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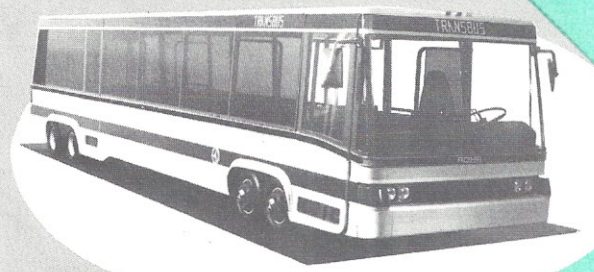


MAY-JUNE, 1973

TRANSBUS— bus of the future



AM General Corporation



Rohr Industries



GMC Truck & Coach Division



Milton Pikarsky elected CTA Board Chairman

ADDRESSING MEMBERS of the news media after his election as Transit Board Chairman on May 24, Milton Pikarsky is shown beside Clair M. Roddewig who served as acting chairman since January 19. At right, Chairman Pikarsky is congratulated upon his election by Mayor Richard J. Daley.



MILTON PIKARSKY, former commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago, was unanimously elected chairman of Chicago Transit Board on Thursday, May 24.

Mr. Pikarsky, 49, was appointed a member of the Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley. He succeeds the late Michael Cafferty and completes the term of Mr. Cafferty which expires September 1, 1973.

Since 1964, Mr. Pikarsky had been commissioner of public works for the City of Chicago. He joined the public works department in 1960. As commissioner, his position covered the management and control of all matters pertaining to the department of public works and its bureaus—engineering, architecture and building maintenance, and maps and plats. He had the responsibility for the design and construction of capital improvements, participation in the planning of future public works requirements, beautification of the city, and continuing performance of a variety of essential services to the public.

Prior to joining the city government, he was project coordinator for the Blue Island Railroad Group (B&O) which involved liaison between four railroads, and for the railroads with municipal, governmental and administrative agencies.

From 1956 to 1959, Mr. Pikarsky was a partner in the firm of Plumb, Tuckett and Pikarsky which designed and supervised construction of highway and railroad bridges, roadways, office buildings and parking facilities. As assistant engineer for the New York Central railroad from 1944 to 1956, he was responsible for design, field engineering and construction of the LaSalle street station in connection with the Congress expressway work in Chicago.

Mr. Pikarsky received a bachelor's degree in engineering from the City College of New York and a master's degree in engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mr. Pikarsky is registered as a structural engineer in Illinois, and as a professional engineer in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri and Texas.

He is a member of the Urban Mass Transportation Advisory Council of the U.S. Department of Transportation and of the standing policy committee on Transportation and Communications for the National League of Cities. He was co-chairman of the Transportation Committee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in 1972.

Mr. Pikarsky holds memberships in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, The Western Society of Engineers, the American Public Works Association, the Highway Research Board and the State of Illinois Transportation Study Commission.

The highest tribute paid to professional engineers in the United States was conferred on Mr. Pikarsky on May 3, 1973. He was installed as a member of the National Academy of Engineering. Only 429 engineers have been elected to the academy, a private organization established in 1964 to advise the federal government on engineering matters. Mr. Pikarsky was honored for his achievements in urban transportation.

Other awards held by Mr. Pikarsky include the Top 10 Public Works Men of the Year, presented in 1969 by the American Public Works Association, and the Townsend Harris Medal for Outstanding Achievement, presented in 1969 by the City College of New York.

CTA Board approves experimental fare reductions

Free fare experiment on Evanston rapid transit

A THREE-WEEK experimental Free Fare plan for local riding in Evanston and Wilmette on the Evanston rapid transit route was approved June 7 by Chicago Transit Board. The test period will be from June 11 to June 30.

"We are experimenting with this Free Fare plan to determine whether we can lure people out of their cars in favor of public transit. Tests like this have been made in other cities throughout the world, but we want to try it here in metropolitan Chicago to gather our own data. At present, there are about 120 round-trip local weekday riders on the Evanston service," said Chairman Milton Pikarsky.

The free rides are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for persons boarding and alighting between South Boulevard station in Evanston and Linden Avenue station in Wilmette.

On southbound trips, all through riders into Chicago continue to pay their fare at their boarding station and obtain a transfer or identification check. They are checked at the South Boulevard station for identification proving that they have paid their fares to Chicago. Those who do not have identification are required to pay the regular rate of fare, 75¢ without transfer and 85¢ with transfer, for the continuation of the ride into Chicago.

On the northbound trips, no checks are made because all through riders have already paid the correct fare when boarding in Chicago.

Test 2 for 1 bus fare on So. Western, 83-95 routes

MIDDAY RIDERS on two South Side bus routes, No. 49A So. Western and 95 83rd-95th, receive two rides for the price of one under an experimental reduced fare plan which began June 11.

"We are experimenting with this program for a 90-day period to determine if riding can be increased by lowering the fares," said CTA Board Chairman Pikarsky. "By offering a round-trip ride for the price of a single ride, we hope to encourage more people to take advantage of midday bus riding for shopping, business, and pleasure trips.

"The No. 49A So. Western and 95 83rd-95th bus routes were selected for this test because they travel through high-density population areas and serve major business cores along 95th Street and Western Avenue, the South Chicago shopping area, and Evergreen Plaza," added Mr. Pikarsky.

A person boarding a bus on either the So. Western or 83rd-95th routes and paying a full fare (45¢) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays, will receive a check good for a return ride anytime on the same day. The special rate is not applicable to children, students, and senior citizens who already ride at reduced rates of fare, or persons desiring transfers.

The So. Western route operates between 119th Street and 79th Street via Western avenue. The 83rd-95th route operates between 83rd-South Chicago and Evergreen Plaza at 95th-Western.

Contracts let for escalator renewal, construction, diesel fuel injectors

AT ITS meeting on June 7, Chicago Transit Board approved the awarding of contracts for escalator renewal, the new Kimball-Lawrence transit terminal, the 54th avenue inspection shop, and for anti-pollution injectors for 1,050 buses, all being purchased under CTA's \$140 million capital improvement program.

Contracts amounting to \$1,346,589 were awarded for the renewal of 38 escalators at various rapid transit stations.

"Escalator renewal has been given top priority because of the inconveniences that our patrons have been subjected to because of their frequent breakdowns," said Chairman Pikarsky. "Some of these escalators are 30 years old and are beyond repair."

The contracts were awarded to the Otis Elevator Company for the renewal of 35 escalators at a cost of \$1,285,777, and the Haughton Elevator Company, Division of Reliance Electric Company, for the renewal of three escalators at a cost of \$60,812.

The escalators to be renewed are: State Street subway—22 escalators; Dearborn Street subway—12 escalators; State-Lake escalator from street level to elevated station; and escalators at the Central, Austin and Oak Park stations on the Lake service of the West-South route.

All of the escalators will be treadle operated which will allow them to run in the direction desired. When

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A CONTRACT for the purchase of 545 air-conditioned buses at a cost of \$22,719,093 was signed April 16 by Acting CTA Chairman Clair M. Roddewig (left) and Edward Stokel, assistant manager, coach sales, of the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors. Looking on, from left, are Frank Bates, GM sales representative; CTA General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor; Board Member Lawrence G. Sucusy; Assistant Secretary Bernard G. Cunningham, Illinois Department of Transportation; Board Members Wallace D. Johnson and James R. Quinn, and E. Jarvis Ransom, GM regional sales manager.

The buses are being purchased as part of the \$140 million two-year capital renewal program being

Award contract to GM for 545 air-conditioned buses

funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation. This is the largest single order of passenger equipment in CTA's history.

General Motors corporation, of Pontiac, Michigan, was the successful bidder with a cost per bus of \$41,686.49. Other bids were received from AM General corporation, Wayne, Michigan, with a price of \$42,850 per bus for 500 and \$42,950 per bus for additional vehicles, and from The Flexible company, of Loudonville, Ohio, with a price of \$43,194.80 per bus.

The buses will be similar to the 525 purchased in 1972 and will have the latest type anti-pollution devices in order to meet all federal, state and local standards for exhaust emission and noise control.

Delivery of the first 100 buses will be completed by mid-October and the total order is to be completed in late December.

Escalator renewal (contd. from page 3)

not in use, the escalators will shut off automatically. The automatic operation will enable CTA patrons to use them 24 hours a day.

A contract for the construction of a new terminal for the Ravenswood rapid transit route at Kimball-Lawrence was awarded to the B. R. Abbot Construction Company at a cost of \$830,900. An entirely new complex consisting of a ground-level station, train platform and transportation office for operating employees will replace present facilities constructed in 1907 on the southeast corner of the intersection.

The modern station will include fluorescent lighting, radiant heating and an attractive barrier and landscaping which will screen the platform and standing trains from the surrounding area. The project is scheduled to be completed in March 1974.

A contract for the construction of a modern rapid transit car inspection facility near CTA's 54th avenue terminal in Cicero was awarded to J. W. Halm Construction Company of Elk Grove Village at a cost of \$891,857. The building will provide inspection and maintenance facilities for rapid transit cars serving the Douglas-Milwaukee route, and will replace an outmoded, open-pit operation now in use at this location. The building will be constructed of steel and masonry and will include two parallel inspection tracks, 4-

cars long each, with a depressed floor throughout their length making the entire running mechanism visible and easily accessible. The single story shop building includes an adjacent two-story structure with basement for a shop office, employee facilities, and parts storage. Located at the southeast corner of the present car storage yard north of Cermak road between 54th and 56th avenues in Cicero, the shop is scheduled for completion in June 1974.

As part of CTA's continuing program to preserve the environment, a contract was awarded to Interstate Diesel Service, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purchase of diesel engine fuel injectors for 1,050 buses at a cost of \$178,992. The contract includes the purchase of 800 new injectors and 5,800 rebuilt injectors, all of the lo-sac needle valve (LSN) type similar to those in use in CTA's 525 new buses purchased during 1972.

The LSN injectors are to be installed in buses manufactured between 1960 and 1967, replacing less efficient injectors. Each bus contains six injectors, one per cylinder. Experience with the LSN injector has shown that pollutant-causing unburned fuel has been virtually eliminated in the combustion chamber, resulting in significant reductions of smoke, unburned hydrocarbons and carbon monoxide.

ON OUR COVER

TRANSBUS models introduce latest bus design advances

CHICAGOANS WERE given the opportunity to view three models of the bus of the future during the week of May 24-30. The five-foot scale models were displayed at the Civic Center, Museum of Science and Industry, and the Merchandise Mart lobby.

Known as TRANSBUS, the new vehicle will contain the first basic changes made in urban transit buses in more than 15 years. The scale models were of three TRANSBUS designs now being developed by AM General corporation, GMC Truck & Coach Division, and Rohr Industries.

The program to develop TRANSBUS is being funded with a grant of about \$25 million by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation. In 1971 contracts were let to the three corporations to develop their own designs for a new-generation bus and produce three prototypes each. Evaluation tests will be conducted on all three designs, and UMTA plans to select the best design in mid-1974.

The project also includes the manufacture of about 100 buses of each company's selected design. The first few of these buses would undergo additional testing, some on city streets, resulting in final TRANSBUS design specification approval as early as 1976. Transit operators such as CTA would then apply under the normal capital grant assistance program for funds to purchase the new buses.

The nationwide tour of TRANSBUS models is being sponsored by UMTA and the American Transit Asso-



ciation. The primary objective of the display is to give transit users a preview of the engineering advancements setting TRANSBUS far apart from any mass transit vehicle yet manufactured. From its sleek exterior and low profile to its countless passenger comforts, TRANSBUS is an all-new bus. Wider doors and lower steps will enable riders to board and leave the bus more quickly. Seating will be roomier. Speakers inside and out will enable the operator to assist passengers with current route and stop information.

TRANSBUS will be safer, too. Its broad tinted windows will be resistant to the high impact of thrown or falling objects. Bumpers and extra strong body construction will minimize damage in traffic accidents. The design will also incorporate environmental advances making TRANSBUS quieter and cleaner, inside and out.

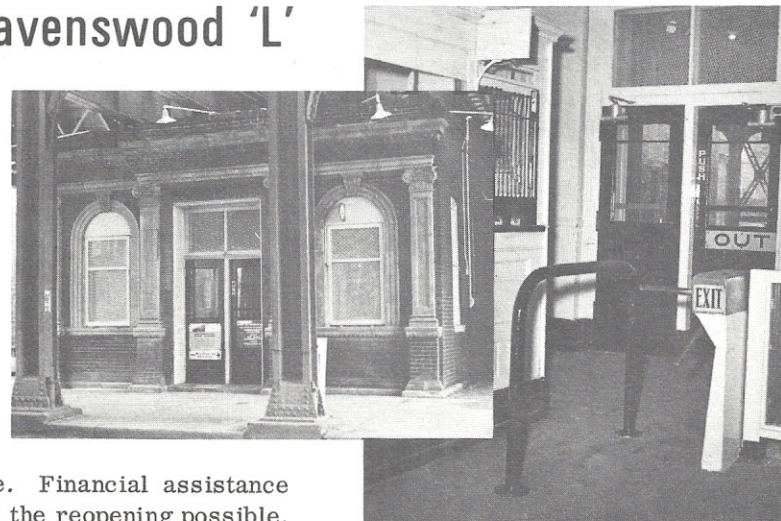
In the picture above, Central District Supervisor John Grayer is shown answering questions on the TRANSBUS display in the Merchandise Mart.

Sedgwick station reopened on Ravenswood 'L'

AFTER UNDERGOING complete renovation, the Sedgwick Station on the Ravenswood rapid transit route was reopened for passenger service on Monday, April 23. The reopening was approved by Chicago Transit Board on April 20.

The interior of the station, the stairways, and the platform area have been newly painted and the exterior of the building has been tuckpointed and sand-blasted. The cleaning and brightening of the station was done to determine if a more attractive atmosphere will help to generate increased riding.

The station was closed January 13 as an economy move. Financial assistance totaling \$18.9 million from the State, County and City made the reopening possible.



September 2 departure announced for 1973 CTA group tour

A GROUP tour being planned for this fall will once again afford CTA employees the opportunity to visit a distant part of the world at a considerable cost-savings.

A 22-day tour leaving Chicago on September 2 includes scenic and historic stops in England, Hungary,

Czechoslovakia, Germany, Switzerland and France. The return flight from Paris will be on September 23.

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



Safety Council cites 8 stations for improved safety

FOR OUTSTANDING safety performance during 1972, eight surface system operating stations were recently presented Transportation Awards by the Greater Chicago Safety Council. Shown here with Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn are superintendents who accepted the awards in behalf of operating employees at their respective stations: from left, Lawndale Station Superintendent J. B. Morris, 52nd Street Station Assistant Superintendent H. P. Braun, 69th Street Station Superintendent G. D. Peyton, Limits Station Assistant Superintendent L. R. Mueller, Mr. Flynn, Archer Station Superintendent W. J. Moser, Forest Glen Station Superintendent G. W. Daubs, Kedzie Station Superintendent M. F. Harrington, and North Avenue Station Assistant Superintendent W. H. Chamberlain. The awards were presented in recognition of reduced accident experience over 1971.

Appoint four to new posts

NAMED TO new supervisory positions during the months of May and June were four CTA employees in two departments.

Effective May 1, W. C. Roman was appointed supervisor of accounts payable & material accounting. The appointment was made by General Accountant H. F. Brown and approved by Comptroller P. J. Kole.

