLY, Switchboard Supervisor,  
Transportation, Emp. 2-5-25  
WILLIAM H. KEOUGH, Supervisor,  
District B, Emp. 1-13-36  
JOHN A. KOCHER, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 1-16-34  
ROBERT A. KOSTECKI, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 1-27-42  
WILLIAM H. KUGELBERG, Operator,  
Keeler, Emp. 9-2-42  
WILLIAM H. LINGL, Supervisor,  
District B, Emp. 2-24-42  
ROBERT L. MANVILLE, Superintendent,  
Purchasing, Emp. 8-18-30  
VICTOR E. MARINO, Box Puller,  
77th Street, Emp. 9-4-41  
WARDER C. MARKS, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 1-7-57  
NEIL MCGILL, Car Repairman A,  
Wilson Maint. Terminal, Emp. 2-8-51  
EDWARD L. MELANT, Collector,  
Archer, Emp. 9-20-45  
GEORGE MIKOTA, Assistant Superintendent,  
Stores, Emp. 5-8-25  
JOSEPH A. MILLER, Machinist,  
South Shops, Emp. 2-23-42  
ANTHONY J. MULLEN, Clerk,  
North Section, Emp. 9-28-35  
JAMES NASTI, Yard Foreman,  
West Section, Emp. 7-27-29  
MARGARET M. NOLAN, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 1-18-46  
EDWARD W. NOVAK, Superintendent,  
District B, Emp. 9-4-41  
JAMES B. O'BRIEN, Mechanic,  
South Shops, Emp. 3-24-47  
EDWARD J. O'KEEFE, Clerk,  
North Avenue, Emp. 2-27-34  
DANIEL A. O'LEARY, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 1-27-43  
JULIA T. O'MAHONEY, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 8-11-56  
DAVID O'MALLEY, Motorman,  
South Section, Emp. 11-6-45  
HENRY C. PETERSON, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 12-30-66  
GUSTAV F. PETRUS, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 7-9-48  
CHARLES F. POSCH, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 11-22-46  
JAMES P. QUAIN, Blacksmith & Welder,  
South Shops, Emp. 9-8-47  
JOSEPH REILLY, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 3-24-37  
CAROL J. REYES, Tire Repairer,  
Tire Center, Emp. 1-22-47

WALTER E. RICHARDS, Mechanic Foreman,  
South Shops, Emp. 8-11-47  
TIMOTHY RIORDAN, Garage Supervisor,  
South Shops, Emp. 9-13-27  
FRED W. SCHMIDT, Night Foreman,  
Keeler, Emp. 11-29-33  
CONSTANT P. SCHMIT, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 3-27-34  
PETER SCHULTZ, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 8-25-42  
PATRICK SCULLY, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 8-30-43  
ELIZABETH M. SEGERSON, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 6-7-46  
JAMES L. SINCLAIR, Mason Foreman,  
Engineering, Emp. 11-7-50  
JOSEPH A. SWIATEK, Traffic Checker,  
Schedule & Traffic, Emp. 8-21-41  
CARMEN TARANTINO, Operator,  
52nd Street, Emp. 12-12-42  
GEORGE L. TYSL, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 9-11-42  
JAMES VICEK, Group Leader,  
Engineering, Emp. 4-2-29  
ANTHONY VIDMONT, Upholsterer,  
South Shops, Emp. 12-23-42  
ADAM H. C. WAAS, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 9-23-40  
JOHN P. WALTHER, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-1-52  
BOOKER WATSON, Trackman II,  
Engineering, Emp. 12-15-45  
WALTER A. WEISSGERBER, Switchman,  
Kimball, Emp. 4-29-42  
JOHN A. WITKUS, Electrical Worker A,  
South Shops, Emp. 12-5-28  
FRANK R. ZIMMERMAN, Adjuster I,  
Claim, Emp. 4-16-31  
BERT E. ZODY, Box Puller,  
North Avenue, Emp. 12-21-36

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

LORRAINE D. BUEHLER, Revenue Clerk,  
Accounting, Emp. 1-22-52  
ALEXANDER W. FARLEY, Painter,  
Engineering, Emp. 6-12-47  
JAMES JACKSON, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 9-6-56  
HIAWATHA M. MOSS, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-4-52  
EDWARD F. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 5-6-41  
SAMUEL W. PARRILLI, Conductor,  
West Section, Emp. 1-11-46  
CONNIE PEOPLES, Collector,  
Archer, Emp. 2-16-45  
JACOB C. PIPP, Signal Maintainer,  
Electrical, Emp. 2-14-40  
FRANK L. SAUCIER, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 2-16-42  
PETER A. SCHMANSKI, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 1-22-62  
EDWARD L. SMITH, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 9-19-57



DEBERAH E. JACKSON, the daughter of Archer Station Operator JAMES JACKSON Jr., received her bachelor of science degree in education from Chicago State university on January 15. Commencement exercises were held at the Chicago Civic Opera House.

just happened to have a picture of her son, SEAN. Sure is a doll (Sean I mean)...Our deepest sympathy is extended to WAYNE HANSEN and his family in the loss of his father... A get-well cheer to J. BEDNARIK, electrical worker. Keep the faith!..We want to welcome AL BOFFICE, a newcomer to the West Shops, and at the same time bid a fond adieu to HELMUT SCHWEITZER who will be working at the Mart...Congratulations to C. D. ALBERTS, steamfitter helper, whose wife presented him with a beautiful daughter. Babies are wonderful!..M. STRAKA, machinist, returned from a three-week vacation in San Salvador, Central America, where he visited his family. He had nothing but praise for this beautiful country.

- Kathleen Brady & Jennie Scott

**GENERAL OFFICE (Internal Auditing) -**

The Chicago Legal Secretaries association, of which DENISE BENSISH is president, celebrated its 25th anniversary on January 16. Denise formerly worked as a stenographer in the Law Department and is the daughter of GEORGE BENSISH and RONALD's sister.

**(Medical) -**

We wish a speedy recovery to HARRY SOREGHEN, whom we hope to see back to work soon after his unfortunate accident. While being a good "boy scout" and taking the garbage out for his wife he accidentally turned on his ankle, sustaining a good sprain...Birthday greetings to our karate nurse, MARY LEDWITH, February 21; EARL BOYD, X-ray technician, April 16, and HARRY SOREGHEN, medical technician, April 25...We welcome EARL BOYD to the department as an X-ray technician. He previously worked as a ticket agent on the West Side.

