

TO THE CTA, WITH LOVE

Bouquets are Refreshing

Touring by Bus

By Mary Knoblauch

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Closed gas stations leave me weak with laughter, and so do city-living car addicts who turn pale as Saturday afternoon wanes on, turning off the supply for their habit.

Mostly I laugh from a seat on a bus or an "L" on my way to a movie or back home. Movies open all over Chicago, and I don't have a car, so I walk or take public transportation. There are lots of people like me, and soon there will be more out of necessity.

It's not as bad as it may sound, either. You truly can get anywhere in Chicago with public transit, tho some places are harder to get to than others.

Buses take longer than cars, but THEY buy the gas, and L's go faster than cars. If you can drive from West Howard and North Clark streets to East 95th Street and South Michigan Avenue for less than 45 cents, you're not in a car I've heard about, and you're an uninsured driver. Add 10 cents for a transfer to get to the Beverly or the Evergreen Plaza Theaters, and I'm still beating (Continued Page 4)



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A 'Piece of Humble Pie'

By Ellen Warren

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Pass me a piece of humble pie, please.

When the CTA trumpeted its new transfer plan, I hooted and howled.

I spewed scorn and derision on our transit system. Blasphemy like "publicity grab" issued from these little lips.

The new system works. But that's because it doesn't work.

My ire had settled on the CTA's assertion that shoppers could make a round trip on one slender 55 cent fare.

They'll have to wear track shoes and work out for a month, I said out of one side of (Continued Page 5)

People Seem Friendlier

By Louis Dombrowski

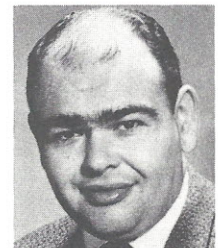
Editorial Writer

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People seem to be friendlier these days. Ordinarily, this close to Christmas, it would be easy to assume that the friendliness reflected nothing but the spirit of the holiday: "On earth peace, good will toward men."

The friendliness is deeper, tho, and more lasting. It is the attitude of people bound together by a difficult situation. It's the energy crisis, you say. That may be part of it—and the heavy snow, too. It is both of these and more.

My awareness of this attitude began a few days ago. The commuter trains at Glenview were late because of an accident up the line. It was cold and the early morning commuters had overflowed the station and were huddled in the lee of (Continued Page 5)





Mr. Hirsch



Mr. Olmstead



Mr. Flynn



Mr. Kole



Mr. Graybiel



Mr. Knautz

13 CTA Managers Appointed

The appointments of 13 top-level managers in a further administrative reorganization of the Chicago Transit Authority were announced by Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman.

In the CTA's reorganized administration, the position of manager is comparable to that of vice president in the management of a corporation or company.

The 13 new managers are heads of departments under three recently created CTA divisions, which have been designated as General Operations, General Administration and Finance, and General Development.

In the General Operations Division, the new appointments are:

David M. Flynn, Manager of the Transportation Department. Flynn, with 38 years service in transit, has been the CTA's Superintendent of Transportation.

Evan E. Olmstead, Manager of the Maintenance Department. He formerly was General Superintendent of Engineering, and has been associated with the former Chicago Surface Lines and the CTA since 1937.

Harold R. Hirsch, Manager of the Department of Operations Planning. Hirsch, who joined the CTA in 1957, has been Superintendent of Schedules and Traffic.

In the General Administration and Finance Division, the appointments are:

Fran C. Knautz, Manager of the Personnel Department. Knautz formerly served as CTA's Director of Personnel and has been with the former Chicago Surface Lines and CTA since 1942.

Gerald S. Graybiel, Manager of the Materials Management Department. He has been General Superintendent of Purchases, Specifications and Stores. Graybiel joined the former Chicago Surface Lines in 1943.

Paul J. Kole, Manager of the Finance Department. Kole has been Comptroller of CTA since February, 1972.

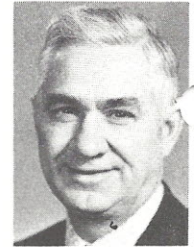
William A. Ashley, Manager of the Insurance, Pensions and Industrial Safety Department. He has been Superintendent of Insurance and Pensions. Ashley was with the former Chicago Surface Lines from 1940 to 1947 and then joined the CTA two years later.



Mr. Mullen



Dr. Mosny



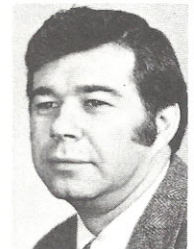
Mr. Ashley



Mr. Sandberg



Mr. Buck



Mr. Luczak

Francis J. Mullen, Manager of the Investigations and Claims Department. His former position was Superintendent of Investigations and Claims. He has been in Chicago transit for 24 years having started with the former Chicago Motor Coach Company.

Dr. Stephen D. Mosny, Manager of the Medical Department. Dr. Mosny was the former Medical Director and has been with the former Chicago Rapid Transit Company and CTA since 1941.

Appointments in the General Development Division are:

Miss Joanne Vleicides, Manager of the Department of Long Range Planning and Development. Miss Vleicides joined the CTA last October after six years of service on the Washington, D.C., headquarters staff of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Arthur R. Sandberg, Manager of the Engineering Department. Sandberg has been the Electrical Engineer for CTA. He has served 37 years with the former Chicago Surface Lines and CTA.

Thomas Buck, Manager of the Communications and Marketing Department. Buck joined CTA in October, 1973, as Director of Public Relations and Marketing.

Ronald L. Luczak, Manager of the Capital Development Department. Luczak has been Project Manager for Governmental Programs. He joined the CTA in 1970.

First Woman Executive in Chicago Transit History

THE CHARMING voice that responded so graciously to congratulatory telephone calls was befitting a young woman who had just become the first woman executive in Chicago's transit history.

But Miss Joanne Vleccides, 31, would be the first to say that being a woman has nothing to do with her new position.

"It doesn't make any difference that I'm a woman when it comes to a management challenge," she explains. "I feel I can offer the Chicago Transit Authority a different perspective because I am a newcomer with different points of view."

Miss Vleccides, a native of West Hartford, Conn., is the CTA's new Manager of the Department of Long Range Planning and Development.

Her appointment was one of 13 appointments of department managers announced by Milton Pikarsky,



CTA Chairman, in a reorganization of the Transit Authority's administrative structure.

At the CTA, a department manager is comparable to a vice presidency in the administrative organization of a corporation or company.

Miss Vleccides joined the staff of the Chicago Transit Authority last October after six years of service in various administrative positions at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Her last position with HUD was director of financial assistance programs for nonprofit sponsors of housing under the Federal Housing Administration.

Prior to her service with HUD she was associated with the Aetna Life and Casualty Company in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Vleccides was graduated from Mary A. Burnham School, Northampton, Mass., and obtained her B.A. degree from Connecticut College, New London.

She also did graduate work in urban and regional planning at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Constantine Vleccides, 509 S. Main St., West Hartford.



1st Vice-Chairman Highway Research Board

MILTON PIKARSKY, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority, was elected First Vice Chairman of the Highway Research Board at the Board's annual meeting Jan. 23 in Washington, D.C. He also was re-appointed to a further term on the Board's Executive Committee.

As First Vice Chairman, Mr. Pikarsky will become Chairman of the Highway Research Board a year from now. Organized in 1920, the Highway Research Board is a cooperative organization of transportation technologists of America.

The Board's purpose is to advance knowledge of the nature and performance of transportation systems through the stimulation of research and dissemination of information resulting from such research. The Board operates within the Division of Engineering of the National Research Council, which serves both the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering.

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Mary Knoblauch (Continued)

your costs, tho you may beat my time.

I don't go out that way much, because the round trip takes a good three hours, but if you live on the South Side, you won't be trekking up to the Will Rogers much, either (5635 W. Belmont Av.).

What this city needs is not a Crosstown expressway, but a crosstown rapid transit line, as anyone who ever has tried to travel from North Clark Street and West Diversey Avenue to Ford City can attest. (Hanging the cost, the easiest way is a 36 bus to the Palmer House, and airport limousine bus to Midway, and a Cicero (54B) to the shopping center, where a true public transit rider again discovers the tyranny of the car—no sidewalks to speak of.)

All of this sounds intolerable to a car addict, I know, but I feel the same way about their mobile cells. You learn to like public transit by using it, and I was started early, during World War II by my mother, who used to take me for a bus ride on Sunday afternoon instead of a drive, when the ration coupons ran out.

Buses are a great way to discover a city, a leisurely means of transportation that permits sightseeing, people watching, sleeping, reading, or working on handicraft projects, as well as moving from one place to another.

Perhaps withdrawal is the easiest way to stop caressing a steering wheel unnecessarily. First, get a new CTA route map (send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Map, Chicago Transit Authority, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 60654). If you're a suburbanite, also get map for all the commuter railroads serving your city.

Then, the next time you want to visit friends in the city, or vice versa, park your cars at a rapid transit or train station and take a train. On weekends, especially, the suburban trains make local stops within the city, and you have a lot more leeway in getting on. You can, of

course, trek down to one of the main stations in the Loop, but won't have to if you have railroad schedules.

Ever since buses instituted the exact fare plan in Chicago, almost all routes are safe to ride any time. Rapid transit stations are not all that secure late at night, so try to avoid the least traveled hours.

And get over your fear of buses by riding them just for fun. Try a 10 Lincoln-Larrabee from the Loop to Peterson (6000 N.) and listen to the spoken language change about every 15 blocks.

In fact, almost any north-south bus route is fun to ride—22 Clark, 36A State, which parallels the Dan Ryan, the 153 Wilson-Michigan, which takes you thru Lincoln Park and along North Michigan Avenue, 49 Western (the longest, if you take its two extension routes—49A and 49B—which make a three hour jaunt from Howard Street (7600 N.) to 119th Street).

The Halsted 8 bus is equally fun as the Milwaukee 56 bus for ethnic neighborhood watchers. The east-west routes are drags, requiring needlepoint, plastic knitting needles (for safety), or a good book.

With its shuttle bus service, the CTA's Jefferson Park "L" line offers a terrific day for a family that never has been to O'Hare International Airport. For 75 cents, you can get on any rapid transit train, transfer in the Loop to the Jefferson Park line and take the bus to O'Hare, where you can spend a fascinating day exploring and watching the planes. (You can also catch the bus taking a Chicago and North Western train to the Jefferson Park stop, where a protected walkway connects you with the "L," too.)

Those coming from the Loop should take a B train and pause at the Belmont subway station on the Jefferson Park line—a beautiful airy, esthetically pleasing reminder of how gracious public transportation can be at its best.



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Water Tower

Riding public transportation is a matter of readjusting your nerves, relaxing and taking your time. On unfamiliar bus routes, allow about a minute per block to reach your destination on time. On rapid transit—about a minute every three blocks. The second time around you can judge more accurately, but at least you won't be late by that formula.

Some of you, I know, will try to call the CTA information number rather than send for a map to determine how to get there from here. Don't, except in an emergency, because it's rare when you can get thru in any reasonable amount of time. Unbelievers can call MO 4-7220 and be serenaded by a busy signal to their hearts' content.

Using a map is more fun, anyhow, because there are many ways to get there from here, and finding different ones is half the fun.

You'd be surprised what you can do with 45 cents. Last winter, at least twice a month, I rode a Diversey 76 bus from the east to the west end of the line, walked four blocks south on Harlem Avenue, clutching a brown paper sack full of wine, and two blocks west on Fullerton Avenue because I am crazy about the Cathay Mandarin restaurant in Elmwood Park, and that's how you get there, from my house.

From the office, it's a 65 Grand to the end of the line (which is on Fullerton) and a straight shoot on foot six blocks west. My car happy friends think I'm crazy. Maybe I am. But I feel a lot more self-righteous about eating all that food and walking, instead of eating all that gas and riding.

Now, if I could just persuade some friendly Penn Central freight train to pause while I jump off at Phil Smidt's perch paradise in Whiting, Ind., my life will be complete. That's one place that, as yet, you can't get to by public transportation. Of course in the summer, by sailboat. . . .



A view from the bus of Lincoln Park

CHICAGO TODAY Photo by Tom Kinahan

Ellen Warren (Continued)

a smirk.

But, I rummaged through Marshall Field's until I got bored—after a bus/train trip from the Northwest Side—and made it back again on my worn transfer.

No, I couldn't have made it under the one-hour transfer limit if my original bus driver hadn't given me a 10-minute bonus (I guess he punched a bunch of transfers at one time).

Even then, the bus driver on the final leg of the trip back to my starting point gave me an extra seven minutes (but he was so confused that he told me the much abused transfer was still good for an hour).

Altogether, I made it from Belmont and Central Park (3600 West) to the Field's in the Loop, back to Belmont and Central (3600 West), then back to Belmont and Central Park.

At Field's, I tried on four sweaters (bought none), checked out their 'Young Chicago' collection (kidding myself), whizzed through the South American Shop and took a leisurely stroll through the plant department.

On the way back to the subway for a freebie return trip, I stopped at Stop & Shop on Washington to buy a 25-cent apple (mushy).

And, in my travels, I bought a birthday card at a shop in the 5500 block of Belmont.

In all, my transfer was honored for 1½ hours (three bus rides and two subway trips). And if my feet hadn't gone numb I would have tried—heady with beating the system—to ride the CTA all day on one fare.

But I got tired. I figured I'd tried my luck. And the CTA proved its point.