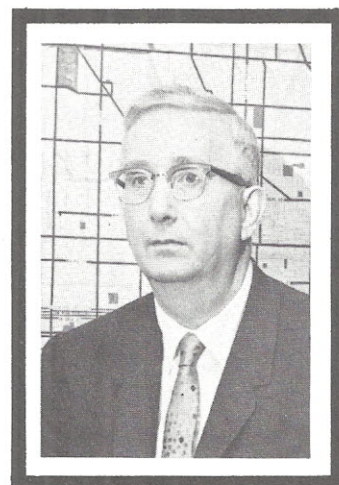
Appointed to new posts at Transportation Department surface operating stations effective June 1 were Beverly Station Superintendent J. E. Will, and Assistant Superintendent F. E. Zeiger. Named as relief superintendent of 52nd Street and Beverly Stations was E. R. Swanson. The appointments were made by Superintendent of Transportation D. M. Flynn and approved by Operating Manager G. Krambles.

W. W. McKenna, former CTA board member, dies at 67

MASS FOR William W. McKenna, 67, a former member of Chicago Transit Board, was said on Monday, May 14, at St. Barnabas church on Chicago's South Side. Mr. McKenna died Friday, May 11, after an extended illness.

Appointed in 1945 by the late Mayor Edward J. Kelly as one of the original members of the Board, Mr. McKenna served as a member until November, 1971. He was an attorney and had served as executive assistant to the Mayor of Chicago, secretary to the assistant superintendent of the New York Central railroad, secretary to the staff attorney of the Public Service company of Northern Illinois, and executive assistant to the president of the Chicago Board of Education.

Survivors include his widow, Pauline; three sons, Dr. William Jr., Robert D., and Michael J.; three daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Simon, Mrs. Mary Lou Gravier, and Barbara Jean, and 16 grandchildren.



KEELER STATION, the last of five depots to be activated by the old Chicago Motor Coach company, locked its doors for good on March 24 after 40 years of service.

The building was originally erected as a boiler factory in 1923. In 1933, it was purchased by the Motor Coach and used as the general office, overhaul shop and bus garage. CTA acquired the property, as well as the Ravenswood, Rosemont, Wilson and 52nd Street Garages, in 1952 when it purchased the system. Only 52nd Street remains open today, and it, too, is scheduled to be closed.

Two bus routes requiring a total of 90 buses were serviced by Keeler Station, 152 Addison which has been transferred to North Park and 76 Diversey which has been transferred to North Avenue. Closing of the station is a move that CTA has wanted to make for many years to reduce operating expenses; until fueling facilities were expanded at other stations, however, the change could not be made.

A few of the last-day activities at Keeler Station are depicted in the photos reproduced here. Top—a group of Keeler operators chatting just one last time before departing for new stations on the system pick. Second row, left—Station Superintendent L. M. Keag and Clerk Tony Arnieri displaying two of the station's many safety awards. Right—Keeler Station Reporter Ernest Carter gathering news for the station's last Inside News column. Bottom—Superintendent Keag locking the door to the station closing out Keeler's 40 years of service.

Keeler station closed



Fanfare marks start of Rt. 64 extension

THE INAUGURATION of service on an extension of the 64 Foster-Lawrence bus route was marked by a ceremony on May 28 at Lamplighter Towers. The weekday route extension began operation Tuesday, May 29, serving the densely populated area within Chicago and Norridge bounded by Cumberland, Higgins, East River Road and Lawrence.

No regular transit service had previously been provided to the area which includes such activity centers as the Lamplighter Tower and Catherine Court Apartments, International Towers, All-American Building, O'Hare Plaza and the Marriott Motor Inn.

The Foster-Lawrence route operates to and from the Jefferson Park Transit Center and provides local service to the area from about 6:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Express service to the area is provided in rush hours, operating to and from Jefferson Park via the Kennedy Expressway.



Breaking a champagne bottle to christen the new service are newly-elected 41st Ward Alderman Roman Pucinski and Jean Arrigoni of Lamplighter Towers. Others pictured are, from left, Hobart Radewagen, manager of Lamplighter Towers, State Senator Edward T. Scholl and CTA Supervisor of Research/Planning Frank J. Misek.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING by Dr. George H. Irwin

PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIPS are dependent upon the selection of the proper personal or family doctor—a very important and necessary decision. And the time to select a physician is now, before illness strikes. All persons should have a family doctor in whom they have great trust and confidence. Regular visits and checkups are helpful. Put your doctor's name, address and phone number with other credentials in your wallet or pocketbook and next to your telephone.

How to select your personal physician. If you live in a small town or city where you have grown up there is usually no problem. Your family doctor will be the one your parents had and may be the one who brought you into this world. However, in this day and age with so many families on the move, a new location is possible every few years. In that case you should find yourself a doctor as soon as possible. Before you move, ask your present doctor if he knows anyone in your new location. If the recommendation proves useful, it will also give you an introduction as you can use your former doctor as a reference. Incidentally, to save money and needless tests in the future, ask your doctor to write a letter describing an effective form of treatment for whatever tends to ail you.

If you are seeking a doctor on your own, discussions with friends may help. If not, contact the local or county medical association. Often you may locate a good doctor by calling the community hospital for a family doctor. If he is on the staff he has to be well-trained and in good medical standing.

Having selected a physician, the next step is to make an appointment for a pre-illness checkup. This will give you a chance to become acquainted with the doctor and determine whether or not you like him. This will also give the doctor information which will help him in your future care. Every doctor realizes the disadvantage of seeing an unconscious patient in the home or hospital without any previous medical record. It would be a great help to the doctor if he knew in advance whether the patient was, for instance, a diabetic on insulin, an epileptic, or heart case on certain medications. A complete and mutual understanding between the physician and patient before an

emergency arises could make the difference between life and death.

A house visit by the doctor may turn out to be helpful. For example the cause of a patient's asthma may be noted by a pet animal or the bed of plants or flowers in the house to which the patient may be allergic. Furthermore, the illness may be related to the husband, wife, their children, in-laws or relatives. Without a house visit these factors would not be known to the doctor.

Physician-patient relationships in the hospital are very important and frequently misunderstood. According to an article by the Colorado Medical Society bulletin, a lot of "invisible doctoring" goes on in every modern hospital. Good patient care these days does not always equate directly with the amount of time the physician spends at the patient's bedside. Upon entering and during the hospital stay a tremendous amount of paperwork is necessary. After examination of the patient, orders for the nurses and interns must be written. Laboratory tests, X-ray requests necessary for proper diagnosis, pre-operative and post-operative orders, and daily progress notes are the responsibility of the attending doctor. Interpretations and consultations with the laboratory people and the X-ray department take a great deal of time. Study of the patient's chart and recording orders before and after the doctor visits the patient in his room are necessary. All of this information becomes a part of the patient's hospital medical record and as such it is a protection to the patient. It is estimated that four-fifths of a doctor's time on any individual hospital case is spent outside the patient's room.

In conclusion, these general remarks should be remembered:

(1) Don't be afraid to see your doctor. Often patients postpone the visit to their doctor because they think he may find cancer or some other serious ailment. Often these fears are unfounded. On the other hand, the earlier the illness is diagnosed, the better the chance is for a cure.

(2) Don't expect the doctor to present inflated bills or unrealistic disability claims in accident cases.

(3) Take the medicine the doctor prescribes and also follow his other orders. Don't let it stand on the shelf unused. If it helps you, tell him, and if it does not help he will want to know that also. Try not to withhold any medical information from your doctor.

(4) Remember, doctors are here to help people. Perhaps the best plan is to have a close relationship with your doctor so you can think of him as a friend as well as your doctor. If you don't have confidence in him you should consider changing physicians. With your faith and the doctor's efforts, much good can be accomplished. Without it, the best medical treatment will be valueless.

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Service anniversaries in May

30 years

J. G. Bieniek, Forest Glen
G. DeMatteo, Stores
J. J. Corcoran, Forest Glen
P. Geoghegan, South Section
E. J. Hojnacki, Lawndale
R. Kershaw, Forest Glen

W. J. Lakofka, Forest Glen
J. LeMond, Building & Construction
B. Pulick, 69th Street
R. B. Rose, Kedzie
J. Sabol, Schedule-Traffic
A. F. Strasser, Forest Glen
J. F. Wojcik, Forest Glen
A. R. Zahumensky, Employee Relations

25 years

L. A. Bates, North Park
S. Battle, 52nd Street Garage
J. W. Crusoe, Stores-South Division
P. J. Frank, West Section
A. Grimaldi, South Shops
S. Hoffman, North Park
F. B. Jenkins, Special Investigation
V. E. Kee, Power Operations
A. E. Lubke, Archer
G. T. Mathews, Lawndale
S. A. Maturo, Forest Park Maintenance Terminal

E. McGuire, South Section
A. L. Mednus, Archer
F. W. Mulree, Electrical Distribution
J. Noga, Archer
D. F. Petersen, Beverly
A. P. Porter, 69th Street
A. Powers, Schedule-Traffic
M. H. Sexton, North Avenue
S. A. Siciliano, West Section
F. J. Sommer, 77th Street
W. T. Speer, Limits
L. Streeter, Limits
G. A. Thurman, Kedzie
P. M. Ward, Archer

June

45 years

F. Pavesic, Building Maintenance Division

35 years

J. C. Kovarik, Mechanical Maintenance Division

30 years

N. P. Aleo, Track
W. C. Bahl, Limits
M. T. Barris, 69th Street
S. W. Dockus, 52nd Street
D. E. Doyle, West Section
H. V. Forbes, Kedzie
N. E. Gnat, North Avenue
R. M. Heinze, South Section

A. Kelley, North Section
S. LaMarca, Building Maintenance Division
P. A. Molfese, Lawndale
R. T. Nielsen, Archer
J. J. O'Connor, Employment & Placement
I. S. Schank, Forest Glen
A. M. Selvage, North Section
R. W. Slingerland, Kedzie
M. Vitale, Investigation & Claims
R. W. Workman, Signal Division
E. W. Zientara, North Park

25 years

T. J. Basgall, Forest Glen
E. Blakely, 52nd Street
A. R. Habich, 77th Street
L. Jackson, Instruction-Kedzie
B. A. Jones, Electrical Distribution
W. E. Kelley, Beverly
P. J. Kielty, South Shops
B. Konarski, North Park

C. J. Kotara, Law
J. D. Lasinski, Instruction-Archer
J. T. Lynch, Transportation-General Office
A. J. Manoni, West Section
C. D. Mays, 77th Street
J. M. Meister, North Park
P. C. Owens, 77th Street
J. D. Riordan, Building Maintenance Division
L. Rockmore, 52nd Street
H. Thomas, 52nd Street

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

On April 27 a luncheon was held in the M&M Club honoring TOM McGRATH who retired as supervisor of Accounts Payable and Material Accounting on May 1 after 31 years of service. The number of pensioners, as well as present employees attending, was a tremendous tribute to Tom's popularity, not only as a supervisor, but also as a co-worker and friend. Also present were Tom's wife, ROSE, his daughter and son-in-law, CAROL and RICK SWETT, and his son, TOM Jr., who flew in from Boston for the occasion. Among the retirees present were former general accountants ANDY FITZSIMONS and BILL FOLTA, HELEN FRANSON, ELEANOR BROWNE, HARRY LAWRENCE, JOE McCLOWRY, and many more too numerous to mention here. A special guest seated at the speaker's table was Father TOM of Assumption church who has been closely associated with Tom over the years. Tom was presented with an AM-FM radio-television combination, a golf cart and golf accessories, along with a monetary gift. Tom, may you enjoy all your gifts during a long and healthy retirement...Congratulations are in order for BILL ROMAN who is replacing Tom as supervisor of Accounts Payable and Material Accounting...LORRAINE BUEHLER, Revenue Accounting, recently took a disability pension. A wish from all your friends at CTA is extended to you for an enjoyable retirement and improved health...JUNE NOREN recently returned from a vacation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where she visited her nephew who is stationed at the Air Force academy. She suggested the beautiful chapel as a "must see" for anyone visiting that area...Congratulations to CHUCK DAVIS, General Accounting, who recently earned his B.S. degree in accounting from DePaul university...Our sympathy is extended to ESTELLE KALECKAS, Revenue Accounting, in the death of her husband, and your scribe would like to thank all who sent cards, masses, or monetary gifts at the time of the death of her father. Your kindnesses were sincerely appreciated by the entire family.

- Judy Cuci

(Tabulating) -

MARION SUTHERLAND flew to California to visit with her daughter and friends. On the way she stopped in Las Vegas where she saw the Elvis Presley show. Nice stopping, Marion. She also visited Travis Air Force Base where she saw some of our POW's returning from Vietnam, something which she will always remember. After a boat cruise along the southern coastline of California, they stopped at Carmel by the Sea for a day, wishing they could stay longer...If DAN PROFFITT seems to be a bit "puffed up" these days, it's with good reason. His son, PAUL, was on the winning four and eight relay teams for Morton West High school in the tough Oak Park relays. Paul also excels in football and baseball. A June graduate, Paul will attend Drake university in the fall on a football scholarship. And girls, he is most handsome. A sad note for Dan, was the death of his father, ARBA PROFFITT. We extend our deepest sympathy to Dan and his family...MARY GRACE CASTRO is recuperating at home after an unfortunate automobile accident. Hurry back, Mary Grace, you're really missed...We wish CLARENCE BUTHMAN and his family

many happy smiles in their new Ford Galaxie 500. Also his son, BRAD, is now walking around minus his tonsils... Her many friends will be glad to hear that Pensioner MARIAN BUCKLEY is recuperating at home after eye surgery.

- Evelyn Lee

(Payroll) -

MAUREEN HOULIHAN had the pleasure of attending the Governor's dinner at the Conrad Hilton hotel on March 16. She had a wonderful time and was especially proud when Governor Walker was presenting his cabinet and introduced her father, JOHN J. HOULIHAN, as director of the State Veteran's Commission...VICKI LEPEK was all smiles and proud as could be to show us a picture of her ninth grandchild, TINA MARIE, who weighed in at 7 pounds 5 ounces on March 21. Her parents, CAROL and JOE TOMASZEWSKI, are doing well and everyone is happy...YVONNE ZAJAC is all excited about driving her beautiful new Pontiac Catalina. Lots of luck and happy motoring, Yvonne!...DORIS and FRED YOST and friends enjoyed some time at King's lake in Northern Wisconsin. They also joined the Chicago fishermen at Montrose harbor for a little smelt fishing... We had another pleasant surprise when MARY BLACKMORE announced her marriage to JAMES LYALL on March 31. A luncheon at the M&M Club was held in her honor on April 5 by her co-workers and friends. She was very pleased with the rotisserie and steam iron which were presented to her. We extend best wishes to Mary and Jim for a long and happy life together...JOSEPHINE COLEMAN's daughter, JOYCE, was graduated from the Academy of Our Lady on May 22. Commencement exercises were held at the Arie Crown Theatre. Joyce will enter St. Norbert's college in DePere, Wisconsin, in the fall.

- Clara Lawrence

BEVERLY -

Operator HERB COBB is mighty proud of his daughter, CARMELITA, a sophomore at Academy of Our Lady High school who made a sculpture of Cub pitcher Fergie Jenkins and presented it to him. The work will be entered in the Scholastic Art Awards in New York... Pensioners FRANK PIERSON, LeROY ERICKSON and ED O'SHAUGHNESSY were observed holding up the corner at 111th and Kedzie, talking of the good old days when they separated the men from the boys...We wish a speedy recovery to the men on the sick list: Supervisor FRANK McGLYNN, AL SCHROEDER, JOHN SUTTER, FRANK CALEK, and also to Operator HARRY LEWIS' wife, who is on the critical list... We express our sympathy to Operator HAROLD FREIWALD in the loss of his wife; to Operator JOHN KING in the loss of his sister, and to Pensioner HARRY BERRY who was union steward at 77th for many years...BILL SHIPLEY of the repair department had his car tuned up for a vacation but didn't know where to go...Pensioner HAROLD ERICKSON celebrated his birthday in Orlando, Florida, by going fishing. Harold is quite a handyman and is fixing up his new home. Good luck, Harold, and say hello to all the brothers in sunny Florida...We will all miss Operator



THIS SMILING little bundle of joy is MAUREEN CRAWLEY, the eight-month old daughter of CLARENCE and LOIS CRAWLEY. Maureen's dad is a statementman in the Claim Department, and her mom is the former LOIS POTTS who also worked for the Claim Department before becoming a full-time housewife and mother.