**(Personnel) -**

BILL SHOLDICE and NANCY ARNOTT, an employee of Rothschild Securities Corporation, announced their engagement to their families...We understand it's a little difficult to live with IRWIN WIECZOREK, ticket agent at Jefferson Park and the father of MARIE CLINE, who was one of the "Employees of the Year" for 1971-72. He and his family are proud of this award. BILL and MARIE CLINE celebrated a new addition to their family on February 3, a 3 pound 6 ounce tri-color wirehaired terrier named Sparky. They have only one complaint, they now must purchase all

four daily newspapers; that wouldn't be so bad except they don't get a chance to read them all...Our deepest sympathy is extended to ERVIN HARRIS in the recent death of his mother, MATTIE HARRIS, who passed away on February 3 at Jackson Park hospital...JOE O'SULLIVAN and his wife, HELEN, flew to San Francisco on a 747 jet. They rented a car and drove to Fresno to visit with their son, Dr. MARTIN O'SULLIVAN. While traveling they fell in love with a model house in Mesa, Arizona, and put a down payment on a lot and will probably build at the end of 1973. It looks like Joe and Helen are going to spend their retirement years down there...JESSE RODRIGUEZ, acting superintendent of Employment and Placement, and his wife became proud grandparents when their son, DANIEL PAUL, and his wife presented them with a baby girl named VALERIE LEA weighing 7 pounds. Daniel is stationed with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Walter Reed General hospital in Washington, D.C. While Jesse and his wife were visiting in Washington, D.C., they also visited with their other son, GLENN R. RODRIGUEZ, who is stationed on the USS Kitty Hawk and was recently married on February 3... CINDY SYKORA and her husband, BILL, had a home built, a two story colonial in Wheaton, Illinois, and plan to move in by May 1. Good luck to both of you in your new home and lots of happiness.

**(Public Information) -**

We are proud to report that Brother TIMOTHY NAVIN (a former summer employee), now at St. Procopius Abbey and a senior physics major, was among 49 students who earned first honors and made the dean's list at Illinois Benedictine college in Lisle...A small luncheon was held and a gift presented to QUENTIN (Ski) MICHALCZEWSKI who left CTA to enter mortuary school. Lots of success in your new profession...RUSS WARNSTEDT, CTA employee suggestion coordinator, has been named first vice-president of the National Association of Suggestion Systems, Chicago Chapter. Congratulations.

**(Insurance & Pensions) -**

Things and happenings are popping in the department again. To start with, RITA OPFERGELT became Mrs. WILLIAM KRUEGER on January 10 at Las Vegas, Nevada. JOAN LISAGOR received a sparkling diamond ring on February 2 from KENNETH STAIR, an electronics technician for the FAA at O'Hare Airport, and they were wed on March 22 at Unitarian church in Evanston, Illinois. MARY LABUS received a sparkler on February 12 from RUSSELL BLATCHFORD. Wedding plans are indefinite at this time... EMMA HUDGINS became an aunt again on January 25 when her brother, JAMES, a bus operator at Forest Glen Station, and his wife became the proud parents of a baby boy named GARY DEAN weighing 7 pounds 2 ounces.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

**KEDZIE -**

The Kedzie Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting on January 20 at 937 N. Pulaski. The meeting was presided over by our president, WILLIAM LARSEN, and reports by all the committees were read and accepted. Treasurer and Manager T. J. HEFFERNAN gave his report and said he's still keeping up the insurance for our members, but this can only be on a year to year basis...I heard that the wife of Pensioner JACK WILLIAMS was hospitalized after a fall and now Jack has to do all the housework...

## INSIDE NEWS

Good luck and good health to Operators V. RISCOSSA and R. CARTER who retired on January 1. Keep in touch, fellows...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Superintendent M. HARRINGTON in the loss of his brother, JAMES HARRINGTON; to Clerk C. (Red) O'CONNOR in the loss of his brother, MAURICE O'CONNOR; the family of retired janitor P. NAUGHTON who was laid to rest on January 8; Operator W. CANDY Jr. in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARY CANDY, and the family of FRANK VONDRASEK who passed away in February...To everyone on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job real soon...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

### KEELER -

Hi all you wonderful people. It is with heavy heart that I pen what is probably my last Keeler column. Perhaps as you read this, I'll be giving my all at Kedzie depot. Truly, over the years I've made some wonderful friends through this column. Some I've had the pleasure to meet and some I've had beautiful words by proxy. So continue to think good things of me and all your neighbors...A special thanks to a good friend, Big LOU OLANDESE, who has been a source of much of my garage writings. We missed Lou on January 4, but discovered that he was taking a much needed rest in preparation for starting his 27th year with CTA... The new face in the repair department belongs to AIDAN MURPHY...That big smiling face belongs to JOHN COLEMAN. He and his "missus" are expecting a new tax exemption...The sad faced one is R. GOTTLIEB whose wife underwent a serious operation. We hope that all will be smiles soon...It seems that only the garage foremen were permitted to have birthdays in February. Happy returns to R. VANCE, February 2; C. CLINE, February 22, and FRED SCHMIDT, February 17. Fred also joined the ranks of the retired on March 1 after 39½ years of service...Our good custodial constituent, SY GOLDMAN, commemorated 29 years of service on February 2. Pensioner GLONKE dropped by the station to give Sy a few pointers...Operator P. DAVILA was really proud of his wife, THERESA, who presented him with a daughter, LIZITTE, on January 12... Retired Chief Clerk JOHN SIMKO dropped us a letter from Idaho where he is enjoying himself...Well guys and gals, it has been a good relationship over the years. To one and all, may the good sunshine of life shine brightly upon you, henceforth, now and forever.

- Ernest C. Carter

### LAWNDALE -

Well, fellows, Lawndale won the Interstation Safety Contest for the fourth quarter in 1972. That made it twice for 1972. On January 25 the men of Lawndale were congratulated for their efforts. Winners of ISC gift certificates were: A. SIMS, E. B. DUFF, C. WHITE Jr., R. J. HENLEY, J. L. FORD, F. LESZYNSKI, S. R. HYERCZYK, M. GRICKI, I. L. DAVIS, R. F. JONES, J. J. VIOLLT and E. L. RIHA. Our congratulations to all of the winners...Congratulations to Operator RONALD and ANDREA JONES who celebrated their first wedding anniversary on March 8... Retired Operator EDWARD WISS and his wife recently returned from a vacation in sunny California...Our deepest sympathy to Operator SAM HARDY and his family in the

recent passing of his brother...Condolences are also extended to Operator THOMAS HOUSTON and his family in the recent passing of his step-father in Champaign, Illinois...Personnel on our sick list this month are MARTY KARIOLICH and TILLMON SHAW...Operator CLEM KACZOROWSKI's wife is doing much better at this writing...Operator DOMINICK PAPA's wife is still in the hospital... Happy birthday to all the Lawndale personnel celebrating this month...That's all for now fellows, see you next time. Don't forget where the news box is.

