

How To Go: Call 670-5000

New CTA Hot Line For Metro Travel

670-5000 is the CTA's new magic telephone number for telling you how to travel by public transportation.

Not only on the CTA's 132 bus routes and six rapid transit branches serving Chicago and more than 30 suburbs.

But also how to travel the six commuter railroads and suburban bus systems throughout the metropolitan area.

An announcement of the CTA's expanded and modernized travel information service was made August 1 by the Board of Chicago Transit Authority.

For a public unveiling of the new CTA Travel Information Center in Room 7-139 of the Merchandise Mart, Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, and other Board members were joined by James E. Olson, President of Illinois Bell Telephone Company, and Stephen G. McConahey, Director of Transit Management and Marketing, of the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

"Our new Travel Information Service, with the special number of 670-5000, represents another major step by the Chicago Transit Authority to make public transportation more readily available as a true public service," said Pikarsky.

"With our modernized and expanded information service, we are now able to give prompt service to everyone calling about how to travel by public transportation, whether it be by CTA bus and rapid transit routes, the commuter railroads, and/or suburban bus systems," he explained.

"In creating this new and modernized Travel Information Service, we are very grateful to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company for counsel and advice and for making available modern equipment that will permit us to further expand the service as quickly as the demand requires," Pikarsky said.

Olson, the Illinois Bell President, said the CTA's new Travel Information Center is the "most modern and flexible customer communication system to be designed for transit and commuter rail service in a metropolitan area."

James R. Quinn, Vice-Chairman of the CTA, pointed out that the new service "should help to increase riding on public transportation as more people realize how quickly and easily such travel information can be obtained."

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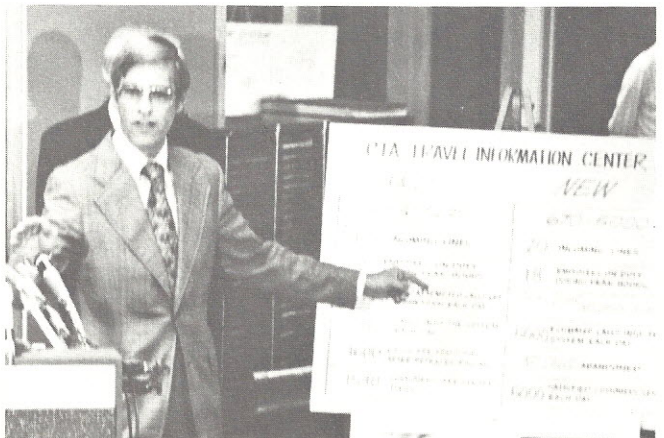


JAMES E. OLSON, Illinois Bell President, tells Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, that the new Travel Information Center is most modern of its type in the nation.



STEPHEN G. McCONAHEY, UMTA director of transit management and marketing, addresses the gathering. In rear (from left), are Board Members Lawrence G. Sucsy, Clair M. Roddewig, Wallace D. Johnson, Donald J. Walsh and Mr. Olson of Illinois Bell.

JACK KABERNA, supervisor in the new Center, explains the advantages of the new system over the old.



Travel Information (Continued)

Wallace D. Johnson, another CTA Board member, explained that the expanded and modernized service "is another big step by the CTA in catching up with the times to provide a greater public service than ever before."

Lawrence G. Sucsy, a CTA Board member representing the suburbs, emphasized the "prompt and personal" features of the new service.

"Everyone calling 670-5000 can be assured of a prompt response with little or no waiting on the line," said Sucsy.

"And each inquiry is given individual attention in the form of specific information on exactly what CTA bus or rapid transit route, commuter railroad or suburban bus to take and at what times," said Sucsy.

Pikarsky, the CTA Chairman, also noted that, as a special service to the Latin-American community, five of the 27 "travel agents" manning telephones at the CTA Center are bilingual in Spanish.

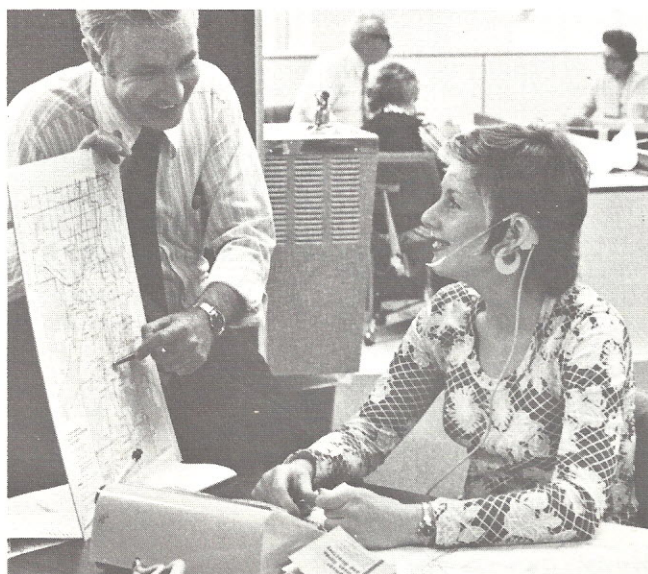
Here are the salient features of the CTA's modernized Travel Information Service:

All calls to 670-5000 are being answered within 10 seconds 90 per cent of the time.

Such quick response had been made possible by a doubling of the staff and the number of telephone lines and by the installation of an automatic call distributor.

If anyone has to wait on the line, a recorded message is heard within 20 seconds: "We're sorry. CTA Travel Information lines are busy. Please wait. A representative will be with you shortly. When your call is answered, tell us where you are--where you want to go--and the time of day you wish to travel. Please stay on the line....Thank you."

CTA TRAVEL AGENT Rene Sabol gets assistance from Robert F. Loughran, unit supervisor of Travel Information Center, on a telephone inquiry at the Center.



The new automatic call distributor and a present total of 20 telephone lines enable the CTA "travel agents" to answer at least 5,000 calls in a full "round-the-clock, 24-hour operation.

In the prime weekday period of inquiries--from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.--the new Travel Information Center is responding to an average of 3,000 calls.

In the past, the CTA was able to respond to only 1,500 calls in a full day.

In the past, because of inadequate equipment and not enough "travel information clerks," as they were called, seven out of every 10 callers never got through with their calls, hanging up because of lack of response.

Of the three calls that did get an initial response, one call got lost because of additional waiting. This meant that only two of every 10 inquiries actually were served.

For the prime daytime period of inquiry during weekdays, 18 "travel agents" now are manning telephones, compared with only seven in the past. On weekends, too, the staff has been more than doubled to assure ready responses.

Besides an increase in staff, the greater efficiency of the CTA's new Travel Information Center has been made possible by the installation of an automatic call distributor. This equipment distributes the calls in sequence as they come in to 20 positions of answering "travel agents." It also makes certain that the first person to call is the first to be answered.

The special automatic call distributor equipment from Illinois Bell has an ultimate capacity of 56 telephone lines and 60 positions.

This equipment thus makes possible the quick expansion of the CTA service as more and more people avail themselves of this unique opportunity to learn how to travel throughout the metropolitan area by public transportation.

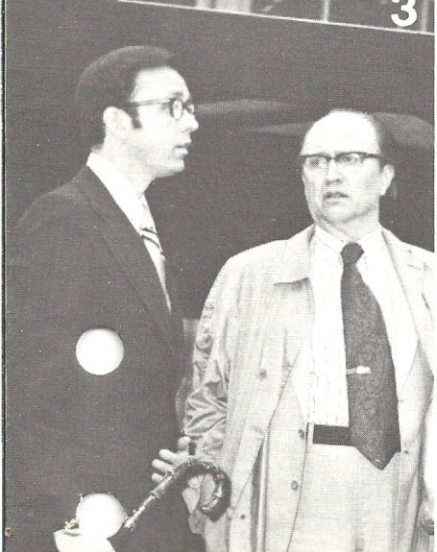
In the new modern quarters of the Telephone Information Center, 10 additional tables already are in place for an anticipated expansion in the near future to 30 lines from the 20 lines presently being used.

The new modern center also has been created to make possible the installation of an automatic information retrieval system known as microfiche and ultimately the possible computerization of travel information.

In addition to routes of travel by public transportation, many callers to the CTA also seek information about hospitals, museums, university and college campuses, parks, and centers of recreation and sports events.