WILLIE TRASK who was shot and killed while working the Pullman night bus... Pensioner BILL McCONNELL celebrated his 78th birthday with a visit to Beverly Depot... JEANETTE FORTUNA, the daughter of Mechanic EDWARD and SOPHIE FORTUNA, has been named to the "Who's Who" of high school students in America. She also won the Illinois State Scholarship award. Their other daughter, MARY, was graduated from Morraine Valley Community college this spring.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

June is the big month for pomp and circumstance, and we have a few graduates in our department. CARRIE ANN HIGENS, the daughter of Officer JOHN HIGENS, was graduated from Healy Grammar school and will attend St. Barbara's High school in the fall... Officer PAUL WALLACE was graduated at the end of the spring quarter with a bachelor of arts degree in administration and criminal justice, and a minor in political science. He graduated magna cum laude with high departmental honors from the University of Illinois, Circle Campus... Officer BOB NAIF graduated at the end of the fall semester with a bachelor of arts degree in law enforcement. Let's apply all that good knowledge to help the betterment of the Authority... Officer FRANK INGRASSIA recently bought a new home in Hoffman Estates, and Officer BILL McKENZIE moved to a new domicile in Chicago... A welcome back is extended to JOHN ACTON who was off sick with an injured foot... JOHN HIGENS' son, WILLIAM, is a very brave ten year old. He was in the hospital for four days after he was pushed into a parked car and had to get two fingers operated on. He is doing just fine now... Officer ED TOKARCZYK's wife, JUDITH, was recently operated on and we hope she will be well soon... Officer JOHN FIRLINGER has been strutting around with his pearly whites showing. The reason being his son, JEFF, who seems to be winning more medals than Mark Spitz for his swimming ability. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Congratulations to PHYLLIS RAPPOLD, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM RAPPOLD Sr., power supervisor, who has a lot going for her at the tender age of 17. She is

a member of the National Honor Society, Tau Epsilon and the Emblem Club of Morgan Park High school. She also won a scholarship and plans to attend the University of Illinois at Urbana in September... TONY ANDREWS, engineer assistant III, became a proud father when his wife, CAROL ANN, gave birth to a baby girl, CHRISTY LYNN, on March 25 weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces. Best wishes to the Andrews family... AL MORF, retired estimator, who underwent surgery recently, passed away on April 21. Our deepest sympathy to his family... We welcome former signal maintainer PERCY ERVES as a signal draftsman I... MARIE HAVLIK, general clerk I, flew to Denver, Colorado, for a spring vacation. She visited Colorado Springs, the Royal Gorge and rode the cable cars and did a lot of sightseeing... HERMAN SMITH, engineer assistant III, and his wife went to Hawaii in April. The Smiths celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and the trip was a gift from their children. That was really a beautiful present... While BILL REHDER of Blue Island is on vacation, your scribe has taken on the task of reporting his copy. The news from Blue Island is that BILL STAUNTON Sr. spent St. Patrick's day on the mainland, while his son, JAMES, celebrated the day in Hawaii. MARGARET LOUISE, the youngest of Bill's seven children, was graduated from grammar school and will enter high school in the fall... When little CHRISTINE LOUISE KORSGREN was born on February 15 weighing 8 pounds, she became the sixth grandchild for DICK and HELEN DORGAN. She was the third granddaughter born in four months... When JOE and JANET ZALUD vacationed in Florida they visited Disney World, Busch Gardens and the Ringling Brothers Circus. They were in New Orleans for the Mardi Gras and also visited with their niece and her family... Pensioner BILL LOOS and his wife, LEONA, also enjoyed a winter vacation. They toured Florida at their leisure, while ANDY BOURNE and his wife cruised the Caribbean... We hope that JOE LAMB is recovering rapidly from his recent illness... Best wishes for good health and happiness to LEONARD DONOFRIO who retired on March 1. The fourth annual dinner for retirees of Local 134 of the CTA is to be held on Friday, June 8, at the Diplomat restaurant. The honored guests will be W. CARLSON, B. TOAL and L. Donofrio... Our sincere condolences to the families of Pensioner JOHN DARCY and NORMAN WALLACE who passed away recently. We also extend our sympathy to M. COOK, J. ZALUD, R. TAUSCH and H. CORDT who lost their mothers recently... JOE PIENTO, power supervisor, and his wife and family vacationed in Florida. They visited Disney World, Busch Gardens and also visited with ART HANSEL, retired chief substation operator, at Homosassa Springs, Florida. They enjoyed a boat ride down the Gulf and had a great time.

- Kay McAlister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

When I last heard from GEORGE WAGNER, retired blacksmith helper, and his wife, CLARA, they were living it up in Hawaii. This trip was a dream come true for George. The last obstacle was removed when his wife agreed to ride on the airplane. Remembering the fun-filled hours he spent in Hawaii during the war, George longed to get back there and start where he left off. I wouldn't try it if I were you, George. They stayed at the beautiful Kaanapali Beach Resort on the Island of Maui... Little KIMBERLY ANN, the daughter of JOHN WOULFE, is now home from the hospital with only a hint of a scar to show for her ordeal. She's walking, climbing and getting into all sorts

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of things just like a 14-month old should, for which John and TERI are thankful...KENNETH KLEICH, signal maintainer, resigned to become a water plant operator for the City of Des Plaines. This job is much closer to home he said. And besides that, his wife, GERRY, thinks it's ok. Best of luck to you and your family, Ken, and please keep in touch...We extend a big welcome to our new signal helpers. They are DONALD GRUDECKI, JOHN G. LONG, ALEX D. NESBITT, GERALD THIVEL and JOHN ODDO. Congratulations, fellows...M. T. NOLTE, retired signal foreman, passed away on February 16 after a series of minor illnesses. He had been in retirement over nine years. Tom began working August 15, 1919, and was a signal maintainer until December 1, 1942, at which time he became signal foreman. His retirement of May 1, 1963, ended over 43 years of employment with the company... Since I last talked with you, the following signal helpers were promoted to journeymen: ROGER COMER, ART LUPESCU, BIRNEST HICKS, RONALD OCKLON and RON BEOE. These men who are now officially classified as signal maintainers will find their work a little more interesting. Congratulations, fellows, I know you can handle it. ..PERCY ERVES, signal maintainer, was recently promoted to draftsman I. He took his place alongside JERRY GUTH, another former signal maintainer, who now occupies space in the front office...JACK PIPP, who went on disability pension, would like very much for some of the fellows to come around and talk with him sometimes. His wife, LEONA, said he's still unable to move about but does a bit of reading. When you go by there, fellows, take some reading material with you. Thanks a lot...Regretfully we report the death of THOMAS PATRICK STAUDT, the son of Signal Foreman PATRICK STAUDT. To the bereaved family, may you know an unending source of strength in your hours of sorrow...Signal Maintainer FRANK GUAGENTI retired and a dinner-party was held in his honor on Friday, March 2, in the beautiful Alpine Room of the Zum Deutschen Eck restaurant. The guests included Frank's two sons, DOMINIC and FRANK L., and Mr. LENNY WICKSTEN, former head of the Signal Department. The food was excellent and there was a good turnout of young signalmen. He was presented with gifts which included a wallet with one full day's pay; his free riding pass was presented by PAUL CLEAVER, head of the Electrical Department's Signal Division. Our sincere thanks to FRANK HALPER who did a good job of putting it all together. Thanks also to Big LOU and BIRNEST HICKS for the entertainment.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of TOM NOLTE, the father of CHARLIE NOLTE. Big Tom, who served for many years as a signal foreman, passed away on February 16...On the sick list are CHARLIE SALVATORE, BARNEY JAUMAN, HANK GABAUER and MEL FELTON... Had a card from SAM GAFFEN who is having fun in California...It was reported to me that April 1973 was the 25th wedding anniversary for the BOB HORMELS and the BARNEY JONESES...On April 1 TERRY McANDREWS entered two Italian greyhounds in the dog show at the Amphitheater. Terry's dogs, Kimbe of Kashan and Jubilee of Kashan, won prizes in the toy group, then competed against a field of 3,490 for best of show. Last year they won two best of show prizes... CLARENCE MALOTTKE dropped by for a visit. I guess the weather down in Florida isn't too good... Congratulations to JANET MICHALSKI, the daughter of

BERNIE MICHALSKI, who received her first communion in May...Late Flash: As I was writing this article I received a phone call from JIM BERGEN. His wife, PATRICIA, had just presented to the world JAMES RICHARD weighing in at 8 pounds 8 ounces and spanning 22 inches. Mother, son and father are all doing well. How is that for good luck on Friday the 13th?

- Ben Nielsen

ENGINEERING -

We bid adieu to PATRICIA REED of Real Estate who transferred to the Specifications Department, and bring out the welcome mat for SANDRA KILTZ who took Pat's place. We also say hello to JILL MISE who replaced DIANE TRAXLER as Mr. MISEK's secretary. Good luck to you all...A big thank you from CHARLIE DROZDA for all the get-well cards while he was recuperating from a broken leg. We're glad to see you back...Congratulations to both GENISE JONES and MARSHALL IACONO who were graduated May 27. Genise, the daughter of WILLIAM JONES, was graduated from Chapman college, Orange County, California; Marshall, the son of GRACE and FRANK IACONO, South Shops carpenter, was graduated from St. Ignatius High school. Good luck to you both in your new endeavors. ..DARLENE JANSEN, former Transit News reporter, gave birth to a 7 pound 8 ounce baby girl named KATHY ANN on April 3. Mother and daughter are both doing fine. Congratulations from all of us...KATHLEEN BRADY has been transferred to Governmental Programs and left her Transit News reporter job vacant. I have been elected to take her position as reporter, so be sure to save up all your news for later editions.

(West Shops) -

Our deepest sympathies are extended to: T. J. QUALTER and his children in the loss of his wife and their mother; to JOSEPH and MARION MILOS in the loss of their mother, and to C. J. MAGEROWICZ in the loss of his brother-in-law...Sorry to hear that DAN BALANDIS, carpenter foreman, is on the sick list. Get well soon, Dan... Happy to hear that Mrs. MARSZALEK, the wife of JOE MARSZALEK, is back home after a stay in the hospital. Stay well, Mrs. Marszalek... JEAN REDD has celebrated her first year with CTA. Seems like only yesterday, Jean, and hope it will be many, many more anniversaries you will celebrate with us...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. WOLGEMUTH on the birth of a son; also to Mr. and Mrs. R. HAMPTON on the birth of a daughter, LARHONDA MICHELLE, weighing in at 7 pounds 8 ounces. I still say

CELEBRATING THEIR 50th wedding anniversary on April 29 were FRANK and FLORENCE PORCARO. Frank worked as an upholsterer at West Shops before his retirement October 1, 1962. Their son, TONY PORCARO, is superintendent of rapid transit maintenance terminals.



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babies are beautiful...Mr. and Mrs. E. P. WADE celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to you both, and may you have many, many more happy anniversaries ahead...I wish to apologize to Mr. JAMES SINCLAIR. In our last issue I listed him as being a steamfitter foreman. Mr. Sinclair is a retired mason foreman. Sorry about that, Jim...Seems like a lot of us have been and some are going on vacations--but no matter--we all seemed to have enjoyed ourselves. Your scribe enjoyed one in Florida; lovely weather, lots of fish, and even a trip to Disney World. J. W. LEMOND, J. J. MARSZALEK, W. HANSEN, W. HASKINS, W. MESSER, W. C. HALLFORD, LEE ANDERSON, J. P. UITZ, E. P. WADE, J. FLORES, P. ANDERSON and A. W. MALMQUIST all were on vacation. Hope you all had a smashing good time and all are rested and ready to start all over again.

- Kathy Labahn & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

The stork presented Supervisor GEORGE HAND and his wife with their first child, a son born March 31 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces named DANIEL CHARLES. Many more to follow according to Papa George...Operator BEN GARNER and his wife, SHELLEY, greeted 9 pound 6 ounce son No. 1 on March 30. Baby makes three and all is well...Repairer JIM HALLEN passed away suddenly. Our hearts go out to his beloved family...Our old friend, Box Puller CHESTER BACHARA, transferred to North Park Station. Your smile will be missed by all of us. Good luck and the best to you...JIM and DOLORES STEED welcomed little JAMES on January 13. He is the grandson of Operator JOSEPH and HELEN GRZELAK. Mrs. Grzelak was a former ticket agent...Big AL ALSTERLUND is now retired from Milwaukee avenue. He and the Mrs. have been visiting Florida for most of the winter. At least MARTHA is feeling better having Al home with her. Good luck on your retirement--come and see us soon...Recently Operator JACK MURPHY and his lovely wife, ANNE, visited Hawaii. I understand Anne saved her money for a long time to take Jack on this trip...Operator LES DANDERS and his wife toured Europe. He says the wine was out of this world. They also dipped into the Mediterranean Sea...Operator TOM ROAN is back on the job after being off due to a heart condition (which turned out to be love). Anyway, Tom, welcome back...Operator ED MERK invites us all to his church to hear him sing in the choir...Operator PLACKO also believes in a winter vacation. He enjoyed some sunshine in Florida. Of course he got a nice tan...Our white-haired clerk, SAM GIRARD, will not use "Color Back"...The "Gray Ghost", REINHART, recently came out of the hospital and plans to retire June 1. We will miss you...Our outstanding clerk, RAGE, spent some time on the West Coast, but the horses weren't up to par...Clerk MILLER's wife still puts love notes in his lunch...Loader JOHN MAHNKE was in the hospital for a short rest. He's now back on the job and feeling fine...To Operator WEBSTER who went back to Archer Avenue, we all will miss your pool games. Sorry you left us but do visit once in awhile...Welcome to all the men who came over to Forest Glen on the system pick, and good luck to the ones who left us...ANDY KOSINSKI lost his brother, STANLEY. All our hearts go out to you, Andy, and your dear ones...CHARLES LATHAM's daughter, SHERRY, gave birth December 9 to a 10 pound 7 ounce baby boy named SHAWN CHARLES. Could Charlie be a young grandfather?..If you will take time, please notice our young re-

lief superintendent, Mr. BARHAM. This fine gentleman is doing a very fine job. The best to you, Mr. Barham...Our retired clerk, LOU TIGNAC, had open-heart surgery and from last report is doing quite well...Use your credit union for saving; it's always there when needed.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

Congratulations are in order for MARY LEDWITH, our Irish nurse who received her yellow belt in karate. Keep up the good work, Mary...Well it seems like spring is here. Dr. ARNOLD PECK flew down to New Orleans to spend a few days for the Easter season...Dr. MOSNY and his wife and grandson took a two-week vacation motoring through New Orleans, Biloxi and Gulfport. A good time was had by all and the weather was wonderful.

(Insurance) -

The welcome mat was extended once again to DONALD P. LEMM who was appointed assistant superintendent of insurance and pensions. Don worked as assistant station superintendent on the West Section and previously was in the Insurance Department. . . Congratulations to JOHN BOYCE who was appointed director of industrial safety and fire prevention...Welcomed to the department was MARY ANN PRATT, clerk-typist, who was assigned to work in the Industrial Safety and Fire Prevention Section...Wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to KATHY KOHLMAN who recently underwent gall bladder surgery...We see FRANCES CALPIN motoring to work every day in her new 1973 Mustang. Looks like she gave up riding the CTA, but she will be back when gasoline rates go up. Never say "die"...JOAN STAIR left the services of the CTA to take up full-time household duties.

