

BE SURE TO VOTE MARCH 19

THE BIG ISSUE - THE RTA

At the Primary election March 19, you will be given a BLUE BALLOT for the vote on the RTA.

Here is a question-answer explanation of the proposal to create the Regional Transportation Authority for the six-county Chicago area:

Q. What is the RTA?

A. The RTA will be a new Regional Transportation Authority with the specific purpose of providing more and better public transportation--bus, elevated-subway and commuter railroad--at fares everyone can afford throughout the six-county Chicago metropolitan area. The area will include the City of Chicago, suburban Cook County, and the other Illinois Counties of Lake, DuPage, McHenry, Kane and Will. Everyone agrees that it is impossible to charge fares high enough to pay the full cost of public transportation, so public funds will be provided to keep fares at a low level.

Q. Does the RTA have any special meaning in relation to the energy crisis?

A. It certainly does. The energy crisis--the shortage of gasoline--makes the creation of the RTA an absolute necessity. We must have improved and expanded public transportation throughout the six-county area if people are to be able to move around--to get to and from work and to make all of the many other trips that are so essential to everyday living. With the energy crisis now upon us, a collapse of our public transportation systems would actually mean a collapse of our life in Chicago and the suburban area as we know it today.

Q. Besides improved and extended service at fares everyone can afford, does the RTA offer other direct benefits?

A. Yes, there are many other benefits which the RTA must provide, in accordance with the recent state enabling legislation. For instance, the RTA must provide for the special transportation needs of senior citizens and handicapped riders.

The state legislation makes it mandatory that the RTA protect its riders against crime.

The RTA, through its mass transportation facilities, will be concerned about protecting the environment. The RTA will coordinate the planning of transportation improvements throughout the six-county area and will coordinate such planning with that of regional planning agencies.

Q. Are there other specific benefits from the standpoint of the rider?

A. Concern for the rider will be foremost in everything the RTA does.

For instance, through such new benefits as joint fares and transfer privileges, it will be much easier--and less costly--for people from Chicago to get to jobs in the suburbs and for the people in the suburbs to get to and from Chicago and also to and from the various suburbs.

Q. How will the RTA operate?

A. Generally, the RTA will contract for transportation services with the existing systems--the CTA, the commuter railroads, and the suburban bus companies. It also can operate transportation itself, and can create new systems, such as much needed suburban bus operations.

The RTA also can set fares and determine transfer privileges--all for the purpose of guaranteeing the amount and quality of service the public needs.

The RTA will be required to operate in a fishbowl--completely open to the public. The state law requires that RTA proceedings and actions be open for public disclosure. Budgets and operations of the various transportation systems--such as the CTA and the commuter railroads--also will be subject to scrutiny by the RTA and the public.

Q. What will be the labor provisions of the RTA?

A. RTA employees will have benefits and protections equivalent to those provided under comparable federal laws. Employees will have the right to organize and bargain collectively. Employees of transportation agencies acquired by the RTA will lose no existing rights and benefits.

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RTA: Q&A (Continued)

Q. Will there be any new types of transportation?

A. One of the prime responsibilities of the RTA will be to develop new and better ways for people to travel by public transportation.

For example, dial-a-bus service will very likely be a new form to be developed in the near future. This new dial-a-bus service would be provided both in Chicago and in the suburban area.

Dial-a-bus already has proved to be very worthwhile as a result of experiments elsewhere. Under the dial-a-bus arrangement, a person would telephone a request for bus service and the bus in a short time (in less than an hour) would pull up at the person's doorstep.

It is an excellent type of personalized transit service for persons wishing to go to medical centers, to shopping districts, or to catch a commuter train.

Q. It was mentioned earlier that the RTA would depend upon public funds to help pay transportation costs and keep fares at low levels. What will these tax sources be?

A. First, everyone should realize that there will be no tax on real estate for the RTA.

Fare collections will continue to provide the largest amount of money needed for public transportation operations.

To provide the extra public financial help that is needed, the RTA will receive most of its tax-source money from existing state revenues.

The RTA will receive from the state a set percentage of sales tax receipts and a portion of the existing state license fees for vehicles registered in the City of Chicago.

A special \$5 million annual payment will be made by the City of Chicago and other Cook County governments as a condition of RTA aid to the CTA.

All of this money comes from existing sources. It also is expected to be supplemented by millions of dollars in federal financial assistance and in bond funds.

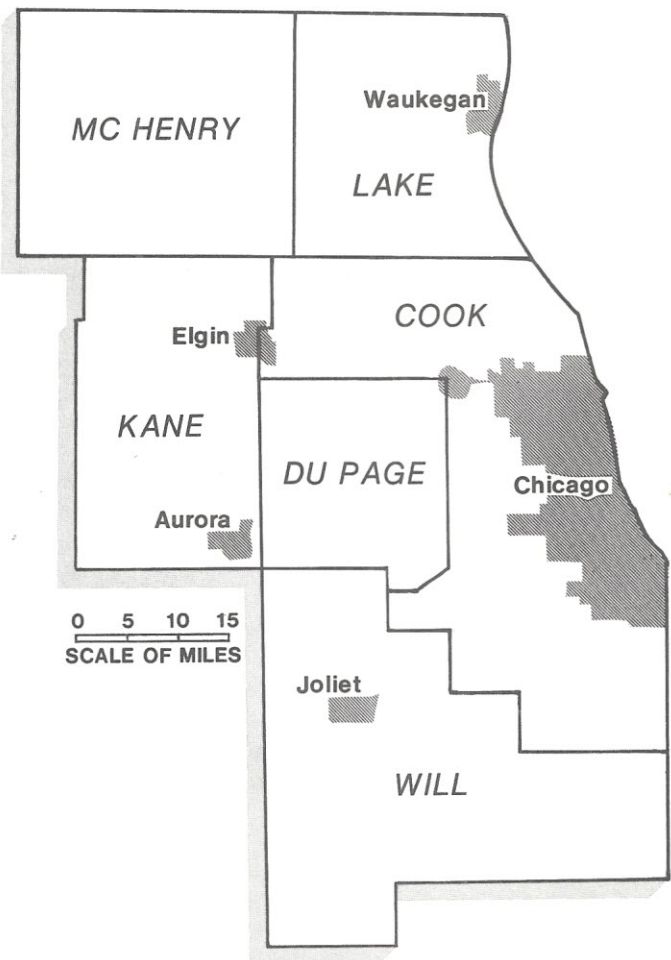
The RTA may also, after a two-thirds vote of its Board, use two narrowly defined tax sources. One is a sales tax of up to 5 per cent on motor fuel sales in the six-county area (about 2 cents per gallon at present prices). The other is a tax on the privilege of parking at parking facilities.

Under the RTA, it is estimated that about 60 per cent of the funds for public transportation will come from fare collections; 24 per cent from existing tax sources, and the remaining 16 per cent from the two limited tax sources of the RTA.

Q. What will the parking facility tax actually be?

A. It will be limited to the "privilege" of parking in lots and similar facilities.

The RTA could not possibly tax parking on the street or in a private driveway because such parking is a "right," not a "privilege" as specified in the RTA legislation.



Six-county area to be served by RTA.

Q. What will be the governing body of the RTA?

A. There will be a nine-member Board appointed on a one-person, one-vote basis. Chicago, with half of the area's population, will be represented on the Board with four members. Suburban Cook County and the five other counties, altogether representing the other half of the population, will be represented on the Board with four members. The Board membership will be reapportioned every ten years to reflect population shifts.

A ninth Board member, who will be the chairman, will be elected by a vote of three-fourths of the eight appointed members. The ninth member not only will be the chairman, but also will serve as the full-time, experienced, professional manager of the RTA.

Q. Will any one area of the Board control the RTA?

A. Such control would be impossible. The RTA legislation was drafted specifically to protect the interests of all portions of the six-county area, giving equal rights and representation to the City of Chicago and to the suburbs.

Decisions on such major matters as enacting each year's budget and effecting the two limited taxes of the RTA will require the extraordinary vote of at least six of the nine members of the Board. As another safeguard, the RTA law requires that proposed programs and budgets must be subjected to hearings in each of the six counties.

Q. Who supports the RTA?

A. The RTA legislation was passed in the Illinois General Assembly with bi-partisan support. Supporters of the RTA legislation included the Governor of Illinois, the Democratic and Republican leaderships of the General Assembly, the Mayor of the City of Chicago, the Mayors of many other cities throughout the six counties, the Illinois Federation of Labor, the United Auto Workers, the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, the Illinois League of Women Voters, many other civic groups (including especially organizations concerned about the environment and about the welfare of senior citizens), the four major Chicago metropolitan newspapers, other news media, and many suburban newspapers.



Shades of the 1940's

**North Side Train Crew
On a Journey into History**

WHEN BILL ATHANS reported to work at Howard Street on Friday, Jan. 25, the chatter in the train-room suddenly turned to silence. Everyone looked on in bewilderment. Why?

As chief collector, Bill is certainly well known on the North Section--everyone recognized him.

It's his uniform, one man said, there's just something different about his uniform. Neatly pressed, spotless... but the color, that's it, the color... his uniform is dark blue.

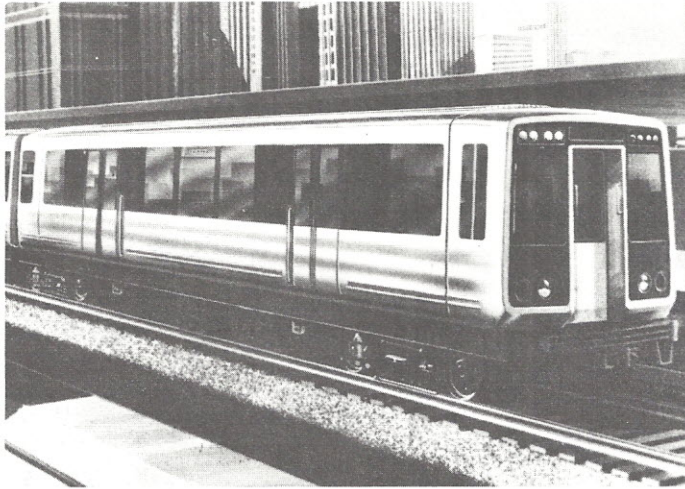
Bill stood out like a sore thumb among the multitude of CTAers who had been wearing blue-gray uniforms since 1968. And to top it off, he took a brass badge, unused since 1963, and clasped it to his cap.