The cost of equipping and remodeling Room 7-139 for the new Travel Information Center was \$49,000. The enlarged staff (compared with 15 previously) consists of 27 "travel agents," a "senior travel agent," and two supervisors.

Articulated Bus Makes CTA Debut



AN ARTICULATED bus (it bends in the middle) made by the M.A.N. firm of Munich, West Germany, made its debut in Chicago on July 22 and was tested for two weeks on four heavily traveled CTA routes.

The appearance of the bus in Chicago was part of a nation-wide tour. CTA plans to experiment with such articulated buses, as well as double-deck buses, as part of "Project Superbus" for which federal and state funding is currently being sought.

CTA Board Members and other public officials pictured here were among the many persons who inspected the bus on its first appearance at Pioneer Court on North Michigan Avenue.

1. CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky compares notes on public transportation with Neils G. Friedrichs (center), managing director of the Chicago office of the German-American Chamber of Commerce, and Rolf Horn, press attache of the Chicago office of the German Consulate.

2. CTA Board Members Donald J. Walsh (left) and Ernie Banks discuss design features of the articulated bus.

3. Board Member Lawrence G. Sucsy (left) learns technical details of the German-made bus from George Krambles, CTA operating manager.

4. Joanne Vleclides, manager of development planning and CTA representative on "Project Superbus," is conferring with K. Peter Koch, president of American M.A.N. Corporation.

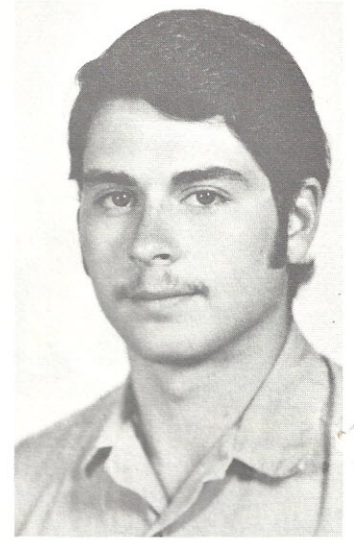
5. Taking the first trial ride on the bus were (from left) Dr. Thomas N. Harvey, regional representative of UMTA; William Swinford, press secretary to UMTA Administrator Frank Herring, and Board Member Wallace D. Johnson.

6. Board Member Ernie Banks escorts Mrs. Banks on board the bus at its Pioneer Court debut.



Supervisor, Trackman Praised for Coming to Aid of Riders

Roosevelt Cory



Tom Kahn

TWO CTA employees helped capture two would-be robbers in separate incidents.

Both were praised by CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky for responding to the victims' calls for help.

Pikarsky said Supervisor Roosevelt Cory and temporary trackman Tom Kahn exemplified the finest traditions of CTA employee's concern for their fellow men.

On June 24, Dr. Paul Blender of Chicago was accosted by a male juvenile with a nickel-plated pistol, which later proved to be a toy, and was robbed of \$100 and several checks.

The robbery took place at the Roosevelt Road subway station.

When the youth fled, Blender called for help and Cory joined an off-duty Chicago police sergeant and captured the young robber.

Commander Joseph DiLeonardi of the Gang Crimes Investigations Division of the Chicago Police Department said Cory was instrumental in effecting the arrest.

"It is indeed gratifying to discover this kind of cooperation between the Chicago Transit Authority and the Chicago Police Department. In addition, Supervisor Cory displayed personal courage in that he

performed acts beyond the normal call of his duties," DiLeonardi said.

The other CTA hero is 19-year-old Tom Kahn, a summertime track repair worker who helped capture a purse snatcher.

Kahn was working with a team at the Wabash and Madison 'L' station when he saw a male youth push an elderly woman to the platform, grab her purse, and flee down nearby stairs.

Kahn leaped up on the platform, helped the victim to her feet, then charged after the purse snatcher.

He was joined by a passer-by in the street and both men captured the robber in a nearby alley. The fleeing robber had shouted to them that he had a gun. This later was proved false.

Kahn and the passer-by turned the purse snatcher over to the Chicago Police Department.

Kahn later appeared in court as a witness against the purse snatcher who pleaded guilty to the charge and admitted he was a narcotic addict.

The young CTA summer worker said he is attending the University of Indiana where he is a sophomore in the school's police science program.

Kahn said he plans to eventually join the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Gov. Walker Congratulates

George Chernak on 90th Birthday

SURPRISE VISITOR at the 90th birthday party for George Chernak, Gov. Walker offered personal congratulations to the CTA retiree. Chernak also received a congratulatory letter from President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon and was toasted by 350 friends and relatives at a champagne buffet in Cicero. He was born in Lithuania Feb. 10, 1884, and served as a car repairer with the CSL and CTA for 30 years from May 1922 to July 1952, retiring from the Cottage Grove carhouse.





Forty Weeks in School

19 Trainees Graduate as Signal Helpers

NINETEEN GRADUATES of the Signal and Interlocking Training Program recently became qualified as signal helpers and will be assigned to fill vacancies in that capacity as they occur.

The program consisted of 240 hours of instruction in the operation and maintenance of interlocking plants and automatic block signals, and covered the duties of a signal maintainer. The course extended over a 40-week period and was supervised by the

Plant Maintenance Department of the General Operations Division.

The graduates pictured here with program instructors and CTA management personnel include, from left: front row—Evan E. Olmstead, manager of maintenance; Bill Kurtin; Eugene Zwadlo; Art Lowder; Jim Lowder; Alex Fritzler; Calixte Brouard; James Golden; Mike Pedersoli; Gregory Craig; Arthur Sandberg, manager of engineering; Kendrick Bisset, supervisor, Signal Design, and instructor; Helmut Schweitzer, instructor. Back row—John Sara; George Krambles, general operations manager; Percy Caldwell; Carl Sims; Harry Barendregt; Charles Gusich; Stanley Warchol; Fernando Guarderas; Tommie Fortune; James Warchol; Donald Villa; Jerry Guth, instructor.

Approve \$87.5 Million CTA Modernization

FURTHER MODERNIZATION of CTA's bus and rapid transit systems was announced July 5 with approval of a \$70 million grant by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Together with a state qualification grant of \$17.5 million, a total of \$87.5 million will permit CTA to begin the first stage of its new Phase II program.

Calling for a total outlay of \$391 million in CTA improvements to be carried out through 1979, the new program is a continuation of the initial \$140 million federal-state program which has been underway for the last two-and-one-half years.

The new program will permit CTA to press forward with the following improvements:

- * Purchase of 500 to 525 more air-conditioned buses. Combined with the 1,070 buses acquired in the last two years, more than 70 per cent of CTA's bus fleet will be air conditioned.

- * Purchase of 100 more air-conditioned rapid transit cars. In addition to the 100 modern cars ordered recently, the newly authorized 100 cars are the first of a fleet of 650 anticipated in the Phase II program.

- * Track renewal on the Douglas, Lake-Dan Ryan, North-South and Ravenswood rapid transit routes totaling 30 track miles.

- * Elevated structure and bridge renewal on the Douglas, North-South and Ravenswood routes.

- * Rapid transit grade crossing reconstruction at 18 locations on the Douglas, Ravenswood and Skokie Swift routes.

- * Purchase and install 100 bus passenger shelters at sites to be selected.

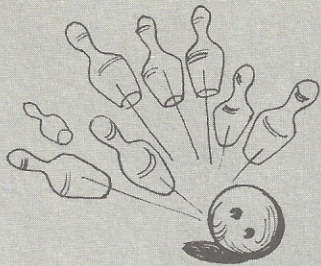
- * Fail-safe radio communications system and equipment for use in subways.

- * Replacement of eight old substations, construction of three additional substations and rehabilitation of two existing substations supplying power to rapid transit system.

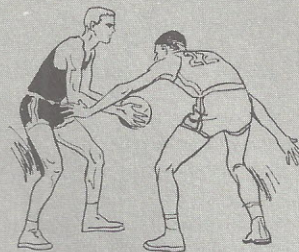
- * Design 18 modernized rapid transit stations on the North-South, Ravenswood, Skokie Swift and West-Northwest routes.

- * Install improved lighting and heating devices at 20 rapid transit stations system-wide.