(Personnel) -

JOANNE FERLITO, receptionist at Limits Station, spent a four-day holiday at Las Vegas with her girlfriends, and we understand came back broke...A speedy recovery is being sent to DONNA SCHWAMB, clerk-typist, after her surgery at Resurrection hospital...On January 3, ARTHUR J. HUBACZ, national zone III commander, Polish Legion of American Veterans, represented National Commander Richard Gralinski at a plaque presentation on the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. With him were his wife, BERNICE, daughter-in-law, KAREN, and his son, ARTHUR G. HUBACZ, E/T 3rd Class, who is presently stationed at the naval communication station in Hawaii.

(Office Services) -

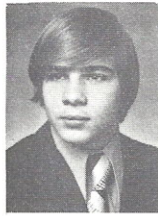
MELVIN SCHEINER and his wife were very proud parents when their son, EDWARD SCHEINER, was promoted to Lieutenant JG in the U.S. Navy. Their son received the Thomas Jefferson award for editing a cruise book while aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea on a ten-day cruise in Vietnam. His son is presently stationed in Hawaii. Congratulations to the proud parents and their son...Well, it looks like our boy, LENNY SKRINE, got a raise, as he is now sporting a 1973 Oldsmobile...LARRY SHIELDS, mail clerk, spent six beautiful weeks down in sunny Florida. Have you noticed he has been wearing a bright sunburst colored tie with a royal blue shirt to show the folks the beautiful tan he inherited?.. Sympathy is extended to SIDNEY JACOBSON, mail clerk, in the passing of his mother...JOHN PHILLIPS of the mail room recently became a proud uncle when his niece, SHAR-



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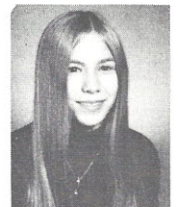
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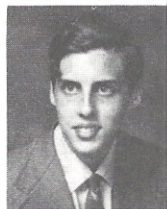
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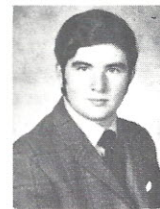
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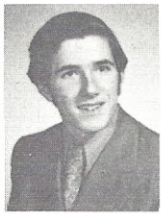
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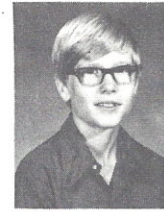
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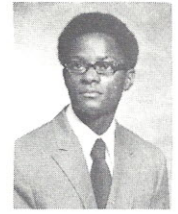
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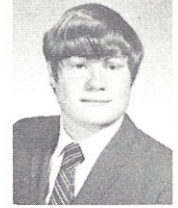
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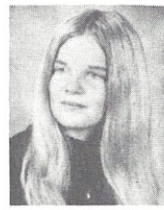
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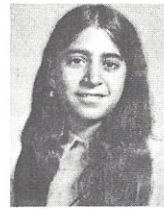
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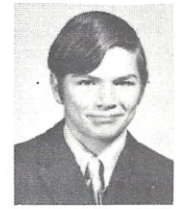
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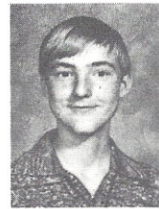
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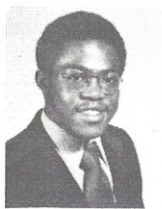
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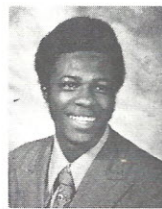
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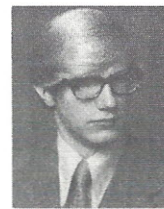
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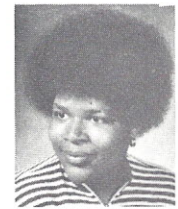
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West Section



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77th Street



VADA WOODS
G. Woods
Lawndale

ON RICH, took her marriage vows on January 13 at St. Petronille Catholic church in Glen Ellyn.

(Reproduction Services) -

MARY NASTI, dictaphone typist, and her husband flew to Italy to spend a few weeks meeting and getting acquainted with her new in-laws. Hope everything was alright.

(Public Information) -

INGRID JANKOWSKI traveled with her husband, PAUL, on his smelt fishing jaunts to the lakefront and caught their fair share of the little fish...It was a happy Friday the 13th when PATRICIA (Mrs. JIM) BERGEN, a former employee, gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, JAMES RICHARD, weighing 8 pounds.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neunauer

KEDZIE -

The Illinois Credit Union League held its 43rd convention in Chicago at the Conrad Hilton hotel. TED HEFFERNAN, president of the Illinois League for the past two years, was presented a wristwatch as a token of appreciation. Ted is the treasurer and manager of the Kedzie credit union...FRANK SKRZINSKI now lives in Carol Stream, Illinois, just one of those happy suburbanites...It was like a reunion in the repair department when LESTER SIMPSON, JOHNNY NORTON and JOE PORCELIUS stopped in to say hello to all at Kedzie. It was sure good to see all of you... Operator ROBERT LEGG, formerly of Kedzie and now at North Avenue, wants to know why Box Puller TOM MURPHY bought a new hat since he says he is going on pension. ..Operator PETE MAISO's wife, WANDA, is in the hospital. I hope you're home by the time this issue comes out... Operator J. RICHARDSON's wife is home from the hospital after a series of tests. Also home from the hospital is Operator ED BARRY's wife, MARGE. Janitor RAY JABLECKI is back to work after an operation. He looks good and is doing fine. Janitor ED BREAST is home from the hospital resting. I wish all on the sick list and in the hospital a speedy recovery...Mrs. ALICE KATHRYN HENDERSON, the sister of Operator B. COLLIER, was laid to rest on March 10 in Bowling Green, Kentucky; Pensioner WILLIAM WEBER passed away on March 21, and JEAN LOMBARDO, the wife of TONY LOMBARDO of the Archer Repair Department and a close friend of your reporter, was laid to rest on April 3. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families...Don't forget Division 241's golf tournament on July 6 at St. Andrew's golf course. WILLIAM (Bill) LARSEN is chairman...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

Surprise! Yes 'tis your ole scribe again. I've been given the opportunity to indulge in a few last nostalgic moments. The feeling I have, penning this last Keeler column, is reminiscent of my high school graduation emotions. The old gang is separating, each to go his different way, some of us never to meet again. But we did have fun and unforgettable days together!..There will never be another fountain of knowledge on all subjects like ALLEN JACKSON, nor a family that could provide news for an entire month like the WHITEY SZYMELLS...Then there was

"Mr. Smooth Operator", WILLIE McGANN, the hipster, "Ole Satch", and downstairs we'll never forget LOU and his American Legion affairs...Who can remember seeing a frown on the face of L. BANKS, or a smile on BABER's? We really can't forget the hardest working street supervisor, AL OCHWAT, who still owes me some time! Where else will we find another scoutmaster, part-time policeman, and an all-around good guy like JARECKI?..No station can boast a succession of such real good bosses like Mr. LOUGHRAN, Mr. CHRISTIAN, Mr. BITEL and Mr. KEAG! When the going got tough, we could always depend on a much-needed charter from Chief Clerk ELMER RIEDEL...SY GOLDMAN and ZIELKE were the best Christmas tree decorators--especially Sy with his Kosher touch!..I'll never forget J. J. JOHNSON, the quiet one, FREDDIE HOLDEN, a true bible scholar, and DON SEGAR or his brother, ANDY...There are so many names I wish space would permit me to remember here, but all you "Keeler-ites" rest assured I haven't forgotten a single one of you... And now, if I can insert the regular news: Foreman CHARLEY CLINE was fortunate to finish out his last days here, retiring April 1...Material Handler TONY BLAZEVIK opened the birthday package with his wife, CINDY, curtsying prettily April 15. TONY Jr. bowed handsomely June 9, and dad stumbled up the rear June 10...Clerk DUANE KUCHENNY actually remembered his wife, MARIANNE's, birthday was March 9...NAOMIE ELLIS really tries to please our serviceman, WILLIE, because she presented him with little LEMANS ELLIS March 19. He's just the sweetest little tax exemption...Earlier I mentioned good scoop, WHITEY. Well, here goes again! The missus, HELEN SZYMELL and daughter-in-law, BARBARA, are both on the recuperating list. Son-in-law, RALPH ANTON, one of Chicago's finest, birthdayerd March 8 and grandson, RALPHIE ANTON, celebrated his 12th on March 26. Last but by no means least, Whitey celebrated 30 years with the CTA April 21, 22 of which were spent at Keeler...Would you believe that your old scribe and his VIRGIL saw 35 years of togetherness April 27? And they said it wouldn't last! .. Did you know that ANDY SEGAR never worked another station till now? Fox is no longer number one!.. After arriving at Kedzie and seeing so many of my past students, boy do I feel old! Say, fellows, do you think we can have a class reunion in about ten years?..This column

GOOD THINGS happened (as you can see by the containers in their hands) when CTA pensioners gathered to talk over the good old days at the home of BOB CHRISTIAN in Sun City, Arizona. Pictured left to right are: RAY REIGHARD, GEORGE MAY, Bob, JOHN JACOBY and EARL PETERSON. Kneeling is RALPH VEN.



INSIDE NEWS

was co-written by my helpmate, VIRGIL, who said, "Actually, I really only tried to correct some of his mistakes this time, as I have been doing for 35 years! I really enjoyed meeting all of the grand guys of Keeler and hoped until the last minute that the station would never close. I'll just have to return to reading JIM MARSHALL's column. His was second to my husband's, I thought. Anyway, the best of luck to all the guys and a word of advice--A very wise man once said, 'If your wife really wants to learn to drive, please don't stand in her way'."

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Hello there again fellows. As I am writing this the warmer weather is beginning to pamper us a little more each day. March was a very good month at Lawndale. We managed to break our pars again, and the Lawndale Credit Union showed its appreciation by treating us to coffee and rolls on April 5. We thank the credit union for its kind gesture. The Instruction Department at Lawndale also thanks each and every individual who took part in striving for that goal. Let's keep up the good work, men...We recently received a postcard from Pensioner CLIFFORD LUNDIN and his wife who are now residing in Phoenix, Arizona. Always nice to hear from you Cliff, you'll be hearing from us very soon...Our heartiest best wishes go out to Pensioner ALBERT CALABRESE who retired on April 1. Drop by and see us sometime, Al...On March 31 the Lawndale Credit Union held its annual meeting at the Lorraine Ballroom, 2801 South Hamlin. There were so many present that I'm unable to mention everyone, but we saw many of our active as well as retired personnel. Everyone enjoyed himself because it provided us with time to reminisce, and that can really be an experience in itself. On that same afternoon I met a friend of mine whom I've had the pleasure of working with for the past four years, former reporter of Keeler Station, ERNEST C. CARTER. We'll all remember those gassing Keeler articles that we've been chuckling over through the years. Well, the Duke is now at Kedzie Station where they already have a reporter, but had he known that Archer Depot needed a reporter, he might have gone there on the system pick. So wherever you are, good luck...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Superintendent JACK MORRIS in the recent passing of his wife, DOROTHY. Condolences are also extended to Operator CLARENCE SPEIGHTS in the passing of his grandmother... Personnel still off sick as of this writing are: MARTY KARIOLICH, CASIMIR WISNIEWSKI, CHARLIE SANDRICK and CHARLIE WAIR... We welcome back LOU KAZDA and VINCE PATELLARE. It's good to see Pensioner GEORGE MILLER up and around again... Pensioner JESSE CINKUS is still under the weather... Mrs. ROSE WISS, the wife of Pensioner ED WISS, recently won \$100 from National Foods' Fun at the Races. Congratulations!..We extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Operator WILLIE TRASK who met with a fatal accident on April 15...We recently saw MICHAEL SHELTON, the son of Repairman MELFORD SHELTON, displaying his artwork on Chicago's Channel 26...We welcome at this writing all of the personnel who have transferred to Lawndale from other stations during the recent system pick. We hope that you'll enjoy your stay here. There are also quite a lot of new faces in the repair department, and we welcome you also...For those of you who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or any other special occasions--we wish you

CELEBRATING THEIR golden wedding anniversary on May 6 were JOSEPH and HELEN KAREL. A former motorman out of Lawndale Depot, Joe retired in April 1962 after more than 38 years of service. Their son, JOE, is a statistician in the Schedule-Traffic Department.



the very best...Drop your news articles in the News Box near the clerk's window, for everyones participation is appreciated...We'll see you next time around.

- James Marshall

LIMITS -

Hello guys. It looks like we're going to have a long, hot summer this year, but coming from reliable sources it will be kind of cool on the new buses we're getting this year... Well, on to the news...First of all I would like to personally congratulate Operator JOHN CRADICK on his honesty and the reward he got for being that way. All the newspapers wrote about him so there isn't much more I can say other than I'm glad he works out of my station. Hey, John, don't spend it all in one place...Our sincere condolences to Operator BAHL in the loss of his mother...Congratulations to our very fine board member, R. GOLDMAN, on the birth of his grandchild, TRACY; also to Repairman FRANK GUARDERAS on the birth of little CHRISTINE...Happy retirement to Operator RETVEN...Well, they finally closed Keeler, and they did it by having a closing-out party. The funds for the party were collected by raffling off a TV set to the men at the station...Once again we welcome a very fine superintendent, Mr. KEAG...The Limits Credit Union board members had their annual dinner at the Club Martinique. Honored guests were: Mr. and Mrs. L. KEAG; Mr. and Mrs. L. MULLER, and Mr. and Mrs. RAGE. A good time was had by all...Hey guys--we have another forget-me-not in our midst. This flower of wit played a joke on himself--he came down on his company anniversary, March 7, at--get this--4:30 A.M. What a time to find out you don't have to work, huh, DAVID BUTLER?...A speedy recovery is sent to Operator MARR who is hospitalized at this writing...Sorry to hear the bad news about Operators LeDREE and SEREDA. They both were victims of acts of vandalism. Both are doing fine now, but let's all take notice and watch ourselves on the street...If there is any news of fishing trips or vacations of interest, please let me know. I'll be glad to put it in the Transit News.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

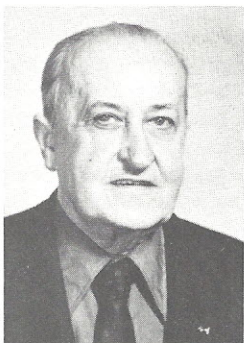
Since we didn't make the last issue, our greetings and condolences are belated but nevertheless sincere...Birthday

NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired during May and June were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



L. L. KAJPUST
46 Years



J. A. BURNS
45 Years



G. E. CARLSON
44 Years

MICHAEL T. AMBICKI, Box Puller, 77th Street, Emp. 7-17-37
 JOHN T. BERQUIST, Motorman, North Section, Emp. 10-22-56
 THOMAS J. BUCKLEY, Janitor, 77th Street, Emp. 8-17-37
 FRANK J. BUGLIO, Bus Serviceman, North Park, Emp. 10-1-47
 JOHN A. BURNS, Representative, Community Relations, Emp. 6-17-27
 GEORGE E. CARLSON, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-27-29
 VICTOR G. CELEBRON, Shopman I, Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-22-42
 WILLIAM COOK, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 1-20-42
 DANIEL E. COUGHLIN, Supervisor, District B, Emp. 12-10-40
 JOHN S. DANEK, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 9-6-45
 ALBERTA M. DAVIS, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 5-21-69
 VINCENT DENTAMARO, Car Serviceman, Forest Park, Emp. 10-19-56
 JOHN A. DePAULA, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-5-46
 ANTHONY J. DeVAUX, Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 5-8-47
 GEORGE E. EVANS, Superintendent, Beverly, Emp. 8-14-41
 SAM S. FIORITO, Carpenter A, South Shops, Emp. 5-10-45
 LEO J. FORD, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 7-25-45
 SAM GIANPICCOLO, Janitor, North Park, Emp. 4-24-43
 TIMOTHY GUIHEEN, Laborer, Building, Emp. 4-3-28
 MATTHEW V. HEAVEY, Bus Repairer, North Park, Emp. 3-28-41
 ASTRID V. HEDBERG, Assistant Secretary, Transit Board, Emp. 12-15-36
 DAVID T. HENNINGSEN, Transit Technician V, Engineering, Emp. 4-5-45
 BERTRAND E. JOHNSON, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 12-2-46
 HALVARD O. JOHNSON, Painter Helper, South Shops, Emp. 1-27-42
 RAYMOND W. JOHNSTON, Car Serviceman, Wilson, Emp. 12-29-49
 LEON J. KAJPUST, Electrical Worker, Skokie Shop, Emp. 7-21-26
 FRANK T. KARL, Operator, North Park, Emp. 4-14-43
 JACK LAPIDUS, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 1-12-42
 DANIEL J. LEMERY, Bus Repairer, 69th Street, Emp. 9-5-47
 JOHN LOCASIUS, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 5-26-34