Ready for a day's work as a conductor, Bill and Motorman John Hill deadheaded to Wilson Yard where the mystery of their unusual assignment was to grow even deeper. Their special train from CTA's mothball fleet was a pair of 1925-model cars.

Riders who might have noticed the old-time cars and Bill in his unusual attire had still another shock when passengers dressed in styles of the late 40's boarded the train at Randolph and Wells.

If you're a regular viewer of Chicago's TV stations then this setting probably sounds familiar. The Chicago Sun-Times TV commercial with its old-and-new scenes on the "L" starts out on Bill's train.

In his full uniform reminiscent of early CTA operations, Bill Athans added a necessary touch of realism to the commercial.



100 New L-Subway Cars Ordered

A \$29,321,300 contract for 100 air-conditioned rapid transit cars was awarded by the CTA Board on Feb. 14 to Boeing Vertol company of Philadelphia, the lowest of two bidders.

Purchase of the cars is part of CTA's \$140 million Phase I Capital Improvement Program being funded by the Illinois and U.S. Departments of Transportation.

Delivery of the first four cars is to be made within 21 months. All 100 cars are to be delivered in 31 months, or by late 1976.

NEW \$391 MILLION CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

A PROPOSED new Capital Development Program costing more than \$391 million was announced Saturday, Feb. 16, by CTA.

CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky reported that an application for 80 per cent funding has been presented to the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

A similar request for funding the remaining 20 per cent has been filed with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The federal share amounts to \$313 million and the state share would be \$78 million.

A public hearing on CTA's proposed \$391 million Capital Development Program will be held on March 22, 1974, in Room 734, Merchandise Mart.

The new program represents Phase II of an ongoing CTA improvement program for which the federal and state governments are providing \$140 million for Phase I.

Like the first phase program, the newly proposed program is aimed at acquiring new equipment and rebuilding old facilities.

The major equipment acquisition would include 650 rapid transit cars and at least 500 buses.

This new equipment is in addition to the equipment acquired under the current program which includes 1,070 buses and for which final plans were made Thursday, Feb. 14, to acquire 100 modern rapid transit cars (see above).

Other major features of the proposed \$391 million program include reconstruction of 18 rapid transit stations, modernizing 20 other stations, and the installation of 100 bus passenger shelters.

The bus shelters would be the first facilities of this type offered CTA riders.

Other major items include a radio network for rapid transit trains to provide better communication between train crews and CTA's Operations Control Center.

Tied in with the improved communication network is the installation of coaxial antenna cables in the

State, Dearborn and Kennedy subways. The installation of the antenna system is required to permit radio transmission to, from and within the subway tubes because radio waves will not penetrate the subway structure.

What the new communication system means for the rider is that passengers will be better informed regarding service adjustments and delays.

Other major items included in the program are the reconstruction of tracks and structures, replacement of electrical substations, and new passenger information directional signs.

The purchase of 650 rapid transit cars will make CTA's rapid transit fleet totally air conditioned. The cars will replace those purchased between 1950 and 1960.

The 500 buses included in the program will make CTA's bus fleet over 60 per cent air conditioned. Buses to be replaced have an average age of 12 years.

In the program, 18 rapid transit stations will be rebuilt with new facilities--lighting, platform canopies, escalators (wherever possible), and fare collection equipment.

The stations are:

--Morse, Loyola, Granville, Lawrence, Belmont, Cermak, Indiana, 47th Street, 51st Street, King Drive, Cottage Grove, and Racine on the North-South rapid transit route.

--Pulaski, Polk and Cicero on the Douglas rapid transit branch.

--Medical Center on the Eisenhower rapid transit branch.

--Dempster terminal on the Skokie Swift rapid transit route.

--Western on the Ravenswood rapid transit route.

The stations selected for rebuilding are those which are major transfer points between bus and rapid transit and have between 5,000 and over 14,000 daily passengers.

Twenty other stations will be improved with modern lighting and platform heating.

Employee Suggestion Awards Total \$1,900

PROFIT FROM any ideas lately? The 59 CTAers listed on this page did--to the tune of \$1,900.

And all they did was put their idea down on a suggestion blank and send it in to CTA. In return, each suggester won from \$10 to \$195 when the idea was adopted.

Top winner was Wayne Matejka, South Shops, who pocketed \$215 from two separate ideas. By adopting his suggestions, CTA stands to save over \$1,300 each year the suggestions remain in effect.

Good work, Wayne. Keep sending those ideas in.

Cash Awards Plus Gift Certificates

\$195	Matthew Spatzek, Skokie Shop
\$175	Wayne Matejka, South Shops
\$100	Jerome Pavel, South Shops
\$50	Chester Seymour, Congress Maint. Terminal
\$40	Wayne Matejka, South Shops Edward Reynolds & George Wylie, Skokie Shop
\$35	Regina Daren*, Medical Muzio Ficarella, Skokie Shop Joan Fitzgerald, Reproduction Services Clarence Forbes, 77th Garage John Friedman, Building Wiring Richard Gavrys, R.T. Signals Michael Healy, Skokie Shop Luke Howe, Telephone Maint. John Kalinowski, South Shops Max Kuchan Jr., South Shops James McLane & Harold Thurbush, Rapid Transit Instruction Dominic Nicosia, Skokie Shop Maurice O'Connor, Skokie Shop David Passarella, Skokie Shop Jerome Pavel, South Shops Harold Rowbottom*, Street Traffic Daniel Sagel, Forest Glen James Schumpp*, Electrical James Zazula, Skokie Shop

Supplementary Cash Awards

\$40	John Kalinowski, South Shops
\$20	John Kalinowski, South Shops John Newman, South Shops
\$10	Leonard Skrine, Office Services

Gift Certificates

\$10

Michael Caselman, Kimball
Thomas Coates, South Shops
Raymond Corbel, Accounting
Edward Coyle, Repro. Services
Regina Daren**, Medical
Don Edwards, Blue Island
Sidney Edwards, Dan Ryan
Muzio Ficarella*, Skokie Shop
Robert Hasemann Sr., Kedzie Gar.
Sandalio Hechavarria, North Park
Mary Jane Johnson, Payroll
Frank Klein, South Shops
Stanley Kuropas, South Shops
Evelyn Leu, Accounting
Daniel McClure, Skokie Shop
Eileen Neurauder, Comm. & Marktg.
Dominic Nicosia, Skokie Shop
Daniel O'Brien, Skokie Shop
Timothy O'Mahony, Security
Walter Onysio, Skokie Shop
James Pankonen, South Shops
Nello Paolicchi, Skokie Shop
Kenneth Pott, South Shops
Donald Powell, South Shops
Arturo Rivera, Skokie Shop
Joseph Rombout, Skokie Shop
Lawrence Rosebar, South Section
Harold Rowbottom*, Street Traffic
John Sara, Skokie Shop
Biagio Savarino, South Shops
James Schumpp*, Electrical
William Sholdice, Personnel Dvlpt.
Frank Sprovieri, South Shops
Ted Szymanski, Skokie Shop
Raymond Tieri, Investigation & Claims
Donald Villa, Skokie Shop
Paul Wallace, Security

*Winner of a subsequent award of amount shown

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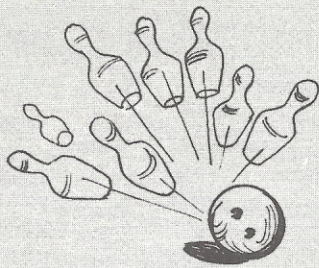
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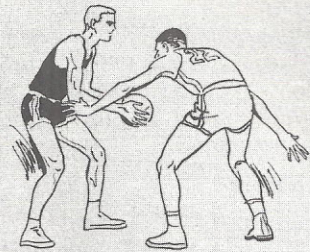
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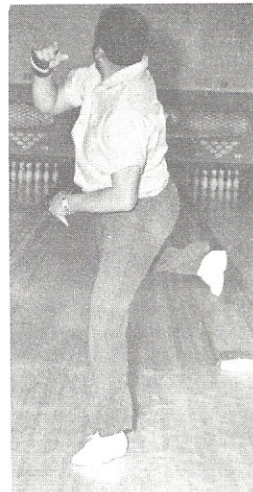
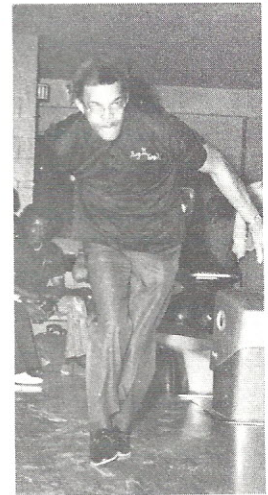
MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

Wives Night Out Huge Success

THE WIVES turned out in grand fashion on Feb. 16 at Palisades Bowl as the husbands honored them with a very special occasion--"Wives Night Out."

Bowling was fast and furious as all the fellows tried to outdo each other as the wives watched on their night. It was an overflow crowd, and extra tables and chairs were made available to accommodate everyone.

League President CALVIN POLLARD said, "It was really wonderful to see so many of the ladies come out on this very special night. I hope they will make every Friday a special night."