Dombrowski (Continued)

the building seeking shelter from the raw wind. They did not, as was their usual practice, grumble about the way the railroad was being operated as they buried their noses in the morning newspapers. Instead, they were talking to one another. People who until now had been faces in a crowd, someone to nod to in the morning, became human beings with names and families.

Nor did this camaraderie end when the trains finally arrived. It continued until the men and women dispersed.

Sure, you say, it was because people were drawn together by a common problem—the delayed commuter trains. Then how can you explain the fact that they resumed their conversations when they met aboard the homebound trains that evening and continued their friendliness in the days that followed?

Albert Wilson is a service station operator. He is facing all the problems that are beginning to plague gasoline dealers because of the energy shortage. I had been dealing with him for more than a year and, aside from his courteous "Hello, may I help?" we had never spoken. The last time I stopped at his station for gasoline, he greeted me by name, something that has never happened before. As we concluded our transaction, he handed me his business card.

"We're closed on Sundays, you know, President Nixon's orders," he said. "But if your car won't start or something else happens—no matter where you are—give me a call here or at home, and we'll come get you."

Perhaps, you say, my Mr. Wilson is trying to provide service to his customers

in the expectation of keeping them when he may not have as much gasoline to sell.

Everyone has a favorite story about CTA bus drivers. Many of these tales are based on rudeness or discourtesy or downright nastiness. I don't know the name of the driver in this story; he wouldn't tell me.

An elderly woman, carrying a suitcase and the inevitable shopping bag, boarded the bus at Union Station. She spoke almost no English. She had just arrived in Chicago to visit her grandchildren and was unfamiliar with the city. Haltingly, she asked the driver in a mixture of Spanish and English how to get to her destination on the Northwest Side. The driver patiently tried to explain that she would have to transfer at Chicago Avenue to another bus. It was clear that she did not understand.

The driver assured her that he would help her. When the bus reached Chicago and Michigan Avenue, he stopped at the curb and set his brake. Helping her with her suitcase, he walked her to the corner, waited until the bus came, and then told the driver of the second bus to make sure she reached her destination. Instead of complaining, the other passengers on the delayed bus applauded their driver when he returned.

The driver was a rare cat, you say. Maybe so, but how does that explain the warmth and friendliness of the passengers whose travel was delayed by that act of simple kindness?

Others have noticed this new attitude, but they cannot explain it either. If I were to make an uneducated guess, I'd say people were just being themselves—friendly and basically warm. And I like it.

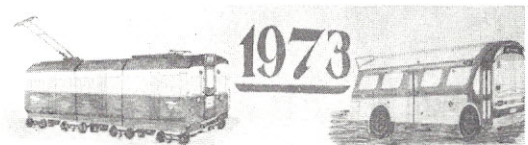
George Clark Retires as Supt. of Shops, Equipment

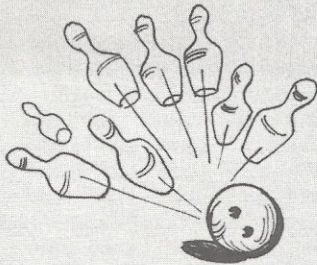
GEORGE J. CLARK, who was responsible for the maintenance of all the CTA's trains, buses and other vehicles, retired Jan. 1 as superintendent of shops and equipment.

Clark began his career in transit in 1939 as a test engineer for the former Chicago Surface Lines. He was appointed CTA superintendent of shops and equipment in 1969 after having served as chief engineer of equipment, and as superintendent of the South Shops.

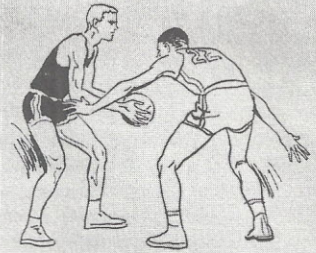
In recent years, he was chairman of major committees of American Transit Association, and was active with other industry organizations at both the national and state levels. He is a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, and holds a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois.

He was honored by a large gathering of friends and business associates at a dinner on Dec. 19. Pictured beside his wife, Ruth, Mr. Clark is shown with Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, and Joseph Bolech, superintendent of rail vehicle maintenance.





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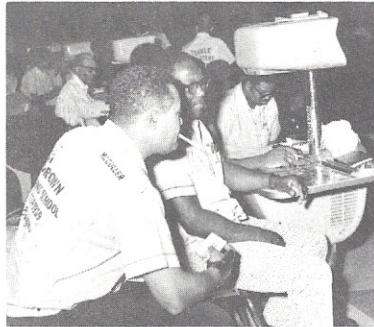
MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

Bowling "Wives Night Out"

THE WIVES of the 77th Street Operators League will be honored at a "Wives' Night Out" on Feb. 15 at Palisades Bowl.

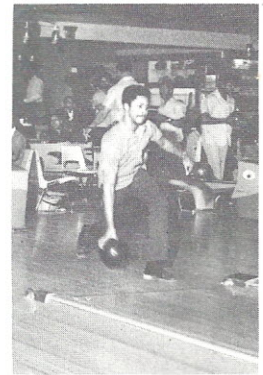
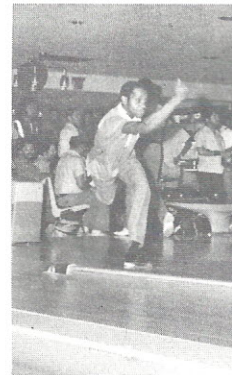
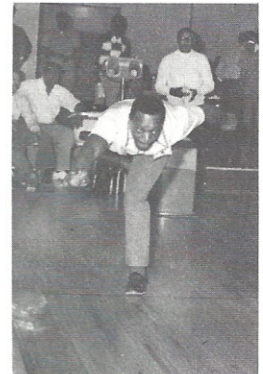
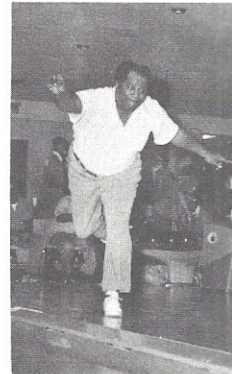
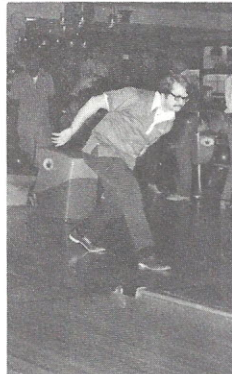
Through the cooperative efforts of the bowling alley management, tables will be set up behind the lanes to accommodate the wives for this very special night.

Calvin Pollard, league president, said, "Since the wives have been so lenient about giving up their weekend Friday nights, we thought it would be nice to give them another wonderful night in conjunction with the last night of bowling."



77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
George's Arco	43	20	.683
Archer Bandits	41	22	.651
Pin Busters	37	26	.587
500 Club	37	26	.587
Road Runners	36	27	.571
Clippers	35	28	.556
Poppers	35	28	.556
Boozers	30	33	.476
Manipulators	29	34	.460
Late Comers	29	34	.460
Hot Hands	28½	34½	.452
Tranquilizers	28	35	.444
Toppers	28	35	.444
Baggers	26½	36½	.420
Spartans	24	39	.381
Misfits	18	45	.286



CTA Mart team improving

SHOWING A vast improvement over the past month, the CTA Mart bowling team has won 12 of their last 16 games.

The team captain, Tim O'Rourke, came up with a whopping 215 game, combined with a 60-pin handicap for a total 275, and sparked his teammates to a sweep over their opponents.

Tim said, "We promised you that we would improve, and now we are beginning to prove it."

Basketball league opens season

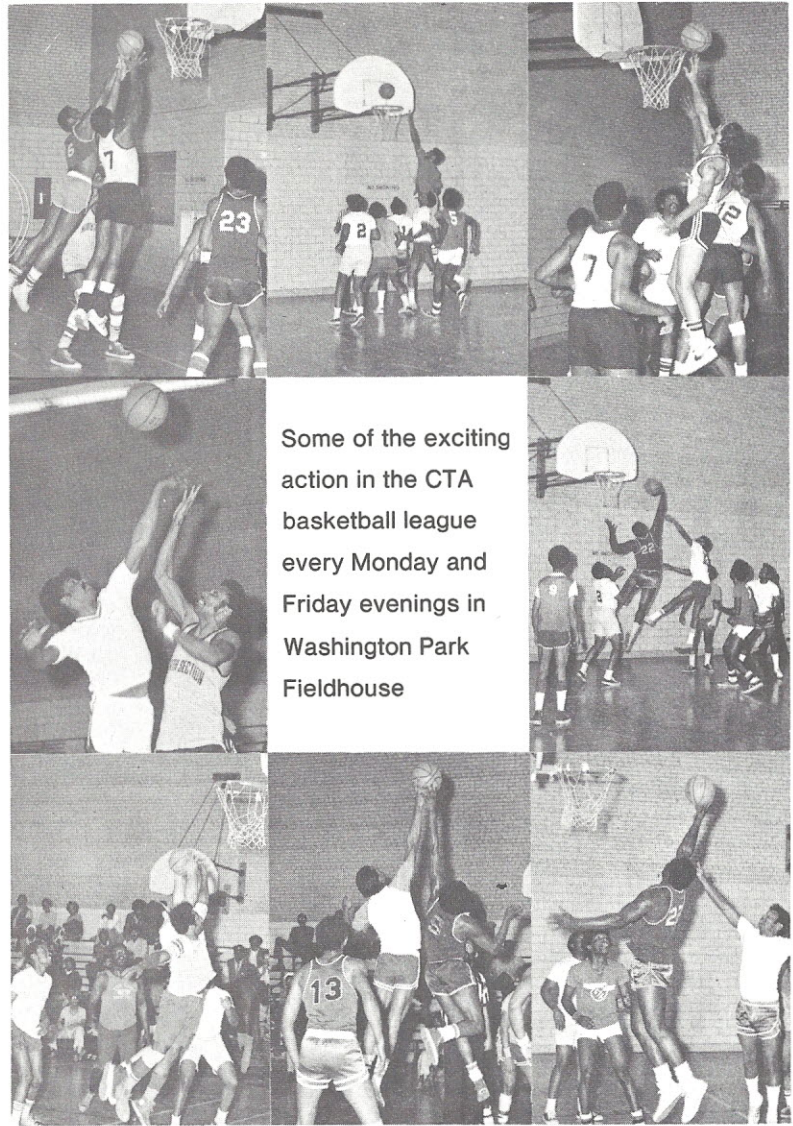
THE CTA basketball league opened its season on Friday, Jan. 4, with the North Avenue Saints advancing towards their second league championship by defeating the 77th Street Bandits 49 to 39.

With a composite of 14 teams, the league appears very strong as they go into the second round of play.

The games are played every Monday and Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Washington Park fieldhouse, 55th and King Drive. The crowds at these games, averaging 350 to 400, are tremendous, surpassing all attendance marks for the previous years.

CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
North Avenue	3	0	1.000
Kedzie "A"	3	0	1.000
69th Street	3	0	1.000
Archer	2	0	1.000
Forest Glen	2	1	.667
77th Shop	1	1	.500
North Side "L"	1	1	.500
North Park	1	1	.500
Kedzie "B"	1	2	.333
Beverly	1	2	.333
77th Street	0	2	.000
South Side "L"	0	2	.000
52nd Street	0	3	.000
Limits	0	3	.000



Some of the exciting action in the CTA basketball league every Monday and Friday evenings in Washington Park Fieldhouse



Beverly Operators
ART MULLEN and
DUKE SIMS



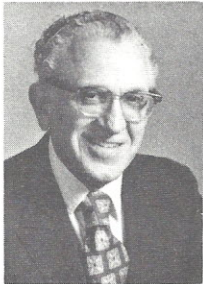
North Park Operator
ULISES RUIZ



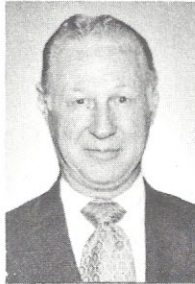
North Park Operator
L. QUINLAN
(above), and 52nd
Street Operator
V. FORD (right).



Service anniversaries in January-February



P. A. Comiano,
Law

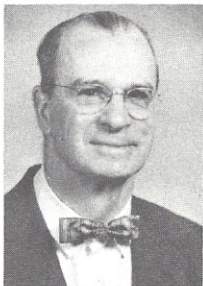


J. E. Will,
Beverly

40 years

on vacation

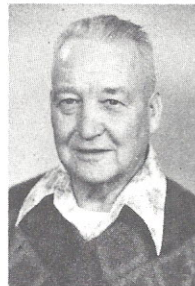
J. A. Laskey,
Forest Glen



J. P. Flynn,
Archer



A. P. Howard,
Forest Glen



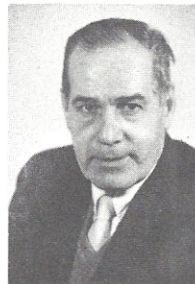
J. R. Wilson,
69th Street



J. P. Wallace,
District D

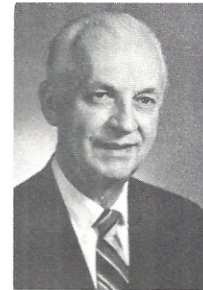


R. J. Holan,
Archer



E. L. Carlson,
North Park

45 years



S. F. Mailuck,
General Accounting

35 years

- J. R. Anderson, North Section
- P. Hodul, Archer Garage
- R. C. Newman, North Avenue Garage
- D. E. Riess, Personnel

30 years

- J. Burns, 52nd Street Garage
- W. E. Cerkon, North Park
- D. D. Coney, Archer
- A. M. Garrity, Purchasing
- H. Goldman, Kedzie
- S. H. Goldman, North Park
- R. McCabe, North Avenue Garage
- W. Molenda, North Park
- W. T. Ruddle, 52nd Street
- H. R. Schmidt, Forest Glen
- R. M. Schneider, South Shops
- N. V. Scimeca, Howard Maint. Term.
- W. F. Stasulas, West Section
- W. A. Taylor, District B
- W. Thornton, Dan Ryan Maint. Term.