Announcement of a state qualification grant of \$17.5 million by the Illinois Department of Transportation was made June 25 by Gov. Walker. Under recently revised federal legislation, a state or local contribution of 20 per cent is required for federal grants by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration for capital improvements to public transportation systems. A one-third matching grant had been required previously.



CTA Sports News



MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

Kedzie Garage Bus Operator Wins Div. 241 Golf Tournament

PLAYING WITH a ten handicap, Luster Morton, a bus operator at Kedzie Garage, is the 1974 champion of the Division 241 golf tournament held at St. Andrew's Country Club on June 29.

A six-year employee, Luster has been playing golf for 16 years. He says he plays at least 5 to 7 days a week, sometimes before he checks for his run or after completing it. His wife, Mattie, says she has resigned herself to being a golf widow but is glad when the season's over.

Luster is proud to admit winning two other tournaments, champion of his old alma mater, Westville High school in Birmingham, Ala., and winner of the first flight in the North Shore Duffers competition.



Chess Players Wanted

A CTA chess club is being formed to provide competition after working hours between employees and other commercial chess clubs. All interested chess players, beginners as well as experts, are asked to contact Roy Fabijonas on Ext. 626, Merchandise Mart, Room 7-179.

The commercial and industrial clubs form the Chicago Industrial Chess League (CICL). The CICL is divided into two divisions, the senior division with eight player teams and the junior division with four player teams. The playing season is between September and May.

During the 1973-74 season, there were 14 teams representing nine companies in the senior division, and 31 teams representing 28 companies in the junior division. Some companies have two or more teams.

CTA SOFTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS

Teams	W	L	Pct.
69th Street	8	1	.889
North Park	8	1	.889
Kedzie	7	2	.778
77th Street	7	2	.778
Rapid Transit	6	3	.667
Archer	5	4	.556
Limits	4	5	.445
North Avenue	4	5	.445
52nd Street	3	6	.333
General Office	2	7	.223
Beverly	0	9	.000
Forest Glen	0	9	.000

CTA Ladies Bowling League to be Formed

IN RESPONSE to the number of inquiries received from ladies regarding the formation of a bowling league, the Sports Editor will now accept all communications from ladies interested in participating.

If the response is great enough, a recreational league under the CTA sports program will be planned for the 1975-76 season.

Those interested should write to Mel Alexander, Transit News Sports Editor, Merchandise Mart Rm. 742, P. O. Box 3555, Chicago, Ill. 60654--or call 664-7200, Ext. 811. Provide name, work location, and days and hours available for participation in league.

A tabulation will be turned over to the sports director for special consideration.

69th Street, North Park Tie as League Champs

THE 1974 CTA softball league closed their regular scheduled season with a climactic ending on Sunday, July 28, with 69th Street and North Park tied for first place with an 8 and 1 record.

Playing in the first game of a double-header, 69th Street edged North Park by a score of 8 to 6. In the second game 69th Street was soundly defeated by a fired up Kedzie team 18 to 12. With a flip of a coin, 69th Street won the top play-off position over North Park.

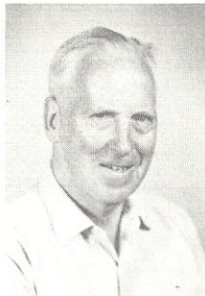
With the play-offs scheduled to begin on August 4, the pairings will begin with 69th Street going against North Avenue, North Park versus Limits, 77th Street taking on Rapid Transit and Kedzie will battle Archer. The semi-finals and finals will be played on August 11.

The pictures below show some of the action seen at the double-header played on Sunday, July 14.

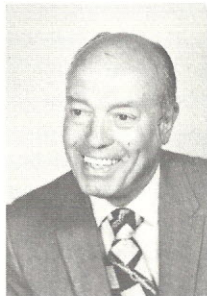


Service anniversaries in July-August

**45
years**



A. G. Boylan,
West Section



W. A. Pinasco,
Forest Glen



J. R. Christoi,
Plant Maintenance

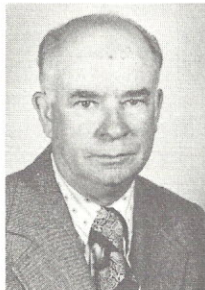
35 years

S. M. Arnashus, Plant Maintenance
J. J. Dvorak, South Rail District
D. Edwards, Utility
J. Milas, Skokie Shop
W. C. Platt, Personnel
P. M. Trant, North Section

25 years

R. G. Anderson, Inst.-North Ave.
D. Bore, West Section
E. D. Gertz, Plant Maintenance
A. K. Haas, South Shops
H. J. Hoepfner, Training Center
J. P. Irwin, South Shops
L. J. Kazda, Kedzie
J. P. Kelly, Plant Maintenance
J. E. Koral, North Rail District
E. C. Malinowski, District A
A. Niblack, 52nd Street
J. J. O'Neill, Forest Glen
W. J. Piper Jr., Forest Glen
A. E. Polowczyk, Forest Glen
F. Prestigiaco, Plant Maint.
R. J. Robinson, 77th Street
J. H. Smith, Beverly
C. A. Waggoner, Kedzie

**40
years**



F. J. Cunningham,
Law & Claims

30 years

T. V. Abbinanti, North Section
W. Bekier, Accounting
H. L. Huff, 52nd Street
C. W. Iacullo, Limits
F. W. Limmel, Control Center
F. Loebbaka, North Section
E. Merk, Forest Glen
S. A. Nettles, 61st Terminal
S. W. Triche, 77th Street



Swedish Bus Drivers Visit CTA on Honeymoon

IT WAS bus driving that made them meet. And bus driving interests that are keeping them going--even on their honeymoon.

Per-Olaf and Britt Schonbeck of Gotenberg, Sweden, who were married June 1, visited the CTA during July on a cross-country tour of bus companies.

Why such a choice for a honeymoon?

"We may never come to this country again. We thought we might not get another chance to see how other transit systems work," said Schonbeck, 30.

The couple was introduced in 1972 at a company party, although they had seen each other once before.

Mrs. Schonbeck, 27, was working part time then--four hours a day--because she had not yet been accepted by the union. And Schonbeck had an uneven working schedule, said Mrs. Schonbeck, so "it was difficult at first."

Now the pair both work a day shift, averaging eight hours a day. Mrs. Schonbeck has accumulated three years experience; Schonbeck eight.

The Schonbecks estimate some 20 per cent of Sweden's bus drivers are women--that's 250 of 1,200. "We took it for granted that all cities had women drivers.

"Women started in Sweden in 1960," said Mrs. Schonbeck. "During the war they were conductors. When women began driving trains, though, there were some people who would wait for the next train."

Recalls 'Good Old Days' as They Really Were

47-Year Transit Veteran

John Donovan Retires



JOHN JOSEPH DONOVAN, special CTA representative to the Illinois General Assembly, retired July 1 after a 47½ year career in which he started off as a streetcar conductor and ended up in the Illinois General Assembly.

While the public is generally familiar with Donovan's record as state senator (elected 1956), 9th ward committeeman (1959, 1960 and 1964), and state representative (1961) not everyone knows the tales this witty Irishman can tell about those early days on the streetcars.

We got him to tell a couple of them, reprinting one below. Another story will appear in the next edition of TRANSIT NEWS.

I believe the year was 1939. When you got through with your run and if there was a big snowstorm in those days they would ask you to go out on a snowplow salt car. There were all streetcars, of course, in those days.

In a salt car you had two men that poured the salt on the inside of the car. The motorman was in the front and he had a chute that used to open with these big 100 lb. bags you poured the salt down and it would go on the rail and melt the snow.

So this was about one o'clock in the morning we started out--bitter cold--quite a storm. The motorman who operated the car had always worked State Street but this was the Halsted Street line. The last time he worked that line there used to be a jog in the rail line at 111th and Sacramento which was the end of the line. Of course all the time he'd been working State Street they straightened out this jog and it was a straight track. At the end of the car line was a railroad over which we didn't cross because it was a good seven or eight feet from the end of the rail.

So we were inside pouring salt when all of a sudden the lights went out of the salt car and the motorman yelled, "put the pole up."

So I ran out the front to get out because you couldn't get out the rear because all the salt was poured. Here we had run off the end of the track, onto the railroad.

All I could hear in the snow was a train whistle--Woo-Woo. So I said to the motorman, "My God you ran off the end of the line; we're on the railroad track and here comes the train!"