77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
George's Arco	52	23	.689
Archer Bandits	48	27	.640
Pin Busters	47	28	.627
500 Club	43	32	.573
Road Runners	43	32	.573
Clippers	43	32	.573
Poppers	43	32	.573
Late Comers	39	36	.570
Baggers	34½	40½	.454
Boozers	33	42	.440
Manipulators	33	42	.440
Hot Hands	32½	42½	.427
Tranquilizers	32	43	.426
Toppers	28	47	.373
Spartans	28	47	.373
Misfits	22	53	.293



North Avenue Looms as Basketball Champs

AS THE basketball season slowly comes to an end, North Avenue looks like a repeat as champion of the league for 1973-74.

Going into the last two weeks of play, North Avenue leads the league with a 7 and 0 record with only one more game to play.

Playoffs will begin Mar. 8, with the finals on Mar. 22 at DeLaSalle High school gym, 3455 S. Wabash avenue.

Prior to the championship game, there will be an all-star game, pitting the CTA operators against the CTA lawyers starting at 7 p.m. Tom Stiglic, CTA representative for the sports program, says he will play in this game with the attorneys. You will have to see this for yourself, so come early if you want a seat. You can be sure there'll be standing room only if you're late.

CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
North Avenue	7	0	1.000
69th Street	4	1	.800
Archer	4	1	.800
North Park	4	1	.800
Kedzie "A"	5	2	.715
North Side "L"	5	2	.715
77th Shop	3	2	.600
Forest Glen	4	3	.572
Kedzie "B"	2	5	.287
Beverly	2	5	.287
South Side "L"	1	4	.200
Limits	1	5	.167
52nd Street	0	5	.000
77th Street	0	6	.000

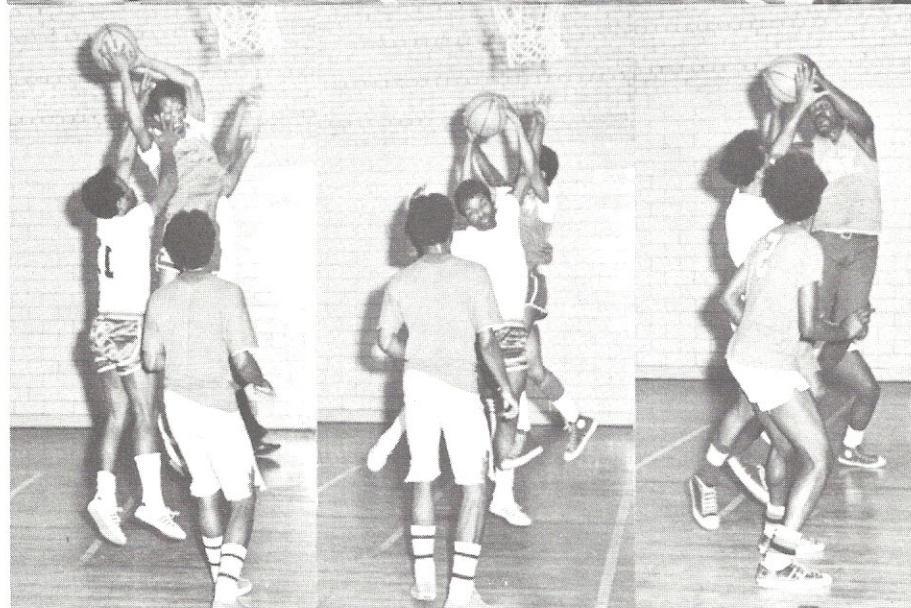
Softball League Managers Plan for 1974 Season

THE CTA sports program softball league will kick off their 1974 season when they hold their annual meeting in April.

All interested players should contact their respective managers.

The exact time, date and place for the meeting will be announced in the April issue of Transit News.

As in the past, the meeting will be restricted to managers or their designated representatives only.



Service anniversaries in March



E. P. Heidenreich,
North Avenue

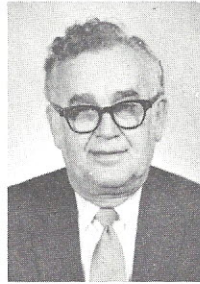


E. Shields,
Utility & Emerg. Service

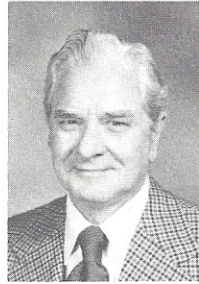
**40
years**



C. W. Schmook,
Archer



T. A. Hildebrandt,
District C



J. A. Laskey,
Forest Glen
(on vacation at
time of anniversary
in February)



H. J. Risch,
69th Street



W. H. Lynam,
Forest Glen

**45
years**



J. Stelzner,
52nd Street Garage

35 years

F. W. Petriekis, 77th Street Garage

30 years

- S. Baker, North Park
- J. Bedame, Building Maintenance
- P. Brown, North Park
- W. H. Dean, Mechanical Maintenance
- M. M. Dorgan, Datacenter
- J. P. Kmiec, North Park
- P. J. Schreves, North Park Garage

25 years

- L. G. Anderson, Building Maintenance
- G. P. Daly, North Avenue Garage
- C. J. Florence, West Section
- J. S. Kopinski, South Shops
- N. J. Kujawa, South Shops
- P. P. Malone, Power Operations
- J. J. Molloy, 61st Maintenance Term.
- D. A. Murphy, South Shops
- P. S. Sauve, Power Engineering
- J. Vasa, Mobile Bus Maintenance



CTA is First Stop

by Cleveland Board Member

on Tour of Transit Systems

MRS. STELLA G. WHITE, first woman board member of the Cleveland Transit System, discusses transit problems with Milton Pikarsky, chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority.

Chicago was the first city to be visited by Mrs. White in a tour of major cities in the United States and Canada she is making as chairman of the advisory committee on minority affairs of the American Transit Association.

In addition to being a Transit Board Member, Mrs. White also is active in the marketing program of transit in Cleveland. She also is a columnist for the Cleveland Press.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

Your scribe wishes to thank everyone who participated in any way in the pre-nuptial luncheon which was held for her on Jan. 17 at Ghisela's restaurant. Special thanks go to RITA RACINE, Revenue Accounting, MARY CARNEY, Payroll, BARBARA PARKER, Special Investigations, MARY ANN BURNS, Law, and of course to two great bosses, HAROLD BROWN and JOHN CANNON. The beautiful wooden salad bowl which was presented to her that day will be a lifelong reminder of all her wonderful friends at CTA. The wedding took place on Jan. 19 at a mass at St. Patricia church in Hickory Hills, Illinois. The reception was held at the Driftwood Steak House and everything went beautifully. After the wedding, the new Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WEIER spent two beautiful weeks seeing Disney World, Miami, and many other Florida attractions in lovely 80 degree temperatures. . . Congratulations to BILL ROMAN, Accounts Payable, who received his certificate for completing the 10-week Management Institute program, and to BARNEY KANE, General Accounting, who became a grandfather for the third time on Nov. 2 when his son and daughter-in-law, MICHAEL and JOAN, became the parents of MICHAEL KEVIN Jr...Congratulations are also in order for MIKE CIKARA and MARYANN JOBARIS who became engaged recently and will become Mr. and Mrs. on June 22. Mike works in General Accounting and Maryann in Capital Development. Best wishes to both of you...A warm welcome is extended to TERRY LATTIN who came to General Accounting from Internal Auditing, and all our best wishes to ESTHER ANDERSON who retired from the CTA Payroll Department on Feb. 1 after 47 years of service. Many happy and healthy retirement years, Esther!

- Judy Weier

(Payroll) -

After 47 years of service starting with the Rapid Transit and continuing on through Payroll Accounting, the achievements of ESTHER ANDERSON were honored at her retirement luncheon on Jan. 29 in the M&M Club. Accounting Director HAROLD F. BROWN expressed the feelings of all her friends that she certainly will be missed. Among the many who celebrated with Esther were some of our retired friends: ROBERT BAXTER, NAOMI BOHLEN, STOCK COMSTOCK, JEANNE FITZGERALD, FRANCIS HADDIX, ASTRID HEDBERG, EDWARD KAROSS, MAE KEARNS, CLARA LAWRENCE, TOM McGRATH, SARA McDONNELL, GEORGE and LILLIAN PELLICORE and MABLE POTT-

HAST. It was a pleasure meeting Esther's two sisters, ENEZ BEENING and EDNA ANDERSON. God bless you, Esther, and we hope to see you soon...Pretty little RACHAEL HOSTETTER visited her grandmother, MARYJANE JOHNSON, at the Mart recently. The baby's mother, LYNNE HOSTETTER, had been visiting from her home in El Segundo, California...VI MEYER has been doing a little redecorating at home fixing things up here and there. Too bad you didn't win that bingo jackpot you told us about to help with those little expenses...For those of us who may be animal lovers, you can appreciate the pride that JEANNE BIZIK and her sister, JACKIE, take in their beautiful Arabian horses. The girls of J&J Arabians recently sold their yearling filly, Maryia, and are planning to again breed their mare, Fadrina, in the spring. Here's hoping they get as good results...To CHRIS CAMERON who is ill at home, we send her our wishes for a speedy recovery...Since we can't hide them, we may as well celebrate them, so happy birthday to MARIE COARI on March 10...See you soon!

- Clotilde Frankiewicz

(Datacenter) -

JOE GINGRAS and his wife, CAROLYN, became the proud parents of a daughter, JANET LYNN, born Feb. 4. Janet has two sisters and two brothers. Congratulations to all of you...The welcome mat is extended to BERNICE CONNOLLY who joined Datacenter on Jan. 14 as senior applications analyst. Welcome aboard, Bernice.