25 years

- M. H. Adams, West Section
- J. D. Allen, West Section
- L. Blake, 77th Street
- V. S. Brookins, North Section
- L. F. Cook, Limits
- R. Crawford, 77th Street
- R. L. Crawford, West Section
- D. Daly, Garage Campaign Area
- R. L. Desvignes, 61st Street
- A. DiGianfilippo, Wilson Maint. Term.
- F. J. Duczman, Beverly Garage
- C. F. Estelle, 77th Street
- C. E. Filipek, Forest Glen
- R. E. Flowers, R.T. Maint. Terminals
- H. A. Fullriede, Specifications
- P. Gaza, Forest Park Maint. Term.
- W. Green, North Avenue

- B. Hill, Building Maintenance
- B. I. Houzz, Archer
- C. J. Jones, South Section
- E. Jones Jr., South Section
- A. J. Karkoska, Beverly Garage
- E. M. Kelly, Util. & Emerg. Service
- W. N. Kinnish, 77th Street
- W. J. Kosek, South Section
- P. J. Kourakos, North Park
- S. L. Kubicz, North Park
- S. Kuropas, South Shops
- J. E. Lane, West Section
- T. G. LeNoir, 77th Street
- W. A. Loftlin, South Section
- R. F. Lorentz, North Park Garage
- R. Loughran, Communications & Mrktg.
- L. H. Lykins, South R.T. District
- E. Marcantonio, West Section
- L. L. Matthews, Districts A-B
- G. Millonas, Buildings & Const.
- W. R. Mooney, North Section

- C. P. Moore, 77th Street
- J. O. Mulligan, South Section
- W. E. Nash, South R.T. District
- R. E. O'Brien, North Avenue Garage
- D. T. O'Donnell, MC&OP-South Shops
- J. Pilip, R.T. Signal Division
- W. W. Postada, West Section
- D. E. Reed Jr., Substation Engineering
- J. E. Roberts, Congress-Douglas
- J. Rodriguez, Surface Stations
- J. J. Russ, Skokie Shop
- F. R. Simmons, South Shops
- W. O. Simpson, South Section
- W. Thomas, 77th Street
- L. C. Troken, Executive
- R. R. Troy, Forest Glen Garage
- R. G. Vandermeir, North Park Garage
- J. T. Virruso, South Shops
- R. N. Walston, 77th Street
- E. H. Washington, Kedzie
- C. Wesley, 77th Street

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Payroll) -

A few of our payrollers finished off the old year with a vacation. Not a bad way to go for JEANNE BIZEK, Payroll, and her sister, JACQUELINE, Revenue, when they visited their father, JULIAN BIZEK, who resides in Arizona. Besides the excellence of dad's home cooking, they enjoyed great weather while sightseeing in the Grand Canyon and Old Tucson...VICTORIA LEPEK said, "Why not," and took her first airplane ride, venturing to Florida with her friend, MARGE LYNCH, Claim. They vacationed in Tampa and Orlando visiting Disney World and the famous Busch Gardens. Vickie admits she still prefers having both feet on solid ground...The rustic country of Hillsboro, Wisconsin, lured MARY CARNEY up north. Mary tells us it was deer hunting season so we wonder if she was really shooting the "buck" or the "bull"...Sometimes the holidays seem even warmer when friends or relatives come home to visit. Assistant Payroll Accountant ALBERT LATHOWERS was glowing when his daughter, KATHY, and her husband, Dr. JOHN BERRYMER, an oral surgeon, arrived from New Orleans for a five-day visit. They agreed it was great fun being home, but due to the gas problem, travelling was like pulling teeth!..The JO COLEMAN household was celebrating when her daughter, JOYCE, returned home from St. Norbert's college in De Pere, Wisconsin...YVONNE ZAJAC had her holidays tinselled a bit with the return of her daughter, DEBORAH, from Ball State university...DORIS YOST was treated to a visit in the Merchandise Mart from her daughter, PEGGY, and her husband, LEO PARISEAU. Leo is a career Navy man who is presently stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station. Six-month old grandson, BRIAN, highlighted the visit by stealing the show...It's always a pleasure to hear the pitter-patter of little feet, but of 13 dogs? That's what MAUREEN HOULIHAN's mother, VERNAL, recently experienced. Both of the family's dogs, Senator and Minkie, gave birth to pups in litters of five and six. It was certainly a kind gesture when DOROTHY NYCZAK offered to place one of the pups in her home. Good luck to all...Bring out the cake and light the candles for our January birthday people: MAUREEN HOULIHAN and JOSEPHINE COLEMAN...See you soon.

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

(Datacenter) -

Our sincere sympathy is extended to PAULINE TORREY of Key punch and her family in the loss of her husband, PHILIPPE...On a happier note, we wish to welcome NORRIS EVANS who transferred to

the Tabulating Department from 77th Street where he was a relief clerk...DAN FRUSOLONE and his wife, NETTIE, a former CTAer, were down for a visit. Dan is getting along fine and looks great. It was very nice to see them both...A big hello is extended to four new employees in the Systems Section of the Datacenter. They are: JOHN BONNER, HOWARD CHEN, JOHN KOLENKO and RON GATELY. We would also like to welcome JAMES GRIFFIN, programmer trainee, who came to us from South Shops. We wish all of you the best of luck in your new positions.

- Evelyn Liu

BEVERLY -

Received a nice letter from Pensioner CHARLIE HOOGSTRAAL who retired from 77th Street in 1955. Charlie wishes Pensioner GEORGE EVANS and all the boys good luck. He says the golden years are the rusty years. Charlie's address is: 13681 Cedarcrest, Seal Beach, California 90740. Thanks for the pictures and clippings, sorry we can't reproduce newspaper photos though. Good luck, Charlie...Received a card from Operator CHARLIE (Peepers) GLINES and JOHN BARBER who vacationed in Los Angeles, California. They went sightseeing on Main Street and Pershing Square, but found out they were too old and had to go down on the beach and watch the girls go by...Received a nice letter and picture from Pensioner ED MOLONEY and his wife, CLARA, who drove to Chicago from Deerfield Beach, Florida, to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Bernadette's, followed by an open house at the home of their daughter in Evergreen Park, was attended by more than 100 relatives and friends. Ed and Clara now boast of 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Mrs. ANNALEEN HELMS, the wife of the late FRANK HELMS of Beverly, came with them to visit friends and relatives. Ed says that Pensioner JOE O'CONNOR, former chief clerk at 52nd Street, lives two doors away from him in Florida. We express our deepest sympathy to the families of Pensioners JOHN NANNINGA who worked Kedzie and ANDY BAKER who had the night bus on Western; to Pensioner ART RYAN in the loss of his wife; to the family of MARGE GEARY, wife of the late JIM GEARY, and to the family of CHES-



The Moloneys

TER WILLIAMS, former board member of 69th Street...Pensioner JERRY GLEASON is still doing charity work. You can't keep a good man down for long. Keep up the good work, Jerry.

Pensioner RALPH LEIGHTON of Holiday, Florida, was here to visit his friends and couldn't wait to go home to the land of sunshine. Ralph said he had enough of this snow and zero weather...We express our sympathy to the families of the following: Pensioner LEONARD (Swede) ERICKSON, Pensioner JOHN BUERGERMEIER, Operator JOHN PEARSON, Operator DONALD PETERSEN, and our pal from Kedzie Avenue, Operator CHARLES GLINES who went to his eternal reward...Pensioner WALTER DALY, formerly of 69th, looks in good shape and would like to say hello to his many friends...Thanks to all the pensioners for the Christmas cards, and to Pensioner BERNIE ZESCH for the nice letter...Superintendent JOSEPH WILL is leaving on pension Feb. 1. We hate to see him leave as we couldn't have a finer boss. We wish you many years of good health and happiness.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

Since our last writing we have added a few new faces. In the field we have GEORGE MUNYER who transferred from Skokie Shop; TOMMIE BOSLEY from Kedzie Station; BILL TALBERT from Special Investigations, and BOB SMITH who worked out of Lake Street as a temporary summer employee. I would also like to bid welcome to MARGUERITE RUFFULO who will be my sidekick in the office. We would also like to bid adieu to a few people: JAY JONAS who is now with the Chicago Police Department, FRANK INGRASSIA who moved to Florida where he will work for Bell & Howell, and JOAN CUCI who moved upstairs to the Law Department. Best wishes to everyone on their new jobs...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of retired lieutenant RAYMOND LOHSE who passed away...Our chief, BOB MILLER, is home recuperating after having one of his lungs removed. We all hope you're feeling better, chief, and will be back with us soon. While Bob Miller is off, Lieutenant BILLY BUTLER is acting chief.

Congratulations to GEORGE and BETTY EVANS who are the proud parents of GEORGE MICHAEL weighing in at 8 pounds 4 ounces...It was nice to see some of those faces that we seldom see anymore at the Christmas party: JOHN McGRATH, KEN-

NY GRIMALDI and ROCCO COLUCCI...The recent Illinois Police association convention at the Arlington Park Towers was attended by PAUL WALLACE, GEORGE EVANS, TONY MOKSTAD and CHET MAZURKIEWICZ...RAY WISNEWSKI is on vacation enjoying the great comfort of his couch.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

DEL TOSH, chief power supervisor, and his wife flew to England to visit their son and his family. WAYNE TOSH, a former CTA employee, has been stationed in England with the air force for the past year after returning from Vietnam. The senior Toshes enjoyed touring the English countryside, but seeing their granddaughter, SHERI, was also one of the highlights of their visit...CLYDE HAYES of the Signal Division has left the CTA and we wish him good luck. . . Welcome to JAMES SCHUMPP, engineer assistant, who transferred to the department recently. Jim vacationed in Washington, D.C., during the Christmas holidays, and he also made news when he received a \$10 suggestion award... CHRISTOPHER JOHN, the son of DONNA and KENDRICK BISSETT Sr., signal design engineer, was born on Nov. 25 weighing 9 pounds 5 ounces. Congratulations to the loving parents. We also learned that DONNA KAMINSKI and her husband, RON, are the parents of a daughter, KRISTEN. Donna was formerly a stenographer in the department... From Blue Island we hear that OLLIE THOMAS, B electrician, and his wife, LILLY, are very proud of their twin daughters. The girls are honor students with ANNIE ranking first in their class, and AGNES following closely in second place. They are 17 years old and it certainly is unusual to have two in one family take top honors.

- Kay McAlister

(Chicago Avenue) -

The retirement party for CHARLIE SALVATORE, STANLEY LUCAS, HANK GABAUER, MIKE WHITE, MEL FELTON and BOB MONSON at Johnny Lattner's Marina Towers restaurant was one of our largest parties. It's a good thing I got there early, as the fellows started coming in groups. The bar was overflowing--with people that is. Pensioner friends who attended were T. CALMELAT, F. PIONKE, T. HENRY, R. CONROY, W. WATERS, S. DANECKE, C. SCHUMACHER, J. CICHON, D. SUCCIMORI and C. BUCK. Local No. 9 was represented by G. SCHMIDTZ, N. BURKHARDT, J. FEELEY and F. HINCE. JOHN SHEA was the master of ceremonies and kept the program rolling. Electrical Engineer A. R. SANDBERG presented all the retirees with wallets...CHARLIE NOLTE became a grandfather again when little JUDITH MARIE BLUM was born weighing

in at 9 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations, Charlie...JOHN MURPHY is back to work after a stay in the hospital...ED DEVLIN, PAUL STAHULAK and JACK HOBBS are back to work after being hospitalized. 73

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

ROY WILLIAMS and his wife, MARION, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a surprise party given by their children. Among the guests were GEORGE MATEJOVSKI and TED SZEWC from the front office. Congratulations to you and your charming wife. May you have many more years of happiness together...Regretfully we report the death of Mrs. JUANITA WALTON, the mother-in-law of Signal Maintainer EARL BELL. You have our prayers and sympathy in your hours of bereavement...We congratulate KEN BISSET and his wife, DONNA, on the birth of their first child, 9 pound 5 ounce CHRISTOPHER JOHN. Ken's broad smile certainly indicates he's very happy with the new arrival...All the way from Chicago to San Francisco for a ride on BART, only to find it shut down because of a strike was the lot of ROY WILLIAMS and his family on their recent vacation...Back from a wet vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is VICK ZASTERA. His drive home took him through Ava and Van Buren, Missouri, where he saw HERBY TEMPLEMAN... CLYDE YOUNT spent a 17-day vacation in and around Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Diego, California. He said he enjoyed every moment of his get-away trip but would rather be there than just talk about it. He had an exciting side-trip to Tijuana just over the border.