When I said that, there was no power, no wires, nothing.

We got off and I ran across the tracks and the other two--the motorman and the other fellow--stayed on the other side of the tracks and of course this train came along and demolished the salt car.

One minute we had a salt car and the next minute we didn't. But we salted that railroad track for a good 100 feet with all the bags that were on the salt car!

So there was a saloon on the corner called O'Malley's Saloon. I came from that area and I knew the owner, an Irish woman named O'Malley.

I started pounding on the door because they lived upstairs. She stuck her head out the top and said, "What happened?"

I said we ran off the end of the car line and got hit by a train.

She said, "O Lord, that happened some years back and the motorman was drunk."

I said, "No this man isn't drunk--all I want to do is use your phone."

So she came down and let me in and I called the dispatcher.

The question he asked me, "Where's the equipment?"

I said, "It's laying on both sides of the right-of-way from Monterey to 112th Street."

He said get back the same way you came. So we had to wait out there for the first streetcar to come out--and we had these salt aprons on.

When they came out they saw the three of us standing there with no equipment and these three salt aprons on and this conductor just couldn't believe his eyes and he said, "What are you fellows doing?"

I was trying to cheer up the motorman because in those days discipline was very strict and we knew that the motorman was going to be in big trouble.

Well I said we would tell the superintendent that we just buried the fellow out here because there were two cemeteries out there and gave him the Masonic rites.

Of course, then we came back and the strange thing that happened was that the station superintendent put me right back on another sweeper and said, "Bring this one back!"



CTA's 'First Lady' Retires

MISS JANE MITCHELL lived with Chicago's public transportation systems all her life--until July 1--when she retired as supervisor of executive employees in the CTA's general offices.

She is among the few people who can speak with first hand experience about the old open-air streetcars and today's modern, air-conditioned trains and buses with equal familiarity.

Every work day, for 54 years, Jane Mitchell has ridden Chicago's streetcars, buses, or 'L' trains with more than a passing interest.

She was one of the few women in Chicago to understand such public transportation trade talk as "swing runs," "split tricks," and the "green hornets."

The first two deal with work schedules; the third is the nickname of a speedy streetcar.

Miss Mitchell (in private life Mrs. Martin J. Garrity) grew up in the public transportation industry.

"It was in my blood," she said. "As a little girl, I rode to the carbarns with my father on the wreck wagon and was the envy of all the neighborhood kids."

Her father was a horseshoer from the former Chicago Surface Lines. (Horse-drawn wreck wagons for transit emergencies were used until World War I.)

An old family friend in her childhood was Thomas Blakely, head of the CSL's utility department. He predicted her future when she was still in pigtails.

"When you grow up," he told her, "you must work for the streetcar company."

And that's just what happened.

When Jane Mitchell had just finished a brief business course, and had just turned 16, she was asked to work for the streetcar company as a temporary fill-in in its stores department.

That "temporary fill-in" job led eventually to the CSL's executive offices.

AMONG THE many honoring Jane upon her retirement (pictured above from left) were Board Members Wallace D. Johnson and James R. Quinn, Chairman Milton Pikarsky, former Board Member James E. Rutherford, and David M. Flynn, retiring transportation manager and MC at the party.

There she worked for J. V. Sullivan, then executive assistant to the CSL's president. She remained with Sullivan for 17 years.

Next, she became secretary to John E. Sullivan, president and chairman of the CSL's joint board of management and operation.

In 1947 when the Chicago Transit Authority was created, Miss Mitchell became secretary to Walter J. McCarter, the CTA's first general manager.

Later, she became secretary to General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor.

Throughout the years, Miss Mitchell acquired a fund of knowledge about the city's public transportation system.

She also became involved with frantic appeals for lost precious articles when the appeals were addressed to the general manager's office instead of the lost-and-found department.

"We could have drawn a weather chart from our appeals for lost umbrellas," she said.

And all those stories you have heard about riders recovering fat wallets or large rolls of bills left on the streetcars, buses, and 'L' trains--well, she said, they are happily true.

She herself has never lost so much as a glove in her 54-year career in public transportation.

Even though Miss Mitchell has left the CTA (she is planning a European vacation) she is still remembered as one of those veterans who helped keep things rolling along on the 2,000 miles of public transportation routes.

CTA Managers Meet in Seminar

FIFTY-FIVE members of the CTA's management level personnel took part in a day-long seminar of the operations of the chairman's office conducted by the management consulting firm of Harbridge House, Inc. The meeting was held July 2 in the Board Room. Joseph Connolly, Harbridge House vice president (standing near center) and Robert Crangle, principal of the consulting firm (standing at rear of room) conducted the program. Taking part in the meeting were CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky and members of his immediate staff; and managers and directors from General Operations, General Finance, General Development, General Administration, Law & Claims, and Public Affairs Department.



WITH RESPONSIBILITIES for the day-to-day upkeep of 143 rapid transit stations, CTA recently appointed 24 men as sub unit supervisors in the Maintenance Department. The supervisors are in charge of the system's 215 janitors.

Each supervisor is familiar with the facilities within his assigned area and has undergone training in handling emergencies occasioned by inclement weather or other unexpected conditions.

The sub unit supervisors pictured at right with other managerial personnel in the Maintenance Department include, from left: seated—Stephan Cunningham, unit supervisor; David Allen; David Johnson; John Doorey; J. Driver; Edward Scott; Thomas Cameron, and James Roberts. Standing—William Jones, unit supervisor; Harvest Hall; John Zupko, unit supervisor; L. Smith; George Millonas, superintendent of buildings and grounds; Peter Evans; Christopher Redmond; Walter Chapman; Pablo Monge, and Robert Roesing, supervisor of rapid transit janitors.

Not available when picture was taken were William Chrishon and Silas Ransome.

24 Named 'L'-Subway Janitor Supervisors





Largest Bus Service Supervisor Class Graduates

THE LARGEST class of bus service supervisors in CTA history--42 members--has completed the formal portion of the training program and was graduated recently at the Limits Training Center.

As students, the new supervisors underwent training in all phases of supervisory duties. From the bus service supervisors' pool, each graduate will now receive assignments to fill vacancies as they occur, enabling them to gain further experience.

Class members are pictured above with Service Director Ralph Tracy (seated, far right) and Training Center personnel, including Superintendent James

Lahey and Instructors Ray Colello, L. J. Hampton and Howard Hoepfner.

Listed in alphabetical order, the graduates are: S. Anderson, P. Armstrong, J. Barsano, A. Berry, J. Burns, R. Cameron, K. Chrabasz, L. Collins, J. Cook, M. Dean, L. Evans, T. Green, M. Gulley, J. Jarecki, F. Jones, H. Jones, W. Jones, H. Kirkpatrick, R. Lane, A. Lee, A. Lichter, J. Marron, M. McManus, N. Miller, R. Morris, G. Nalls, E. Ojer, W. Oliver, L. Pittman, F. Plambeck, W. Reynolds, B. Romej, L. Russell, A. Schill, M. Smith, L. St. James, E. Thurmond, J. Valtierra, J. Wallace, J. Woodson, J. Young and Z. Zajaczkowski.



SIX PATROLMEN, named acting sergeants in the CTA's Security Staff recently attended an orientation meeting in the Operations Division Conference Room. Standing (from left) are: Patrolmen Bruce A. Hendershot, George B. Evans, William H. Talbert, Acting Security Chief William Butler, Patrolmen Frederick C. Barrett, Ralph Vernon, and Paul S. Wallace. Seated (from left) are: Richard Gross, Security Staff administrative assistant, George Krambles, manager, Operations Division, and Norman Graver, Security Staff superintendent.

Name 6 Acting Sergeants on CTA Security Force

CTA SECURITY Department Patrolmen William H. Talbert, Paul S. Wallace, Frederick E. Barrett, Ralph Vernon, Bruce A. Hendershot and George B. Evans have been named acting sergeants after competing with 18 other candidates in comprehensive examinations.

The six men--members of a 63-man force which protects CTA properties--were praised by George Krambles, CTA operating manager, for their competitive spirit. "It is important that each of us work in our own self-help programs to better our careers and benefit ourselves."

Richard Gross, administrative assistant to Security Superintendent Norman Graver who announced the promotions, said the six would be the first group of CTA security patrolmen to undergo a rating system by their sergeants and lieutenants. Promotions to the permanent rank of sergeant will be based on the results of the rating system.