- James Marshall

### LIMITS -

A real good guy took his pension on February 1 after 30 years of service. He is Operator DANNY O'LEARY. His wife, BERNICE, who worked for another company, also took her pension. They are planning to live in Florida. So to Danny and Bernice we wish you both many years of health and happiness...We were sorry to hear of Operator CARTER's misfortune. A fire destroyed his home. Just 14 months prior to this he had a fire in his home. Board Member R. GOLDMAN, with the help of Operator CRUMP, took up a collection to help Carter and his family. We all wish them well...We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Operators ANDREW McDANIEL, WILLIE MITCHNER and EDDIE DAPPEN who were all hospitalized for a short time...Our sincere condolences to Operator UMBRA in the loss of his grandmother, and to Operator BALLARD in the loss of his mother...The annual credit union meeting and dinner was a big success. The dinner was served buffet style. Door prizes were awarded. Winners were: Mrs. BETTY BAXTER, Superintendent DeWITT, Mrs. KONIG, Mrs. COLUCCI, Mrs. BUCHWITZ, Mrs. DIEDEN and Mrs. MULLER. Some of those attending were Operator RUFUS MORRIS and his wife, DAISY, Operators VOSS, WENZEL, GLASBY, OTIS and his wife, ELLA, WILLIAMS, and GART, Instructor KADOWAKI and his wife, and Sanitary Engineer TUREK. The honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD URBAN from Downers Grove and Mr. and Mrs. BOB QUETSCHKE. All the retired personnel attending looked very well. Those like LYNN, SYDELL and BOB BENSON, our former Transit News scribe...Congratulations to Operator ODOM on the birth of a 6 pound baby girl, and to Mr. and Mrs. DIEDEN on their sixth grandchild...Get this--we have some guys here who really love their job. I won't mention any names, but Operator GLASS came down on his

WEDDING BELLS rang for DERRICK and EVADNE HUGHES on January 13 at Our Lady of Peace church. The groom is a bus serviceman at Lawndale Station.



anniversary day, and everybody got in a line to shake his hand for being so loyal. A couple of days later Operator SANDERS came in on his day off but didn't stay long enough to make a dent in the air. Don't mention Operator CANON, he got a "What are you doing here" stare from the clerk, and was last seen running out the door...A very happy birthday to Repairman H. ZDRAVKOVIC.

- Charles Turner

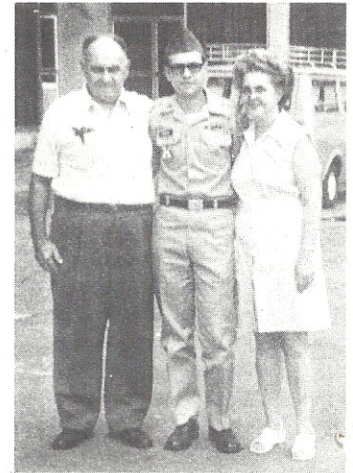
**MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -**

There really isn't much news for this time of year, other than that we are all wondering what will happen to the CTA if we don't get some help...Your Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS was able to stay at Irving Park, so please send your news to me there or to KATY...Our sincere sympathy to JOHN CAROLAN in the loss of his wife...ADAM WAAS took his pension on February 1, and your co-reporter, Grace Mounts, and his daughters gave him a surprise party on January 28 at DiLeo's restaurant with about 50 CTA friends and relatives attending. Adam's wife, FLORENCE, also retired as a secretary and bookkeeper in a real estate office in Addison...Grace Mounts and her husband flew to Florida for a ten-day vacation where she visited her sister and brother...DOROTHY ADLER and a couple of other agents also visited Florida in February...The North Side credit union held their annual dinner on February 11 at the Queen Anne ballroom with about 300 attending. Everyone had an enjoyable evening...Don't forget to send me the news, folks, or the next issue will be shorter.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

**NORTH PARK -**

North Park's annual credit union meeting was held on January 12 at River Park Fieldhouse and a fine report was delivered by Treasurer JOHN O'BRIEN. The officers declared a dividend of 6 per cent on savings, and all members are urged to bring in their books so that they may be brought up to date. BEN NEUMAN, JOHN COSGROVE and FRANK KOZIOL were elected to the credit committee, while John O'Brien, DALE PETERS and GENE DRZEWICKI were elected to the board of directors. Refreshments were served and the following won door prizes: Mrs. HELEN COSGROVE, Mrs. LILLIAN GILL, Mrs. HAZEL RENTSCHLER, Mrs. LEE GALLAGHER, Mrs. ANN WISNIEWSKI, Mrs. FLORENCE KOZIOL, Mrs. BARBARA BRUNO, Mrs. ASTRID ABERNATHY, Mrs. FELICIA MARCHISOTTO, Mrs. FLORENCE LEIDIG, Mrs. LEE UHLEMANN, Mrs. VIOLET HORNING, Miss JOAN STEINBERG, Pensioners PAUL LEIDIG, JULIUS MERSCH, VICTOR MICETIC, BILL STINESPRING and SIDNEY DUKE, Operators JACK BRECKINRIDGE, JOHN FIESTERMAN, ED BADEN, IRVING RICHMAN, BILL SMALL, JAMES DOLAN, ROBERT KESSLER, SAM POSNER, BOB MOSKOVITZ and BUCKY WALTERS, Receiver ED STENZEL, Bus Transferer JIM RENTSCHLER, Supervisors DAVE HINMAN and JOHN McEVILLY, Division 241 Clerk WARREN SCHOLL and Operator CHARLES WISNIEWSKI. Our congratulations to Treasurer O'Brien and Dale Peters for a very efficient job. A minute of silence was observed for our late assistant treasurer, TONY BRUNO, and PAUL COOK. A prayer was delivered by Operator FRANCIS GALLAGHER...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED,



PICTURED IN Bangkok, Thailand, visiting with their son are EDWARD and ANTIONETTE PSIODA. Sgt. EDWARD PSIODA Jr. is stationed at Camp Same-San on the southern tip of Thailand. Ed is with the Electrical Department at Blue Island.

HELEN and MARIE. Harvey is living in Spring Grove, Minnesota, and invites his many friends to stop by for a visit when in the area...Pensioner HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, were honored at a surprise retirement party on December 31 hosted by their sons, BRUCE and DICK, and their wives, SHIRLEY and PAT. The evening was supposed to be a babysitting job for the Julitzs, but it turned out to be a grand evening for all concerned...The medical bus was stationed at North Park for the month of January. Doctor BOLES PIERZYNSKI and Medical Examiner HARRY SOREGHEN are to be commended for their part in the examinations. The two gentlemen would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel at North Park for their cooperation and promptness...Operator HAROLD NIEMIEC and his wife, MARY JO, became parents of their first child when a son, TIMOTHY EDWARD, was born on October 3 at Gottlieb Memorial hospital weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces...Supervisor ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, became parents of their fifth child when a son, JOHN PATRICK, was born on December 22 at Edgewater hospital weighing 9 pounds 8 ounces...Pensioner IRVING WEINER said his third grandchild, MINDY JOY WEINER, will be one year old on March 21...At this writing Operator ED McDONALD is hospitalized at Northwest hospital with a broken leg suffered from a fall on the ice. While confined to the hospital, Ed had a major operation due to ulcers and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily... Operator JUNIOR BROADBENT fell in his kitchen and suffered a broken wrist...Operator ZEKE JAGST and his wife, HILDA, celebrated their second anniversary with a two-week skiing trip to Koloster and Grindenwald, Switzerland. The Jagsts are accomplished skaters and skiers...Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN, along with their grandson, RAY-RAY, came from Forsyth, Missouri, to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. LINDA MOOLWINE... Pensioner STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, also of Forsyth, enjoyed their holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O'TOOLE, and their children... Operator STERLING O'NAN and his wife, BETTY, are all smiles these days. The reason--the 1973 Delta 88 Oldsmobile they are driving. Sterling's brother, HARRY, and his wife, LYDIA, presented the car to the O'Nans as a gift. Harry, a former CTA bus operator at Limits Depot, is now vice-president and board member of Davis Brothers Food Service of Atlanta, Georgia.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Repairman ROBERT VANDERMEIR Jr. and his wife, SHARON, became parents