Congratulations to Signal Maintainer BIRNEST HICKS and MARCIA HUPPERICH who were united in holy matrimony in December at St. Martha's church in Morton Grove, and honeymooned in Jamaica. Also, Birnest is now a draftsman in the Electrical Department in the Mart. Congratulations on your promotion, Birnest...A farewell dinner was given by the CTA Electrical Department's Signal Division for ELMER J. STOKES in honor of his retirement Feb. 1...Returning from a month-long European tour are LORI and KATHLEEN BROWN, the daughters of Signal Maintainer ROBERT BROWN. They are home now but will need several more months to finish telling all they saw on their trip. The tour, which was quite educational, carried them to several countries including Ireland, England, Holland and France...RUSK SCHAEFFER's wife went out and got a job. Rusk went out and bought a 1974 Gremlin. I don't know which one to congratulate, so I guess I'll just mind my own business...

Hats off to our signalmen who work the night shifts. Those night hours in the wintertime not only can be dreary but very cold as well. We can't help but smile when

we board an on-time train in the morning going to work, because we know it didn't just happen all by itself. Thanks!..FRANK HALPER has that far-away look in his eye again. Frank said, "As we peak the coldest days we know that our annual fishing trip (this time on May 19) is not far away." Vera and Orville at Forestview Lodge near Leech Lake, Minnesota, said everything is in readiness for the Signal Department spring fishing expedition. . . The Transit News is taking on a new look and we will all have to put forth a little more effort. One thing's for sure, we'll have to be prompt.

- Tommie Lowery

ENGINEERING -

Wedding bells rang on Oct. 13 when KATHY KRUEGER, stenographer, Design Section, became the bride of PAUL STRANOR. Best of luck with the duties of a wife, Kathy...A speedy get well is wished for CATHY HANSEN, Research/Planning, now home recovering from an operation. We hope to see you soon, Cathy.

(West Shops) -

The welcome mat is out to ANNIE LOVE in the Building Department. She is small but mighty. Happy to have you aboard, Annie. . .Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of J. P. UITZ in the loss of his father; to A. SUNZERI in the death of his mother-in-law, and to R. SALINAS in the death of his grandmother...FRANK MONTEFALCO, leader A machinist, Frog Shop, was selected for the "Man of the Year" award. Congratulations, Frank, it couldn't happen to a nicer fellow...Congratulations to Sheet Metal Foreman STEVE KUDELKA and his wife on the birth of a son, STACEY, and to Track Foreman TOM STANTON and his wife on the birth of MICHAEL ANTHONY on Dec. 11 weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces...WENDY HALLFORD, the daughter of W. C. HALLFORD, supervisor of mechanical maintenance, was a very happy and thrilled young lady when she was selected "Queen for the Day" at the Ringling Brothers Circus at the Amphitheatre.

A little note of cheer is sent to DAN BALANDIS, carpenter foreman, JOHN HEFFERNAN, carpenter, and TONY SUNZERI, track laborer, to get well quick...JOHN UITZ had a very exciting vacation in Europe visiting Rome, England and many other places...PAUL and MARIE ANDERSON have returned from their vacation in Hawaii. It's getting to be a habit with them...We bid a fond adieu to AL THOMAS, clerk in the Track Department, who left us for greener pastures--77th Street. It was a pleasure working with you, Al, and don't forget us. Good luck.

- Kathy Labahn & Jennie Scott

FOREST GLEN -

I'm sorry to report that BOB EVARTS is still on the sick list. He was in Northwest hospital for several weeks but is now home trying to get his strength back with the help of his lovely wife, PEARL...From the repair department we hear that TONY YACOVACCI and his wife celebrated 40 years of marital bliss. Congratulations...Operator JOSEPH DIMARTINO finally became a father when little ALVERA DIANA was born on Dec. 1 weighing 6 pounds 8½ ounces. Mother, JILL, is doing fine and gave dad lots of support...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator JOSEPH GRZELAK and HELEN GRZELAK in the death of Father LOUIS TUSINSKI Dec. 17... Flash--Operator Woody became a grandfather for the 13th time when little STEPHANIE WOOD was born weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces...Happy anniversary wishes are extended to J. R. MILLER and his wife who celebrated 37 years of marital bliss. Miller says it's only a few years, and that's what love can do...Clerk HERB SCHMIDT and his wife also celebrated 40 years of wedded happiness. Married life sure must agree with the old boy as he always looks happy.

I had a card from GARY NAPIER who says the girls in Florida are out of this world. No wonder he's walking around in a daze... Operator GEORGE BARSKI finally took unto himself a bride and is very quiet about it all. At least he has slowed down while driving the coach on Milwaukee avenue... Relief Superintendent W. R. PARNUM was seen one afternoon showing Operator GIUNTA how to clean the windows in a bus. More power to both of them...TOM MEAGHER is finally getting wiser in his old age. He is now picking Irving Park West instead of the Milwaukee downtown run... Operator STOBART is talking about taking his pension and settling down and doing a little fishing...Loader JOHN MAHNKE is as lively as a spring chicken while loading buses at Jefferson Park terminal...Operator BERG says to be on the lookout for more babies in his family...Operator BARRAN is still up to his old tricks every morning...Operator HAMMOND is waiting for another snow storm so he can ride the fire engine to work...Operator LOMBARDO has slowed down and it's no problem following him now...Our friend, MALFESE, said he will be leaving us Apr. 1. He's planning on going to greener pastures... Operator WITKUS is still driving Harlem avenue but says he doesn't see the boys anymore at the clubhouse... Operator CHRIST PANTOS is getting set for the spring wedding of his son, STEVE, and said that we all are invited. Gee thanks, Christ...We have had no report from Operator NELSON since his last Florida vacation, but he is still working Elston...Operator LAST is still working nights, but is still behind in his club dues...Operator LEE is now trying out the O'Hare runs and doing a fine job...BASGALL is now working

the snow and salt trucks in his spare time. He always finds time to do extra work as long as it brings relief to our drivers.

We haven't had any news from Operator WHITEFIELD for awhile. I guess his Mrs. is waiting to go fishing again...We really miss Clerk MILLER each morning since he was bumped off the night shift...Loader PLANTHABER is still trying to play pool...Operator T. HICKEY is contemplating his pension on Mar. 1...The HENRY family (Don't call me Wilbur) has another son. My lovely wife and I just adopted a ten-year old, and now my son, WILLIAM, will finally have a brother. Our new son's name is DAVID, and he fits into our home perfectly...Night Clerk RAGE is really doing a fine job. He always has your transfers and trip sheet ready when he spots you in the depot...Our hats are off to Curly JOE, the young man who assigns our coaches to us each morning. Sorry, Joe, for all the tricks yours truly plays on you...Operator ARTHUR DAVIS and his wife, AGGILENE, are the proud parents of a baby girl born Jan. 8 weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces. This now makes No. 4 for the Davis family. Congratulations...Remember your credit union--it is always there to give you aid and for your savings.

- W. A. Henry Don't call me Wilbur!

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

During the holidays Dr. ARNOLD PECK flew to Pompano Beach, Florida, to visit with his folks. Also birthday greetings are being sent to him for Jan. 23. The years are creeping up, Doc.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Congratulations are in order for JAMES BURKLOW who was promoted to Insurance clerk V, replacing ANN GOLDING who took her retirement on Feb. 1...FRANCES CALPIN and her mother flew to California to visit with her sister, ANNE MARIE. While there they took a tour of Alcatraz, visited the wine country where they drank all the wine they could hold, and also visited the Christian Brothers company where they purchased some brandy. A good time was had by both...Congratulations to PAT AUGDAHL who became Mrs. EDWARD



HOFF on Dec. 1. Mr. Hoff is a supervisor in District D. A church wedding and reception was attended by many CTA friends and co-workers...TONI MISETIC, receptionist, presented her husband, KRIS, A electrician at Skokie Shop, with a real surprise for Christmas. She made arrangements to have his mother and father take their first airplane flight from Croatia to visit with them starting New Year's eve for two months. It was really a surprise since Kris hadn't seen his parents for seven years.

(Personnel) -

MARTHA MORALES, clerk-typist in the Placement Division, left CTA to await the stork...JOHN O'CONNOR and his wife and daughter flew to the Bahamas for a week's vacation and a good time was had by all...DON RIESS and his wife drove to Texas, Louisiana and Florida and had an enjoyable time. What with the gas shortage, how did you make it Don?...T&PS sends its condolences to WALTER GARBUTT, formerly of this department, in the sudden death of his son-in-law, JOHN O'BRIEN, the husband of KATHIE who formerly worked for CTA...The welcome mat is out for VIRGINIA HARRER, newly assigned to the accident statistical section...Working temporarily in the department is NANCY SHOLDICE, the wife of BILL SHOLDICE...LEN LOHN is coming along fine and is now at home. He would like some cards or letters as he is unable to go out as yet...ARTHUR HUBACZ had his son, ARTHUR, and daughter-in-law, KAREN, home for the holidays from Hawaii. Arty Jr. is in the U.S. Navy and he and Karen are anxiously awaiting the birth of a baby in April.

(Treasury) -

Aloha from ERIC SMITH, maintenance engineer of Central Counting, and his wife, PAMELA. They spent an 11-day belated honeymoon at the Princess Kaiulani hotel on Waikiki beach in Hawaii. The honeymoon was only four years late...A three-week vacation for F. C. PALILUNAS, Central Counting, and his Missus included a jaunt to Florida with a stop at Disney World...Assistant Supervisor JIM MCGANN had to contend with pictures of Disney World and Fort Meyers, Florida, sent by his older son and his wife, and granddaughter, KRISTIN. They also reported that they met retired North Avenue Operator JOHN SENKO...The big story out of Central Counting is MICHAEL KANE Jr., born to Money Handler and CC bowling team captain MIKE KANE and his lovely wife, JOANIE. Little Mike weighed in at 7 pounds 2 ounces, checking in at Little Company of Mary hospital in Evergreen Park... Three other vacationers snuck away under a shroud of secrecy: BILL LEAHY, JOHN CUNNINGHAM and TOM COLLOPY. What's up, fellas?

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

We welcome all the operators who came to Kedzie on the system pick, and also all the Lawndale operators. Our board members are R. HARMON and J. EDWARDS. See them and let yourself be known...I met Pensioner TALLEY and his wife who just returned from Florida. They sure looked good and said hello to all at Kedzie...Congratulations to Board Member R. HARMON and his wife, FLORENCE, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Jan. 2... Congratulations to MICHAEL SHEVCHUCK, the son of ANTHONY SHEVCHUCK, who took unto himself a wife, MARCIA JEAN, on Dec. 22. The reception at Chateau Royale on Chicago avenue was just great...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator EUGENE JOHNSON in the death of his mother; to Mrs. KENNEY in the death of her husband, Pensioner M. J. KENNEY; to Collector JOSEPH GILIO in the death of his wife, ROSE MARIE, and to Repairman J. FINLAY in the death of his wife, VERONICA...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

LOOP -

Now enjoying the beautiful Hawaiian breezes are Mr. and Mrs. ERWIN A. STORKE who now reside in Kailua, Hawaii. Ed, a former West Section trainman, retired in March 1969 after more than 41 years of service. They are staying with their son, S/Sgt. E. M. STORKE, and Ed says he is feeling so much better since moving to the Islands. We all wish them the best that life can offer.



- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

LIMITS -

Congratulations to J. ARNIERI, FRANK NORTON and JOHN LOHRMANN on completing 45 years of active service. No other station can top this for active personnel...Operator ROSS is the proud father of a 6 pound baby girl. After finding out that everything was alright, Ross reported to work his night car. Congratulations to the new parents...Congratulations to Operator RUFUS BOYD on the marriage of his daughter, LINDA, to RALPH BUNCH on Nov. 24. RALPH MUELLER, the son of Assistant Superintendent L. R. MUELLER, was united in holy wedlock to CHRISTINA ROPEL on Nov. 17. Best wishes to all the newlyweds...Retired station superintendent GEORGE MAY informed us that his son, G. E. MAY, has been appointed principal of Linne Elementary school...When you see Operator DANIEL ROGERS, shake his hand. Because of his coolness, he prevented his passengers and himself from

being robbed...A warm welcome is extended to Operators J. CLAY and GEORGE VLASS who have returned to work after being off sick. A speedy recovery is wished Operators L. DANIELE and MARR. Our sincere condolences are extended to the families of Operators E. NOWICKI and E. WESTBROOK, to L. CRAIG whose mother passed away, and to R. BENSON in the loss of his wife...I heard that our great basketball team lost its first game. Maybe we should give them more support by coming out on Mondays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m., at Washington Park Fieldhouse, 55th and King Drive...Since the Transit News will be coming out monthly in the future, I will be expecting a lot more news from you guys. Remember, leave a note with the clerk for the Transit News.

- Charles Turner

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Conductor THEODORE CARRUTHERS, Jefferson Park, traded in his badge for a tag and became a ticket agent...Congratulations to Former Agent JAMES SCHUMPP who went to the Engineering Department on Nov. 12 as assistant electrician...We extend our condolences to Superintendent JOHN ZUPKO in the loss of his brother. May he rest in peace...HARRY COTTON and CHARLIE CARDEN went on pension Feb. 1. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement to both!.. Your co-reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, celebrated another birthday (her 29th?) on Jan. 8. Her daughters took her and her husband to dinner, then took them home to a birthday cake in the shape of a bus. The license plate on the green and white bus read "912"--Grace's tag number...Glad to see that Co-reporter KATY MORIARTY is back on the job after 2½ weeks off sick...I'm still at Irving Park--keep the news coming!