Retiring After 17 Years at Wrigley Field

'Fans the Great Ones,' Says Supervisor 'Jocko' Wallace



THE METS nipped the Cubs 5-4 in the 12th inning on June 26, and as the crowd poured out 'Jocko' Wallace dispatched his last buses from Wrigley Field.

HIS VOICE has taken on a natural shouting tone after yelling above the ballpark roar for the last 17 years. His uniform looks as if it's become a second skin.

He's met all the greats--Umpire Jocko Conlon and baseball greats Gabby Hartnett, Hack Wilson, Ron Santo, and many others.

He's even known to Mayor Daley, who called him "Mr. Supervisor."

For almost a quarter century, John "Jocko" Wallace, a CTA supervisor at Wrigley Field, is the man who's kept the fans coming and going.

He retired July 1 after 40 years--but he took more with him than a pension and a gold watch.

"I've seen the best and the worst the game has to offer--fans, that is," said Jocko. "There were George Corbel, Jim Janek, Walter Toney to name a few. They were the great ones. Ball players come and go but the fans are the heart of the game.

"They made life outside the gate as interesting as what goes on inside.

"There ought to be a hall of fame for fans.

"I've seen guys wait in line for opening day for 36 hours, kids climb a 100 foot wall just to see Henry Aaron, a five-foot guy wading into two six-foot bruisers just to defend the legendary field talents of infielder Peanuts Lowry.

"Sometimes we'd have crowds of 50,000. That meant we needed to line up 26 buses. When I first

started, there were just two of us running the show. Now the CTA can put 16 men on the job.

"This year it's slowed down some--35,000 average.

"Like today we're using six buses.

"Ladies day is the worst. They get in free. And they all ride.

"While I understand some of the other cities' fans practically start a riot when their team loses, Cub fans are always pretty solid--even when they're down. But now there are more young fans, especially girls."

The CTA man says he's seen practically every important game--even before he got the Wrigley route. "I saw the world series games in '28, '32, '35 and '45--and I was just a sophomore at DePaul (high school) for the '28 series.

"And I met Leo Durocher's wife the day they were married--Durocher introduced us just before he took her to Montreal for their honeymoon."

But baseball isn't Jocko's only sport--"I've gone to the tracks for years--been golfing for 14 years. Of course there's basketball, football--and hockey. I watch 'em all.

"I'm going to golf a lot up in Wisconsin--that's where I'm going to retire. It's only an hour's drive from here. So I can come back to watch the Cubs easily enough."

Did Jocko ask for his Wrigley Field post? "No. The district superintendent died and I was transferred and I've stayed. Evidently they thought I did a good job. I even worked on my days off." Jocko lives near Wrigley Field.

Wallace started as a motorman with the CSL Feb. 22, 1934. "I've never driven a bus. But my father worked 45 years on the streetcars.

"I became a supervisor in 1945, moving to Wrigley Field in '57. I've had opportunities for different jobs--different spots in the CTA--but this is it, I like it here.

"Ya, I'll miss it--miss all the excitement. I know 'em all upstairs--they all park across from my buses--Brickhouse, Rosenberg, Lloyd. Wisconsin will be a little more slow paced.

"But I'll be back to visit. I have to see my grandchildren. The three of them--Debby (15), Jacki (8) and Joey (6)--are always down here."

So Jocko's retiring from the CTA.

But he's not about to lose interest in the game. Someday he expects to see his grandson Joey as well known with the fans inside the ballpark as Jocko was known outside. "The kid plays baseball 12 months a year even though he's too young to play in a league. He could hit the long ball when he was two years old," boasts Jocko--fan and grandfather.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Datacenter) -

TOM WODARSKI and his wife, MAUREEN, recently welcomed a 6 pound 11 ounce darling named KELLY LYNNE. Delighted with the arrival of a new sister were BRIAN and DAWN. Congratulations to all of you...A very proud mother was MARY RETTIG when her son, CARLTON S. RETTIG, was graduated from James McCosh Grammar school on June 10. Carlton will attend Chicago Vocational High school in September...CEDRIC M. EVANS made a proud father of NORRIS EVANS when he was graduated from Lawless Upper Grade center on June 10. Cedric will attend Parker High school in September. Good luck to both of these young men...The Datacenter picnic took place in Churchill Park in Lombard on June 29. The picnic was deemed a great success--so much so that some of the picnickers helped lock the park...We extend good health wishes to DAN PROFFITT who has been ill at home for several weeks.

- Evelyn Lee

CTA SECURITY -

I am really sorry to have missed last month's issue but I will try to make up for it this month...First, I would like to extend the welcome mat to TOM LORENZ, BERNIE McLAUGHLIN and FRANK PICKETT, all transferees from other departments who are now officers in our department. We hope all of you like the job and stay with us awhile...MARGUERITE RUFFULO is now home recuperating after a little visit to the hospital and should be with us again in a couple of weeks...During Marguerite's absence her job was filled by CHRIS BREMER who was swept away from us shortly after she started. Even though her stay was short, she did a terrific job...JUDY JOHNSON is now filling in and she too is doing a fine job. We hope she stays with us longer than Chris was able to...On May 1, we bid farewell to two fine officers, STEVE IPPOLITO and LES DEMAN. Steve retired with 10 years of service. Les spent 44 years with CTA. Much to our dismay, though, Les passed away shortly after his retirement. Our condolences to his family...PHIL THOMAS went fishing on his vacation in Manasha and Fremont, Wisc., and caught nothing but a cold. Rumor has it that the fish were biting just before he got there. Phil went with a couple of his friends. One of them, Van Walette, works at the House of Corrections...Congratulations are in order for AL COOPER who was recently wed. Best of luck to you and the little lady, Al...

CHESTER MAZURKIEWICZ reports that the Polish Prince Jr. is due in March.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

WILLIAM STAUNTON Sr. and his wife, KATHLEEN, are proud grandparents for the sixth time. Their daughter, MARY KAY, and her husband, VINCE CARCO, are the proud parents of little TINA MARIE who was born on June 13 weighing 5 pounds 14 ounces. The little one was also greeted by her big brother, VINCE Jr., who is 21 months old...MATT CIOFFE, unit supervisor of special projects, is back to work and looking very chipper after his recent hospital stay...MIKE RICKSON, administrative assistant, and his wife vacationed in beautiful Jamaica and really enjoyed the peace and quiet and the life of leisure...Hope everyone has a wonderful vacation.

- Kay McAlister

(Chicago Avenue) -

DAVID HORMEL, the son of BOB HORMEL, was recently graduated from the University of Chicago Circle Campus. Dave majored in computer programming and will join Allstate...News from the SHEAHAN family: PATRICIA, the daughter of BILL SHEAHAN, was married to HUGH BASKIN, M.D. The wedding took place on June 1 in Denver, Colo. The Baskins will reside in Tucson, Ariz. MARY FRANCIS SHEAHAN was graduated from grammar school, and THOMAS WILLIAM SHEAHAN was graduated from high school and is now in the Air Force academy...The PAUL SHURCHAY family is taking a train trip to California. They will enjoy the scenery as they ride the Santa Fe...We were sorry to hear that WALTER YOCIUS' wife passed away suddenly on May 28. Our sincere condolences go out to you...BILL MAROSE reports that his daughter, LINDA ANN, was graduated from the police academy on July 5. The ceremony was held at the First National Bank auditorium. Linda's husband, BOB, is also with the police department...MARY ALICE SHEA, the daughter of JOHN SHEA, was graduated from St. Denis and will attend Queen of Peace High school...DON CRANDALL will be vacationing in Miami in August. Maybe it will be cooler down there...PAT and AGNES CAGNEY were in town for his mother's funeral. Pat was formerly in the Electrical Department and is now foreman of a line construction gang in Florida...One of our drivers, CHARLIE

FERANTE, and his wife, MARRIANE, went to Germany to visit relatives, then down to Italy to see the rest of the relatives. Charlie doesn't get enough driving on the job, he has to go to Europe to do some more...The JOHN MURPHY family has returned from Ireland. John was gone so long I thought he was drafted by the I.R.A...RUDY SCHOEN and his family went to Canada to pick up his sister and then they all took off for Germany. I think they will visit many relatives in the vicinity of Baden Baden. That's pretty country...JIM JOHNSTON and his family are on a dude ranch in Colorado. Jim, take pity on the poor horses...JOE NASTI is home on vacation, supposedly putting an addition on his home. This is a vacation?...SMARTIES: PETE GRAF Jr. made the dean's list at North Park college. CAROLYN NIELSEN is on the dean's list at Illinois State university.