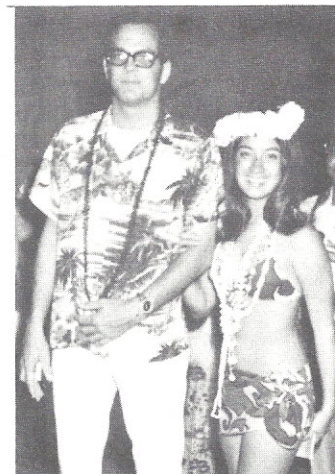
of their first child when a son, ROBERT GUSTAV III, was born on December 16 at St. Joseph's hospital weighing 9 pounds 14 ounces. Robert III's grandfather is a bus repairman at North Park, while his great-grandfather is a pensioned supervisor. The CTA is well represented by this fine family...Enjoying vacations at this time are Repairmen LEN TROZANOWSKI, FRANK SIBLEY, ROBERT BOTH, JOE MAREK and ALBERT KALLISH...Pensioner JULIUS MERSCH donned his Santa Claus suit again and gave his seven grandchildren another wonderful Christmas party... Repairman PAUL (On the Ball) SCHREVES entertained his neighbors with his annual Christmas concert on his theatre organ...Remember the credit union is ready, willing and able to help all who need cash to meet those Christmas bills and income tax problems. So see JOHN or DALE for ready cash...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator JOE SCALETTA and his wife, DOREEN, their 15th; Operator HENRY NEUMAN and his wife, LEONA, their 41st; Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, their 35th; Operator ARTHUR OLSON and his wife, LENORE, their 33rd; Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, their 37th; Operator ROGER AYOTTE and his wife, HELEN, their 14th; Pensioner JOHN KARASEK and his wife, LILLIAN, their 43rd; Supervisor ROY RIPKA and his wife, IRIS, their 9th; Superintendent EDWARD BRODD and his wife, ANN, their 36th, and Utility Chauffeur JOHN MILLER and his wife, ROZIA, their 39th...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: Pensioners IRVING WEINER and WALTER LINDEMANN, Clerk BILL CERKAN, Operators ARMAND DELGADILLO, SEYMOUR STEINBERG, ED NEWTON, CHARLES KEMP, GARY NOONAN, NICK GASPER and JOSEPH GUZZARDO, IRIS RIPKA, GARY KEMP, FRANCIS NEWTON, SHIRLEY PAOLI, JULIA ZAHN, LINDA DIEDIER, BONNIE NEUMAN, MIKE SCHRAMM and MIN SEIFERT...Pensioner ART MUIR portrayed his role of Santa Claus for the sixth year in Forsyth, Missouri, where he passed out candy and presents to the children...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator PAT BROWN in the loss of his father; to Operator CHARLES SILAS in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS, and to the family of Pensioner PAUL COOK.

- Melvin Horning

**NORTH AVENUE -**

Congratulations to Operator CHESTER CORDEK and his wife, WANDA, who became proud grandparents for the fifth time when their daughter, MARY, and her husband, RICHARD ODWAZNY, had a baby girl, ANNETTE, on December 29...December Courtesy Caravan members are H. FIELDS (2), N. SCOTT, G. TAYLOR, W. WADE, F. DANIELS, W. KERRY, A. BATTLE and C. LEWIS...A letter from Pensioner ERNEST PEARSON tells us that he and his wife, ANNA, are well. He says that Pensioner PAUL DAVIS and his wife are well and happy in Florida and send along their greetings to all, along with Ernie and Anna...Two more of our old friends are joining the ranks of pensioners, FLORIAN DWIEL and Operator JOSEPH BADALUCO. Florian has been thinking of moving to Florida, but I hope he doesn't because I hate losing a good fishing partner. We wish many happy years and the best of everything to him and Joseph...Operator RAY JACKSON and his wife celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at Mangam's Chateau in Lyons with their children, LINDA, 23; ALLEN, 19; SARAH, 17 and ROBIN, 11. They enjoyed a good dinner

TRYING HARD to suppress a happy smile is TOM LORENZ, enjoying his Hawaiian vacation as he escorts a beautiful native girl to a luau. Tom is a traffic technician in the Traffic Planning Department.



and show. We wish them many more happy years together. ..We wish all of you a blessed Easter. We are so thankful that our boys are home from those POW camps, and that our boys in the armed forces are leaving Vietnam. We pray that it is the beginning of a period of peace for the entire world...GEORGE HAAK sent a card from the Florida Keys to let all his old friends at North Avenue know how much he is enjoying retirement. He retired January 1 as an operator at Keeler.

A great big HELLO to everyone from your co-reporter, WALTER BLIX, after an absence of several months. The operation was a success and the patient will live and continue to annoy you in every issue from now on...During our absence there were others who were confined to various hospitals; Custodian RAY JABLECKI, Operator AL JACQUES, and the mother of Operator JERRY DUBIN... Some well earned retirements went to District C Superintendent RAY REIGHARD, Limits Station Superintendent MILES DeWITT and Clerk EDDIE O'KEEFE. Good luck to all of you and be sure to drop in occasionally...All of us that knew or worked with Retired Clerk ART BATES (at one time Art was quite a matinee idol, having appeared in several silent movies), and Retired Operator FRANK CALDRON of Keeler Station, were sorry to hear of their death and we extend our deepest sympathy to their families... President Richard Nixon wasn't the only one to run for office and win. Our own superintendent, WARD CHAMBERLAIN, did the same thing, only in the Kiwanis club. Next time you see him ask him about it. Congratulations, Ward. ..Once again the flying HICKEYS took to the air. This time TOM and his wife, BEA, headed for Hawaii. They had a great time, but it's just too bad we don't have a picture of Tom doing the hula in his bikini. They weren't home very long before Bea decided to take to the air again, this time to Rochester, New York, to visit their grandchildren... Senior Station Instructor JAMES and Mrs. BROGAN were treated to dinner on their 34th wedding anniversary by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE WAGNER. Wonder if they had Dolly Madison goodies for dessert...In 1972 Operator RAY ZIELINSKI had the distinction of operating one of Chicago's oldest streetcars--the old red Pullman No. 144 at Union, Illinois, and one of CTA's newest GM diesel buses on his Armitage avenue run...To all of you who are celebrating your birthdays during the months of April and May, we send out best wishes and hope you all have many, many more...I almost forgot to thank all of you for those scads of get-well wishes that I received. They helped

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immensely. I am also very grateful to those of you who donated blood, or wanted to but were prevented from doing so for some reason or other. A special note of thanks to Carpenter BILL CROSS of South Shops, Operator and Mrs. OTIS HALL of Keeler, and LINDA and MARIANNE KOCAR. ..See you all purty soon.