- Evelyn Leu

CTA SECURITY -

Lieutenant JOE OSTERBERGER is retiring after 16 years of fine work in our department. Joe is very knowledgeable in the juvenile field and has received many commendations for his good work. Good luck, Joe, to you and Katy. We all hope you have many years of happiness in your retirement. Replacing Joe will be SAM RINI who worked with him in the Juvenile Division for many years and is also well-trained in the field. Congratulations on your promotion...RAY WISNIEWSKI is now a full-fledged sergeant and doing quite well. Best wishes on your new job, Ray...Because of pressing duties, PAUL WALLACE could no longer be active as department representative of the Illinois Police Association. He turned the duties over to GEORGE EVANS, but Paul is keeping active in State IPA affairs...JAY JONAS, formerly of this department, made a visit

to the office not long ago and is presently working at the 20th District...MARGUERITE RUFFULO is trying to stay one step ahead of the boss. She recently took up golf. Keep swinging, Marg!

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

BERNADETTE KIZIOR, stenographer, is at home now after being hospitalized with a broken leg. Bern suffered this misfortune in a skiing accident. We hope it won't be long until she will be back with us because we miss her...HERMAN SMITH, engineer assistant III, and his family started the year off right with a vacation in Florida...Welcome to BIRNEST HICKS, signal draftsman, who joined us recently. He was formerly a signal maintainer...Start poring over those seed catalogs now because spring is on the way...Congratulations to SHIRLEY and WILLIAM WYMAN, B electrician, who became the parents of PATRICIA LYNN on Feb. 3. Baby dear weighed in at 9 pounds 11 ounces...We are happy to hear that VERNON KEE, substation attendant, and his son, TIM, are doing well after surgery at Illinois Research hospital. Vernon donated a kidney to his son and we hope they will both be enjoying good health very soon...GERALD CHRISTENSEN, B electrician, is on the sick list and we all join in wishing him a rapid recovery... Welcome back to FRED DAMROW, unit supervisor of rapid maintenance, who has returned to work after his illness...Condolences to JAMES BRANDON, substation utility man, in the loss of his father and mother. His parents passed away within three weeks of each other.

- Kay McAlister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

JOHN GAY is back in the signal construction gang. John, if you can make it there, you can make it anywhere. Good luck ole chum...Signal Maintainer COY CAUSEY and his wife, LITA, a ticket agent, celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Jan. 26 at the Veteran's Tavern and Lounge, 2532 West Fullerton. The party was well stocked with food and guests. A number of our signalmen attended the gala affair with their wives: BIRNEST HICKS, ROY WILLIAMS, CLYDE YOUNT, D. W. TOPOLINSKI, CHARLES LASKOWSKI, JERRY GUTH, JOHN WOULFE, LEON WILSON, DAVE GREIG, DANNY HAMMOND, DAVE BARR, RICHARD VIETH, DENNIS DOBBYN and ROGER COMER. Roy stole the show as he danced with a little 17-year old doll. Also attending the

NEW PENSIONERS

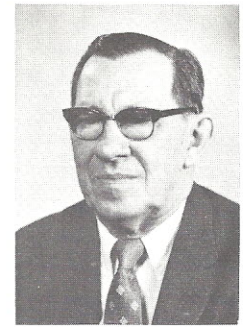
JOINING THE ranks of the retired on March 1 were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor transit companies.



A. F. SUMA
45 Years



H. E. BONESS
48 Years



J. S. BRZOSKA
44 Years

FRANK G. ANDERSON, Clerk,
North Park, Emp. 9-14-46
NELSON P. ANDERSON, Clerk,
Plant Maintenance, Emp. 7-16-26
HARRY E. BONESS, Adjusting Director,
Investigation & Claims, Emp. 1-6-26
EDMUND E. BRODERICK, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 2-2-37
JOSEPH S. BRZOSKA, Electrical Worker,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 3-13-29
LOUIS BURDZINSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 10-17-42
JAMES BURNS, Bus Repairer,
52nd Street Garage, Emp. 2-21-44
JOHN J. CLARK, Stationary Engineer,
South Shops, Emp. 12-2-52
THOMAS CLEMENTS, Plumber,
Building Maintenance, Emp. 4-20-53
ELMER C. FORMELLER, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-8-36
ANTHONY FRCANO, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 2-3-43
EDWIN R. GROESS, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-6-34
ERNEST G. HAMILTON, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 6-7-46
ELWOOD J. HAMMOND, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-23-43

WILLIAM HARGRAVES, Bus Serviceman,
Forest Glen Garage, Emp. 1-3-47
THOMAS E. HICKEY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-10-36
EDGAR T. HIMEL, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-17-57
SIDNEY L. JACOBSON, Mail Clerk,
Office Services, Emp. 12-9-42
STANLEY G. KLICH, Bus Repairer,
North Avenue Garage, Emp. 8-2-42
ALBERT J. KUNKA, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 12-5-42
THOMAS J. LENIHAN, Bus Repairer,
South Shops, Emp. 2-10-43
LEROY P. LILLY, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 4-2-53
THOMAS P. MURPHY, Box Puller,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-16-40
ROY T. NIELSEN, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 6-30-43
JOSEPH A. OSTERBERGER, Supervisor II,
Security, Emp. 1-24-57
GLENN D. PEYTON, Superintendent,
69th Street, Emp. 4-19-34
ANTHONY F. RESZOTKO, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-10-43

MICHAEL W. ROVELLA, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 9-17-43
SYLVESTER SCELLATO, Box Puller,
69th Street, Emp. 4-14-43
WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN, Ticket Agent,
South Section, Emp. 9-4-41
HOWARD D. SMALE, Investigator I,
Investigation & Claims, Emp. 8-11-41
IGNATIUS J. SOJKA, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 10-1-45
ALBERT F. SUMA, Bus Repairer,
Campaign Area, Emp. 8-21-28
ROBERT L. TALBOT, Senior Radio Oper.,
Operations Control, Emp. 8-26-36
RAYMOND V. ULRICH, Supervisor,
District A, Emp. 2-13-36
PAUL P. VASILOPULOS, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 2-13-36

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

DANIEL A. FRUSOLONE,
Senior Tabulating Machine Operator,
Datacenter, Emp. 11-17-43
CURTIS B. ROSS, Janitor,
Archer, Emp. 8-27-59

party were Coy's sons, his sister, VICTORIA, former signal maintainer R. CAUDILL and his wife, HOWARD NORMAN and D. (Andy) ANDERSON, CTA towermen, and their wives. After exchanging gifts, Lita received a set of diamond earrings. Coy said, in referring to his 25 year old marriage, "I'd make the same mistake again, only I'd make it much sooner."..Congratulations to four signal helpers who were recently promoted to journeymen: DONALD HAWKINS, D. L. COOTS, EDDIE McCLINTON and PAUL C. JANKOWSKI. These fellows have a lot going for them...GEORGE E. WAGNER, retired blacksmith helper, had a recent operation and is now at home doing fine. He sends his hello's to all of his friends here and there...Local No. 9's annual Old Timers corned beef and cabbage dinner held on Jan. 25 had the largest crowd ever. Of the 36 members retiring in 1973, 24 were present and received a new wallet containing \$20. Among the retired members present were: BILL BAKER, PAT DOYLE and CLARENCE ZAK. Signal personnel attending were: CLYDE YOUNT, DANNY WATERS, ROY WILLIAMS, FRANK HALPER, RICHARD GAVRYS, DAN MORIARITY, RICHARD VIETH,

DAVE GREIG, DENNIS DOBBYN and yours truly. Special guest at the fete was Joseph B. Keenan, executive secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers who came in from Washington to attend this gathering. We thank Fred Hince and Mr. J. A. McCann, president and business manager, respectively, and the entire No. 9 staff for an enjoyable evening.

ELMER J. STOKES retired after more than 44 years of service. A party was given in his honor Feb. 2 at the beautiful Zum Deutchen Eck restaurant. Gifts were presented to Elmer by Senior Signal Supervisor TED SZEWC. Some of those attending were: PAUL CLEAVER, superintendent of signals and communications, C. L. WIKSTEN who now heads the train control and communications division of DeLeuw Cather International, and ART MALMQUIST of the Track Department. All of us will remember the very fine job JIMMY NESBIT did as m.c., even if he doesn't. We thank FRANK HALPER and Big LOU GONZALEZ, co-hosts of the party, for such a nice evening...The North Section signal foreman's office has been moved from the relay room, where it has

been for countless years, to Kimball Avenue on the Ravenswood line. DANNY WATERS, North Section signal foreman, is pleased with his new location...We welcome a new crop of signal helpers. They are: E. WILSON, H. YOUNG and J. J. ROMBOUT. These three fellows are destined to be tops in their field.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

Jan. 25 was the big night for the Old Timers party at Local 9. As usual it was held at Plumbers Hall. These parties have always been big successes and this time it was even more so. About 900 people attended. If more people had come they'd have had to sit out in the hall. I wouldn't care to estimate how many gallons of beer or pounds of corned beef and cabbage were consumed. It would boggle the mind. I saw the following pensioners at the shindig: SALVATORE, LUKAS, CICHON, SPITZOCK, WATERS and SCHUMACHER, and many more...We would like to congratulate LUKE HOWE who is now foreman of telephone maintenance...A late flash brings us the sad news that WILLIAM

EGAR, one of our pensioners, passed away Feb. 11. We all extend our sympathy to his family.

- Ben Nielsen

GENERAL OFFICE (Reproduction Services) -
The welcome mat is extended to VERNA STUTTLEY, dictaphone operator, who transferred from Insurance Department.