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- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

We welcome our newest addition to the Signal Department, E. DELANEY. Congratulations on a job well started...We join DAVE BATTERSON in mourning the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. MARIE MERTKA. May you find a tower of strength in your hour of bereavement...Let's give a hot and hardy welcome to our Electrical Department paint gang. They are part of CTA's summer help working under Foreman CHARLIE SEMON. Back again this summer are DOMINIC A. GUAGENTI and SYLVESTER (Sly) LOWERY, joined by new men GARY LABEDZ and JAMES HASTINGS. Glad to have you with us...Another group of our signalmen began enjoying the privilege of full union membership recently at a special Local No. 9 meeting. Receiving their journeyman working cards were DOWNIE COOTS, ALPHONSO PELUSO, RONALD OCLON, PAUL JANKOWSKI, DONALD HAWKINS, E. McCLINTON Jr. and A. DICRISTOFANO. Congratulations, fellows, now you are as good as they

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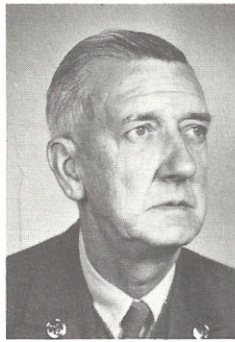
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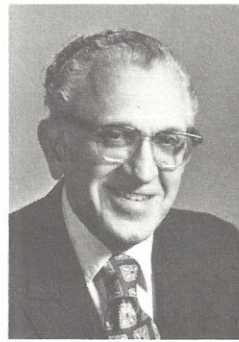
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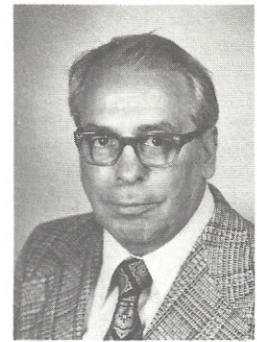
JOINING THE ranks of the retired during July and August were the six employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



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45 Years



P. A. COMIANO
40 Years



T. J. COATES
44 Years

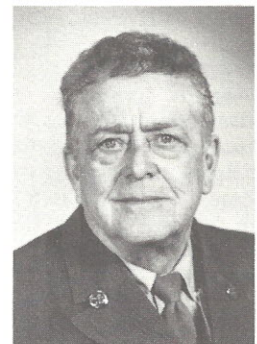
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 ALBERT CHODO, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-11-42
 THOMAS J. COATES, Electrical Worker A, South Shops, Emp. 4-3-30
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 JOHN J. CORCORAN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-1-43
 JOHN CUNNINGHAM, Supv., Money Hdlrs., 77th Street, Emp. 12-5-42
 EDWARD DAPPEN, Operator, Limits, Emp. 7-14-37
 WILLIAM E. DEVITT, Box Puller, Kedzie, Emp. 6-24-37
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 MARTIN DURKIN, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 7-29-41
 JAMES J. ERONCIG, Collector, 77th Street, Emp. 11-14-42
 FRANK J. FRIEDL Jr., Ass't Storekeeper, Materials Management, Emp. 5-1-41
 JOSEPH F. FRITZ, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 12-7-45
 DAVID GALET Jr., Towerman, North Section, Emp. 11-10-45
 JANE M. GARRITY, Secretary, Executive, Emp. 2-4-20
 FRED GRONEMEYER, Motorman, South Section, Emp. 1-13-42
 HELENE A. HANSEN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 11-6-65
 PAUL HODUL, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 2-15-39
 HARRY A. JACOBSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-24-36
 MARION C. JANICKE, Carpenter A, South Shops, Emp. 5-29-45
 JOHN JESTICE, Unit Exchange Clerk, South Shops, Emp. 1-10-36
 EUGENE T. JONES, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 3-13-47
 EDWARD S. KAWCZYNSKI, Janitor, Archer, Emp. 2-27-43
 JOSEPH KEMNEC, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-9-48



H. J. RISCH
40 Years



F. A. SCHUELER
40 Years



C. W. SCHMOOK
40 Years

ARTHUR H. LASK, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 7-25-42
 LAWRENCE P. LINDNER, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 3-16-37
 JOHN J. MADIGAN, Lineman Helper, Electrical, Emp. 2-3-43
 ARTHUR W. MALMQUIST, Supervisor, Track & Structures, Emp. 7-22-38
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 CHARLES F. McDERMOTT, Conductor, Forest Park, Emp. 4-6-29
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 GRACE M. MOUNTS, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 5-23-59
 JOHN M. NOREN, Motorman, North Section, Emp. 7-7-36
 CHARLES P. PANDOLA, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-27-53
 GIOVANNA PATZ, Wrapper, South Shops, Emp. 2-6-52
 STEVE G. PAULOV, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 4-2-42
 CHESTER PAVLAK, Machinist Leader B, South Shops, Emp. 9-2-47
 ERNEST W. POMMERENING, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-17-37
 BRONISLAW RADULSKI, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 6-15-56
 WALTER G. REICH, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-19-43
 HENRY J. RISCH, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 3-26-34
 JACOB A. RUSNAK, Operator, North Park, Emp. 2-3-36

CARL W. SCHMOOK, Operator, Archer, Emp. 3-12-34
 FRED A. SCHUELER, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-18-33
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OSCAR FREDERICK, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 9-12-52
 EDWIN L. KNIAZ, Machinist, Skokie Shop, Emp. 12-8-39
 CHARLES A. MYERS, Car Repairman, Forest Park Maint. Term'l, Emp. 3-20-50
 MILES B. OLSEN, Supervisor, North Section, Emp. 7-15-42
 WILLIAM A. PERO, Operator, North Park, Emp. 11-17-60
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 ANTHONY SUNZERI, Laborer, Track & Structures, Emp. 9-29-41
 ANTHONY TRANCHITA, Collector, Archer, Emp. 2-10-43

say you are...Regretfully we report the death of E. H. LONG, the father of Signal Maintainer JOHN C. LONG. Mr. Long resided in Knoxville, Tenn. You have our prayers and sympathy in your hour of sorrow...By the time this is in writing, I'll be away on vacation, sitting beside some mountain stream enjoying the cool breeze. Tell you all about it next month.

- Tommie Lowery

GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -

The news from Central Counting is at the same time cheerful and sad. Taking the sad news first, Central Counting lost its No. 1 supervisor with the retirement of JOHN CUNNINGHAM. John will spend his retirement years in Florida where he bought himself a home. He received a deep-sea fishing rod and reel at his retirement luncheon...On the plus side, the boss, Mr. PALILUNAS, and his Missus celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on June 16. It was also the birthday of his nephew, PETER CHAPKIN, and his nephew's daughter, AMY. And, of course, it was also Father's day...We were a bit concerned when CHARLIE DERRICK started walking around with his chest poked out a la Tarzan. We found, however, it was only justifiable pride in the fact that his grandson, DANNY SCHRIEBER, representing the sixth grade class of St. Daniel the Prophet Catholic grammar school, had won second place in the City Catholic math contest. This qualified him for entry in the state competition. Best of luck, Danny...Picture this if you will. July 4 is Independence day. July 4 is the birthday of our chief clerk, BILL LEAHY. Bill Leahy will be on vacation July 4. That's a full house if ever there was one. They do things big at Central Counting.