- William Miedema & Walter Blix

### OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

On January 1 MAYNARD (Pinky) MORAN, radio-telephone operator, retired from CTA with 38 years of service. Coffee and cake were served in Operations Control where many of his friends came to say goodbye and wish him well. We all extend our wishes for the best of everything and a wonderful retirement...December 3 was a very big day in the lives of BOB and JUNE QUETSCHKE. This was the day their first grandchild, KIMBERLY ANN, was born. She came into the world weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. The proud parents are BOB and JEANIE QUETSCHKE. Bob was formerly a car cleaner on the West Section. Congratulations to all...We want to welcome MARIE M. CASILLAS as a clerk-stenographer in the Transportation Department and EDNA WALKER, stenographer, who transferred from the Shops & Equipment Department at South Shops.

### (Traffic Planning) -

TOM LORENZ recently flew to Honolulu, Hawaii, where he stayed at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. He did a lot of sight-seeing which included a tour of the city and Pearl Harbor. It was a wonderful vacation...MICHELE ALEXANDER, the daughter of MEL ALEXANDER of the Transit News staff, was married on February 3 to CHRISTOPHER LLOYD. Congratulations and good luck to the happy couple.

### (Transportation Instruction) -

On January 17, Senior Station Instructor RAYMOND TREZISE became a grandfather for the second time. KRYSANNA TREZISE, his first granddaughter, weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces at birth. The happy parents are STEVEN and CATHIE. RAY PRYOR, supervising instructor at 77th Street, became a grandfather for the eighth time. RAYMOND W. PRYOR III was born to RAYMOND and MARY PAT on February 13 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces, and is their first child. Ray now has six grandsons and only two granddaughters. Congratulations to both families.

### (Supervision) -

District B Superintendent EDWARD NOVAK retired on February 1 after 31 years of service. A luncheon was held in his honor at the M&M Club on January 31. Also honored was Station Superintendent MILES H. DeWITT. Ed intends to relax and enjoy himself, spending much time in Florida and Arizona. We wish them the best of health and happiness for a wonderful retirement...District C Superintendent RAYMOND F. REIGHARD retired on January 1, after almost 37 years of service. Congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement.

### (Utility and Emergency Service) -

On December 1 BUD BECKER retired with 26 years of service. We hope he has now and will continue to have a happy retirement. Among those present to wish Bud well were JOE MULREE and MATT STIGLIC...PETE CARPINO stopped in to say hello before returning to Florida where

he and his wife will stay until the weather gets warmer here...PAT PORCELIUS and his wife vacationed in California. He said the weather was ideal and Disneyland was wonderful...TONY CANDELA and his wife spent their vacation in the Los Angeles area, visiting their daughter and grandchildren. They went sight-seeing and to Disneyland and Santa Anita, but didn't say whether he made expenses or not...Others on vacation were HAROLD FELTZ, WILLIAM MOOG, RALPH PELUSO, LEO DREWNIKOWSKI, LARRY LINDNER, JOE HAAS, LARRY HEISE, FRANK FIORE, ED SHIELDS, MILFORD CUMBERLANDER, TONY KRAUS, HOWARD SURRETT, JULIUS KUTA and DON St. JOHN...Congratulations to OTTO ERTL who celebrated his 25th anniversary with the CTA, and LARRY HEISE who celebrated his 43rd anniversary...JAMES ROCHE's son, SP4 MICHAEL, was recently discharged from the U.S. Army after serving for two years, and JAMES was graduated from Illinois State university...Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD SURRETT had a chilly but enjoyable vacation at Niagara Falls...Our sympathy is extended to JULIUS KUTA whose brother recently passed away; to SAM McCULLER whose sister passed away at Dowogiac, Michigan; to CHARLES GAGE in the death of his mother-in-law; to A. C. WORKS, whose mother-in-law passed away; to Pensioner BOB GILMORE whose wife recently passed away, and to the CHARLES MARTENS family in the death of Mrs. MARTENS. Mrs. Martens was the sister of JOE MULREE.

- Colette Szczypanek

### RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Our condolences to the family of LEONARD STRYZAK, 61st Street, in the passing of his father...Wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to ABEL CASPER, 61st Street, who is at home recuperating after an operation, and to JOE HASSMAN, 61st Street, who is watching the bones in his broken arm knit...Best wishes for years of a happy and healthy pension are sent to H. L. HEIL, foreman at Howard, who retired on March 1, and also to NEIL MCGILL, Wilson, who retired on February 1...The C. WILLIAMS family had a wonderful winter vacation in Texas...Hope J. KOGER, Dan Ryan, will be up and around soon after his illness...J. ARMSTRONG, Dan Ryan, enjoyed a lovely surprise birthday party given by his wife, ANGELA. M. McINTOSH and F. PICKETT also enjoyed themselves at the party...Our sympathy to JOHN CANNELLA, Congress, whose brother passed away recently...Congratulations to VITO COLLYARD, Congress, on his promotion to "B" repairman. Hope Vito likes Dan Ryan Shops...Welcome to JOHN HOFFSTEAD from all the boys at Congress...D. VANTOR, Congress, spent a glorious two-week vacation in Hawaii...Others enjoying vacations were C. B. BROWN, R. WATSON, W. MAJEWSKI, M. BOGIRA, 61st Street; J. ARMSTRONG, F. PICKETT, T. FRIEND and L. STEWART, Dan Ryan...Surprise visits were paid by Pensioners LOUIE RICCARDI, CONNIE RIORDAN and WALTER WITKOWSKI.

- Ray Brzyzdek

### SKOKIE SHOP -

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of MARTY DUNDOVICH, electrical worker who passed away on November 27. Marty was a fine man and will be missed by his many friends here at Skokie. Marty's son, MARK, and brother, JOHN, are also electrical workers in the motor



## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

EDWARD ADAMS, 62, West Section, Emp. 8-28-41, Died 1-2-73  
 HENRY BADE, 52, North Section, Emp. 2-5-68, Died 1-30-73  
 JOHN T. BARRETT, 64, West Section, Emp. 2-16-51, Died 1-14-73  
 DENNIS P. BARRY, 80, South Section, Emp. 1-7-20, Died 1-25-73  
 HARRY F. BARRY, 70, 77th Street, Emp. 12-18-22, Died 1-20-73  
 EUGENE BOHANNON, 56, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-24-57, Died 1-21-73  
 JAMES P. BRANNAN, 66, 77th Street, Emp. 6-18-29, Died 12-27-72  
 CARL F. BRUNN, 68, North Avenue, Emp. 7-18-23, Died 1-23-73  
 JOHN F. BURNS, 80, Keeler, Emp. 7-17-34, Died 12-29-72  
 MICHAEL CAFFERTY, 48, Transit Board, Emp. 5-11-71, Died 1-17-73  
 FRANK P. CALDERON, 68, Keeler, Emp. 6-27-27, Died 1-17-73  
 EUCARPIO CAMPIONE, 77, Way/Struct. Emp. 5-7-23, Died 12-15-72  
 JOHN J. CARBONEL, 86, North Section, Emp. 4-21-08, Died 12-26-72  
 JERRY F. CERNY, 73, South Shops, Emp. 9-10-17, Died 12-24-72  
 ALEX D. CHALIKIS, 81, Devon, Emp. 8-4-26, Died 1-9-73  
 DOMINICK T. CONDELES, 79, West Shops, Emp. 1-28-20, Died 1-26-73  
 PAUL F. COOK, 64, North Park, Emp. 2-5-30, Died 1-4-73  
 FRANCIS J. CRUMB, 78, West Section, Emp. 9-24-23, Died 1-31-73  
 ANDREW J. DINNELLA, 66, Spl. Invstgns., Emp. 5-10-34, Died 12-27-72  
 WILLIAM J. DORAN, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 10-1-26, Died 1-14-73  
 HAROLD T. DOYLE, 78, 61st Street, Emp. 3-24-42, Died 1-13-73  
 JOSEPH DUDAK, 84, West Shops, Emp. 2-6-24, Died 12-3-72  
 GEORGE A. ENGER, 73, Office Services, Emp. 11-22-23, Died 12-13-72  
 TIMOTHY FALAHEE, 69, Stores, Emp. 4-2-28, Died 12-18-72  
 LEONARD W. GIERKE, 76, North Section, Emp. 9-22-22, Died 1-26-73  
 JAMES HALLEN, 51, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-13-48, Died 12-29-72  
 LEIF O. HALVORSEN, 76, West Shops, Emp. 3-13-23, Died 1-20-73  
 ALVIN F. HANSEN, 77, Kedzie, Emp. 3-12-23, Died 1-6-73  
 PATRICK HENEGHAN, 72, Devon, Emp. 10-13-42, Died 1-7-73  
 WILLIAM B. HENN, 68, West Section, Emp. 5-23-44, Died 1-15-73  
 MAURICE HICKEY, 54, North Section, Emp. 2-21-45, Died 12-28-72  
 JOHN W. HOBAN, 77, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-12-25, Died 12-29-72  
 GEORGE HOBERG, 94, Blue Island, Emp. 10-24-44, Died 10-25-72  
 BERNARD HOJNOWSKI, 78, Lawndale, Emp. 10-13-22, Died 12-29-72  
 RAYMOND W. JOHNSON, 73, 77th Street, Emp. 4-10-43, Died 1-30-73  
 RICHARD G. KENDALL, 71, Electrical, Emp. 4-29-24, Died 1-18-73  
 JAMES J. KESSNER, 82, Devon, Emp. 5-29-25, Died 1-20-73  
 CHARLES R. KIEHN, 74, Devon, Emp. 5-23-24, Died 12-8-72  
 JOSEPH G. KLEIN, 76, Devon, Emp. 3-8-23, Died 12-13-72  
 VINCENZO LAMPIGNANO, 74, Way/Struct. Emp. 5-4-22, Died 12-31-72  
 SHERMAN LANEY, 31, 52nd Street, Emp. 9-24-64, Died 12-28-72  
 ALEX LAPINSKI, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 10-15-14, Died 12-23-72  
 WILLIARD LUCAS, 68, Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-7-39, Died 12-16-72  
 MICHAEL J. MALONE, 85, Devon, Emp. 4-9-18, Died 1-22-73  
 RUSSEL MILLER, 59, Archer, Emp. 5-6-46, Died 2-19-73  
 DAVID B. MITCHELL, 78, West Shops, Emp. 11-15-26, Died 12-26-72  
 HUBERT J. MORAN, 69, District C, Emp. 2-7-24, Died 12-9-72  
 WILLIAM E. MULLINS, 78, Limits, Emp. 11-28-25, Died 1-9-73  
 JOSEPH F. MURPHY, 74, Transportation, Emp. 10-23-19, Died 12-27-72  
 MULDREW J. NASH, 67, Track, Emp. 8-13-42, Died 1-23-73  
 PETER J. NAUGHTON, 70, West Section, Emp. 12-23-42, Died 1-4-73  
 JOHN O. NELSON, 83, Devon, Emp. 7-29-25, Died 12-26-72  
 PATRICK J. O'BRIEN, 72, Office Services, Emp. 11-23-22, Died 12-22-72  
 DENNIS O'CONNOR, 73, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 3-27-43, Died 12-31-72  
 LEROY A. PARKER, 66, North Avenue, Emp. 11-13-28, Died 11-25-72  
 JOHN PATER, 64, Lawndale, Emp. 2-11-48, Died 12-13-72  
 LAWRENCE PAWLAK, 68, Executive, Emp. 7-29-25, Died 1-19-73  
 GUSTAV C. PELZ, 80, North Section, Emp. 6-13-13, Died 12-28-72  
 BROR T. PETERSON, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 2-18-25, Died 1-20-73  
 THOMAS W. PILITAUSKIS, 80, 69th Street, Emp. 8-8-24, Died 1-30-73  
 WILLIAM B. REDDICK, 75, North Section, Emp. 4-7-43, Died 12-19-72  
 GREGORIO RIZIO, 78, Way & Structures, Emp. 6-26-28, Died 11-24-72  
 JOEL ROBINSON, 38, Kedzie, Emp. 6-21-56, Died 12-25-72  
 MATHEW ROSGA, 89, North Avenue, Emp. 6-23-20, Died 12-14-72  
 RICHARD H. RYAN, 66, 69th Street, Emp. 3-11-25, Died 1-12-73  
 VULE SAVOVICH, 82, Way & Structures, Emp. 4-6-29, Died 12-23-72  
 NELL SCHNEIDER, 71, Executive, Emp. 1-2-48, Died 1-7-73  
 THEODORE SHADBARAS, 80, So. Garages, Emp. 4-25-14, Died 1-28-73  
 RAYMOND R. SIERS, 63, 62nd Substation, Emp. 9-2-30, Died 12-18-72  
 LOUIS L. SMITH, 70, Security, Emp. 4-17-29, Died 1-2-73  
 EDGAR K. SNIDER, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 3-15-26, Died 1-17-73  
 HOWARD B. STORM, 70, Ins. & Pensions, Emp. 9-30-14, Died 1-5-73  
 EARL STUMP, 71, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-21-57, Died 1-24-73  
 LEO SWEIDEL, 63, Engineering, Emp. 11-19-45, Died 12-11-72  
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 PATRICK TILLAPAUGH, 75, Lake Street, Emp. 4-7-43, Died 1-10-73  
 GUST TRAINA, 74, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 5-9-24, Died 12-12-72  
 SAM VITALE, 85, Way & Structures, Emp. 8-24-29, Died 12-14-72  
 ANTHONY VITTORIO, 68, Engineering, Emp. 8-14-46, Died 1-7-73  
 FRANK VONDRASEK, 58, Kedzie, Emp. 1-4-49, Died 2-12-73  
 NORMAN WALLACE, 57, Electrical, Emp. 9-18-44, Died 1-1-73  
 HENRY WASHINGTON, 40, Limits, Emp. 1-6-64, Died 1-1-73  
 RAYMOND WEVERKE, 59, Spl. Invstgns., Emp. 8-3-48, Died 1-22-73  
 KENNETH R. WHITE, 79, North Section, Emp. 4-16-20, Died 12-22-72  
 CHARLES R. WILKE Jr., 80, Armitage, Emp. 3-3-21, Died 11-12-72  
 JAMES V. WILLIAMS, 76, Way/Struct. Emp. 1-31-47, Died 1-12-73  
 JAMES WYATT, 26, West Section, Emp. 5-15-70, Died 2-15-73  
 LEONARD ZAGAGLIA, 80, Way & Structures, Emp. 11-5-20, Died 12-17-72  
 JOHN S. ZYCK, 69, Keeler, Emp. 7-27-27, Died 1-21-73