MALCOLM C. LYONS, Supervisor, Central District, Emp. 1-13-36
 DAVID E. McGOWAN, Box Puller, 69th Street, Emp. 5-24-41
 THOMAS F. McGRATH, Supervisor, Accounting, Emp. 12-1-41
 JOHN A. MOHAWK, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-12-41
 JOHN F. NOLAN, Janitor, Limits, Emp. 11-12-41
 FRANK J. PELZMANN, Foreman, Campaign Area, Emp. 9-7-25
 CHARLES W. PETERSEN, Steamfitter, Engineering, Emp. 8-22-46
 LEONARD S. REINHART, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-2-42
 CHARLES M. SHEEHY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-11-41
 BRUNO J. SHIMASHUS, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 4-30-42
 ANTOINETTE R. SMAGON, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 1-21-56
 JOHN S. SPOO, Supervisor, District B, Emp. 9-29-36
 MICHAEL SULLIVAN, Bus Serviceman, North Avenue, Emp. 7-17-47
 CLARENCE L. TAYLOR, Janitor, Kedzie, Emp. 8-16-51
 JOHN E. THOMPSON, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 6-30-37
 HAROLD W. VonLAVEN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-36
 LOUIS WEINCARD, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 4-24-46
 HAROLD C. WILLIAMSON, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-1-37

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HENRY BARBEE, Trackman I, Engineering, Emp. 8-25-48
 JOSEPH BEDNARIK, Electrical Worker, Building, Emp. 9-21-36
 JOSEPH CARROLL, Painter A, South Shops, Emp. 5-12-47
 OARY ELLIOTT, Bus & Truck Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 11-20-50
 WILLIAM R. MOONEY, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 1-27-49
 GEORGE PAPPAS, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 1-3-44
 ALFRED M. SCHROEDER, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 1-9-46
 TILMAN SHAW, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 9-24-53
 MICHAEL L. WHITE, Lineman Helper, Electrical, Emp. 8-27-45

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wishes to Foot Collector ARTHUR SCOTT, and Agents JOYCE BROWN and DORTHE THOMPSON...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM PFEIFFER on their second wedding anniversary, May 8...Your co-reporter, M. WIXTED, enjoyed her ninth company anniversary on April 11 by having dinner and attending a play with her four daughters...MONICA LAMPKE celebrated her tenth company anniversary on April 20. Since it fell on Good Friday, she started the day at church. Monica also had a pleasant March vacation in Florida with her sister and family. She is now marking off the calendar in anticipation of a return trip next year...Our sympathy is extended to SAM STIPATI and his family in the loss of TONI STIPATI, South Section agent, who passed away February 23. Also to the families of Clerk E. ADAMS, Pensioner P. NAUGHTON, Janitor J. BARRETT and Chief Clerk JOHN CAROLAN in the loss of his wife, IRENE. May they rest in peace...Get well wishes to W. STRASSER who is on the sick list at this writing. Please hurry and get well and stay healthy...We hear that Foot Collector VERN NORSTROM is recuperating nicely from recent surgery. It should be interesting to have Vern tell us all about the operation so we can compare notes. Hurry back...Everyone had a marvelous time at the retirement party held for ADAM WAAS and his wife, FLORENCE. The party was given by his daughter, DIANE, at DiLeos Banquet hall. Adam and Florence have asked us to thank everyone for their gifts and attendance...We understand ELEANOR HASBROUCK hated to end her vacation in the Virgin Islands this year...BETTY RUSSO is now enjoying a restful vacation at home...DOROTHY ADLER resigned from CTA on March 16. Several of us enjoyed a pleasant evening with her at the Metropolitan "L" Credit Union dinner at Nielsen's restaurant on March 17. Dorothy is now living in Clearwater, Florida. We had a card from her and she asks to be remembered to all her friends. Dorothy's mother is recovering from a stroke and responding well to therapy. We hope she will soon be well enough to join Dorothy in Clearwater...BOBBY DUBOSE is happily settled in her new apartment, but says no more moving for her. Bobby and her husband have been working so hard painting and furnishing the new home, but the end result was well worth the effort...HATTIE ROHR was a vision of loveliness in her new blue gown at the wedding of her son, WAYNE, to SHEILA DERET, at St. John Birchman church. A reception was held afterwards at Robert Allen Regency Inn where 200 guests attended...Good luck to BETTY SEGERSON who retired on April 1. All your friends will really miss you...Congratulations to Janitor DOMINICK CASALINO who just completed 25 years of service with CTA...ROSEMARY ROBERSON has a special glow these days. The reason? Her son is in town visiting her from California...MORA HAASE is as happy as a lark these days. Her 1969 Chevy is back in running order and she is having a ball driving. If you are in the area of Circle and Lake, please drive defensively, that's where Mora parks. Just kidding, Mora...In closing: one and all, send us some news. We need your help to put forth a newsworthy column. We are counting on your cooperation. In the meantime, keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Hope everyone is satisfied with their new stations. It's hard to please all of the people, but we try. Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, will be working midnights, and KATY will still be in the assignment office. Let's hear

about those vacations...HUGH HEGARTY was in the hospital in March for surgery. He is now back at work and doing fine. Hugh would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls and visits he received...FRED FRIEB was with CTA for 27 years on March 11; BETTY RUSSO follows with 26 years on March 13, and DOROTHY FORD celebrated her 19th year with CTA. Congratulations to all of you...MARY WIXTED was off for two weeks with walking pneumonia but is back to work now and feeling better...SONNY and EILEEN CARMODY are the proud owners of a new Chevrolet Caprice. They're riding around in real class now...DOROTHY ADLER has resigned and moved to Florida where she is now employed by the phone company. We all wish her the best of luck in her new venture...SHEILA MURPHY vacationed in Florida for a week and came back rested and ready for work...BETTY RUSSO spent her two week's vacation at home. I wish I had taken my vacation at this time of year, but when you have five weeks coming it's easy to carry two over into the next year. I had two weeks last year but will get three weeks this year, and would you believe--nothing planned...Superintendent JOHN FLYNN has returned from a three-week vacation in California. He had a great time just taking it easy and was eager to get back into the swing(?)...Superintendent JIM ROBERTS just returned from a two-week vacation in Hawaii with a beautiful tan...Superintendent BOB ROESING spent a week in Hot Springs, Arkansas...Our superintendents are being moved around again. TOM BOYLE has been assigned to the Mart as management training coordinator; JIM WALSH came to us from the South Section as superintendent at Forest Park; DON LEMM was appointed assistant superintendent of Insurance and Pension Department; ED MITCHELL was transferred South as assistant station superintendent; KEN BROWN was appointed relief superintendent of the West Section, and BOB JANZ replaced Ken as senior station instructor. Congratulations to all of you and good luck in your new positions...BETTY SEGERSON took her pension April 1. We all wish her a long and happy retirement...HAYWOOD OWENS has been on the sick book for awhile. We all wish him good health and hope he returns soon...Former assignment agent JEAN WASHBURN has been sick for some time. We hope to see her back on her feet and feeling fine soon...Congratulations to former assignment agents KAREN DOMINO and LUDARISH BUTLER who are now regular clerks. BARB COLWELL was appointed to take Karen's place, and CYNTHIA FLORENCE was appointed to replace Luddie...We extend a big welcome to the newly qualified assignment agents: BARB REEVES, DOREEN SORENSON, DELLA RICHARDS, SIDNEY TURNER and H. ISACK...Agent IRWIN WIECZOREK has a lot to be

THE REVEREND CLEMENS HAMMERSCHMITT was ordained on May 12 at the Cathedral of St. Mary in Miami, Florida, and said his first mass on May 20 at St. Benedict's church in Chicago. He is the son of Pensioner CLEMENS HAMMERSCHMITT, a former electrical worker at Skokie Shop.



proud of. On May 21 he celebrated his seventh year with CTA, on May 25 it was his 33rd wedding anniversary, and on May 27 his daughter, THERESA, was graduated with honors from St. Stanislaw Kostka High school and wore the gold ribbon of honor at the ceremonies. Irwin was very proud of her...Janitor CARDINE SMITH performed an act of heroism on February 25 when he caught a purse snatcher at Kedzie-Congress and held him until the police arrived. Congratulations, Cardine...JUNE BAREKMAN, the vamp of Van Buren, gave her partner, JOHN DALY, a card and a box of candy for Valentine's day. This will be interesting to watch--what happens when a Swede meets an Irishman...Well, the Transit News Staff has done it again--they goofed. ADAM WAAS' retirement party was strictly a "family affair", whereas we inadvertently stated that your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, took part in planning the party. Sorry Grace, we hope this has exonerated you!

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

Congratulations to our Couresty Caravan Club members: J. BRAZILE, W. JOHNSON, C. SMART, H. FIELDS, J. GREEN, J. DUBIN, L. PUGH, C. MADDOX, J. WHITSELL, E. NEAL, R. HARRIS, and E. AGUAYO. Let's all get busy with a good deed each day and put North Avenue Depot at the top of the list...The North Avenue basketball team took first place this year and the members hope to keep us on top in the future. They are Coach WADE SIMMONS, Captain TOM COLLINS, ALLEN GORDEN, BILLY STANBACK, BOBBY BARNES, CARLOS MADDOX, KENNETH BLUE, WILLIE BAKER, and LOUIS GARNER. Great work, boys!.. Pensioner RUDIE KANNEWURF writes that he is enjoying life in Colorado Springs, Colorado. When he retired, he and his wife enjoyed a trip to Hawaii and would like to visit there again someday. They lived in Roswell, New Mexico, for awhile but it was too dry and hot for them. Pensioner GEORGE HAAK finds life great in the Florida Keys, but he neglected to send us his address. From Mountain Home, Arkansas, Pensioner LARS PEARSON and his better half, ANNA, write that they vacationed in Florida. A fishing trip on the Gulf of Mexico yielded no fish because of the strong winds. They had a visit from Pensioner W. HALLFORD and his wife, and they all spent some time with Pensioner GEORGE ROHRHUBER and his Mrs. Neither George nor his wife were very well for awhile but we hope both are back in the pink by now. In Florida Lars and Anna stayed with Pensioner PAUL DAVIS and his spouse and they had a nice visit with Pensioners R. O'BRIEN and ELMER TETCHOW. Pensioner FLORIAN DWIEL and his Mrs., EVA, are in Florida deciding whether they want to make their permanent home there or live back here. . . Repairman HENRY JARECKI joined the ranks of pensioners April 1. We wish him the best. Keep in touch, Henry...Chief Clerk WILLIAM PINASCO and his wife are terrific on the dance floor. Bill skips some of his fishing trips to attend square dance festivals arranged by groups all over the United States. Maybe now I'll have a chance when Bill isn't catching all the fish from the lakes...Superintendent LES KEAG is now at Limits Depot after being superintendent at Keeler which has now been closed. The red carpet was rolled out to welcome him back...We hope all of you have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

A great big HELLO to everyone! Here we are again, just as we told you we would be, every other month. Fel-

lows, don't forget to pick up your copy of Transit News at the station when it comes out. The only ones who still get it by mail are the pensioners...Speaking of pensioners, I'd be more than happy to hear from any of you, and you can be sure that your names will be mentioned in North Avenue's column...Maybe some of you old-timers can help me out. I'm looking for a picture of "Cook County #1", the old green streetcar that used to haul the inmates from the County hospital out to Dunning and Elgin State. Also, old CSL or West Town transfers...By this time all of you who transferred to North Avenue from other stations should be pretty well settled. We've seen a lot of our old buddies from Keeler and Forest Glen roaming around the driver's room. We wish you all a lot of luck and never mind asking, "When is the next system pick.".On the last clerk's pick I lost a mighty good partner when AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE decided he wanted to see how the other half lived and picked the tokei job. Come back, Al, all is forgiven. In his place I've got BOB ARENDT (who took up cigar smoking two weeks before he came; what a pity), and BENNIE (Please) MAZALEWSKI for his relief...The last two trolley buses to operate on Chicago streets were chartered by the Omnibus Society to make an eight-hour trip under existing wire on Sunday, April 1. Operators SPAKOWSKI and ZIELINSKI had the honor of piloting about 100 transit buffs throughout the city. In spite of the inclement weather, everyone had a ball. They also proved the statement that "it takes two hands to handle a whopper." Since Ray Zielinski pulled into North Avenue behind Spakowski, he has the honor of having operated Chicago's VERY LAST trolley bus. The end of an era...With the closing of Keeler Station, this magazine lost the column written by Operator E. CARTER. I want to say that you did a great job while it lasted. I only wish you had picked here instead of Kedzie, I could really use you...Another fatality was the column "Keeler Klusters", written by SY GOLDMAN for In Transit. Yours truly had the pleasure of originating that column and the name for the old Union Leader on July 15, 1955. After more than 17 years we sure hate to see it go, it's just like losing an old friend... Our deepest sympathy is extended to Clerk JACK HESTER in the loss of his father, who was a streetcar man from way back. Also to Lawndale Station Superintendent JACK MORRIS in the loss of his wife...By the time you read this, Supervisors CLEMENTE, FAY and I should be quite busy comparing the incisions we have from open heart surgery. . .After a stay in Jackson Park hospital, Relief Sanitary Engineer BILL OLIVER should again be with his two best friends, Assistant Station Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN and me...Has anybody ever figured out why Relief Superintendent J. McEVILLY is off every St. Patrick's day? That shouldn't be too hard, it happens to be his birthday...To all of you who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries in the coming months, we extend our most sincere best wishes for many, many more...Last May while Clerks E. WITEK, T. HICKEY, B. ARENDT and myself were all on vacation, who stayed and watched the store during our absence?...The Scandia House is a great place to run into such people as Instructor JOHN CRAIG and Retired Operator BILL LOUBSKY, who really looks great and is certainly enjoying his well-earned retirement...A recent station visitor was Retired Supervisor CONNIE (Smiling) O'SHEA. He really looks like a million...Instructor WEIR is doing a great job here at North Avenue, and Instructor HOEPPNER has been making quite a few surprise visits recently...A few lines to congratulate my own pride and joy, my daughter, Mrs. TOMI GRIESENAUER, who recently passed her Illinois State Board exam. This makes her a

full-fledged R.N. at Swedish Covenant hospital. If you're ever there, look her up on three south. Tell her I sent you. Also best wishes to Tomi and hubby, BILL, in their new four-bedroom, seven-room house. Wow, thatsa' house! ..Three last-minute communiques will tend to end this column on a rather somber note. Our vacation relief clerk, HANK ZYCH, was involved in a serious automobile accident that landed him in St. Mary's hospital. (Hank, that's NOT Swedish Covenant.)...Our most sincere condolences are extended to the family of Retired Instructor ED WEHMEYER who passed away April 14. Also to the family of former North Avenue Operator WILLIE TRASK, who was fatally injured while operating a night bus on Chicago's Far South Side...See you all purty soon.