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!..Clerk ED WITEK and his wife, GLADYS, travelled to Austin, Texas, in a small van-type truck, where they spent an enjoyable vacation with Ed's sister. Leaving the truck in Texas, they returned home by plane...What ever happened to AMTRAK? That goes to Texas. In fact, that's what District C Superintendent VIC LAULETTA and his wife used when they spent a holiday vacation in Kansas City, Missouri. We're real proud of you, Vic, that's the way to travel...Instructor MARVIN KOCAR's little ol' VW took him and his wife, PEGGY, and their two daughters to Canada. Sorry about missing your birthday, LINDA...My better half and I went to Bloomington, Illinois, to spend time prowling through the Illinois Central Gulf railroad yards taking pictures of a lot of old and new equipment. Also spent some time at a real great shopping

center they have just outside of town. You can guess who enjoyed what part of this trip the most...Superintendent BILL MOSER, Archer, and his daughter, KATHY, celebrated their birthdays in January, along with Instructor MARVIN KOCAR.

Instructors JAMES BROGAN and ED JURZCAK and their respective spouses celebrated their wedding anniversaries in January. No, we didn't forget that No. 1 district superintendent, TOM HILDEBRANT, was also a January baby. February finds Supervisor W. GILLIES taking his well-earned retirement. The other big event this month is Clerk HANK ZYCH's birthday...All of us should be putting on a little more weight on March 13. My wife, VIRGINIA, and Tom Hildebrant will be celebrating that day together. Her " ? " birthday and his 40th anniversary with the company. Clerks ED WITEK and BOB WITENBERG, along with Mrs. PEGGY KOCAR take up the rest of the month with their birthdays. Our congratulations and best wishes to all of you...Some time ago Operators M. LONGTINE and M. WATSON found that honesty is the best policy...The third man of North Avenue's open-heart team, Supervisor MIKE CLEMENTE, is really smiling behind that face mask he's wearing during the recent cold weather.

Assistant Station Superintendent J. McEVILLY's son is up and around after undergoing surgery...The last we heard, our genial box-puller, TOM MURPHY, was still keeping all the pretty nurses company at St. Anne's hospital...Our sincere sympathy is extended to these fellow workers in the recent loss of their loved ones: Relief Station Superintendent E. WESTON in the loss of his sister; to Operator M. ANDERSEN in the loss of his father; to Operator F. NEUBAUER in the loss of his mother; to retired transfer instructor BILL KENNEDY in the loss of his wife, and to Senior Station Instructor JAMES BROGAN in the loss of his mother-in-law. Our condolences also to the families of District D Supervisor W. HOFF and retired clerk ROLAND HEAD.

Supervisor JOHN MILLETTE and his wife, NANCY, spent a most enjoyable vacation with retired clerk HERBY HARRIS and his wife, HELEN, in Tracy City, Tennessee. It's about 75 miles beyond Nashville on the way to Florida. The Harrises have the welcome mat out for anyone who can find enough gas to drive down and visit with them. As I remember, Herby, this should be something we would certainly enjoy...Operator LEWIS MONTGOMERY and his wife, GLORIA, are proudly presenting their first son to the world. Our congratulations to the happy couple...The RTA could be a mighty successful thing if we could get all our friends to vote for it.

Special thanks to former reporter BILL MIEDEMA who provided the following news

about our pensioners... FLORIAN DWIEL underwent surgery and has fully recovered. He and his wife, EVA, are going to make their home in Florida. Now I'll have another pensioner to visit for some fishing... NEIL and BETTY COTTER, Portage, Wisconsin, are well and happy. Betty was "under the weather" for awhile... ART and BETTY MOILANEN are fine and keeping busy in L'Anse, Michigan. Art hasn't done much fishing, but has been hunting several times... FLORENCE BLAKE, the widow of JERRY BLAKE, Michigan City, Indiana, visited Las Vegas, New Jersey and the convention in Miami. She tells us AUGIE JOHNSON looks great. He moved to Clearwater, Florida... GUS and MARIE MAY are happy in Winter Haven, Florida, and say hello to all their old friends... HANS and ELLA HABBESTAD, Eatonville, Washington, were back east last summer. They have 2½ acres of land and are very happy... RUDIE and LILLIAN KANNAWURF are enjoying retirement in Colorado Springs, Colorado... LARS PEARSON, Mountain Home, Arkansas, gets a lot of fishing done. He and his wife, ANNA, were in Chicago and visited with us. Both look good... All is well with FRANK and MARIE COLEMAN, Ormond Beach, Florida... EDNA and RUDY MAY, Phoenix, Arizona, are well. Edna recently had surgery... JOHN and JEAN SENKO have been travelling... Besides the above mentioned, we also received cards from OLIVER and MARGE WIKRENT of Garden Grove, California; HAROLD LEMEUX of Wautoma, Wisconsin; LEO and EVELYN PLUSKOWSKI of Arkdale, Wisconsin; ERNEST and EMILY BOCK; BARNEY and JO CALLAHAN; HERB and MILDRED LINDEMANN; VIGGIO WINDFIELD and his wife; JOE and CATHERINE HEIBEL; JOHN and MARGARET KULLOWITCH, and ERV and ERMA DIETZ... We are sorry to report the death of our old friend BILL ECHOLS. Bill had been ill for some time. He passed away Nov. 24 in Veteran's hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Many of you remember him from his column in the Union Leader which he wrote under the name "OTTO MOBILE." We were also saddened by the death of GENE KOEHN, the wife of ARMIN KOEHN in Westfield, Wisconsin. Jesus said: "I go to prepare a place for you that where I am there ye may be also."

- Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, came to Chicago from Spring Grove, Minnesota, to visit their children, HELENE, MARIE and TED. The occasion also included the confirmation of their granddaughter, CINDY COLLARITSCH... Operator SAM POSNER and his wife, ETHEL, flew to Los Angeles, California, where they stayed with Ethel's mother, Mrs. MINNIE MOLL. On the agenda were visits to San Diego, Long Beach and three

wonderful days at the Executive Suites motel at Las Vegas, Nevada... Pensioner AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, vacationed throughout Europe this past fall. Starting in London, they toured Holland, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and ended up in Paris, France.

Pensioner JAMES DOWEY and his wife, EULALIE, and her brother, the Reverend JOHN NICHOLSON, spent a week in the Ozark area where they visited with Pensioners RAY DONESKI, ROY LEMKE and JOHN PAAKONEN... Pensioner FRANK LASKE and his wife, GERTRUDE, attended a wedding in London, England. The Laskes were very impressed with the beauty of England and enjoyed their stay on the old sod... Operator LEONARD QUINLAIN, while fishing from Operator CLARENCE VAN MIDDLESWORTH's charter boat, the Debtors Prison, caught a 32-inch, 17-pound lake trout off Algoma, Wisconsin... Operator LEROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, became grandparents for the first time when their daughter-in-law, STEPHANIE, and their son, THOMAS, became parents of a son named THOMAS TRENT born on Oct. 29 in the Northglenn Colorado hospital weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces... Operator RALPH McDONALD was hospitalized at Edgewater hospital for major surgery and at this writing is at home convalescing satisfactorily... Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Pensioner MARTIN DEVANEY in the loss of his beloved wife, PEGGY.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

Taking their pensions on Jan. 1 with a combined total of 95 years of service were the three trainmen pictured here receiving a farewell gift from Superintendent M. LaVELLE and congratulations from Conductor ABE PETAK. They are, from left to



right, Conductor HOWARD D. BROWN, 32 years, Mr. Petak; Conductor HAL G. STAATS, 32 years; Chief Foot Collector JOSEPH L. GOLDBERG, 31 years, and Mr. LaVelle. Everyone on the North Section would like to take this opportunity to wish these three fine fellows many long years of health and happiness.

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

LESLIE and EVELYN PEASE announced the double wedding of their son, CRAIG, to CARYL MINCH, and their daughter, PAMELA, to JAMES NAPIER at St. John Lutheran church. Leslie is a radio-telephone operator in Operations Control... Line Supervisor JIM LUVISI's retirement Jan. 1



was marked by a party and a gift presented by Transportation Manager D. M. Flynn.

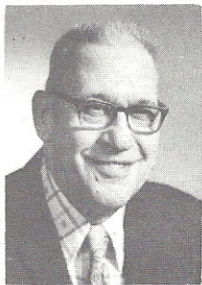
(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Our sincere condolences to the family of Pensioner ELMER FEHLHABER. Elmer was formerly the president of Teamsters Local 726 which represents the chauffeurs in the Utility Department. We also extend our sincere sympathy to MATT SZAREK, STANLEY KAMINSKI, ANTHONY KRAUS and TOM GODFREY in the loss of their fathers... ED KENNEDY and his family vacationed in Massachusetts where they visited Plymouth Rock and other historical places... Pensioner CHARLES BELASICH called Blue Island during the holidays to extend greetings to everyone. Charles is now living in Alsip, Illinois... ALBERT SCHMIDT joined the ranks of the retired on Jan. 1 after 28 years of service. We all wish you many years of good health and happiness.

- Colette Szygemanek

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

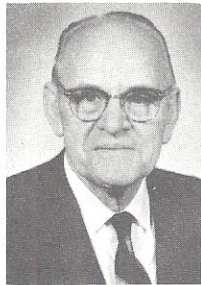
A warm hello goes out to these new employees: RITA KRUEGER who came to Stores from Insurance Department, new Specifications Engineer GENE FREGETTO, and South Shops Typist MAUREEN SHORE. At the same time we wish a big farewell to MARYANN JOBARIS, former co-reporter who left us to work in Engineering Department, and MARY JOHNSON who went back to school at Indiana university. Last, but not least, is our former co-op student in Specifications, DEAN MEYER, who has returned to school at Marquette university... The holidays meant vacation time to many of us. BOB PIEPER, Stores, went up to Michigan visiting relatives. MARGARET KELLS, Purchasing, was gone for a week. She had a grand time sleeping, she said. VIRGINIA RESNICK, Purchasing, was busy preparing for the Christmas season. Her



J. A. LOHRMANN
45 Years



T. J. CULHANE
45 Years



J. C. KASMAN
44 Years



E. E. ANDERSON
47 Years



G. DEMCO
44 Years



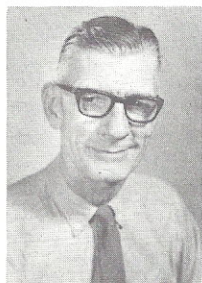
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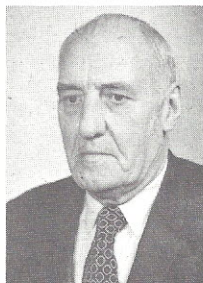
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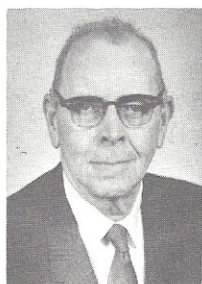
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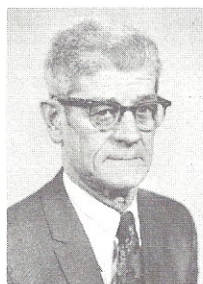
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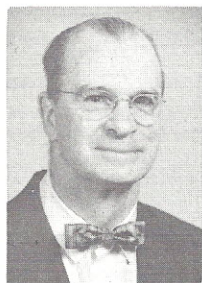
L. W. HEISE
42 Years



A. P. HOWARD
40 Years



A. L. MAZZA
40 Years



J. P. FLYNN
40 Years



J. E. WILL
40 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

WITH COMBINED service totalling 603 years are the 14 employees pictured here who retired on January 1 and February 1 with 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