(Personnel) -

We welcome back PEGGY STEVENS, clerk-stenographer, who had left us to get married and decided to become a career girl. The welcome mat was also extended to LINDA MARTINEZ and MARIA BASTIDAS who were hired as clerk-typists... RUSS WARNSTEDT spent a week's vacation in and around Chicago and was busy shoveling snow. . . Welcome to CRAIG HEATTER, job analyst, who transferred from the Vehicle Maintenance Department. Craig's dad, ED HEATTER, is senior superintendent in Operations Control...Congratulations to GEN BERG, who transferred to Skokie Shop. We wish her the best of luck on her new job...Good luck to GERALDINE TAPLING who transferred to the graduate trainee program. She's now a ticket agent on the West Section as part of her training program. How's it going, Gerri?

(Property) -

DUANE H. BURDA, a former employee of our Accounting Department, was recently appointed head tax accountant for the Keebler Cookie company located in Elmhurst. He is the son of HAROLD F. BURDA of Property Accounting.

Investigations & Claims) -

Getting Grandpa HERB SCHOMER to talk about his grandson, DANIEL J. HART Jr., is an easy task. Dan's pop, DAN Sr., is a car cleaner at Kimball, and his mom, LU-ANN, stays home and takes care of him.



(Insurance & Pensions) -

MARY LABUS and her fiance, RUSSELL BLATCHFORD, drove to Florida for two weeks where they visited Orlando, Disney World and Silver Springs. A good time was had by both. To her surprise, her mother followed them, driving her own automobile, and acted as chaperone...We welcome to the department PAMELA LLOYD, clerk-typist.

(Executive) -

A luncheon was held in the M&M Club for GEORGE WICKMAN who took an early retirement on Feb. 1. George, a former bus

operator, worked as a receptionist in Executive.

(Communications & Marketing) -

We wish FRANK DISCH loads of happiness in his retirement years. Frank retired on Feb. 1 and was a clerk II. Before coming to the Mart he worked as a bus repairman at Limits Garage.

(Medical) -

Dr. MOSNY and his wife flew to Massachusetts to visit with his daughter, son-in-law and grandson, STEVE, who are permanent residents there.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

LIMITS -

Greetings fellows...The annual credit union meeting and dinner was held on Jan. 27 at Johnny Weigelt's restaurant. It was buffet style and very delicious. All officers were retained. Door prizes were awarded, and some of the winners were: Mrs. C. WARDLOW, Mrs. D. MONTGOMERY, Mrs. L. KEAG, Mrs. R. CALLUM and Mrs. T. O'LEARY. Some of the guests attending were: BOB QUETSCHKE from the Mart, Retired Superintendent GEORGE MAY, A. VOSS and his family, S. TWERK and his sister, and Operator WINGEL provided us with songs and jokes, and it was good to see Mrs. JOE CLAY out after her stay in the hospital. Retiree DANNY O'LEARY was also there, as were FRED PEPKE and his wife, MARY, the daughter of Big Mike RICHARDS...A little note of interest to our board member, R. GOLDMAN, keep up the good work, we never had it so good...As for our basketball team, get yourself together and good luck...If you have news, let me know.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

A big hello goes out to COLLEEN THEIRBAH, stenographer I, Stores, who joined us recently to work with ED TOBIN. Ed said he is very happy with his new steno...We are most proud of SOPHIE REYNOLDS, typist I, Stores, who has performed 500 hours of volunteer work at Holy Cross hospital. She received her 500-hour pin on Feb. 17...FRANK TAMBURINNO, order control clerk, Stores, is dreamy-eyed until his retirement in 203 days. TONY DIGIOVANNI, order control clerk, Stores, said he is helping Frank with the countdown. He can't wait. Tony, we know how you two like each other...A hearty hello goes out to JOHN TOUSSA, laborer, who has joined the crew at Storeroom 20...HANK BRANDENBERG, stock clerk at Storeroom 15, spent two enjoyable weeks with his wife in sunny New Port Richey, Florida. He also extends his best wishes to his sister, Mrs. SPEIGHT, who resides in Florida, for a speedy recovery... JOHN MARASOVICH,

stock clerk II, Storeroom 60, and his wife are going to spend one week in Las Vegas. Don't lose too much, John, and at least come back with your shirt. John also wants to report that his son was transferred from the Treasury Department to Vehicle Maintenance...BERT MUIRHEID, stock clerk I, Storeroom 60, is proud of his daughter, ROBIN, who completed her high school training in three years. She is now working on scholarships... DAVE MURRAY, stock clerk in Storeroom 59, is looking forward to getting some relaxation in Freeport in the Bahamas...GABRIELLE DeMATTEO retired from Storeroom 20 on Jan. 1. Congratulations, Gabrielle!..Yours truly celebrated her second wedding anniversary on Feb. 11...CHARLES BENNETT wants to announce that he and his lovely wife, MARITA, celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on Mar. 17. Many more to you, Charles.

- Priscilla Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Congratulations to MARIE MULVIHILL on her transfer to the assignment office... CHARLES VLASEK, W. RAJEWSKI, HARRY COTTON and J. ROCH took their pensions recently. To each of them we wish a long and healthy retired life...Congratulations to Assignment Agent LELIA WHITE and Agent CLIFFORD HINTON who were united in holy wedlock on Jan. 1. They were married by Reverend W. HINTON, Clifford's father, in the Hinton home... Still on the sick list as of this writing are: Assignment Agent CECELIA ROPA, V. JACKSON, MARY GALLAGHER, MARIAN HANNING, BETTY RICE, JUNE MARTIN, MILDRED DOYLE, CLEM OWENS, BETTY FINLEY, GERALDINE CASS, O. FREDERICK, G. MONROE, A. BAISDON, RUBY WILLIAMS, MARY WIXTED and BILL PFEIFFER. We hope you are all feeling better soon and return to work...Congratulations to BARBARA REEVES who was appointed assignment agent, and to KAREN BULLOCK who made clerk. Others in training for clerk are: NATHAN KAPLAN, SUE MATHEWS and ROBBIE MYRICK... JACKIE HOLMES is really excited about her first airplane ride to New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras. Have fun, Jackie... Congratulations to Supervisor RICK ARMSTRONG who was recently graduated from Arnetta's Beauty college. He was valedictorian of his class and received a special award in the science and practice of cosmetology. As the elected king, he will travel to Los Angeles with the queen in April for the national convention. Foot Collector EDDIE WILLIAMS is also a graduate of this college. Keep up the good work, fellows...EILEEN CARMODY has returned to work after being off for nearly a month. She fell down the stairs at her home and sprained her ankle. JO DILLON fell and broke her wrist...MARY GALLAGHER, who was in an automobile acci-

dent, has moved into a new apartment in Forest Park. . . The janitors have been transferred from the Transportation Department to the Maintenance Department. . . Former Ticket Agent ALDA B. CLARK celebrated her 89th birthday on Jan. 27 with a big cake at the Harding hotel in Marion, Ohio. Congratulations, Alda, that is a good age. . . Co-reporter KATY MORIARTY adopted two lovable little kittens from the Animal Protective Association. Any of you animal lovers interested, contact the APA at 248-2410. . . Congratulations to STANLEY CHRIST Jr. on his engagement to JUDY STACHNIK, a student nurse. The big day is planned for next year. . . Congratulations to Agent and Mrs. I. WIECZOREK on the birth of their first grandchild, KATHLEEN MARIE, born on Jan. 22 weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces. The proud parents are BILL, of Personnel Development, and MARIE CLINE, also formerly of that department. The proud godmother is THERESA WIECZOREK. . . Recently returning from maternity leave are: TAMARRA WILLIAMS, JOANNE SAMUELS and VALERIE BARKER. Still on maternity leave are: NANCY THOMAS, EMMA RICHARDSON and PATRICIA BANKS. . . Keep the news coming, GRACE is still at Irving Park on the Kennedy, 3 to 11 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

- Grace Mounts & Katy Moriarty

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone! . . . Recently, all of us here at North Avenue bid a reluctant farewell to District C Superintendent VIC LAULETTA who was transferred to District D. In his place we roll out the red carpet for JIM KEHOE. Good luck to both of you. . . Forest Glen Credit Union just couldn't have had a successful evening without North Avenue representatives KENNY METTLER and JULIUS TEDESCHI. Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON, Clerk HANK ZYCH, and I also attended along with our better halves. . . The month of April is going to see us celebrating the birthdays of a few nice people, such as: Senior Station Instructor JIM BROGAN, Clerk FRANK PASCHE, Sanitary Engineer ED KOCIENSKI, and a very special young friend of mine, MARIANNE KOCAR, the daughter of Instructor MARVIN KOCAR. Congratulations to all of you. Also belated best wishes to RUSS GUNDERSON; we weren't aware that he was a March baby. . . Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to Assistant Station Superintendent J. McEVILLY in the recent loss of his son, PATRICK. The brother of Archer Superintendent BILL MOSER also passed away recently. . . By the time you read this, CHRISTINE ENGSTROM, the daughter of Instructor MIKE LACRIOLA, should be out of the hospital and looking more beautiful than ever after her recent surgery. Former Box Puller TOM MURPHY is out of St. Anne's and feeling much better. His place in the hospital was taken by Switch-

board Operator LOU DRAPP who should also be out of there by now. Retired Chief Clerk FRED MURBARGER, and Clerk BOB ARENDT are amongst those who spent some time chasing a few pretty nurses around. Let's try to stay healthy folks. . . Judging from all appearances, Instructor ED HOFF and his wife, PAT, are sure enjoying being newlyweds. Just another happy CTA family. . . See you all purty soon.