line. I'd like to apologize for the delay in reporting this news... Congratulations to ROBERT BUEGEL, machinist apprentice, and his wife on the birth of a daughter, SAMANTHA HOPE, February 5... Electrical Worker STANLEY RAVEN became a grandfather again when his son, DANIEL, and his wife, PEGGY, announced the arrival of WILLIAM JOSEPH RAVEN on January 21. Little William weighed in at 11 pounds 9 ounces. Congratulations, gramps... MARY JANE HARNETT and her fiance, BILL ARSENEAU,

were in a car accident on January 21 in which Mary Jane suffered a sprained ankle... KATHERINE SUSAN BUEGER, the daughter of Carpenter ROBERT BUEGER, has been wearing a POW bracelet for Captain Howard Hill for the past two years. Kathy was very happy to see that Captain Hill was among the first POW's to be released. He had been held prisoner since December 16, 1967... Some of the men from the motor line that take Addison street to work reported seeing an old friend up bright and early. Pension-

## INSIDE NEWS

er MIKE CONDON bought his wife a 26-inch three-wheel bicycle for Christmas, and apparently Mike uses it to go for the morning paper. Happy cycling, Mike...Speaking of pensioners, we'd like to wish a speedy recovery to HOMER DOUGLAS. Homer had been in the hospital but is now home recuperating...LES REICHARD, retired superintendent of shops and terminals, recently visited us. Retired engineer TED NIENABER also stops by every now and then to say hello...The North Side "L" credit union held their annual meeting and party at Johnny Weigelt's Sunday, February 11. They had a great turnout and a wonderful time was had by all. Our congratulations to the board of directors for all their time and hard work in planning this fine affair...Shopman ANGELO VENTICINQUE and Electrical Worker FRANK DELAQUILA are on the sick list as of this writing. We hope you'll both be back and feeling better soon.

- Catherine Ann Hegarty

### SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

PHIL LEAHY was one of the guests at the Governor's Inauguration in Springfield. Phil is also sporting a new 1973 Plymouth Fury III with all the extras...JOE SABOL is sporting a 1973 Plymouth Valiant. Congratulations to Joe who was promoted to supervisor of traffic clerks on January 15...Best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement go out to JOE SWIATEK, traffic checker...JOE LYNCH and his family took a winter vacation by driving down to the Florida Keys...Mr. and Mrs. BILL STANLEY celebrated their third wedding anniversary. Congratulations!..We welcome NICK ZAHN and WAYNE SUSSEX as traffic clerks...Pensioner BILL DEVEREUX has moved to Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, with his family.

- Kathryn Batina

### SOUTH SECTION -

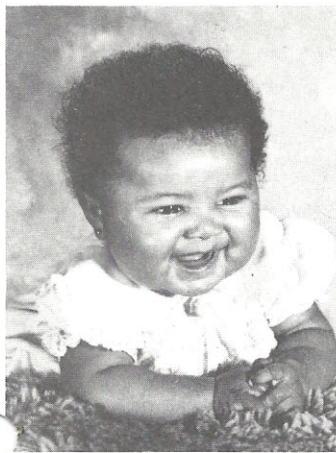
Congratulations to all our South Siders for making 1972 our third consecutive safest year in the history of the CTA. Ashland, 61st Street and Dan Ryan all received plaques to commemorate the event, and coffee and rolls were served. Also, Ashland Avenue received a plaque for making 1972 its safest year...Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY was in town from Florida visiting his sister and called us. He's doing fine, but his granddaughter passed away several months ago and he is still broken up about it...Super congratulations to our newly appointed supervisors on January 21: Motormen OLLIE WINSTON and MYRON WOODS, and Yard Foreman ROBERT GRAHAM...Retired Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS is back from Phoenix, Arizona, where he spent a couple of months. He said the weather was rather cold there this winter. While there he visited with Retired Motorman ED HENNESSY and THOMAS and NANCY McINERNEY, retired collector and former assignment agent...Motorman MARCUS WALKER went on pension January 1 after 42 years of service, and the men at 61st Street gave him a nice send-off. They had a get-together with sandwiches, cake and coffee and they presented Marcus with a nice radio. He will be missed by all his co-workers...Agent RUTH LOVELL has just returned from a nice vacation in Colorado Springs where she visited with her daughter and her family...Just heard that Retired Agent BRIDIE MULDOON and Retired Conductor DENNIS BARRY passed away...Happy, happy news--back from the sick list are Motorman McRAYFIELD CALDWELL, Tower-

men ADAM MODELSKI and IRVING RAMEY, Conductor JOSEPH MITTLER, Assignment Agent LILL CULLINAN, and Agents CORRINE DALMAS, LEONARD HEILBRONNER and BENNIE HARRIS...Also going on pension January 1 was Conductor CARL SCHEUERMANN. Carl had 30 years of service and will be missed at Ashland Terminal. Coffee and rolls were served and a token of remembrance was presented to Carl from his co-workers...Isn't this a wonderful bit of news--Retired Switchman and Mrs. GEORGE LaFAIRE, the parents of Switchman RAYMOND, came up from Florida to celebrate their 70th (yes I said 70th) wedding anniversary with their family at the Millionaire's Club on February 11. Congratulations to the "young" couple!..Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife, MARIE, vacationed in beautiful Hawaii. They said that everyone should take a vacation once in Hawaii as it is so beautiful... We were sorry to hear that Retired Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER was in an auto accident and was in the hospital. We sure are thankful to hear that he's home now recuperating...Two of our well-known supervisors also went on pension January 1, DAN HAYES and CHARLES SOUTHARD. They were feted at the district office before they left. Our heartiest wishes to them and to all our new retirees for a happy pensioned life...Last month I forgot to mention the nice notes and letters we received during the holiday season from Retired Clerk and Mrs. JOHN HEFFERNAN, who live in Milbank, South Dakota; from Retired Conductor WILLIAM DOHERTY who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida; from Retired 61st Street Shop Clerk CLARENCE and Mrs. BIRMINGHAM, who live in Algonquin, Illinois, and from Retired Superintendent of Operations and Mrs. JOHN HIGGINS, who live in California. Thanks loads...Agent VELMA HUSBAND wishes to thank all her friends and co-workers who were so wonderful to her during the time of her bereavement when her husband passed away suddenly...Retired Conductor WILLIAM ROWE told us he was going to take a trip to St. Petersburg to look at houses and see if he'd like Florida...We were all saddened to hear of the untimely death of Ticket Agent ANTOINETTE STIPATI, who went on disability pension January 1. Toni had been off sick for several months. Our deepest sympathy to her family. She will really be missed...Our condolences to Conductor ARTHUR FOREST whose mother passed away recently...Retired Yard Foreman CLIFFORD BECKER stopped by Ashland recently and he looks wonderful and is enjoying life. Also, Retired Towerman FRANK PINTA and Retired Motorman ANGELOS YPSILANTI stopped by not long ago to say hello...Clerk JOHN BARRY's wife was in the hospital, but is home now recuperating. John is sure glad she's home...Retired Assistant Station Superintendent JOSEPH TVRDIK called me and stated he's really enjoying pensioned life, just fishing and traveling.