- William Miedema & Walter Blix

NORTH SECTION -

We welcome back Agents M. GRAFFELO and C. STEVENSON who have been on maternity leave... We wish a speedy recovery to Agent ED PORTER who underwent eye surgery on both eyes. Agent SHIRLEY KNIGHT is home after having been in the hospital for surgery, as is Agent MINNA KING, who was in the hospital with pneumonia. We send our well wishes to Agent LOLA DuCREE, who has been off work because of surgery. May you all have a speedy recovery... Agent BETTY FIFE and her husband, ART, flew to Las Vegas for four days. Betty said she was going to try and beat the system. We wonder how she did... Former Agent FEDELMA HENRY sent a brochure of the New Burlington hotel in Dublin, Ireland. Fedelma is employed there as a head cashier in the main dining room at the top of the hotel. The place looks fabulous. She sends her regards to all her CTA friends... Conductor LOUIE WIENCORD retired May 1. Louie has been with CTA for 27 years. Good luck, Louie, and may all your problems be little ones... Congratulations to Motorman C. PISZCZEK and his wife on the birth of a baby girl. They now have one of each, a boy and a girl... North Side Clerk ANTHONY MULLEN went on retirement March 1. May he enjoy a long and happy pensioned life... North Side Motorman C. EBENHOLTZ retired recently. Mr. Ebenholtz finished out his years on the Ravenswood line... Congratulations to Student Agent JEFFERY THOMPSON upon his marriage to IRENE TUCKER. May they both have many years of wedded bliss... Agent DOROTHY HARRIS is one happy person, but these days she's just about popping her buttons. Her son, RONALD, received a \$500 scholarship from the Sunbeam corporation. Ronald also has his own band, "The Nation Survivors"... Agents H. ISACK and D. SORENSON are in training for the assignment office. We wish them both luck... Agent LINDA LINDSEY and Motorman MORRIE SCZCZIN are now in the clerk's pool and are doing a terrific job of it. Good luck to you both... ANNABELLE DREW's daughter, CATHY (a former student agent), and her husband, GERRY, presented Annabelle with her ninth grandchild, JILL MARIE. This is four grandchildren in one year. Annabelle says she now knows what they mean by population explosion... Our sympathy is extended to Agent JANE JOHNSON in the untimely death of her son, THOMAS, who was fatally injured trying to help a holdup victim. Our sympathy also to Janitor J. BROWN in the death of his father who was killed in an automobile accident. May they both find comfort in fond and loving memories... Agent SARA SIMMONS, who sings with the "Caravans", recently performed with the group at the Arie Crown Theatre at

McCormick Place for the 20th anniversary celebration held in honor of Gospel singer Albertina Walker.

- Tina Henke

NORTH PARK -

With the coming of the college students, your help and consideration will be appreciated by the instruction force. The hiring of these young fellows makes summer vacations possible for most of us, so let's give them a hand... Supervisor GEORGE HAND and his wife, MERVA, became parents of a son, DANIEL CHARLES, born March 31 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces... Operator FRANK VON SCHWEDLER and his wife, BETTY, became grandparents for the first time when their son, FRANK Jr., and his wife, DIANA, became parents of a daughter, LISA MARIE, born February 24 at Lutheran General hospital weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces... GARY KEMP, the son of Operator CHARLES and HELEN KEMP, was married on Saturday, February 24, to DEBBIE MEACH at St. John's Lutheran church of Niles, Illinois. The reception was held at the American Legion hall with 100 guests attending. The young couple will be at home in Streamwood, Illinois, where they have purchased a new home... PATRICK KENNY, the son of Operator FRANK KENNY, was awarded his masters degree in education from Loyola university on February 4. Patrick is an English teacher at Cooley High school... KARRIN PAOLI, the daughter of Operator GINO PAOLI, was graduated from Kelvyn Park High school in June where she ranked fifth out of 392 graduates. Karren, who was president of the National Honor Society, will be attending the National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois, this fall. Gino's son, KENNETH, who is a music major at DePaul university, was cited again for his musical scores in several dramas that were presented around Chicago recently... Clerk STEVE PALLADINO recently resigned from CTA and is now with the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. We at North Park wish Steve much luck and happiness in his new position... Operator GREGORY ANTHONY rolled a 598 "scratch" plus a 75 pin handicap in the recent Beat the Champs tournament... Operator JOHN COSGROVE has been off sick for two months. At this writing he is convalescing and hopes to be back to work soon... Operator ALLEN LICHTER has a new '73 Pontiac Safari station wagon to park alongside his new home in Skokie. He is a very proud person nowadays... Pensioner JOHN KARASEK enjoyed his ninth visit to Palo Alto, California, to visit his son who is teaching at Stanford university... Pensioner LYNN BUTLER and his wife, ANNE, enjoyed a winter vacation in various parts of Florida where they hauled their camper trailer along with them... Operator LEN BAEUCHLER enjoyed his annual vacation in Phoenix, Arizona, and Balen, New Mexico, where his daughter, LYNN, and her husband, ROBERT WILLARD, are living. Len reports that the weather in the Southwest was very poor... Operator ULISES RUIZ and SIDNEY HUTNIK were deer hunting in Elizabeth, Illinois, and Ulises bagged a 130-pound 8-point buck. Sidney wasn't so fortunate, but we believe Ulises will give him a few deer steaks... Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary by going on an eight-day tour and cruise. They spent three days sight-seeing in Florida and five days aboard the SS Emerald Seas cruising the Bahamas and stopping at Nassau and Freeport... Beginning retired life on March 1 were CONSTANT SCHMITT, 39 years; EDWARD GOTtert, 36 years; CONSTANTINE DESCH, 30 years, and Sanitary

Engineer SAM GIANPICOLO, 30 years. We at North Park wish these fine gentlemen many years of health and happiness in their retirement...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Lawndale Station Superintendent JACK MORRIS in the loss of his wife, DOROTHY; Operator MELVIN COLLINS in the loss of his mother, Mrs. COLLINS; Operator WILLIAM KNUDSON in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MABEL KNUDSON; Operator JOHN HALL in the loss of his mother, Mrs. ADA HALL; Operator PAT BROWN in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARGARET BROWN; Operator JAMES DOLAN in the loss of his mother, Mrs. BRIGET DOLAN; Operator EDWARD JENKINS in the loss of his brother, SAMUEL JENKINS, and to the family of Pensioner FRANK SAUCIER...Repair Department Chit Chat: Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR welcomes the 24 men who picked North Park in the recent seniority pick and states that the door to his office is open at all times...Retiring May 1 were Bus Dispatcher FRANK BUGLIO who did an outstanding job of scheduling buses in the A.M. rush, and Tire Repairman MATT HEAVEY...Enjoying vacations at this time are the following: ART CARLSON, ANDY KARIOLICH, JOHN HENNELLY, GUST HENNELLY, ALEX FRITZLER, LEN TROZANOWSKI, FRANK BUCK, ED PALA, CARL OTTEN, RAY LEONHART, JOE JOHNSON and DONALD SPARKS.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

On April 1, GEORGE T. KELLY, supervisor of telephone operators and information clerks, retired from the CTA with 48 years of service. An open house was held in his honor, attended by many of his friends. We all wish him the best of everything for a wonderful retirement... Congratulations to JOSEPH, the son of JOSEPH and MARYLYN VODVARKA, who was recently installed in the National Honor Society at a banquet held at Conant High school in Hoffman Estates... The Transportation Department four-some in the sport of golf are at it again. The teams of CARL GIBES/FRANK WSOL and RAY PRYOR/TOM STIGLIC began their golf rivalry early this year. Getting a head start on the weather they went to Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia, where they enjoyed a full week of golfing. The weather was beautiful and the winners in the first competition were Ray and Tom...Your scribe, COLLETTE SZCZEPANEK, flew to Florida for two weeks of



rest, fishing, swimming, etc. I only caught one fish this trip, but it sure was a dandy and quite a thrill. In fact, it's the biggest fish I ever caught. What was it--a 49-pound cobia. I caught it while fishing at Haulover in Miami Beach, Florida, with a gig and balahoo on a 20-pound test line. It really put up a good fight. I had to have help to hold it up and Wayne Conn, captain of the boat, gave me a hand. As usual, I had a real good time...

Our sympathy is extended to WALLY OQUIST and his family in the death of his mother, EMMA, who passed away on April 3, and to the family of retired supervising instructor

at North Avenue, EDWARD WEHMEYER, who passed away on April 15.

(Traffic Planning) -

On April 7, FRANK and ETHEL, the parents of FRANK BARKER, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. A party was held in honor of this wonderful occasion, which was attended by many friends and relatives. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness together.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Florida, that wonderful land of sunshine, draws vacationers like a magnet. ED KENNEDY spent his vacation in Florida, JOE RICCARDO went to Miami and NORBERT GEWELKE stayed at Fort Lauderdale. ED SLAMP vacationed in Las Vegas where he said the gambling was fair; whatever that means, and then went to Salt Lake City, Utah. After he returned he won \$100 in the National Supermarket "Fun at the Races" contest. If you happen to see Ed be sure to ask him for the address of Blue Island Garage...A couple of fellows on pension paid us a visit recently. BILL COLEMAN, who lives in Mount Olive, Illinois, when he is not traveling, stopped in to say hello. He plans to visit Hawaii and Mexico in the near future. BOB GILMORE also dropped in after his return from California where he spent the winter...MARTIN RICCARDO made the dean's list in communications at the University of Illinois in Urbana. Martin is the son of JOSEPH RICCARDO...DAN St. JOHN has been elected alderman of the third ward in the City of Burbank...Pensioner DAN BOAL passed away April 16. We extend our sympathy to the Boal family...Our sympathy to GENE HILL whose mother-in-law passed away.

- Colette Szczepanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

A big farewell and best wishes are extended to pensioners ROBERT MANVILLE and GEORGE MIKOTA. Mr. Manville is now living in sunny Florida. Hey, Mr. Mikota, we have new buses on the Kedzie run now...More goodbyes to CECELIA (Trucco) PARENTI, MARY ANN BURNS and JILL MISE. Ce is now working in the Methods and Procedures Department. She was also co-reporter and will be missed by many of her readers. An acknowledgement of applause, Ce, for a fine job. Mary Ann has gone to the legal side of matters, and is now working in the Law Department, and Jill has gone to work in Research and Planning as a stenographer II. Best of luck on your new jobs...To JEAN O'NEILL who is Mr. J. T. HARTY's new secretary, and to PAT REED, our new Specifications stenographer II, a big welcome...After a speedy recovery, we were very happy to see ANN JOBARIS smiling back at us through the window of the Purchasing Department reception area...We also wish a speedy recovery for JANICE SMITH, the daughter of DAVID SMITH, laborer, who is recuperating at Jackson Park hospital. Janice is a former ticket agent... Our department received deep thanks from the Wally Phillips Neediest Children's Christmas Fund for its contribution...Our condolences are extended to the family of JIM WALLACE in the loss of his son...If you didn't believe it at No. 26, you're not going to believe that JOHN SPRINGER, stock clerk I, South Shops, is a granddad for the 27th time. WILLIAM RUDOLPH, 6 pounds 15 ounces, changed the 13 to 13 figure to 14 boys and 13 girls. Congratulations, granddad, again and again and again...And it's a first for

INSIDE NEWS

GRANVILLE (Chico) CHEATHAM, stock clerk I, and his wife, MILDRED, ticket agent (Dan Ryan), who became grandparents of a baby girl, CATINA, born February 8. Chico, we suggest if you need any grand-parental advice, give John a call. Congratulations...Storeroom 59 sends a big hello to everybody...DALE DAUGHERTY, the son of ROD DAUGHERTY, specifications engineer, will be a June graduate of Chute Junior High school. Dale and his class just returned from a typically beautiful spring week in Washington, D.C., and reports all is well with the President...Another graduate is SYLVIA DENISE BENNETT, the daughter of CHARLES J. BENNETT, Stores, South Shops. Sylvia is a student of Horace Mann Elementary school. Like her father, her uncles CLEVELAND BENNETT of Storeroom 48 and Operator JOSEPH BENNETT of 52nd Street are very proud of her achievement...Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT McCARTHY are very pleased with the academic achievement of their daughters, MARY, a junior, and THERESA, a sophomore. Both made the honor roll at York High school. Theresa, congratulations upon making the girl's varsity basketball team. May you have many victories...We sadly report that LITA TOOLIS, the daughter of JIM TOOLIS, buyer, broke her leg during tryouts as a cheerleader for Mt. Carmel High school. We will all be cheering for you Lita...And now if I may introduce to all our readers your new co-reporter, MARYANN JOBARIS. We hope you will continue to enjoy reading our column.

- Maryann Jobaris & John Gill

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS -

Our condolences to the family of DON SANDUCK, Congress, who passed away on March 7...Congratulations are in order for JOE LaBELLARTE who was promoted to assistant day foreman at 61st; to GEORGE BARNES on his promotion to night foreman, and to R. M. STOWELL who was promoted to terminals instructor I...A hearty welcome to C. VIEIRA, C. RAMIREZ, P. GAZA and G. DIMITSAS from the crew at Forest Park...T. TOGHER and J. TRACY, Forest Park, enjoyed a spring vacation...Anniversary and birthday wishes to HERMAN and JOSEPHINE SWOOPE, Forest Park, who celebrated their second wedding anniversary; to EDDIE SHIELDS, Dan Ryan, who celebrated his birthday at the London House, and to FANNIE PICKETT who was honored at a surprise birthday party given by her husband, FRANK, Dan Ryan...Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to LEROY STEWART, Dan Ryan...Dan Ryan personnel welcome V. LINDSEY, H. BIGGS, C. JOHNSON and Y. PATE...The Dan Ryan softball team, under the leadership of G. NICHOLSON, is getting in shape for the coming season. The boys sure look professional in the new uniforms obtained with the help of Q. BONDS. Their first game will be with Skokie Shop.

- Ray Bryczek

SKOKIE SHOPS -

Laborer JOHN BEHOF and his wife, EVIE, had a wonderful vacation in Florida. They were given the royal treatment by Pensioner WESLEY WILSON and his wife, MARIE. They had a great time sightseeing together... WEDDING BELLS--Painter MITCH FACZEK and his wife, MARY JANE, announced the marriage of their son, MITCH, to PAULA GREELEY on April 7. The happy couple was married in the First Congregational church in Des Plaines

with a reception following at Heuer's restaurant...Machine Shop Foreman RALPH KEMPE and his wife, NORMA, spent a few weeks in Saipan and Guam in the Mariana Islands. They visited all the sites of World War II battles, and were entertained by the Trust Territory people who live there. Boy, it's nice to have a son working for the airlines!..Congratulations to Shopman DAVE GUERECIA and his wife, JOSEPHINE, on the birth of their first grandson. LAMBERTO FIGUROA was born March 30 and weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces. The happy parents are Dave's daughter, MARY ALICE, and her husband, LAMBERTO FIGUROA...Carpenter GEORGE KIMMSKE and his wife, FRAN, announced the arrival of a great-grandson, CHRISTOPHER HASKINS, born March 8 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces...Skokie Shop will have its fourth annual picnic July 21 at the Northwestern Woods in Des Plaines. Everyone had a great time last year, so we'll look forward to seeing even more of you out there this year! Tickets are \$4.00 per family (free beer, pop, ice cream, cracker jacks and pony rides). The Skokie softball team will play the Mart team again! We'll also have games, races, horseshoe pitching and dancing. The picnic committee has worked hard all year to make the picnic a success, now all you have to do is buy a ticket and come out and enjoy yourself. Remember that date-- July 21...Congratulations to Electrical Apprentice DON MOTYKA and his wife, PATRICE, on the birth of a son, BRIAN MICHAEL, February 25 weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces. Operator JOSEPH MOTYKA of Forest Glen is the proud grandfather... Congratulations to Electrical Apprentice EDMUND DELANEY and his wife, CAROLLE ANN, on the birth of a son, EDMUND DELANEY III, April 4 weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces...Proud father Painter PABLO CARIDE reports that his son, PABLO Jr., won a trophy for first place at Spry school and in the district for his science project entitled, "Science Behavioral." His project went on to be displayed for four days at the Museum of Science and Industry during the science exhibition. He also received a letter of congratulations from the board of education. Pablo will be enrolled in the honor class of Harrison High school. Congratulations!