JOSEPH AFFRONTI, Track Foreman I, Track, Emp. 5-26-41
 ARTHUR V. AMBERG, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-11-41
 ESTHER E. ANDERSON, Control Clerk, Accounting, Emp. 6-1-26
 STANLEY J. BARKAUSKAS, Bus Repr., Archer Garage, Emp. 1-23-36
 HUGH W. BARNES, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 10-16-45
 FRANCIS A. BELLINO, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-23-44
 CHESTER M. BIRD, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 7-15-37
 WILLIAM C. BLADES, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 6-12-41
 MICHAEL J. BOCIAN, Painter, Engineering, Emp. 12-1-45
 HOWARD D. BROWN, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 2-17-42
 JOHN W. BRUCKER, Superintendent, North Section, Emp. 1-27-42
 BEN E. BRUHNKE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-15-41
 MATTHEW BUCHANAN, Motor Blower, Wilson Shop, Emp. 1-26-51
 ERNEST BUCHWITZ, Operator, Limits, Emp. 11-18-36
 CHARLES CARDEN, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 9-8-36
 LUTHER A. CARR, Car Repairman, 61st Street, Emp. 10-16-47
 LAWRENCE M. CASEY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-6-34
 ROBERT J. CASEY, Chauffeur, Util. & Emerg. Service, Emp. 2-14-44
 DOMINIC A. CESARE, Motorman, 61st Street, Emp. 11-4-29
 HAROLD W. CHILDERS, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-36
 GEORGE J. CLARK, Superintendent, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 4-9-35
 JOHN H. CONLON, Investigator II, Claims, Emp. 12-1-30
 LUCIEN J. CONTANT, Janitor, 77th Street, Emp. 8-11-41
 JOHN M. COOKE, Audit Clerk IV, Internal Auditing, Emp. 5-21-46
 HARRY C. COTTON, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 5-4-37
 HARRY O. COX, Operator, Archer, Emp. 11-17-36
 THOMAS J. CULHANE, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 12-7-28
 RAYMOND DAGENAIS, Superintendent, Surface Operations, Emp. 8-15-41
 RAYMOND L. DALKE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-1-43
 ALPHONSE F. DELCORSE, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 4-10-43
 GABRIELE DeMATTEO, Laborer, Stores, Emp. 5-5-43
 GEORGE DEMCO, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-12-29
 GEORGE W. DEUTER, Investigator, Claim, Emp. 2-23-48
 FRANK A. DISCH, Clerk II, Communications and Mrktg., Emp. 4-3-36
 THOMAS H. DOUGLAS, Conductor, 61st Street, Emp. 3-19-51
 PAUL P. DUCAR, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 4-11-41
 ARTHUR E. FANSTILL, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 10-5-40
 JOSEPH P. FLYNN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-27-34
 OSCAR H. FRIEDEMANN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-19-53
 LeROY R. GALLAGHER, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 4-23-45
 MICHAEL J. GALVIN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-42
 WILLIAM A. GEDWELLAS, Bus Repr., Archer, Emp. 5-15-41
 WILLIAM A. GILLIES, Supervisor, District C, Emp. 9-21-36
 ANTHONI L. GLOPPE, Collector, Limits, Emp. 9-15-36
 JOSEPH L. GOLDBERG, Chief Foot Coll., North Section, Emp. 12-9-43
 ANNA M. GOLDING, Insurance Clerk, Insurance, Emp. 11-17-43
 PETER P. GURETZ, Clerk, West Section, Emp. 11-29-40
 COPSIE A. HAL, Janitor, North Section, Emp. 4-17-49

GEORGE HANN, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-29-47
JAMES G. HARRISON, Supervisor,
District B, Emp. 11-1-34
LAWRENCE W. HEISE, Chauffeur,
Util. & Emerg. Service, Emp. 3-26-30
ROBERT H. HOCHLEUTNER, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 4-19-34
WILBUR E. HOLMES, Platform Man,
West Section, Emp. 12-3-29
ALAN P. HOWARD, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-29-34
CHARLES J. KASAL, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 1-23-43
JOHN C. KASMAN, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 2-5-29
THOMAS K. KAY, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-19-42
WILLIAM P. KELLY, Supervisor,
South Shops, Emp. 9-16-36
JOHN D. KING, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 3-30-37
CHARLES W. KOENIG, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-22-41
ROMUALD LAUDANSKI, Car Repairman,
Wilson Shop, Emp. 1-21-52
JOHN R. LERNER, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 11-20-40
JOSEPH M. LEVIGNE, Carpenter,
Building, Emp. 5-6-36
JOHN A. LOHRMANN, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 3-5-28
HARRY J. LOUIS, Box Puller,
Beverly, Emp. 9-21-36
JAMES J. LUVISI, Line Supervisor,
Operations Control, Emp. 4-24-41
PETER S. MARCHISOTTO, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 1-16-43
JAMES C. MARTINEK, Chief Clerk,
South Section, Emp. 12-5-38
ARTHUR L. MAZZA, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 10-30-33
GILBERT C. MCKENZIE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-17-54
JOHN C. MCPARTLAN, Car Serviceman,
Kimball, Emp. 10-6-48
MARIE S. MULVIHILL, Assignment Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-10-56
FREDRICK O. NELSON, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-19-36
EDGAR P. NEWTON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-12-42
WILLIAM NOVOTNY, Elect. Wrkr. A,
South Shops, Emp. 8-15-29

LEE R. OAKES, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-3-47
WALTER J. OLENICK, Mach. Foreman,
South Shops, Emp. 10-16-39
GUSTAVE J. PAVELKA, Day Foreman,
52nd Street, Emp. 8-19-36
CHARLES F. PEARSON, Repairman,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-22-41
JOSEPH B. PELIKAN, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-22-41
EDWIN H. PLATH, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-5-40
WILLIAM PROKOP, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 9-20-43
LAWRENCE T. PROVOST, Info. Clerk,
Travel Information, Emp. 3-23-42
RAYMOND W. PRYOR, Supervising Instr.,
South Section, Emp. 2-18-36
CARL G. REDEMSKE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-25-42
RUDOLPH A. RIEP, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-9-37
JOSEPH M. ROCH, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-29-41
HERBERT H. RUMSFELD, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-19-41
JOHN J. RYAN, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 10-26-36
JOSEPH A. RYAN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 4-12-48
JOHN SABO, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 7-3-51
STANLEY J. SAGEN, Blacksmith/Welder,
South Shops, Emp. 7-2-45
FRANK J. SCHENDL, Repairman,
North Park, Emp. 6-25-42
ALBERT L. SCHMIDT, Chauffeur,
Util. & Emerg. Service, Emp. 9-25-45
NICHOLAS V. SCIMECA, Car Serviceman,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-8-44
ANDREW SKELTON, Bus Repairer,
Archer, Emp. 8-30-47
GEORGE SLADEK, Bus Serviceman,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-30-45
ROBERT P. SORENSEN, Motorman,
North Section, Emp. 1-3-46
HAL G. STAATS, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 4-4-41
FRED C. STAWINSKI, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 7-23-46
ARTHUR STERN, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 11-14-45
ELMER J. STOKES, Signal Maintainer,
Electrical, Emp. 7-16-30

ANTHONY TESTA, Plumber,
Building, Emp. 12-27-44
EARL P. TIERNEY, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-18-42
EDWARD W. TIERNEY, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 8-7-41
JACOB T. URBAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 8-18-41
EDWARD A. VANEK, Collector,
Beverly, Emp. 10-29-53
CHARLES J. VLASAK, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 11-10-36
BRUNO F. WARDA, Conductor,
South Section, Emp. 7-19-40
ARTHUR F. WEINREICH, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-17-41
GEORGE WICKMAN, Receptionist,
Executive, Emp. 7-12-29
JOSEPH E. WILL, Station Superintendent,
Beverly, Emp. 1-9-34
HARRY E. WILSON, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-24-45
JOHN H. WILSON, Switchman,
West Section, Emp. 12-20-40
JOHN E. WISNIEWSKI, Upholsterer A,
South Shops, Emp. 10-28-43
GEORGE S. WITT, Bus Serviceman,
North Park, Emp. 4-8-47
FRANK J. WOJCICK, Chief Operator,
Electrical, Emp. 11-22-43
CLYDE E. WOOL, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 8-20-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

LUCIOUS BANKS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 8-6-53
WALTER M. BIERNAT, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-6-58
JOSEPH C. GOOCH, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-15-58
THOMAS F. McDONALD, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-22-46
ROBEY MCKAY, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 2-6-51
WALTER RAJEWSKI, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 10-28-42
EARL J. ROCHE, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-25-46
WILBUR J. STRASSER, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 8-19-41

vacation provided her with the time she needed to put her Christmas tree up and get her shopping done. Mr. HARTY had two weeks with his family. He said it was a delightful treat to be with his entire family for the first time in three years. Mr. FULLRIEDE, Specifications, spent a wonderful time with his family. NICK LACORCIA, Storeroom 42, spent his vacation at home with his family. And last, your new reporter was on a great skiing trip for a week in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and nearby areas. I had fun snowmobiling too and hated to leave to come back... We were happy to see JERRY LEVINE, Purchasing, back at work after her stay in the hospital.

..BOB McCARTHY, Purchasing, is proud to report that his daughter, MARY BETH, has been named an Illinois State scholar. She plans to be a nurse... One big announcement I have left for last. ED TOBIN, Stores, is looking forward to moving into his new house. Anyone interested in purchasing his present tri-level in DesPlaines can call Ed.

- Priscilla Kanradt

RAPID TRANSIT MAINTENANCE TERMINALS - Unbelievable! Fantastic! Those were the words describing the winning of the Irish Sweepstakes by Instructor D. NICOSIA.

His share was \$24,000. He stated some of the money will be spent for a trip to California and possibly a new car. The rest will be taken care of by his financial advisor and bookkeeper, his wife. Keep up the good work, Dom... Instructor H. YOUNG is enjoying his vacation doing chores around the house... Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Repairman L. CARR, 61st Street, whose sister passed away, and to J. HINTON, Dan Ryan switchman, in the loss of his father... Vacationing from 61st Street are J. BUFORD, G. BUNDLEY and W. SPARKS... A party was held for Car Serviceman M. BUCHANAN, Wilson, who retired Jan. 1 after 23 years of

service. Among old friends present were C. DANSBY of Dan Ryan and J. LOCKE.

Congratulations to J. ZACCOLI, Congress, on his new Buick Riviera...Superintendents J. BOLECH and A. J. PROCARO would like to congratulate Foremen M. COYLE and H. DICKERSON and all the employees at the Dan Ryan Shop on the cleanliness of the shop which was praised by representatives of New York City Transit Authority and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority when they visited the shop. With them from the Fire and Safety Department at South Shops were J. DUDLEY and W. FINKLER...Vacationing during December were Dan Ryan's H. DICKERSON, F. PICKETT, R. LONDON, V. LINDSEY, Y. PATE and T. FRIEND...J. ARMSTRONG took his lovely wife, ANGELA, to a Holiday Inn in Wisconsin on her 21st birthday... Congratulations to Q. L. BONDS on 25 years of service, and to T. FRIEND, now a great-great-grandfather.

- Frank Pickett

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Pensioner ARVIN KREUTZER recently visited the office and looks very well. Retirement really agrees with him...Mr. and Mrs. NICK ZAHN, Mr. and Mrs. ED JOYCE, Mr. and Mrs. FRANK CORBETT, and Mr. and Mrs. DAVID JACOBS all flew to Hawaii for vacations, and all came back recommending it highly...EUGENE WROBEL is sporting a 1974 Dodge Swinger...GEORGE HANUS and his wife drove to Redington Beach, Florida, for their vacation...DOROTHY ETSCHIED flew to Florida and really enjoyed it...Your scribe, KAY BATINA, flew to Las Vegas and came home with empty pockets.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOP -

Good luck to WILLARD CARPENTER, electrical apprentice, who transferred to South Shops. Stop in and see us, Willard... Congratulations are extended to ED MAJKSZAK and his wife who became grandparents for the first time on Dec. 23...That old saying about money goes to money, how true it is! GARY OLSON, carpenter, won a \$600 diamond. Congratulations, Gary!.. Everyone will be glad to hear that DAN O'BRIEN finally put a muffler on his MG. Thanks, Dan...Our deepest sympathy to the family of ED O'GRADY, retired laborer who recently passed away...The welcome mat is out for GENEVIEVE BERG who recently joined our office staff, ELMER FISCHER in the Welding Department, and all our new electrical apprentices, JIM ARNOUX, ED SMITH, JESSIE ROBERTSON, TED MILLS and DON FREEBAIRN... Our very best to JEFF BRADY, technical services engineer, who left us to become a car inspector for the Northwest Subur-

ban Mass Transit District. He will be inspecting commuter cars being built in Philadelphia for operation on the Milwaukee Road. So good luck to a really swell guy and a real sharp engineer who will be missed by everyone at Skokie. I think that's about everything you told me to put down, isn't it Jeff?

A hardy hello to Electricians ED DELANEY, DON VILLA, RICH FELDMANN and HERB LINDQUIST, Carpenter DON TEDESCHI and Welder GERALD HORNUNG who are presently working at the Springfield Shop. Good luck fellows!..TOM HOEY and his wife, ANN, spent two weeks in Florida visiting Disney World, Cypress Gardens and Miami. Tom says they had a great time...I stopped in to see CATHY HEGARTY, former timekeeper and Transit News reporter, who says hello to the fellows out in the Shop. It looks like you're really enjoying your new job as a full-time homemaker, Cathy!

- Pat Harnett

SOUTH SECTION -

To catch up on the news, I'll start by reporting that the Agents' Pension Club Dinner and Christmas Party was held on Dec. 2 at Sharko's restaurant and the honored guest was former Division 308 president JOHN BURNS. It was a gala affair with about 140 people attending, including John's wife, KATE, their daughter, grandsons, and



John's sister, DELORES BERO, West Section ticket agent. Master of ceremonies was ROBERT ROESING, West Section superintendent of Agents and Janitors, and he did a bang-up job. Retired assignment agents and president of the club LULU HAMANN and Treasurer ROSE HEIDENBLUT did their usual super job with the party and John was thrilled...The 1973 vacation for yours truly and husband, Clerk ROLAND, included stops in Florida with retired clerk JOE and retired agent ANN O'CONNOR in Holiday, and retired supervisor DON MURPHY and GEN in New Port Richey...Accepted for supervisor's school from the South Section are Motormen THOMAS OVERTON and FRANK PICKETT, Extra Conductors JERRY JOHNSON, WILLIAM SMITH and BRAXTON ATKIN-

SON, and Switchman JOHN HINTON. Congratulations!.. Mrs. JOHN LEMKE, the wife of retired yard foreman JOHN LEMKE, was in the hospital but is home now recuperating and feeling better...Retired conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO recently had an operation but is doing fine now. I received a nice letter from California where he is spending the winter. He is going to see retired towerman CHARLES RUMMELL and retired conductor JOHN LOUGHLIN while there...This is a "goof" on me. I said in my last column that Part-time Conductor JOHN BENNETT had returned to school in the fall. Well he didn't, he decided to become a full-time conductor and is now working the West Section... Retired station superintendent MICHAEL (Mickey) O'CONNOR's wife, ALICE, was in the hospital for surgery, but is doing fine now. The O'Connors live in Tucson, Arizona, and love it there... Collector GEORGE DeYOUNG was very happy when he told us that he was named chairman of the Boy Scouts Troop 686 of Alsip...Retired conductor PHAROAH (Mother-in-law) CAIN and his missus were down in New Orleans and they say hello to all of us.