The following bus operators changed their status to pensioners as of Feb. 1: LAWRENCE CASEY, FRANCIS BELLINO, JOSEPH PELIKAN, CARL REDEMSKI, T. KAY, LEE OAKES and OSCAR FRIEDEMAN. . . DANIEL, the son of Instructor DAVE EGGERSDORF, qualified for the yellow belt in his karate class. . . Repairman DANIEL COSTLEY and his wife, LINDA, are the proud parents of a son, DANIEL II. . . DARRYL, the son of Operator GEORGE MYLES and his wife, ANN, was anxiously awaiting the end of the month to get to his third birthday, Mar. 1. . . The Repair Department lost two repairmen to retirement Feb. 1--GEORGE SLADEK and GEORGE HANN. . . Repairmen RAY NEWMANN and JOHN RUDDLE are enjoying vacations at the time of this writing. Those two fellows must have some connection with the weatherman. . . Kedzie Station's gain is our loss as Relief Foreman WEBB has transferred to the Kedzie Garage. . . A hearty welcome to Foreman JONES who comes to us from Archer Station. . . In our constant discovery of talent among the men of North Avenue Station, we find Operator HOLLIS LEWIS holding his own among the contemporary artists. . . Among the many visitors to the Station, we were greeted by Pensioner ANTHONY GLOPPE (known to many as the "Riverview Kid"), Sanitary Engineer MARTY LUDOLPH (a former Cicero Avenue operator now at the Training Center), Pensioner JOHN SENKO (who is still talking about his wonderful trip to Europe), and Operator CLARENCE BAKER (now working at 77th Street Station). . . We wish much success to Supervisor HUGH D. SHORT on his appointment as Relief District Superintendent. . . Our sympathy is extended to Operator HORACE BROWNING in the death of his brother, JOHN L. BROWNING, and to Instructor BOB ANDERSON in the death of his father, Pensioner FRANK ANDERSON. . . Congratulations to Operator KENNETH C. METTLER on his appointment as treasurer of the North Avenue Credit Union. He filled the vacancy created by the resignation of Operator PETER J. DOWDALL. The board of directors of the credit union also appointed Operator AARON B. PRUITT (your co-reporter) as the secretary-assistant treasurer, and Operators JOSEPH CHRISTY and ANTHONY KEMP as clerks. Operator JOHN W. WEATHERSPOON was elected president and Operator JOSEPH PERNICE was elected vice president. We also wish to welcome as new members Operators ED-

WARD STOKES on the supervisory committee and Operator GILBERTO CORREO on the credit committee. . . The finalists in the "checker set" have narrowed down to Operators LEON THOMAS, OLIVER WILSON and RICHARD LONG. The competition was going strong as Operator E. WIGGINS, a top player, looked on. Wiggins is not eligible to compete since transferring to North Park Station. . . We will see you again next time in print.

- Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of WILMONT SIMPSON, Transfer Room, in the death of her father in Red Banks, Mississippi. . . R. J. STAVINGA returned from his Las Vegas vacation with a smile on his face. Guess it wasn't so bad. . . Janitor GENE REID and Carpenter Foreman JOE FUCARINO chose their vacations wisely. They are sunning in Florida. We haven't heard from JOE KLEIN, Transfer Room, as to where he chose to go, but we wish them all a very restful vacation. . . The welcome mat is out to Inspectors JOHN MASTERSON and RON GASTROGIOVANNI of building construction.

- Jennie Scott

RAIL VEHICLE TERMINALS -

Foreman A. SWOOPE, Forest Park, is asking that anyone who would like to donate blood for Repairman CHUCK MEYERS can do so at Illinois Masonic hospital. Chuck will undergo open heart surgery. . . The office personnel wish a speedy recovery to Clerk C. VANDERVEST, Forest Park, who is home sick. . . Congratulations to M. BRINSON, 61st Street, who was promoted from B to A repairman. . . Everyone welcomes C. JOHNSON to 61st Street Terminal. . . A party was held for Repairman L. CARR, 61st Street, who retired Feb. 1 after 27 years of service. . . Lots of luck to J. BUFORD, 61st Street, on his instructor's training. Hope you make it, James. . . A surprise party was given for S. NETTLES. Among those attending were A. MOORE and his lovely wife, ARLENE. . . C. WILLIAMS with his new hairdo became Dan Ryan's first "Super Fly." . . Good luck to C. TOWNSEND and V. COLLYARD on their instructor's training. . . M. MCINTOSH gave the birthday party of the year. Everyone seemed to be there. Even the weight watchers, J. ARMSTRONG and his beautiful wife, ANGELA.

- Frank Pickett

SCHEDULES -

Retired Schedule Superintendent L. C. DUTTON visited the office recently and looks very well. Retirement really agrees with him. . . WILLIE SCOTT's daughter was

married on Jan. 26. Congratulations to the happy couple...NORMAN OSWALD and his family drove to Florida where they visited relatives and Disney World...We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Pensioner JOHN BENNIS in the loss of his wife on Jan. 9... Received a short note from Pensioner GEORGE BRYAN who is living in California and doing well after a hernia operation...Congratulations to BILL STANLEY who became a father for the first time when his wife gave birth to a baby girl, ELIZABETH ANN, weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces. Mother, father and baby are doing well...Schedule Clerk JOE RITROVATO fell performing outdoor household chores and is now hopping around with the aid of a cane.

- Kathryn Batista

SOUTH SECTION -

Well here it is March and soon the trees will be budding, flowers blooming, and the birds singing with spring making her beautiful appearance...Congratulations and much good luck to Assistant Station Superintendent RONALD BAKER who was appointed district superintendent-North R.T. District on Feb. 3...On Feb. 1 Agent ALPHONSO DELCORSE decided to take life easy and retire. Racine Station on the Englewood Branch won't seem the same without Al...Good luck to Conductor PAUL DUCAR who retired on Jan. 1 after more than 32 years of service. An open house was held at Ashland Avenue by his friends and co-workers and Paul is shown here re-

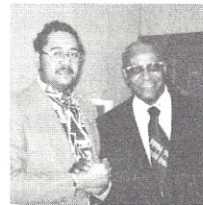


ceiving a farewell gift from Station Superintendent STANLEY CHRIST...We all had a deep shock when Conductor LORENZO LAWSON passed away suddenly. He always worked and never was sick. Our sincerest sympathy to the Lawson family... Yard Foreman JAMIE MORRIS took a winter vacation to Florida and enjoyed the warm sunny weather...Greetings to newly hired employees: MICHAEL GREEN, ANTHONY EDWARDS, PERRY TURNER, WILLIAM GIBSON, RONALD PLUMMER, FREDERICK SMITH, ROBERT NELSON, MARVIN VAUGHAN, JERRY WALTON, LUTHER WILLIAMS, JAMES DAVIS and JOHN JASPER...Our heartfelt sympathy to Retired Towerman PATRICK JOYCE and his wife in the loss of their daughter, FLORENCE, recently...Received a nice

letter from Retired Assistant Station Superintendent JOE TVRDIK from Oakland, Arkansas. He says they are really getting a winter down there. He's just waiting for the ice to melt so he can go fishing for trout. He visited with Retired Motorman CHARLES McMORROW in Mountain Home, Arkansas. Charlie had just returned from a trip to Alaska which he said was great. He even went up to the Arctic Circle by plane...Good to see Conductors ROSCOE BURBRIDGE and PATRICK NOLAN back to work off the sick list.

Supervisor ANDY O'BRIEN told us all about his winter vacation in Phoenix, Arizona. While there he visited with Retired Motorman ED (Three-star) HENNESSY and his wife, VIOLA, and Retired Collector TOM McINERNEY and his wife, former Assignment Agent NANCY. They all had a good time talking over old times. Ed also wrote to tell us he had a nice visit from Retired Conductor JOSEPH (Mr. Sox) SCHUMACHER and his wife who live in California. They talked about the Sox and Cubs...Congratulations to Conductor EDWARD DAVIS and Agent ROBBIE MYRICK who recently qualified as clerks...Received news that Retired Motorman DENNIS O'GRADY passed away. He was 96 years old... Clerk AL RAKESTRAW got away from it all and had a ball down in Miami Beach, Florida, on vacation...Stopping off at Ashland not long ago were Retired Towerman FRANK PINTA, Retired Motorman DAVID O'MALLEY and Retired Supervisor DAN HAYES. All three look wonderful and are sure an advertisement for retired life... My hubby, Clerk ROLAND, and I were guests at the retirement dinner for HAL STAATS, secretary-treasurer of the North Side "L" federal credit union who went on pension Jan. 1. There was a big turnout to greet Mr. Staats, and the buffet dinner was just delicious. Our congratulations to MAE CRONIN of the credit union on a wonderful party... Good luck to Conductor EUGENE TRIPP who transferred to Vehicle Maintenance, and to Conductor HENRY TAYLOR who transferred to Personnel Development...Congratulations and best wishes to CHARLES LOUGHRAN, vice-president of Division 308, who was appointed special organizer of the International Amalgamated Transit Union...Our passenger commendations keep pouring in: Conductor ROBERT JORDAN for helping a passenger recover his wallet; Conductor JOHNNIE PALMER for his clear and informative announcements, and Conductors MATHEW WILLIAMS and JAMES MINNIFIELD on their clear announcements... Received a nice card and folder from Retired Towerman and Mrs. ELMER PIPKORN from Laguna Beach, California. They live in a beautiful new project with all kinds of recreational facilities... Instructor DARDEN FULLER's young daughter, LACARISHIA, passed away suddenly. Everyone sends their deepest sympathy to the Fuller family...Motorman TONY and MARIE JAGLA

just came back from a beautiful trip to Hawaii. Oh for those sandy beaches and warm days. The Jaglas think Hawaii is just great...Received a nice note from Retired Supervisor WALTER HILL and his Missus from St. Petersburg and they say hello to all their friends here in Chicago... Taking his pension Jan. 1 after more than 22 years of service was Conductor THOMAS DOUGLAS. A luncheon was held at 61st Street for Tom and he was presented a gift by Assistant Station Superintendent ROBERT DESVIGNES from his co-workers and friends...Collector THOMAS BRAGGS and Motorman ROBERT JAMES were elected co-captains of the South Side "L" basketball team. Go-go team and let's win some games.



- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

I'd like to start this column by acquainting you with the administrative appointments since the first of the year at the Shops: J. J. REPPLINGER as director of Vehicle Maintenance; J. A. ROSENDHAL as superintendent of automotive vehicle maintenance; R. M. SCHNEIDER as supervisor of bus shops; J.R. PANKONEN as supervisor of bus garages; J. W. DAIN as supervisor of instruction and O. K. PETERSON as supervisor of personnel relations. Congratulations and best of luck to all...BILL KELLY, supervisor of material handlers, retired on Feb. 1 with 37 years of service. A luncheon was held for Bill on Jan. 31. Bill will be at the Marquette Bank, and we all wish him the best of luck...Congratulations are extended to JIM RIZZUTO and his wife, ELEANOR, on the birth of their daughter, ANGELA MARIA, weighing in at 7 pounds on Dec. 1. Jim works in Material Control. Eleanor formerly worked in the General Office and was known best by her maiden name, Weber...The South Shops Credit Union hosted its annual meeting and dinner dance on Jan. 26 at the Glendora House in Chicago Ridge. The entertainment was provided by Ted Grayson. All officers were re-elected for another year. The dance was a huge success with approximately 250 people attending...RAY BLAU was appointed project coordinator to Mr. Repplinger. Congratulations, Ray...I am happy to announce the engagement of ELAINE STEWART and WILLIAM MCGREGORY. The couple will be joined in marriage on May 5. Everyone at the Shops wishes Elaine and Bill the best of happiness in the future...It seems GAIL HATHAWAY of Technical Services buys a car every year. This year she bought a 1974 Oldsmobile Cutlass. The exterior is a dark green and the interior is white. Any plans yet for next year, Gail?..A warm

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

EDWIN O. ANDERSON, 72, North Avenue, Emp. 10-17-27, Died 12-7-73
 FRANK A. ANDERSON, 87, North Avenue, Emp. 6-1-21, Died 12-26-73
 HOLGER ANDERSON, 90, North Avenue, Emp. 7-31-13, Died 12-18-73
 BERNARD ARKIN, 58, North Section, Emp. 3-7-44, Died 12-16-73
 HERMAN BALLERSTAEDT, 80, W. Sect., Emp. 12-5-24, Died 1-31-74
 WILLIAM J. BLISS, 72, West Section, Emp. 12-29-49, Died 12-8-73
 MABEL S. BRADFORD, 84, South Section, Emp. 9-12-44, Died 1-26-74
 IRVING BRIM, 69, West Section, Emp. 6-14-43, Died 12-29-73
 THOMAS BROWNE, 78, Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-6-27, Died 1-13-74
 LOUIS BUSHMA, 83, South Shops, Emp. 6-25-43, Died 12-25-73
 JOHN B. CARLSON, 85, Kedzie, Emp. 4-2-14, Died 1-1-74
 FRANK CONLEY, 91, North Section, Emp. 1906, Died 1-29-74
 FRED CONLEY, 91, North Section, Emp. 10-30-07, Died 1-27-74
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 MARINUS COOPER, 72, Beverly, Emp. 9-29-27, Died 1-3-74
 THOMAS A. CUMMANE, 67, North Avenue, Emp. 7-5-29, Died 1-28-74
 RAYMOND DIETZ, 75, Archer, Emp. 12-17-24, Died 12-27-73
 WILLIAM G. ECHOLS, 77, North Avenue, Emp. 6-14-28, Died 11-24-73
 STEPHEN FARRELL, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 1-9-20, Died 1-26-74
 JOHN F. FIALA, 88, West Section, Emp. 6-15-08, Died 12-10-73
 THOMAS FITZPATRICK, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 6-1-18, Died 12-17-73
 MIKE FRANCISCO, 83, Wilcox, Emp. 4-6-43, Died 1-7-74
 PATRICK GALLAGHER, 77, So. Section, Emp. 8-23-43, Died 12-15-73
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 JOHN HEDERMAN, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 10-25-10, Died 1-27-74
 JOSEPH J. HICKEY, 78, North Avenue, Emp. 7-13-21, Died 12-29-73
 ROBERT J. HICKEY, 81, Lake Street, Emp. 12-7-18, Died 1-21-74
 ARTHUR HOFFMANN, 66, Stores, Emp. 10-8-47, Died 12-21-73
 HOMER J. HOLT, 72, West Section, Emp. 4-4-24, Died 1-10-74
 CHARLES KASPER, 88, District C, Emp. 7-27-27, Died 1-20-74
 STANLEY KAWALEC, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 12-30-19, Died 1-27-74
 HAROLD N. KING, 61, North Park, Emp. 1-9-47, Died 1-28-74
 JOHN F. KRIZ, 81, West Shops, Emp. 2-20-30, Died 12-28-73
 GEORGE G. LARSON, 78, Lake Street, Emp. 6-12-26, Died 1-28-74
 THOMAS J. LEAHY, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 12-4-25, Died 1-5-74
 MABEL M. MAGNUSON, 77, Payroll, Emp. 11-26-17, Died 12-31-73
 JOHN J. MANNING, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 5-6-24, Died 2-1-74
 MICHAEL MASTRE, 90, 69th Street, Emp. 4-16-23, Died 12-17-73
 JOHN J. McGOVERN, 60, Claim, Emp. 3-18-46, Died 12-30-73
 OWEN McGRORY, 82, West Section, Emp. 5-14-14, Died 12-15-73
 MARTIN McHUGH, 89, Devon, Emp. 4-17-13, Died 1-18-74
 JOHN MILLER, 83, North Park, Emp. 7-27-27, Died 12-24-73
 EDMUND NONA, 69, West Section, Emp. 3-6-34, Died 1-13-74
 THOMAS NORTON, 83, Devon, Emp. 3-20-12, Died 12-22-73
 DENNIS O'GRADY, 95, South Section, Emp. 11-15-05, Died 1-22-74
 EDWARD J. O'GRADY, 69, Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-7-51, Died 12-25-73
 EDWIN L. OLSBERG, 75, West Division, Emp. 9-3-43, Died 1-20-74
 CASIMAR PAULINSKI, 55, Claim, Emp. 3-10-60, Died 1-9-74
 CHARLES PIEKAL, 74, Kedzie Garage, Emp. 10-29-42, Died 12-14-73
 ISADORE PLOTNICK, 74, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 11-30-48, Died 1-14-74
 JOSEPH A. RABIG, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 7-24-18, Died 1-26-74
 JOHN J. REILLY, 91, Lincoln, Emp. 6-20-11, Died 1-21-74
 GIOVANNI SARANGELO, 88, Lake Street, Emp. 12-19-23, Died 1-11-74
 EMIL J. SCHREIBER, 74, Limits, Emp. 6-24-37, Died 12-20-73
 MICHELE SORRENTINO, 90, Track, Emp. 6-1-25, Died 12-29-73
 NICHOLAS STAFFORD, 77, Kedzie, Emp. 5-29-23, Died 12-22-73
 ANDREW L. STEVENS, 73, North Section, Emp. 10-7-26, Died 12-23-73
 MATHIAS E. STIGLICH, 65, Building, Emp. 7-20-42, Died 12-21-73
 JOHN E. SUTTER, 59, Beverly, Emp. 8-7-41, Died 12-28-73
 ELMER H. THIEBEN, 80, 77th Street, Emp. 6-28-26, Died 1-15-74
 MICHAEL J. WATERS, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 11-27-22, Died 1-5-74
 MARK R. WEBSTER, 84, Kedzie, Emp. 2-10-15, Died 12-14-73

welcome is given to AL THOMAS, who came to us from West Shops.

OUT IN THE SHOP NEWS: JERRY WALTER just had his skis repainted. On the bottom it says, "if you can read this send help"..News from the engine line is that the fellows are looking for a pie thief... JOE KOPINSKI and his wife, JEAN, have been married for 35 years now. Congratulations! Ditto for MAX and ADELIN HAMILTON who also celebrated 35 years together...BOB SMITH is willing to share his camper with anyone who will supply the gas. How about IKE WOODS, Bob?.. ED and MARY NAUSIEDAS are celebrating 18 years of marriage this month. In the Machine Shop, FRANCIS and CHARLOTTE SOBZAK are celebrating their 34th wedding anniversary...Happy birthday to FRED (Banana Nose) PETROZZ. Fred says "29 and feelin' fine!"..In the convertor area, anniversary greetings go out to WILLIAM and ELSIE PANEK, their 29th. BILL and

ROSE HOWE celebrated their eighth by taking in a movie and dinner afterwards at Lum's. They had hot dogs steamed in beer...You can blame a new stereo if you see BILL RAFFERTY coming to work late and still half asleep...JOHN GAUDIE and FRANK KLINE figure they'll save over \$100 a year on milk costs since buying that cow last month...Congratulations go out to TERRY REILLY and JIM MARTIN on making journeymen last month...NICK SIMONETTI and his wife, ANGELINE, spent nine days in Greece. While there martial law was in effect throughout the country and Nick insists it was purely coincidental... It's sure nice to have WALTER KAWECKI and PAT BARRY back on the job after being off sick. Good health to you guys... I would like to wish speedy recoveries to JOE SANDERS and RALPH KEANE who are on R&R at home (that's not Rock & Rye either)...JOE KENNY reports receiving a letter bomb from the guys in Bay 6...ALEX GASICK, print shop, has good reason to be

proud. His daughter, GAYE, is going to appear with actress Anne Jeffries in a play at the Pheasant Run Playhouse Feb. 1 through Mar. 17...RICH and MARGE ZAJAC are elated over the birth of their third grandchild, KEVIN, an 8 pound 2 ounce bouncing bundle of joy...EUGENE CORKER, Area 345, is looking for some former army buddies who served in the 452nd Anti-aircraft Battalion, D Battery, during World War II. Please contact Gene c/o South Shops...Rumor has it that RUDY GOODE has been getting his shoes shined at a topless shoe shine parlor...HENRY and BERNICE MILEWSKI enjoyed a week's vacation on the paddlewheeler Delta Queen. They travelled from Minneapolis-St. Paul to St. Louis. Aboard ship they dined, danced and were entertained...More anniversary greetings: to ROBERT and COLLEEN FUHRMAN on their 25th and ANTHONY and EMILY GRIMALDI on their 22nd wedding anniversaries...We're closing on a sad note. ADAM ZARAZA, Area 318,

lost his mother-in-law this past month, and our condolences also to TED WOSS, retired foreman, in the passing of his mother.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bonas