- Catherine Ann Hegarty

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

JOE SABOL was one of the first to receive a new pass holder from the Suggestion Department during their new promotion...BILL WORCESTER and his wife drove to California, Arizona, Texas and many other points west...Happy birthday to CHARLES KEELER, traffic clerk, who celebrated on March 2...Happy birthday to DOROTHY ETSCHEID, April 1, who celebrated by going on vacation... PHILIP LEAHY became a great-uncle when his niece gave birth to a baby boy...WALLY THOMAS and his wife, FRITZ, entertained their daughter and son-in-law who were here recently from Colorado...JAKE SUMNER, schedule maker, is home recuperating from ear surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery...BERNIE KINCANNON and his wife and son drove to Washington, D.C., and South Carolina.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SECTION -

Now that we only write our column every two months, some of the news may seem old, but many of our people and pensioners haven't heard it and I think it bears reporting...

INSIDE NEWS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Conductor LEONARD SUCECH, of Ashland Terminal, who passed away suddenly on May 2. It was really a great shock to all his co-workers and friends. He was a wonderful person and will really be missed at CTA...Good luck to all our janitors who transferred to other sections on the system pick, and hello to all the janitors who transferred to the South Section. . . Congratulations to Switchman THOMAS ANDERSON who was appointed yard foreman on March 18. . . Everyone was shocked and saddened to hear that Switchman JAMES CALDWELL passed away suddenly on March 3. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the Caldwell family. He was a good worker and a fine person and will be missed by all...We had several changes in our station superintendents on April 1. Assistant Superintendent DON LEMM was transferred to the Insurance Department; Assistant Superintendent RON BAKER went from the P.M. to the A.M. at 95th Street, and West Section Relief Superintendent ED MITCHELL was transferred as P.M. assistant superintendent at 95th Street. Also, temporary changes were made at Ashland and 61st Street: Assistant Superintendent JAMES WALSH, 61st Street, was transferred as superintendent of Forest Park; Assistant Superintendent ROBERT DESVIGNES went from the P.M. at Ashland to the A.M. at 61st Street; Relief Superintendent JOHN TAGLER was transferred as assistant superintendent at Ashland Avenue, and DAVID MARTIN was transferred from the Line Supervisor's Office to relief superintendent. So our fond goodbyes and best wishes to all who transferred to other sections, and congratulations to the new appointees...The trainmen and agents at 95th Street had a nice get-together for DON LEMM. The agents baked a cake for him and he was presented with two nice gifts. Don said it was a wonderful send-off...Ashland Motorman DAVID O'MALLEY, who was on the sick list for a couple of months, went on pension March 1. We take this time to wish Mr. O'Malley a wonderful retired life and a return to good health...The South Side Credit Union held their 36th annual meeting on March 11 at Robert's motel and the crowd that attended had a swell time. They had a nice room and a buffet luncheon. There was an election of officers and my hubby, Clerk ROLAND, who had been president, declined the nomination again as he no longer has the time that the position requires. Motorman CHARLES SPEARS was elected president, Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY, vice-president, and Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, treasurer. Quite a few pensioners turned out, including Retired Motorman and Mrs. MARCUS WALKER, Assignment Agent LULU HAMANN and Division 308 Board Member CHARLES BURNS. Division 308 was represented by President LEONARD BEATTY and Board Member WILFORD SPEARS and his missus...Back to work off the sick list are Motormen PAUL DUCAR and WILLIAM MOUNT, Switchman RAYMOND LaFAIRE, Work Train Conductor THOMAS SCHWARZ, Supervisor JAMES FAHEY and Conductor CLARENCE HARRIS...Received a card from Retired Conductor PHAROAH CAIN who went down to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras and spent some time with Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife. They went fishing, but the fish weren't biting...The Agents' Pension Club spring dinner was held on April 8 at Sharko's East restaurant, and as usual everyone had a great time. The dinner was good and I won first prize for the ladies--a lovely pearl necklace. Enjoyed talking to Retired Agents CECELIA MORAN, MAE DRISCOLL, CATHERINE COLLINS, HAZEL DUNN, HELEN SHANNON, Retired Clerk JOE BRENNAN and his lovely wife, and Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN and his wife.

Also attending the festivities were Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE RILEY and his wife, Division 308 Vice President CHARLES LOUGHRAN and Secretary-Treasurer HUGH HEGARTY. A big thank you to Retired Assignment Agents LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT for putting on such a good party...Assistant Station Superintendent JOHN TAGLER was jumping for joy when he told us about his new grandson, MICHAEL JOHN, born February 23 to his son and his wife...Received a letter from Retired Motorman ED and VIOLA HENNESSY from Phoenix, Arizona. They said the winter was cool and wet, which is unusual, but they are doing fine. They saw Retired North Section Conductor FRED BECK who had been in the hospital but is now home, and would love to hear from some of his old co-workers on the North Side. His address is 4140 N. 4th avenue, Phoenix, Arizona...Clerk JIM CAREY and his wife spent their vacation at the Wagon Wheel resort in Rockton and had a super time...Received a note that former CTA Policeman CHARLES BURKE who now lives in Fairmont, California, suffered a terrible tragedy when his only son, CHUCK, a Vietnam war veteran, died in a tragic accident. He was sky diving and his chute failed to open. Our condolences to the Burke family...West Section Superintendent of Agents and Janitors BOB ROESING and his wife, ALICE, went to Lake of the Ozarks and Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a little spring vacation and took the baths while in Hot Springs...My hubby, ROLAND, and I attended the Metropolitan Credit Union Meeting and Smorgasbord at Nielsen's restaurant on St. Patrick's day and had a nice time. Saw many people from the West Section I haven't seen in a long time. The Metropolitan Credit Union has nice dinners...Our condolences to Conductor LEOTHA PATTON whose father passed away recently...On the sick list at this writing are Motorman ROBERT RAWLINGS, Switchman LEWIS REED and Conductor FRANK PONZIANO. Hope they all are able to return to work in good health soon...Retired Supervisor DAN HAYES was around to see the boys at Ashland recently wearing the latest men's style--a big bowtie. He and his wife spent some time in Arizona this winter. He said he's really enjoying his pension.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations go out to the winners of the 1973 picnic raffle held on March 16: 1st prize--CASEY of Area 349; 2nd prize--FITZGERALD of Area 321; 3rd prize--WIEN-CEK of Shops & Equipment office. Happy drinking, fellows! . . . Congratulations also go out to the winners of the South Shops golf outing raffle: EDWARD GRZENIA, Store-room 57, a portable TV; IRA FARMER, Area 312C, and JOHN GUZAITIS, tinner, a half gallon of whiskey each. Congratulations, boys!..ELROY BLAKE of the Paint Shop did his civic duty by serving two weeks on jury duty...RITA O'CALLAHAN, Print Shop, was recently married to BOB NELSON. The marriage took place at St. Patrick's church on St. Patrick's day. The happy couple plans to buy a home on the Southwest Side of Chicago. Congratulations! Well, FRED, this makes the third bride in your area in less than a year. Fred is reported as saying there are still four more widows, so maybe he'll have a few more weddings... Now for the out in the shops news... Let's start off this month by welcoming back to work some of the fellows who had the misfortune of being laid off. It's sure nice to see HOWIE (True Grit) GOERNER and MORTON OWRUTSKI back on the job...Wedding bells have been ringing lately, as

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

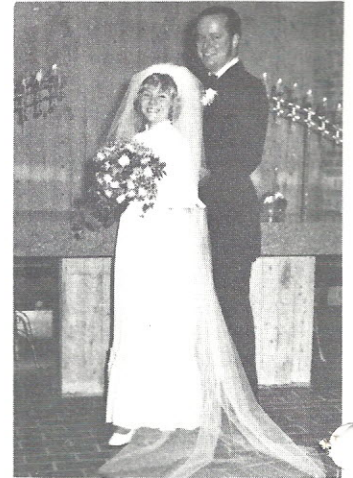
- JOHN W. BACKHOLM, 73, Devon,
Emp. 10-12-28, Died 2-27-73
- CHARLES J. BAKER, 85, South Section,
Emp. 12-18-18, Died 3-5-73
- ANTON F. BARKAUSKAS, 83, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-13-23, Died 4-13-73
- ANTONE G. BEDALOV, 78, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 3-12-24, Died 3-11-73
- DANIEL T. BOAL, 66, Util. & Emerg. Serv.
Emp. 12-20-40, Died 4-16-73
- WILLIAM E. BOHLEN, 64, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-9-36, Died 4-16-73
- GEORGE E. BROWN, 97, North Section,
Emp. 9-4-01, Died 3-11-73
- GLENN BYERS, 76, West Section,
Emp. 5-19-47, Died 3-19-73
- JAMES CALDWELL, 53, South Section,
Emp. 7-20-53, Died 3-3-73
- THOMAS P. CARROLL, 68, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-18-29, Died 2-10-73
- MATAUSAS CEPLAUSKIS, 85, Devon,
Emp. 4-29-26, Died 3-8-73
- JAMES CERMAK, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-28-18, Died 2-12-73
- MICHAEL CLANCY, 81, North Section,
Emp. 3-22-17, Died 4-18-73
- CLAUDE B. COBB, 78, Devon,
Emp. 2-22-23, Died 4-17-73
- BERNARD COHEN, 66, Lawndale,
Emp. 3-6-43, Died 2-9-73
- DELIA CROWLEY, 80, Employment,
Emp. 3-29-43, Died 3-11-73
- JOSEPH A. CUCI Sr., 58, Engineering,
Emp. 10-2-41, Died 3-12-73
- JOHN J. DARCY, 67, Electrical,
Emp. 1-8-29, Died 2-16-73
- GEORGE J. DOERR, 81, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 11-23-21, Died 1-31-73
- PATRICK DOOLEY, 52, Engineering,
Emp. 8-1-60, Died 3-23-73
- FRANK DORSEY, 83, North Section,
Emp. 4-1-26, Died 4-2-73
- LEW P. ELIAS, 73, West Section,
Emp. 10-8-41, Died 3-20-73
- LOUIS FRANKLIN, 74, Engineering,
Emp. 8-12-47, Died 3-18-73
- THOMAS E. GARY, 65, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-17-37, Died 2-13-73
- RICHARD A. GROLIG, 67, South Shops,
Emp. 7-31-29, Died 1-5-73
- ROBERT O. GULICK, 82, Limits,
Emp. 12-31-19, Died 2-19-73
- FRANK HAAS, 89, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-9-20, Died 3-4-73
- JAMES M. HATAWAY, 74, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-5-27, Died 2-7-73
- HARRY H. HAYES, 75, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-16-19, Died 3-4-73
- DANIEL HEAFEY, 70, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-30-34, Died 4-5-73
- TIMOTHY HEALY, 74, Limits,
Emp. 1-15-29, Died 2-10-73
- JOHN J. HESTER, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-28-26, Died 3-1-73
- JOSEPH H. HILL, 81, 61st Street,
Emp. 1-7-24, Died 12-30-72
- ROBERT L. HILL, 73, Revenue Accounting,
Emp. 12-3-19, Died 3-28-73
- FRED JALLITCH, 79, 39th & Halsted,
Emp. 5-26-42, Died 3-27-73
- JOHN G. JOHNSON, 81, Devon,
Emp. 5-23-16, Died 2-28-73
- JAMES M. KALAL, 75, Devon,
Emp. 4-16-23, Died 3-15-73
- ARTHUR F. KENNEDY, 65, Lawndale,
Emp. 3-15-34, Died 2-26-73
- EDWARD J. KOWSKE, 68, Lawndale,
Emp. 7-22-29, Died 4-24-73
- VALENTINE J. KNOPFEL, 70, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-6-25, Died 3-30-73
- JOSEPH M. KRUK, 80, West Section,
Emp. 7-22-11, Died 2-13-73
- EDWARD LAECHELT, 82, Devon,
Emp. 9-29-21, Died 4-11-73
- MATTHEW A. LAFFERTY, 74, Beverly,
Emp. 7-2-23, Died 3-5-73
- JOHN M. LALLY, 75, District A,
Emp. 2-21-23, Died 4-8-73
- ARCHIBALD K. LANGOHR, 76, Sched.-Traff.
Emp. 9-25-16, Died 3-16-73
- PATRICK LENAGHAN, 82, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-20-20, Died 2-22-73
- JOHN B. LIPINSKI, 66, South Shops,
Emp. 11-20-42, Died 2-3-73
- ADOLPH F. MAMPE, 92, Armitage,
Emp. 4-30-13, Died 2-8-73
- PATRICK J. MASTERSON, 65, West Section,
Emp. 11-22-43, Died 4-15-73
- MARY A. MCGEE, 81, North Section,
Emp. 7-12-44, Died 2-24-73
- WILLIAM J. McLAUGHLIN, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-19-39, Died 2-17-73
- PERRY W. MILLAR, 85, Wilson,
Emp. 6-22-14, Died 3-12-73
- ALFRED G. MORF, 69, Electrical,
Emp. 4-29-29, Died 4-23-73
- BRIDIE MULDOON, 83, South Section,
Emp. 4-8-18, Died 1-30-73
- RUDDY F. NEBELSEK, 80, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-25-10, Died 1-5-73
- MALCOLM T. NOLTE, 75, Electrical,
Emp. 8-15-19, Died 2-16-73
- JAMES H. NUGENT, 81, West Shops,
Emp. 2-9-21, Died 2-1-73
- DANIEL J. O'BRIEN, 81, District B,
Emp. 2-12-20, Died 2-1-73
- WILLIAM OCCLESHAW, 84, West Shops,
Emp. 2-13-28, Died 2-25-73
- MICHAEL B. O'NEILL, 71, Sched.-Traff.
Emp. 8-23-22, Died 4-27-73
- DAVID P. PAPIC, 70, Track,
Emp. 7-6-27, Died 12-15-72
- ELMER T. PETERSON, 73, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-17-26, Died 2-13-73
- IVAN POLIC, 90, Track,
Emp. 10-6-20, Died 2-10-73
- JERRY PRAZAK, 77, Congress,
Emp. 4-12-15, Died 3-6-73
- ANTON J. PRAZSKY, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-23-20, Died 2-3-73
- ROMAN PRIESBE, 58, Electrical,
Emp. 9-7-44, Died 4-16-73
- CLARENCE E. RANDALL, 73, South Shops,
Emp. 1-15-37, Died 3-13-73
- WILLIAM REDICAN, 89, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-18-19, Died 2-22-73
- JOHN ROGERS, 33, 52nd Street,
Emp. 12-17-62, Died 5-3-73
- JOHN A. ROJESKI, 92, Blue Island,
Emp. 6-7-07, Died 3-12-73
- MARTIN RONAN, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-12-23, Died 3-25-73
- GEORGE ROSENKILDE, 88, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-1-22, Died 6-6-72
- WILLIAM J. RYAN, 80, Way & Structures,
Emp. 6-24-42, Died 3-23-73
- ANTON SALZER, 84, Keeler,
Emp. 8-16-20, Died 3-6-73
- DONALD SANDUK, 44, Congress,
Emp. 5-29-50, Died 3-8-73
- JOSEPH SATKOS, 88, South Shops,
Emp. 8-20-24, Died 2-12-73
- FRANK L. SAUCIER, 60, North Park,
Emp. 2-16-42, Died 3-16-73
- CAROL T. SCHILDT, 69, West Section,
Emp. 3-9-51, Died 2-27-73
- JOHN SCHLEICH, 81, North Section,
Emp. 10-12-43, Died 3-18-73
- ANTONIO SCIMECA, 79, Way & Structures,
Emp. 7-26-28, Died 2-28-73
- HARVEY W. SHEPARD, 48, North Section,
Emp. 7-11-52, Died 2-5-73
- ANTHONY SKARZENSKI, 76, North Park,
Emp. 6-26-23, Died 2-23-73
- JOHN W. SMITH, 82, Douglas,
Emp. 11-1-19, Died 2-19-73
- ROBERT SMITH, 59, Lawndale,
Emp. 12-9-57, Died 3-24-73
- WILLIAM E. SMITH, 77, 39th & Halsted,
Emp. 9-20-19, Died 3-12-73
- FREMONT R. SNYDER, 69, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-18-37, Died 2-23-73
- PETER C. SPOO, 67, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-23-34, Died 4-29-73
- ROBERT A. STEWART, 64, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-29-41, Died 4-27-73
- ANTOINETTE STIPATI, 59, South Section,
Emp. 4-18-52, Died 2-23-73
- HENRY P. STRETCH, 63, Claim,
Emp. 6-1-42, Died 4-7-73
- LEONARD SUCECH, 55, South Section,
Emp. 11-23-42, Died 5-2-73
- ELLEN A. SULLIVAN, 85, North Section,
Emp. 10-8-25, Died 3-27-73
- GEORGE P. SULLIVAN, 58, Engineering,
Emp. 7-6-38, Died 4-22-73
- CHARLES M. THOM, 80, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 10-21-11, Died 3-1-73
- OTIS O. THOMAS, 65, West Section,
Emp. 12-10-43, Died 3-4-73
- JOHN T. TOMS, 72, Kedzie,
Emp. 4-8-24, Died 2-11-73
- SAMUEL TUTTOLOMONDO, 58, District B,
Emp. 11-5-42, Died 4-5-73
- WILLIE TRASK, 36, Beverly,
Emp. 10-10-60, Died 4-15-73
- GEORGE TRIUNFOL, 91, Keeler,
Emp. 3-25-36, Died 3-16-73
- JOHN TUREK, 82, West Section,
Emp. 12-29-10, Died 3-20-73
- PETER J. WEBER, 58, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-2-47, Died 2-24-73
- WILLIAM F. WEBER, 65, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-19-41, Died 3-21-73
- EDWARD J. WEHMEYER, 69, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-16-29, Died 4-14-73
- RALPH R. WOLFF, 83, Devon,
Emp. 4-13-21, Died 4-27-73
- WILLIAM J. YOUTS, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-14-21, Died 4-14-73
- ALEX ZAWISTOWSKI, 82, South Shops,
Emp. 9-22-19, Died 3-20-73
- STANLEY ZERDEL, 76, Way & Structures,
Emp. 11-22-30, Died 12-28-72
- PETER ZIELEN, 85, Division,
Emp. 10-4-19, Died 4-17-73