A big send-off was given Chief Clerk JIM MARTINEK who retired on Jan. 1. A nice luncheon was held at the Ashland office and



the food was delicious. A token of remembrance was given Jim by all his friends and co-workers. Jim's lovely wife, DOROTHY, his two daughters, DOROTHY and DELORES, two of his grandchildren, and his son-in-law surprised Jim by coming down. Among Jim's former bosses who came out were retired station superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, Superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations JAMES BLAA and Operations Control Superintendent EDWARD HEATER. Also Superintendent of Operating Stations GEORGE RILEY and Chief Clerk of the Transportation Department JAMES TUCKER. Pensioners who came included clerk JOHN MORAN and conductor FRANK PONZIANO. Many thanks to Clerk AL RAKESTRAW, Janitors MIKE CARUSO and ED FREEMAN, and Motorman TONY JAGLA, without whose help we couldn't have managed. Everyone wished Jim a happy and long life of retirement...Just heard recently that retired supervisor CHARLES SPIELMAN and retired motorman PATRICK GALLAGHER passed away. Our

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WILLIAM ADAMCZYK, 93, Armitage,
Emp. 10-12-06, Died 11-28-73

ANDERS E. ANDERSON, 83, North Ave.,
Emp. 4-10-17, Died 11-18-73

ANDREW J. BAKER, 68, Beverly,
Emp. 9-9-26, Died 10-14-73

HERMAN F. BARDWELL, 82, 77th Street,
Emp. 3-24-20, Died 9-10-73

PETER M. BEDALOV, 75, Track,
Emp. 4-13-34, Died 9-16-73

JOSEPH BEDNARIK, 58, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 9-21-36, Died 12-1-73

JOSEPH BERLEN, 82, Way & Structs.,
Emp. 6-28-43, Died 11-12-73

WALTER H. BERZEK, 71, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-17-25, Died 11-14-73

FRANK BOKSA, 77, Paint Shop,
Emp. 7-26-23, Died 11-30-73

JOHN A. BUCHANAN, 77, Lake Street,
Emp. 7-23-46, Died 9-6-73

JOHN P. BUERGERMEIER, 67, Beverly,
Emp. 6-26-29, Died 11-20-73

JOHN BURKE, 90, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-1-52, Died 9-23-73

RAYMOND BURKE, 71, Throop Street,
Emp. 5-6-25, Died 11-18-73

CHARLES J. BURNS, 83, 61st Street,
Emp. 9-27-16, Died 9-26-73

PATSY CARONARA, 71, West Section,
Emp. 8-5-43, Died 10-20-73

OTTO CARMAN, 85, Devon,
Emp. 4-6-21, Died 11-21-73

GENNARO CASERMO, 87, Track,
Emp. 5-17-18, Died 11-27-73

JOSEPH CIESLA, 87, Elston,
Emp. 4-16-23, Died 10-20-73

ETHEL CLATFELTER, 74, North Section,
Emp. 7-11-44, Died 12-5-73

WILLIAM DIGNAN, 93, Burnside,
Emp. 4-17-06, Died 11-9-73

ROBERT J. DILLON, 89, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-10-08, Died 10-27-73

FRANK E. DIMMICK, 78, South Section,
Emp. 1-11-22, Died 11-11-73

FRANK DONNELLY, 76, North Park,
Emp. 7-13-23, Died 10-18-73

LEONARD C. ERICKSON, 64, Beverly,
Emp. 11-23-36, Died 11-19-73

LOUIS F. EWERT, 80, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-7-23, Died 9-15-73

ELMER J. FEHLHABER, 74, Utility,
Emp. 5-5-17, Died 11-7-73

A. J. FEINENDEGEN, 79, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 1-11-13, Died 11-18-73

EDWARD W. GADWILL, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-1-26, Died 9-18-73

RALPH GALLO, 75, Constr. & Maint.,
Emp. 6-6-41, Died 11-17-73

WALTER GANDOR, 60, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 2-21-51, Died 10-7-73

PETER GERHARZ, 62, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-17-37, Died 10-19-73

EDWARD GERVAIN, 57, Archer,
Emp. 5-16-46, Died 12-11-73

CHARLES GLINES, 60, Beverly,
Emp. 2-3-42, Died 1-8-74

WILLIS E. GOODALL, 77, Surface Dist.,
Emp. 10-28-19, Died 9-18-73

DAVID HAGER, 81, Devon,
Emp. 7-12-23, Died 10-16-73

FRANCIS J. HAGINS, 60, Sched.-Traff.,
Emp. 8-25-36, Died 11-11-73

HARRY HANRATTY, 72, 52nd Street,
Emp. 8-25-23, Died 10-22-73

GEORGE V. HARRISON, 65, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-24-36, Died 10-19-73

THERESA K. HAYES, 81, Revenue Acctg.,
Emp. 3-16-42, Died 12-6-73

ROLAND B. HEAD, 65, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-24-42, Died 9-24-73

JOSEPH HOBBS, 53, Electrical,
Emp. 3-25-47, Died 10-23-73

WILLARD HOFF, 57, District D,
Emp. 7-16-46, Died 12-1-73

C. JENNINGS, 76, RT Maint. Terminals,
Emp. 1-22-24, Died 10-20-73

WILBUR JOLLY, 52, Archer,
Emp. 8-2-54, Died 10-19-73

JOSEPH KAJPUST, 88, Limits,
Emp. 11-14-18, Died 10-29-73

MICHAEL KENNY, 76, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-24-29, Died 10-29-73

ANTON J. KIRSZA, 90, South Shops,
Emp. 10-23-18, Died 10-26-73

MICHAEL KOROSY, 87, Executive,
Emp. 7-8-14, Died 10-25-73

CHARLES KRAMER, 83, Devon,
Emp. 8-26-13, Died 9-9-73

JOSEPH P. LADENBACH, 76, North Sect.,
Emp. 10-2-45, Died 10-22-73

VERENA LANGHAMMER, 83, Real Estate,
Emp. 5-1-41, Died 9-20-73

ANTONIO LAPERUTO, 81, Laramie,
Emp. 1-14-19, Died 9-12-73

ALVIN J. LAWSON, 71, West Section,
Emp. 10-5-26, Died 10-15-73

LORENZO LAWSON, 62, South Section,
Emp. 12-5-44, Died 12-30-73

CARL E. LEAF, 94, Devon,
Emp. 7-8-11, Died 10-2-73

ANDREW M. LINKLATER, 94, North Sect.,
Emp. 8-27-06, Died 9-29-73

PHILIP LOPRESTI, 85, Way & Structures,
Emp. 4-1-29, Died 9-24-73

ROY O. LYMAN, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-10-27, Died 12-1-73

SARAH McEVOY, 75, South Section,
Emp. 5-19-23, Died 9-11-73

THOMAS MCGILL, 73, North Park,
Emp. 9-20-29, Died 11-22-73

JOSEPH MORIARTY, 84, Kedzie,
Emp. 3-13-17, Died 11-5-73

EDWARD J. MURRAY, 87, Transportation,
Emp. 2-15-23, Died 12-7-73

WILLIAM F. MURTAUGH, 79, North Park,
Emp. 6-21-27, Died 9-10-73

JOHN NANNINGA, 61, Beverly,
Emp. 1-15-37, Died 11-2-73

CLARENCE NIMTZ, 60, West Section,
Emp. 10-8-56, Died 10-18-73

E. J. NOWICKI, 63, Limits,
Emp. 10-17-40, Died 10-8-73

ALBERT O'DOWD, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-19-23, Died 11-25-73

MICHAEL J. O'NEILL, 89, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-28-13, Died 10-28-73

JOHN C. PEARSON, 30, Beverly,
Emp. 3-25-68, Died 11-17-73

DONALD PETERSEN, 57, Beverly,
Emp. 5-25-48, Died 12-26-73

JOSEPH A. PORCELIUS, 68, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-3-37, Died 11-2-73

MICHAEL PRIBISH, 80, West Shops,
Emp. 3-2-18, Died 8-11-73

WILLIAM PRUNO, 81, Metropolitan,
Emp. 5-23-27, Died 11-2-73

JAMES RANDLE, 40, South Section,
Emp. 4-12-67, Died 12-15-73

ROBERT A. RAWLINGS, 51, South Sect.,
Emp. 3-19-62, Died 10-13-73

CHARLES A. RITCHIE, 83, North Sect.,
Emp. 1-2-24, Died 9-12-73

MELVIN E. SAYRE, 62, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-5-29, Died 9-30-73

CARL L. SCHUELER, 74, Keeler,
Emp. 1-9-20, Died 10-22-73

OTTO H. SCHULTZ, 76, West Section,
Emp. 1-19-19, Died 8-31-73

ISAAC SEARS, 58, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-5-57, Died 11-21-73

WILLIAM G. SEDGWICK, 84, North Ave.,
Emp. 2-11-20, Died 9-17-73

WILLIAM F. SIMS, 82, South Section,
Emp. 7-16-20, Died 11-14-73

JAMES SIMSEN, 76, North Section,
Emp. 7-1-19, Died 11-27-73

MIRKO SOBOL, 82, Way & Structures,
Emp. 2-25-37, Died 8-28-73

RAYMOND SOMMERS, 63, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-7-42, Died 12-19-73

KAMIR SPARK, 81, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-27-25, Died 10-23-73

ANTHONY SPATAFORE, 64, South Shops,
Emp. 10-17-30, Died 12-6-73

CHARLES A. SPIELMAN, 80, North Sect.,
Emp. 5-6-20, Died 11-30-73

GEORGE STRALLAS, 85, West Section,
Emp. 7-15-12, Died 8-31-73

JOHN SUTHERLAND, 62, Archer,
Emp. 4-3-43, Died 12-19-73

HARRY SWIETLIK, 58, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-12-47, Died 12-8-73

WALTER B. TAYLOR, 78, West Shops,
Emp. 12-3-23, Died 11-5-73

AUGUST THOMAS, 86, Way & Structures,
Emp. 6-4-27, Died 11-23-73

EMILY C. URBAN, 72, Office Services,
Emp. 12-3-19, Died 11-28-73

FRANK VRASTIL, 78, West Section,
Emp. 4-12-24, Died 12-7-73

JOZEF WEGLARZ, 85, Way & Structures,
Emp. 8-1-29, Died 9-24-73

EDWIN C. WENDT, 69, South Shops,
Emp. 3-12-18, Died 10-19-73

ELIJAH WESTBROOKS, 58, Limits,
Emp. 10-25-53, Died 10-3-73

CHARLES C. WIDEGREN, 94, North Ave.,
Emp. 7-3-07, Died 10-19-73

BENJAMIN W. WILIEKO, 79, North Sect.,
Emp. 2-6-30, Died 11-9-73

CHESTER F. WILLIAMS, 68, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-11-29, Died 11-6-73

CASIMIR WISNIEWSKI, 58, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-11-42, Died 10-3-73

sympathy goes out to their families...Going on pension Jan. 1 was Conductor THOMAS DOUGLAS of 61st Street. The men gave him a nice send-off and a gift of remembrance was presented to Tom by his co-workers. May you have many healthy, happy years of retired life, Tom. . . Passenger commendations keep pouring in for our men on the South Section: Motorman ROOSEVELT GRADY and Conductor MARSHALL MASON were commended for aiding in the capture of a purse snatcher; Motorman THEODIS WELLS was commended for avoiding striking a passenger who had fallen to the tracks; Agent ENGELBERTA CLARK was commended for doing a good job; Agent WILLIAM PERRY was commended for performing his duties in an excellent manner; Conductor MARTIN CUNNANE was commended for doing a good job, and Motorman DELMUS ALLEN and Conductor WILBUR COOLEY were commended for assisting a woman in recovering her purse which was snatched. Keep up the good work everyone. . . Work Train Motorman DOMINIC CESARE and Conductor BRUNO WARDA who retired on Jan. 1 have our sincere good wishes for a long and happy pensioned life...Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Conductor THOMAS MOORE in the loss of his father, and to Janitor OSCAR GROSS in the loss of his mother. It is a terrible loss to lose someone you love...Last, but not least to retire on Jan. 1 was Conductor PAUL DUCAR at Ashland Avenue. His co-workers gave Paul a nice send-off and a gift was presented to him. Good luck, Paul, on your pension.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