(Personnel) -

LEN LOHN and his wife, JULIA, returned June 24 from beautiful hot Phoenix. Julia loved it, but Len didn't. He did nothing but swim, eat, swim, eat. It was a pleasant restful trip...ARTHUR HUBACZ and his wife, BERNICE, visited their son, ARTY, his wife, KAREN, and newest grandson, ARTIE, in Castro Valley, Calif., arriving in time to attend the christening. Art is back to work now, but his wife decided to stay there for awhile, so Art is "batching" it.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neunauter

LOOP -

Happy birthday wishes are extended to Retired Chief Clerk HARRY BAKER, Clerk DAN DOYLE and MILDRED DOYLE, all in the month of August...Congratulations to JOHN FILIPEK Jr. and his new bride, DEBBIE. They said "I do" in the warm month of July. John is the son of Retired West Side Agent JOHN FILIPEK Sr...We all hope that Superintendent JIM ROBERTS

and his wife had a wonderful vacation in Florida...Sorry to report that your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, is very sick at the present time. We all hope you are feeling better by the time this issue comes out...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Pensioners MARGARET NOLAN and WALTER RAJEWSKI who passed away recently. They had been ill for quite some time...Trainman WALTER GAUGER isn't feeling too good. We hope you will be back to work and feeling great soon...It was a strange reunion in Florida when Clerk DAN DOYLE, husband of Co-reporter MILDRED, met up with a street-car motorman he hadn't seen for nearly 30 years. The Doyles stopped at Arrow Motel and Mobile Beach in Delray and were talking with the proprietors, MARY and CLEM HAMMER-SCHMITT (pictured at right with Dan). We learned they were from Chicago and Dan thought he had seen Clem before. And sure enough, both had worked as motormen on Western avenue in the forties. Dan was out of 69th and Clem was out of Devon. Clem went to the Shops Department later and retired from Skokie Shop as an electrical worker in 1969.



- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

KEDZIE -

We welcome Superintendent R. KEAG from North Avenue and Assistant Superintendents J. BORK and E. WHITE from 77th Street. Mr. White was an operator out of Kedzie back in 1953, so he is no stranger to a lot of us. Superintendent W. CHAMBERLAIN will be at North Avenue Station and Night Superintendent A. TABEL will be at 69th Street. We send our best to you both and you will be greatly missed at Kedzie...Our clerk, JERRY BLAKE, and his wife, SHIRLEY, are vacationing in New Jersey with their daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren...Your reporter and Mrs. GRAHAM are leaving for Huntington, W.V., to visit our daughter and grandchildren...Operator A. DOMINICK is driving his new car down to Kedzie since his buddy and mine, Operator G. DiMEO, is on vacation...Division 241 had their golf outing June 29. Chairman WILLIAM LARSEN had everything planned just right. The dinner was very good, and there were prizes... Don't forget to get out and watch our ballgames--Kedzie has a hot team...Retired Operator EARL St. PIERRE stopped in at Kedzie. He was in town visiting friends and relatives. He lives in Bradington, Fla., and plays golf four times a week. He and his wife square dance once a week. Just great! Earl is in his 70's, and has been on pension 12 years...Retired Opera-

tor L. NULLMEYER stopped in the garage to say hello to all. He sure looks good and is enjoying his pension...Retired Operator EDWARD HAYES from Arkansas stopped by. He really looks good and is enjoying life at its best. He was on my Stateliner bus, just visiting Chicago and seeing some friends...Operator W. SIERON was in the hospital for surgery. I hope you are home and on the way to recovery by the time this issue is out. To all other operators on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery...To everyone having a birthday: happy birthday; and to those of you celebrating anniversaries, we wish you the best...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday so you can help another brother in need.

- Raymond Graham

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

BOB McCARTHY, Purchasing, and his family had much to be proud of this June as his daughter, MARYBETH, was graduated from York High school as an Illinois State Scholar and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Not to be outdone, her brother, BOB, who is a freshman in Pharmacy School at the U of I, made the honor list, and her sister, THERESA, a junior at York High school, wound up on the high honor roll. Still left to be heard from is BRIAN. Maybe someday we will see his name in print, too...Congratulations to LINDA LUNDBERG, who has climbed the ranks in Stores to invoice clerk from typist I...ANN JOBARIS, Purchasing, is a very proud mother and mother-in-law, as her daughter, MARY-ANN, formerly of Stores, married MIKE CIKARA of Accounting...The big news of the month is that Storeroom 43 is moving out to West Shops. Good luck at your new location...FRANK FRIEDL retired from Storeroom 20 on June 28 after 33 years with the CTA. MARVIN CASTLE took his pension also on June 28 after 32 years with the CTA. The wanderlust look of retiring about FRANK TAMBURRINO, Stores order clerk, still shines. Only 59 more days, Frank. Sorry, we missed the count in the last issue. We will keep the count for you, as promised...GEORGE MICHAUD is no longer working in Stores. He transferred to MCOP. Good luck in your new job, George...NICK LaCORCIA went on vacation without leaving behind any hint of his plans. A "honey-do" vacation?..HELEN SLATTERY, typist in Storeroom 42, took four weeks off camping in the mountains. Her camping adventures took her to Washington, Oregon and Vancouver Island. That's where the beauty of the country is--next to nature...GEORGE LINDEN, Storeroom 42, is taking off to go up to the Wisconsin Dells for a week. JOHN GILL, Stores, has returned safely from his memorable trip to Ireland. It is more beautiful than you can possibly imagine, John said. This is the time of the year to go see the beautiful green fields. John was



ALVA CAREY
E. Carey
District B



ROBERT DESVIGNES JR.
R. Desvignes Sr.
Forest Park



MARY ELLEN DREY
G. Drey
South Shops



JAMES FAHEY
J. Fahey
South R.T. District



ANN HESTER
J. Hester
North Avenue



SHAREE MARTIN
R. Martin Sr.
77th Street



MARIBEL MARTINEZ
R. Martinez
North Park



JAMES MAZALEWSKI
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North Avenue



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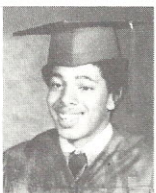
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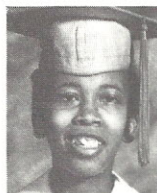
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Stores



JERRY QUALLS
J. Qualls
77th Street



CHRISTINE SHEPARD
C. Shepard
North Avenue



GIGI WILSON
L. Wilson
District B



KELLY WILSON
T. Wilson
District C

Received late for July issue—pictured above are more June graduates.

visiting relatives over there. John spent most of his time on farms. . . Birthday wishes are sent to MARITA BENNETT, the wife of CHARLES BENNETT, Storeroom 32... We wish to welcome the following new faces out South: J. McMAHON in Storeroom 58, D. MILES in Storeroom 59, L. TISCHER in Storeroom 50. Also T. MARASOVICH, J. LAHART, W. UNWIN, R. MCCARTHY, W. PLATT and M. GROVAK. Good luck to ROBERT MURRAY, RICHARD WEATHERSBY and BERNARD FITZPATRICK on their new jobs. And to finish off, I will slip off for two weeks to report on in the next issue. Well, it will be some news, anyway. I need some help from you folks. Let's hear from you vacationers!

- Priscilla Kawrati

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!..Two of our superintendents just had to take a vacation before they exchanged stations. As sorry as we were to lose BOB KEAG to Kedzie, we are just as happy to welcome back WARD CHAMBERLAIN. He and MARGE rode the Pikes Peak cog railway, while Mr. Keag and his better half rode the new BART system in San Francisco... Assistant Superintendent JIM McEVILLY decided on an Eastern vacation this year. We don't know whether he or his wife tossed the coin but that was the outcome... Clerks BOB STACH, AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE, FRANK PASCHE, Switchboard Operator J. STICH, and Custodian JACK AMBROG-

GIO were also among our vacationers... Supervisor E. WHITE and Operator J. DREW both admit to "honey-do" vacations... Operator E. POMMERENING decided on a stay in the hospital before taking a vacation, and then left for his well-earned retirement. . . They just have to have pretty nurses at LaGrange Community hospital, because Instructor CHARLEY WEYER decided to go back there... Since there was no other way of getting a day off, Operator DON FREY decided he'd break his leg--not in one place but two. Last we heard he's coming along OK... Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the families of the following: Operator L. KUMBERA, Clerk ROBERT ARENDT, Retired Clerk ART OLSEN, and to HARRY BORIS of Vehicle Maintenance in the loss of his brother. Also to the family of a good friend and former co-worker of ours, Operator F. BATES of Forest Glen... District C Superintendent T. HILDEBRANDT just couldn't bear the thought of leaving all his friends here at North Avenue, so he came back... Another new face on the second floor is that of J. P. HALLAHAN, our new area superintendent. A lot of people won't ever see him, while others, w-e-l-l... Clerk MIKE GUISE didn't stay with us very long before he went to work at the General Office. His place was taken by MENASCHE DALLAL who is a newcomer to CTA... We've had visits from Pensioners TOM HICKEY, EDDIE LYNCH and CONNIE O'SHEA. Connie and Operator AL JACQUES have decided to make their home in Arlington Heights. We're wondering

what the attraction could be... Supervisor JOHN HOFF and his wife, DOROTHY, have qualified as foster parents and will soon take in some needy youngster as a companion for their own six-year old son... During the month of August, ESTHER MOSER and MARGE CHAMBERLAIN will both be celebrating their birthdays. In the same month, Instructor MARVIN KOCAR and his wife, PEGGY, will observe their (?) anniversary. Our congratulations and best wishes to all of you.