TRANSPORTATION -

RAYMOND DAGENAI retired as superintendent of surface operations on Feb. 1. He had combined service totalling 32½ years with CTA and the old CSL. Ray is pictured with General Operations Manager



GEORGE KRAMBLES (left) and Transportation Manager DAVID M. FLYNN (right). He and his wife, SYLVIA, will now enjoy themselves in the warmth of Arizona, where many of their friends are living. We all wish them a very happy and wonderful retirement... We extend our sympathy to Line Supervisor DARDEN FULLER whose daughter, LACARISHIA, passed away on Feb. 7.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Pat) PORCELIUS vacationed in Las Vegas during the holidays and were greeted by a record snowfall... Mr. and Mrs. HOWARD SURRETT vacationed in Mexico where they visited Acapulco and did some deep-sea fishing... LARRY HEISE with 43 years service, and BOB CASEY with 30 years service, joined the ranks of the retired on Feb. 1. They will both be greatly missed and we wish them many long years of good health and happiness... Congratulations to CHARLES GAGE on his appointment as union steward for Local 726 of the Brotherhood of Teamsters... A big "Thank You" is extended to RUTH, the wife of O. W. JOHNSON, for all the homemade goodies she sends to Blue Island for the many retirement festivities. Everyone extends their appreciation for all her hard work and generosity.

(Transportation Instruction) -

On Feb. 1 RAY PRYOR, supervising instructor, began his retirement after 38 years of service. There was a very nice surprise luncheon for him at 69th Street Station which was attended by his many friends. He was also presented with a gift, which I know he appreciates and will use a great deal. Congratulations and best wishes for a very healthy, happy and won-

derful retirement, which will be spent in the Sunshine State of Florida.

- Colette Szycepanek

52ND STREET -

JANINE COURTNEY SKIPPER was the first baby born in the Kenwood-Hyde Park area in '74. The proud parents are Operator and Mrs. J. C. SKIPPER. Janine weighed in at 8 pounds 12 ounces. The Skippers will receive gifts from merchants in the area who sponsor the "First Baby" each year... Day Foreman GUSTAVE PAVELKA retired on Feb. 1 and his co-workers from all over the system came by 52nd to see him off. H. MCGANN has replaced Gus as day foreman. H. JOHNSON, former assistant day foreman, was transferred to Kedzie Station... Our credit union's 13th annual meeting was held Jan. 25 at Bethel A.M.E. church center and was well attended. Reports were given by ERNEST A. HILL, president; TYLER M. PHILPOTT, treasurer; ROBERT B. HOLMES, chairman of the credit committee; FRED B. POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee; CHARLES O'KANE, chairman of the membership committee, and ALVIN POTTS Jr., assistant treasurer. All reports reflected the credit union's progress and were approved unanimously by the membership. ROBERT B. HOLMES, EUGENE T. JONES and CHARLES O'KANE were again elected as members on the board, and WALTER FALLS Jr. as a member on the credit committee. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. PATE, Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY BEY, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN TIFFY, and the wives of our attending members. Prizes were awarded and refreshments served... Best wishes for a speedy recovery are extended to LYDELL SMITH, JOHN KELLY, REGINALD TOLBERT, LAWRENCE GENTRY, JAMES RIVERS and Mrs. FLORENCE HOLMES... Too many fail to read posted notices--get in the habit of reading them daily... Protect your job and your future. RTA will help, but it all depends on what kind of service we give to the public as operators, so pitch in and do what's expected by our patrons. Better service will mean more riders, more jobs and benefits for us.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

On Jan. 2 my roommate and I were married for 36 years. This scribe, ART BUESING, hopes she has 36 more... Did you fellows see the picture of our No. 1 man, J. R. WILSON, in the last issue on the anniversary page? He was in the 40-year class. He and I are going to help HANK RISCH, soon to have 40 years also, get rid of the insides of those antique whiskey bottles he has stored up... Sure miss seeing Box Puller ED (Paperman) TIERNEY now

that he has retired... My elbow-bending friend, Box Puller CLYDE E. WOOL, also retired. Clyde was formerly from the old 38th Street barn... To make sure it was official, about 80 people stuffed themselves with food cooked by SIG WODARCZYK, and beans by LEROY MARSHALL, when Supervising Instructor RAY PRYOR retired. He is going down to Florida to play a little golf... Pensioner DAVE MCGOWAN, formerly the fastest man with a key at the vaults, can be seen buttering up BART JOHNSON at his tap on West 55th Street... Instructor BIRMINGHAM has lost so much weight (160 pounds), he also lost his pants when he stretched while painting his house... Pensioner F. C. STAWINSKI won't send me his address in Florida for fear I will out-fish him and drink all his booze... Gee, G. JAMES, I miss how you operated and picked me up after I had breakfast with Marge at Walgreens... GEORGE JAROS will be taking his pension soon... Former Superintendent E. C. TOCCI took about 50 boys from Leo High school to Notre Dame on retreat. The boys were fine, but I'm not too sure of Ernie... Pensioner MIKE HENNEHAN paid us a visit with his two teenage sons. He looks like he could lead any of us down the street... TONY VANDENBERG lost his three-week Florida tan when he returned to our eight degree weather... We extend our deepest sympathy to W. J. WITTSTOCK in the loss of his mother... It is dangerous to come around the round table between 4:00 and 4:30 a.m.; J. J. KELLY will vouch for that. SCOTTY HIGGINS is there on Monday, and between F. MITTLER, DAKE, THOMAS, CHAMBERS and myself, you better not miss a meeting. In fact, MICKEY YOUNG, after indulging in Dake's picnic basket, has always brought a good supply of coffee from White Castle and homemade cake just to stay friends... Have you noticed the new look of the Transit News? How about helping by dropping a few lines of news in my mail box by the clerk's window.

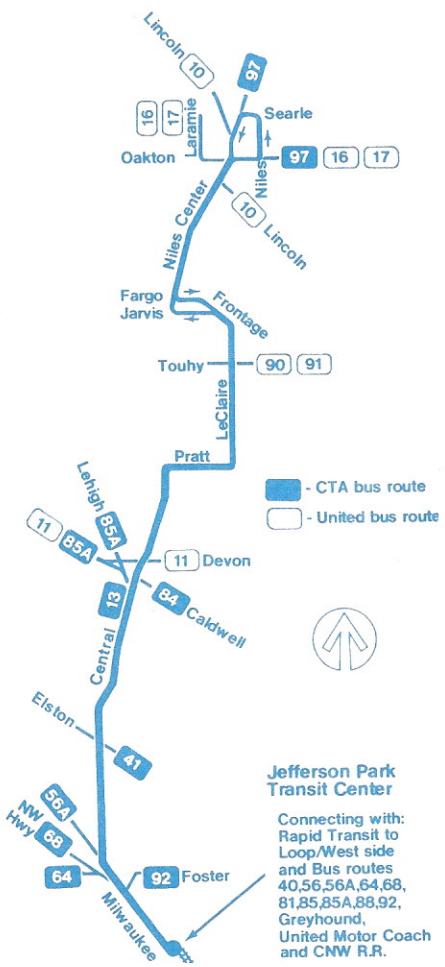
From the Repair Department we hear that TOM CLEMENS took his pension on Mar. 1. Tom will make his home in Ireland... We offer our sincere sympathy to the family of JOHNNY (Pops) HEDERMAN who passed away recently... The best of luck and happiness in their retirement years to these new pensioners: BILL KELLY who retired as supervisor of material handlers; GUSTAVE PAVELKA, formerly 69th day foreman, who retired from 52nd, and JACK COOKE from the Mart... HARVEY BROCK is going on another of his famous fishing trips. I only hope he brings back some bass instead of carp this time... Here's hoping JIM CASEY will have a good time on his vacation... To C. CRACCO and JOHN JOHNSON who are on the sick list, we wish you both a speedy recovery... We wish KENNY KOELYN and his bride many long years of health and happiness.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahorn

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CTA Provides More Service for Skokie

13 Southwest Skokie



CTA's NEW weekday rush period bus service linking downtown Skokie with CTA's rapid transit terminal and bus interchange center at Jefferson Park on the city's Northwest Side started Monday, March 4.

For riders within Skokie, the new bus service features a local 25-cent fare as a result of a subsidy program provided by the Skokie Village Government.

Known as No. 13 Southwest Skokie, the new bus route also provides residents of Lincolnwood and a section of Chicago with a new "feeder" service to the Kennedy rapid transit terminal at Jefferson Park.

The Jefferson Park terminal is also a major transfer point for ten existing CTA bus routes, a North Western railroad commuter station, three routes of the United Motor Coach company, and cross-country service of Greyhound buses. Connections may be made at the Jefferson Park terminal with CTA's No. 40 buses which serve O'Hare Airport.

Service is provided Monday through Friday every 20 minutes between 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

For rides other than the local 25-cent trips within Skokie, the basic fare schedule for the new rush period bus service is as follows:

Inbound from Skokie—75 cents.

Inbound within Chicago (originating south of Pratt avenue)—45 cents.

Outbound—45 cents.

Within Skokie, free transfers may be made between the new CTA bus route and the United Motor Coach No. 16-17 Skokie bus route.

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