In our office here at the South Shops we have had a few changes. SANDY HOFFMAN, who resigned to await the stork, and her hubby, JOHN, are the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl named JENNIFER ANN who weighed in at 9 pounds 2 ounces. SUE JURKATUS, formerly of Technical Services, and her husband, STEVEN, are very proud of little MICHAEL STEVEN who tipped the scales at 5 pounds 6 ounces. Congratulations to the Jurkatus and Hoffman families...We will all miss Superintendent GEORGE J. CLARK who retired on Jan. 1 after 38 years of service. A party was held in honor of Mr. Clark, and it seemed as though the whole company turned out for the affair. A good time was had by all. We sure will miss seeing you around here, Mr. Clark. Best of luck and health to you and Mrs. Clark...Our deepest sympathy goes out to JOHN JANKUS and his family in the passing of his mother... In Technical Services we have some good news and some bad news. First the good news. Welcome to JIM GEBIS, a graduate trainee. The bad news--a fond farewell is extended to BHUPINDAR MALLHI who left the quiet confines of South Shops to join the

many people in the Equipment, Research and Development Department in the Mart... KATIE DUDLEY, the daughter of J. F. DUDLEY, safety coordinator, was awarded a scholarship for academic excellence to the high school of her choice by Divine Infant Catholic school. Katie chose Immaculate Heart of Mary-High school in Westchester. While a student at Divine Infant, she was a member of the senior girls' choir and was lead guitarist for the school guitar group. . . Leaving our ranks is KAREN DONDLINGER who resigned to go to work at the Talman bank. Best of luck to you, Karen. GEORGE BARTON also left us to work for his church. PATTI JO JACOBS transferred to the Mart and is now working in the Reproduction Department. JOHN STEINMETZ also went downtown to work in Datacenter. Best of luck to all of you in your new jobs. . . We extend our welcome mat to the following new employees: RENA SABOL who's dad works in the Mart in the Schedule Department; JUSTINE JANASEK who rejoined us after raising her family (Justine's hubby, STAN, works here in the Shops); MARILYN HAYWARD who came to us from the Employment Department; TOM MARASOVICH whose dad, JOHNNY, works out here in Storeroom 60, transferred to us from the Treasury Department, and JEANNE DIEHL returned to us from the Transportation Department. Jeanne worked here in the summer of 1972, and her dad, BILL ROHE, and her brother, DENNIS, work here in the Shops too. Welcome to all of you and the best of luck... Congratulations go to STAN SARNA and ART BEAUCHAMP on their promotions to Methods & Standards section. We welcome back GEORGE HAENISCH who is now also a proud addition to Methods & Standards... Get well wishes go out to RALPH KEANE who fell and broke his ankle. Hurry and get well...It is with great regret that your co-reporter, DENISE COX, is giving up the job of reporting for Transit News. My successor will be JEANNE DIEHL. I know Jeanne will do a fine job, and with LARRY BERNAS as her co-reporter I'm sure the column from South Shops will be the best ever.

OUT IN THE SHOP, we extend congratulations to EDWARD and MARIAN MILKINT on the birth of a son, EDWARD JAMES, who tipped the scales at 8 pounds 4 ounces. Ed is a mechanic apprentice currently serving time in Bay 6...Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. IRVIN KRAULEDIS in their new home and mortgage. Irv and his wife now live in Richton Park...AL SAMASKA Sr. visited an old friend and former co-worker, CHARLIE BUZA, down in Angola,



Katie Dudley

Indiana. Charlie, who worked in the front office, hustled Al in a round of golf and won 7 of 9 holes. Charlie is in great health and says hello to all his friends...CHARLES STARR visited retired electrician IRV KALOUSEK down in Seminole, Florida, and reports that Irv looks great and says he won't come back to work no matter what... We would like to take this opportunity to welcome WILLARD CARPENTER, electrical apprentice, to South Shops. Willard transferred to us from Skokie Shop. Nice to have you aboard...Stopping by during the holidays to say hello were CHARLIE TICKELL, ANDY ANDERSON, JIM O'BRIEN, TED WOSS, BILL WILLENUS, WALLY RICHARDS, TONY GASPAROVICH, DAVE WELLEHAN and Father MURPHY. All are retirees and fellow workers in Bay 6. It looked like an "old folks" reunion. Nice to see you fellows. . . Hey anybody lookin' for candy (cheap) see RICH STANTON in the Brake Department. Sure hope it's not left over from Halloween, Rich...



The Castigliones

Congratulations to FRANK and SARAH CASTIGLIONE who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 30. Before his retirement in December 1961 Frank was a carpenter A at the West and South Shops. Their son, MICHAEL, is a South Shops electrical worker... JOHN WISNIOWSKI, Area 321, upholstery shop, retired Jan. 1 after 30 years of service. His co-workers had a dinner for him and presented him with a gift on his last day here. Good luck and health, John...Mr. and Mrs. ROY EVANS Jr. were blessed with their second child, TERRENCE, who weighed in at 6 pounds 7 ounces. Terrence is reported as doing just fine. . . Mr. and Mrs. HARRY POCES were blessed with their first grandchild recently. Their new grandson, CRAIG ANDREWS, weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces at birth...Our deepest sympathy is extended to RONALD BLAIR in the death of his father, MARK L. BLAIR. . . JERRY MORIARTY, Area 321, and his wife just returned from visiting their son in Hawaii. Jerry tells me the islands are something else. Maybe he would like to retire soon and live there. With all his money he could do it...ED FITZGERALD has returned from his vacation in Cottage Grove--Minnesota, that is. . . With JOE REED's new Pinto, MIKE KEEL's new Apollo, BERNAL DAVIS' new Buick and FRANK GRAY's new snowmobile, you wouldn't think there was an energy crisis would you. . . Last, but not least, VERNE HOWE tells me his son, RAYMOND, was graduated from Lowery Air Force Base, Colorado, as a precision measuring equipment specialist. He now holds the rank of staff sergeant. Good work, Ray!

- Denise Cox & Lawrence Bernas

WEST SECTION -

I'm sorry, I'm sorry for not writing the column, but my mind has been a total blank. I know there are many who will agree with me. My partner, LOU PAYNE, just made supervisor and has been sharpening his pencils, but I fear it will not be for writing a column. Congratulations to Payne, FREEMAN and PEPPER on their promotions to supervisor. I'm sure they will do a fine job...JOHN CIMMERER and his lovely wife, JUDY, took a trip to Florida and had a real fine time. The only trouble is that since he left the carhouse it's been like a morgue. JERRY BOYLAND and ZIG KOPIZINSKI have tried, but they will never be able to shout as loud as John. LEROY HASLAM also left and they stuck me with making the coffee and cleaning the pot every day. Hurry back, fellows, we are losing money. I did have help from PATTERSON and CRAWFORD and would like to thank them very much. Speaking of Crawford, he is confined to the hospital as of this writing, but hope that by the time this is published, he will be out and feeling fine. Alright, he didn't go to the hospital from drinking my coffee... We had a new pick and two of my buddies are gone, JOHN BRIGHT and STEVE DUDASIK. John will be sorely missed for he has the smarts and now we are left in the dark about things. Steve is missed for different reasons. We miss his soft voice and those sweet words he keeps saying, "You want to buy an egg?" It sounds like a knife on glass...Did you guys see our two movie stars, BATES and BROWN, in the last Transit News? They are now considered the "Super Fly's" of Lake Street...I have an original recording of Janitor AL MONTGOMERY singing "Oh Lord," and would like to sell it to the highest bidder. I'm sure it will bring in a lot of pennies...I know I should write something nice about GEORGE WOODMORE, but for the life of me I can't think of a thing... W. FLOYD, one of my old-time students, still thinks of me as a young fellow. My other students just don't have any respect for me as they call me gramps, old man, and a few other choice names...Say, come around on Friday morning at Lake Street and see pretty Mrs. BUTLER working the clerk's job. I know that GRIFFIN is cute, but Mrs. Butler is a lot prettier. TOM CULHANE took his pension on Feb. 1, and we all wish him much luck and happiness in his retired life. He was a real nice guy to work with and know...You can't help but notice the safety record at Lake Street lately, it hasn't been too good. So let's all try a little harder so we can be number one again...I'm really going to try and write more often, but I need your help. I would love to put up a suggestion box in the carhouse but fear what you would write about me...See you next month, and speak kindly of me.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

52ND STREET -

Night Clerk and Mrs. THOMAS A. RANDALL proudly announced the arrival of their new son, RAMON DAVID, born Nov. 3 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces. Also the Nov. 7 arrival of a granddaughter, MARRIETTA LORRAINE, weighing 4 pounds 8 ounces. This makes seven children and five grandchildren for the Randalls. Marietta Lorraine is the first for AARON and CARMEN BROWN. Carmen is the daughter of Clerk RANDALL...There was an addition to the BETTISON family--a boy, DENNIS WILLIAM, born Nov. 16 weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces. The mother, WARDINE, is doing fine...Operator LEROY GALLAGHER pulled out for the last time on Dec. 31 as he retired Jan. 1 after 28 years. Now life will be a long vacation. Good luck, Leroy...Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM started a two-week vacation on Dec. 31... Operators JAMES RIVERS and LARRY GENTRY had minor setbacks and both are doing fine at home. A call or a hello would be welcomed...Operators LEYDELL SMITH and JOHN KELLY at this writing are off sick. We look for their fast return to work...ALVIN DAVIS resigned as secretary of our credit union due to illness. We all wish him a speedy recovery, and thank him for his long service on our Board of Directors... Join your credit union and save. In joining you also help another member who might be in need of financial aid. A 5½ per cent dividend was declared for 1973. The credit union also has a family group life insurance contract at low quarterly premiums. All men are advised to take advantage of this plan. See TYLER, M. PHILPOT or ALVIN POTTS Jr. for details.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

I finally found out what MIKE BARRIS means when he leads you down the street and wiggles his index finger in the air...C. THOMA pulled a TONY VANDERBERG and came to work on his anniversary date... Pensioner H. MILLER is back living in Palos. He said it was just too hot in Florida...Farmer DAKE became a grandpa for the fourth time when little CHRISTINE was born in Memphis, Tennessee...J. WHITE and D. SMITH went to Honolulu, Hawaii, just to play in the Chicago Tribune Printing Trade Golf tournament. They also took time out to visit four islands...It is always nice to see M. J. MOORE's pleasant smile when my day's work is done... RAY ORACKI, now on disability, paid us a visit and looks great. He still claims he doesn't tint his hair...ROBERT LANE, the brother of S. LANE, was hurt in an automobile accident, but has now fully recovered...BOB DAVIS, former 69th Street operator, is now doing K.P. in the out-houses...Two retired fellows from 69th Street who are looking good and say hello are JOE DAVIDSON and M. ENSWORTH...E. WATSON

is now back to work after being off ill for five weeks...J. RADLOFF and CHARLEY (Drawbar) HOLLAND are still off sick... A. PORTER and his wife vacationed in Hawaii, and Al just had to take a ride on the city buses. They met Al Harrington, Ben Kokua of Hawaii Five-0, and Al was kissed by a golden Polynesian. This trip was to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary...Choo-Choo FRALE is planning a winter vacation in Hawaii to see if things look the same after 30 years. He was in the army there in 1942-43. I think he had other reasons as he didn't go alone...Operator S. ROGERS was confined to South Community hospital. We hope he is feeling much better now...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of former board member CHESTER WILLIAMS, and to the family of BILLY TAYLOR, former operator and box puller. Clerk RAY SOMMERS, SCOTTY HIGGINS, Operator I. SEARS and Pensioner WALTER BREZEK also passed away. To their families we at 69th Street express our sincere condolences.

From the repair department we hear that Pensioner JOHN LOONEY, that famous motorman from 63rd Street, was here for a visit and looks fine. He says he is enjoying retired life very much. John visited the "Old Sod" and California, and said he likes to travel...DENNY SULLIVAN is getting along fine and enjoying his pension to the fullest, as is DENNY GRIFFIN, MIKE DWYER and PADDY FITZGERALD...To Pensioner MIKE McGROARTY we extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of his wife...On vacation are RALPH GRAGIDO, Instructor WILLIAM ROBINSON, F. AMBERS, S. VINE, DON KRIVICKAS, J. WILLIAMS, W. DOWNS, V. ONDRIAS, G. BRUNSON, C. DICKERSON and J. LEE. We hope you all have a good time... Off sick are C. CRACCO, J. JOHNSON, J. JANECKO, G. GACEK and J. CASEY. We wish them all a speedy recovery...We welcome K. MICHALSKI who recently transferred to 69th, and say good luck to K. KARSON who transferred to Forest Glen.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahorn



77TH STREET -

Travelling all the way to his hometown, Newark, New Jersey, to take unto himself a bride was Operator AARON CROCKETT. The lovely bride is the former ANNETTE BRANCH of Chicago, and the wedding took place in the Friendship Baptist church. All the fellows at 77th Street wish Aaron and Annette many long years of marital bliss.

- Allison De Bonnett

CTA SETS NEW SAFETY RECORD

The Chicago Transit Authority chalked up its safest operational year in history during 1973.

Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, credited the outstanding safety record to diligence on the part of operating employees, as well as instructors.

In 1973, CTA buses traveled 89,617,000 miles and rapid transit trains traveled 48,186,000 miles, for a grand total of 137,803,000 miles.

Overall, the 1973 rate for both traffic and passenger accidents amounted to 6.6 accidents for each 100,000 miles of travel. It was the fourth consecutive year that the CTA achieved a new safety record.

Safety Contest Standings 4th quarter of 1973

Interstation Safety Contest

Surface System

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

Rapid Transit System

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

Employee Safety Contest

Surface Garage Competition

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

Rapid Transit Maintenance Terminal Competition

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

Shops Competition

1st Skokie Shop	2nd South Shops
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