some of our co-workers can attest to. Congratulations and best wishes to BOB and LAVERNE SMITH, Area 346; TOM and CAROLE CICIURA, laborer, and to my co-reporter, DENISE, and RICHARD COX who recently tied the knot... Congratulations are also in order for those who have wedding anniversaries soon: RONALD and PATRICIA BLAIR, Area 336, their 25th; JOHN and JEANETTE DOPAK, radiator repair, their 25th; RICHARD and MARGE ZAJAC, radiator repair, their 25th; ATLAS and TINNY HORN, radiator repair, their 29th, and JOHN and WILMA NEWMAN, Area 312, their 30th...PAUL and MARGE SUNDBLAD, Area 346, became the proud parents of a daughter, PATRICIA LYNNE, who tipped the scales at 7 pounds 14 ounces. Nice going, Paul... Retirees this month include ANTHONY (Johnny) DEVAUX, Area 346, 26 years' service, and SAM S. FIORITO, Area 318, 28 years' service. Good luck and the best of health to you guys. We'll miss you...Sure is nice to have CARL LIDZBINSKI, Area 349, and BOBBY BYRNES, Area 348, back to work after their recent operations...I know you guys aren't going to believe this, but how's this for a fish story. TOM PORTER, Area 345, told me he and OSCAR LANDOR pulled in a 150-pound smelt on a recent fishing trip. Come on, fellas, that's stretching it a little too far. It must have been loaded with mercury... CARL POST finally came back from a vacation in one piece. Carl and his wife and son had a fabulous time in their Winnebago touring Florida. Disney World, Kennedy Space Center and the Alligator Farms were just a few of the sights they took in...Warning to the Paint Shop: JAMES HAYNIE is going to recruit some new members now that he was elected the 21st district commander of AMVETS, Cook County Council. Congratulations, Jim...BILL ELDRIGE has a good reason to be proud of his daughters, RENEE and LORRIE LYNN. They took second and third place in the recent Indiana State Open musical competition. Good show, Bill... Good news from AL SAMASKA and HARRY POCES. Their wives are both home and doing well after recent operations at Holy Cross hospital...That's all the news for now, and we hope that the warm weather brings nothing but the best to you and yours.

- Denise Cox & Lawrence Bernas

52ND STREET -

The St. Mark United Methodist Fellowship presented its annual Man of the Year Banquet Sunday, February 11, at the Beverly House. This year St. Mark selected Operator BYRON DEAN Sr. as their man of the year. Dean has been an active member of St. Mark church for 15 years, serving well in both performance and gifts. He was president of the St. Mark Usher Board for four years, past chairman of the Commission on Missions, former scoutmaster of Troop 730, and cubmaster of Pack 3730...Well, it's vacation time again and Operator STANLEY PHILLIPS is taking what I would call a very outstanding one. Starting August 3 he's heading for five weeks in South America, with stops planned in Bogota, Colombia; Quito, Ecuador; Lima, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Caracas, Venezuela. Stan says if his money lasts after returning to Miami, he'll head for Puerto Rico or San Juan, making a total of 30 days...Clerk TIM HALL just returned from a one-week vacation in San Francisco, California. He said he really enjoyed the time away... Operator BRENT HANDSPIKE and his wife, ETHEL, are jumping with joy at the arrival of their new baby girl, BRHONDA, weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces...Superintendent JOHN LYNCH took a two-



WEDDING BELLS rang on March 31 for DENISE and RICHARD D. COX at Lansing Presbyterian church. The bride is the former DENISE PATHEIGER, typist I at South Shops and Transit News reporter.

week working vacation, moving into a new home... Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM had three weeks--"Didn't do nothing, didn't go nowhere"...Man-power Clerk BILL RIDELL had three weeks that started on Easter Sunday--it's all over now, Bill... Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. This time we lost. Janitors, that is: C. MONCRIEF, J. JAROSZEK, T. JOLLY, H. GARNER, G. BUTLER; we won: LARRY PAGE and LEE LANEHAM... By now the baseball team is in full swing. Your reporter, JOHN L. HUDSON, is coach, and the team is managed by Operators ROBERT RILEY and JOHN REYNOLDS. So come on out on Sunday morning and give some support!..For the first time in the history of CTA the repair department had a system pick. This resulted in losing some old friends that we had worked with for years. We welcome new additions to 52nd from other garages and campaign areas...GUS PAVELKA, day foreman, picked his vacation in July to attend his army reunion with World War II buddies...HOSEA JOHNSON, assistant foreman, picked August to go to points unknown... DORSEY GARNER, clerk, will go to East St. Louis to pick up his mother and journey south to her birthplace...On sick leave at present are L. AVERY, who is confined to a hospital, S. CRAWFORD, and R. TURNER.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

So, some of you fellows missed our column in the last issue of Transit News. Glad to hear that you noticed that and I hope now you will drop a little news in my mail box... Received a nice postcard from Pensioner J. DAVIDSON from Tombstone, Arizona... CHARLEY (Drawbars) HOLLAND is now using his police influence on poor FRALE. Can't get blood from a turnip, Charley. By the way, Frale says he can see his way clear to get married again, now that he can use the club room as a hall and we bring our own food and drink...I would like to welcome all the new men who came to 69th Street on the system pick, and wish those who left the best of luck. We have a great team here starting with Superintendent G. D. PEYTON, the station instructors, all the way to the men in the garage...M. A. McLOUD Jr., formerly of 69th, is one of the finest supervisors in the entire system and does a fine job...TOM O'SHEA bought a condominium in Boca Raton, Florida...The Gout Club was observed comparing medication. Trying to get in the act were Superintendent Peyton and F. ROONEY asking for a supply of gout pills...RAY CARSON, former

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clerk at 69th, is now working in the Insurance Department in the Mart...G. E. MELANDER, R. D. GREEN and Operator STEVENS are all hospitalized at this writing. Hope you are all back and well when you read this...Retired Instructor FREEMONT SNYDER passed away; DOROTHY INEZ CROSS, the sister of Operator PRICE, died, and J. DANIELS lost his wife after a long illness. To all their families and loved ones we extend our deepest sympathy...G. P. HARPER went on pension March 1. Best of luck and a healthy, happy retirement are wished for you...Have you fellows noticed my new look? Watch me smile, boys, your scribe has new choppers...It is really something to hear MIKE BARRIS and F. C. STAWINSKI greet each other at 4 A.M...Box Puller MCGOWAN, "the fastest key at the vaults", retired June 1. What will ED TIERNEY, the paperman, do without you...Believe it or not, ROY HORNIG, the Hollywood Kid, told DAKE he didn't want any more charters...EARL WATSON is now back at work after being off sick. Good health to you, Earl...R. GREEN was operated on and will probably have to stand up for awhile...GENE HOWE is commuting to the Texas Gulf, keeping an eye on his property there...IRENE HAMMERSCHMIDT, the daughter of RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, will marry WILLIAM DURRANT on June 30 at St. Bedes church...En route to Korea, CLINTON LEWIS, the son of Operator JOE LEWIS, was killed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Joe and his family...OTIS PEARS' mother passed away in Mississippi, and ESTELL BERZEK, the wife of Pensioner WALTER BERZEK, passed away. To their families, we at 69th extend our deepest sympathy...B. E. JOHNSON has taken his pension and is now the owner of Barney's Tap, 3350 W. 55th street. Best of luck, and save me a beer...Pensioner WALTER NORTON was a passenger on my bus and he certainly looks good. He says hello to all his pals...Pensioner HARPER was operated on recently and is now feeling fine...Would you believe that ED BERENS and his dog get their haircuts with the same clipper and for one price?...I wonder if HARVEY BROCK will catch his first fish this year, even if it is a carp...From the repair section JIM AHERN reports that CARL ASCHENBREMME took his pension. Carl was a carpenter for many years...We also heard from ELMER COBEILLE, retired transportation clerk, who took a trip out west...BILL RYAN is doing well on pension, as is TOM TOOMEY who now resides in Colorado. Many happy, healthy years to all our retirees...DICK DICKERSON, FRANK HIGGINS and TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI are on vacation at this time. Hope they enjoyed it...We extend our sympathy to WALTER CICIURA who lost his brother recently...It's good to see BERNARD McBRIDE, WALTER KWLIKAUSKAS and RAY SCHEID back to work after their illness...Pensioner EDDIE GAYNOR paid us a visit and looks good. Congratulations to his son, BILL, who was recently elected clerk of Orland Park...We were saddened to hear of the death of Retired Janitor MARTIN RONAN; Pensioner JOE CUCI, formerly of the Track Department; the mother of Repairman BILL McCRAY; the brother of JIM CASEY, and the father of ANDREW JONES. To their families we extend our deepest sympathy...To General Foreman TIM RIORDAN who retired on March 1, we wish you many happy, healthy years of pensioned life. And to all our retirees we wish them the same...Good luck and Godspeed to all those who transferred to other garages, and the same wish to those who came to 69th in their place...Congratulations to LOUIS BLAUGH who came to 69th as relief foreman, and to TERRY SHORT and TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI who came as repairman...On vacation are R. BARNEY, R. GRAGIDO and R. BOSCO. Hope they have

a good time fishing...Thanks to all who participated in the St. Patrick's day parade, in spite of the inclement weather. My daughter, MARGARET, was runner-up as "Queen of St. Patrick's Day". We hope everyone had a good time.

- Art Baesing & Jimmy Ahern

77TH STREET -

The 77th Street Credit Union is sponsoring a free baseball ticket drawing for its members. Those members depositing \$40 or more in their shares beginning April 2, 1973, will receive a ticket for the drawing for free box seat tickets to a White Sox game. As of this writing the lucky winners are T. ROBINSON, D. SCOTT, E. GARRETT, M. GRAY, W. WILLIAMS, D. JOHNSON, A. NEAL, W. WASHINGTON, J. PINKNEY, W. LOWERY, H. GRANT, T. SPENCER, J. LARRY, and W. COLEMAN. Congratulations all, and an added thanks to 77th Street Credit Union President NEAL KINNISH and board members for making the drawing possible...The world is always in need of another beautiful girl, and so we welcome the birth of NOTRIE HOSETTE SCOTT, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH E. SCOTT, born February 20. Congratulations and best wishes to the Scotts...Congratulations are in order for Operator CHARLES CLARK and his lovely wife, GERALDINE, upon the March 21 arrival of fullback MICHAEL A. CLARK weighing 10 pounds 8 ounces. WOW!..Operator and Mrs. BAILEY are doubly proud having two fine sons graduating in June, STEWART and FRANKIE. Congratulations!..Returning from an extended leave earlier this year, Operator SAM FAVRE once again joins the ranks of the operating employees. Welcome back, Sam, Port au Prince, Haiti, must have been beautiful this time of year...Smelt fisherman ED MROZEK informed this reporter that he's preparing for his late spring fishing trip to Wisconsin. The big ones that got away last year had better watch out this year. Lots of luck, Ed...The fabulous Wheelers Social Club, headed by president DAVID L. DURDEN and others, staged their extravaganza at the Palmer House, Saturday, May 12...The CTA Bowling League held its 1973 banquet May 4 at the Palisade Bowl. It was a well-deserved affair, they had a good year...Operator BOOKER BYERS and his wife are bursting with pride and rightly so. Their daughter, ELLEN, has received straight A's in her studies at Bradley university. Right on, Ellen; keep on pushing...Operator ANTON DRELLE is looking forward to going on pension next month. But after giving it some thought he quickly added maybe, maybe not. Well, whichever way it turns out, the best of luck to Mr. Drelle...It is with deep sympathy that I report the loss of Board Member E. GRESHAM's brother. Mr. Gresham informed this reporter that he would like to thank his fellow operators and friends who made donations and attended the funeral...Our condolences are also extended to JOHN DeGROAT in the loss of his son, JOHN Jr., and to Operator CECIL H. SIGGERS who lost his lovely wife...Well, it's spring again, and that means baseball. At 77th, softball is the name of the game. Team Captain R. PEEL has stated our team is shaping up very well, and that this year as in past years, first place is the objective. I know we have the best players in the league, so let's put it all together and make it the best team in the league...Our 77th Street Transit News mailbox is still attached to the west wall inside the depot. Use it for news items about you and your family...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

Announce ISC-ESC standings for 1st quarter of 1973

INTERSTATION SAFETY CONTEST

Surface System

★ 1st Limits	7th 69th Street
2nd Kedzie	8th 77th Street
3rd Lawndale	9th Forest Glen
4th Archer	10th North Avenue
5th Beverly	11th Keeler
6th 52nd Street	12th North Park

Rapid Transit System

★ 1st Kimball	6th Ashland
2nd Douglas	7th Dan Ryan
3rd Forest Park	8th Jefferson Park
4th Congress	9th 61st Street
5th Howard	

EMPLOYEE SAFETY CONTEST

Surface Garage Competition

★ 1st Beverly	7th Kedzie
2nd 52nd Street	8th 69th Street
3rd Archer	9th 77th Street
4th Limits	10th North Park
5th Keeler	11th Lawndale
6th North Avenue	12th Forest Glen

Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Competition

★ 1st Dan Ryan	4th Kimball
2nd Forest Park	5th Wilson,
3rd Congress,	Howard, Linden
54th, Foster	6th 61st, Racine

Shops Competition

★ 1st South Shops	2nd Skokie Shop
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