- Verna Hartney

### WEST SECTION -

Dear readers: I would like to apologize for not writing often enough. With the magazine coming out every other month, LOU and I promise to have a column in each issue...The passing of MIKE BELLEZZO, JOHN BARRETT and Pensioner BILL HEN has saddened all of our lives, for they were all fine men. All of us send our sincere condolences to all their families...Now for a bit of glad news. Shopman DAN RENO's lovely wife, FLORENCE, gave birth to a beautiful girl named DAWN MARIE. With the signing of the peace treaty we hope Dawn will never have to see



THIS HAPPY little cherub is **SHELLY RENAE MILES**, the six-month old daughter of **DONNELLY** and **DEBORAH MILES**. Donnelly is a clerk in the repair department at 52nd Street.

war...EDWIN SCHULTZ, one of our fine janitors, has gone on pension and hopes to reside in Arkansas. We wish him health and success. To DAVE JOHNSON and his wonderful crew, thanks a lot for the great party you gave Schultz...At an unusual hour of the morning when I report to work, I take the steps three at a time just to greet the many fine people working at Lake Street. The comedy act of JAMES (Southern) HOOD and Yankee ROBERT L. CRAWFORD playing checkers puts a smile on everyone's face. Mid-table sits JOHNNY BRIGHT holding everyone spellbound with his knowledge of the world. He has helped us all get a little smarter. JOHN CIMMERER and LEROY HASLAM are holding fort at the other end of the table selling coffee. I feel sorry for anyone who forgets to put a dime in the coffee can. Their screams pierce the air. Coming up the stairs are the ding-a-ling pair, STEVE DUDASIK and ARTHUR NEWMAN who carries his rosary with him every morning since he rides in with Steve. Sitting and not saying anything is GEORGE WOODMORE who everyone would like to be like when we get older. JIM LANE also sits there for no one wants to hear his old-time jokes and it sure has saddened him. And standing behind us all is DAN CAWTHORN, all nine feet of him. The great Dan is the best janitor of them all. Any may God bless anyone who drops paper or cups on the floor. And there I sit not saying anything and enjoying it all...My motorman, BARNEY CHROMCZAK, is calling me to get on the train so see you all in a couple of months.

- Santo Scelliano & Lou Payne

**SOUTH SHOPS -**

Congratulations go out to SUE JURKATUS on her new job as secretary in the Technical Services Section of the South Shops. Good luck on your new job, Sue...Word has it that WALLY FEULNER will soon be offered a pro-Hockey contract with the Chicago Cougars purely on his skating ability. Keep up the good work...The "Muff Divers" of the South Side Milkman's Bowling League at Ford City Bowl roared to three big wins on Wednesday, February 7. The team was led by JIM FELTZ's 683 scratch series and the clutch spare-making of his teammates: D. ROHE (318), H. HOLLENDONER (312), and J. LASKEY (312)...And now for the "Out in the Shops" news...Well, let's begin by wishing some of our fellow employees a happy wedding anniversary. Best wishes go out to FRANK GRAY, Area 336, and his wife on their eighth; MAX HAMILTON, Area 348, and his

wife on their 34th; JIM LARSEN, Area 348, and his wife on their fifth; ED NAUSIEDAS, Area 348, and his wife on their 18th, and RALPH BERNDT, Area 348, and his wife on their eighth...Brace the walls fellas! FRED PETROZZ, Area 348, known as "Groovy" by his friends, is seriously contemplating getting a haircut. What'll it be, Fred? Flat top with fenders? Well, anyway, happy 30th birthday to you from the boys...Birthday greetings also go out to TOM PORTER, Area 345, and JOHN TARCZUESKI, Area 338. I won't give their age, I don't think I can count that high... Gee, it's sure nice to see DAVE MAGEE, Print Shop, back at work after being off sick for three months...It also was a welcome sight to see TILLY MORA back at the job after her illness...BOB HACKBARTH, Area 344, and his wife, MILLIE, returned recently from spending a week in Puerto Rico. Bob was filled with words of joy describing their fabulous vacation. Boy, it's a good thing they put limitations on how much booze you can take out of that country, huh, Bob?...Due to a recent illness the smiling face of HENRY STUVEE has been missing in and around the engine line area. Your fellow employees and friends miss you and wish you a speedy recovery, Henry...The same feelings go out to CARL LIDZBINSKI of the air gang who was hospitalized recently. Get well soon!..Best of luck and a long, happy and healthy retirement go out to these men who will be leaving us soon: WALLY RICHARDS, Area 345, with 26 years of service; JOE MILLER, Area 348, retiring after 31 years of service; JIM QUAIN, Area 314, retiring after 25 years of service, and TONY VIDMONT, who put in 30 years. Best of luck fellows!..Congratulations go out to GEORGE LACEY and his wife, MARY, on their first grandchild, JOHN GEORGE, who weighed in at 6 pounds 8 ounces. Grandma, grandpa and grandson are all doing fine...Finally, if anybody tells you that you can't buy a house by selling peanuts, let them talk to EMIL (Peanut Man) VELKAVRH, Area 318D. Business must be terrific Emil.

- Denise Patheiger & Laurence Barnes

**52ND STREET -**

The 52nd Street Depot Federal Credit Union held its 12th annual membership meeting on Saturday, January 20, at Bethel A.M.E. church center, 4448 S. Michigan avenue, with President ERNEST A. HILL presiding. Reports were given by the president; TYLER M. PHILPOTT, treasurer; ALVIN POTTS Jr., assistant treasurer; ROBERT B. HOLMES, chairman of the credit committee; WILLIAM HILL Jr., secretary of the supervisory committee, and CHARLES O'KANE, chairman of the membership committee. All reports were well received and reflected the continuing progress being made. The membership re-elected LAWRENCE M. BARNES, TYLER M. PHILPOTT and SAMUEL E. WILIAMS to the Board of Directors, and elected BYRON D. DEAN and WILLIE HENRY Jr. to serve on the credit committee. The meeting was well attended by our lady members and it was gratifying. Among the honored guests were: Mrs. LAWRENCE BARNES, Mr. and Mrs. H. BEY, Mr. GEORGE BROKEMOND, Mrs. WILLIAM HILL Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. HIMMEL, Mr. and Mrs. DAN McFADDEN, Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. PATE, Mrs. LAWRENCE ROCKMORE, Mr. WARREN E. SCHOLL and Mr. and Mrs. JOHN TIFFY. Refreshments were in abundance and 12 prizes were awarded. To those members who didn't attend, you missed a very nice affair.

- John L. Hudson

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