Operator MACK MISTER and his wife, WILLIE, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary June 4. Getting to be an ole' timer, Mack. . . Operator KENNETH CLEVELAND and his wife, BARBARA, along with their daughter, YOLANDA, spent their vacation traveling through the south and midwest sections of the country during the month of June. Prior to venturing off on the vacation, Yolanda was graduated from kindergarten... Pensioner ARTHUR KRAFT is out of the hospital after a brief illness... Pensioner OLIVER WIKRENT has returned from Anaheim, Calif., and is again making his residence in Chicago. Wikrent would like to hear from some of his old buddies who worked with him on Fullerton Avenue. His address is 3539 N. Oconto avenue... Our visitor during the month was Pensioner E. J. CARROLL... We received a card from Pensioner PETER DOWDALL and his wife, BERNICE. The Dowdalls are touring California and were en route to San Francisco at the time of this writing... Some of our newsmakers are on vacation in various sections of the country and some in foreign lands. Upon their return we shall have plenty of news to report. See you in print next time.

- Walter Blis & Aaron Pruitt

SCHEDULES -

From Schedules, I would like to report that Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE HANUS celebrated 40 years of wedded bliss on June 23. Congratulations and best wishes. . . DOROTHY ETSCHIED flew to Texas to visit with her daughter and her family... TOM O'BRIEN, RALPH ALLEYNE and ROBERT MAREK, the son of KEN MAREK, schedule maker, are welcomed to the department as traffic checkers... We also welcome RICHARD MITCHELL to the office as traffic clerk... NICK ZAHN, his wife and daughter flew to Los Angeles and visited Disneyland, the Farmers Market, Knott's Berry Farm, Hearst Castle, and then went to San Francisco for a few days. Nick and his wife celebrated 28 years of wedded bliss on June 22. Congratulations and best wishes... Pensioner PAT LENIHAN paid us a visit from California and really looks good. He is truly enjoying his retirement as well as the good weather. The California weather is sure doing a lot for Pat.

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

GEORGE ALEBICH, 85, Way & Struct., Emp. 4-1-20, Died 5-6-74
 MICHAEL BABIAK, 54, Archer, Emp. 10-2-47, Died 6-16-74
 WALTER BANDUSKY, 86, 69th Street, Emp. 12-23-19, Died 5-21-74
 EARL BARNTS, 73, North Avenue, Emp. 2-15-27, Died 6-2-74
 FRIEND E. BATES, 64, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-9-50, Died 7-1-74
 JOHN BEARY, 76, West Section, Emp. 2-5-45, Died 6-28-74
 CALVIN BENSON, 26, 69th Street, Emp. 12-7-65, Died 6-25-74
 NEIL CANNON, 84, Way & Structures, Emp. 10-15-19, Died 6-27-74
 JAMES J. CARON, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 5-31-16, Died 5-11-74
 WILLIAM CENTANO, 77, South Shops, Emp. 7-20-27, Died 6-8-74
 JAMES COUGHLIN, 76, Constr. & Maint., Emp. 6-13-19, Died 5-25-74
 ELMER A. DEEGAN, 77, North Avenue, Emp. 12-11-28, Died 5-7-74
 LESLIE W. DEMAN, 64, Security, Emp. 11-5-29, Died 5-13-74
 MICHAEL D. DOLAN, 83, North Section, Emp. 12-28-17, Died 6-4-74
 ESTELLE R. DUELL, 82, General Office, Emp. 1-20-43, Died 6-18-74
 CHARLES DUNNE, 68, North Park, Emp. 4-19-36, Died 5-24-74
 HAROLD E. FOWLER, 75, Kedzie, Emp. 4-14-28, Died 5-11-74
 STEPHEN GECAN, 85, Electrical, Emp. 2-15-09, Died 6-13-74
 LAWRENCE W. GRAF, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-4-26, Died 6-26-74
 THOMAS HASSETT, 57, Archer, Emp. 7-18-45, Died 6-11-74

ALFRED G. HEATH, 75, Kedzie, Emp. 10-8-28, Died 5-14-74
 WILLIAM HEDRY, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 10-6-25, Died 5-15-74
 THEODORE HEILMAN, 85, 69th Street, Emp. 2-1-17, Died 5-15-74
 HENRY J. HEISTERMAN, 68, South Sec., Emp. 11-9-42, Died 6-6-74
 JOHN KAREIVA, 86, South Shops, Emp. 4-5-45, Died 6-5-74
 CHARLES H. KLIX, 81, 77th Street, Emp. 1-28-26, Died 6-7-74
 LLOYD KUMBERA, 37, North Avenue, Emp. 3-30-61, Died 6-30-74
 ALEXANDER LaLOND, 70, Electrical, Emp. 7-22-31, Died 5-28-74
 PETER LAPAVICIUS, 88, Cottage Grove, Emp. 11-28-22, Died 6-21-74
 MICHAEL J. LYNN, 77, Const. & Maint., Emp. 12-15-26, Died 5-23-74
 EDWARD MAJKSZAH, 54, Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-16-47, Died 6-17-74
 THOMAS F. McDONALD, 59, Beverly, Emp. 1-22-46, Died 5-14-74
 JOHN F. McLAUGHLIN, 70, North Avenue, Emp. 9-23-23, Died 5-23-74
 HARRY MENEU, 73, Engineering, Emp. 3-20-25, Died 6-22-74
 STANLEY MISIUS, 84, Devon, Emp. 12-10-18, Died 6-30-74
 NICHOLAS MOOTZ, 85, Elston, Emp. 8-3-12, Died 5-19-74
 JOHN F. MORAN, 81, Kedzie, Emp. 5-15-17, Died 5-21-74
 PETER A. NELSON, 88, Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-9-19, Died 5-22-74
 MARGARET M. NOLAN, 69, South Sec., Emp. 1-18-46, Died 6-1-74

ANN K. O'CONNOR, 64, South Section, Emp. 1-9-54, Died 6-13-74
 MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR, 66, South Sec., Emp. 6-13-25, Died 6-19-74
 KATHERINE O'DILL, 86, West Section, Emp. 6-3-20, Died 5-25-74
 ARTHUR A. OLSEN, 65, North Avenue, Emp. 6-7-29, Died 6-22-74
 JOHN A. OSOLIN, 81, North Avenue, Emp. 9-25-23, Died 6-12-74
 HENRY PATRICK, 73, North Park, Emp. 9-12-28, Died 6-15-74
 VINCENT P. PIECHOCKI, 68, Archer, Emp. 9-17-41, Died 5-10-74
 JAMES C. POSTELL, 71, South Section, Emp. 2-8-45, Died 5-14-74
 WILLIAM L. PUGH, 77, West Section, Emp. 7-3-20, Died 6-14-74
 WALTER RAJEWSKI, 57, West Section, Emp. 10-28-42, Died 6-17-74
 CHARLES W. RICKER, 67, Eqmt. Engrg., Emp. 11-1-46, Died 7-3-74
 CHARLES SALVATORE, 65, Electrical, Emp. 4-17-47, Died 5-31-74
 JOHN M. SCUFFY, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-23-21, Died 4-28-74
 ALBERT V. SEGHERS, 77, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-19-22, Died 5-4-74
 GUSTAVE R. SKOW, 83, Devon, Emp. 11-4-24, Died 5-20-74
 HAROLD W. STEDMAN, 63, South Sec., Emp. 11-16-42, Died 6-21-74
 WILLIAM STRINGER, 79, West Section, Emp. 8-21-13, Died 6-25-74
 JOHN TOMAN, 87, Stores, Emp. 2-14-21, Died 6-30-74
 IZIDORIUS WITKUS, 82, Ardmore, Emp. 8-6-20, Died 5-11-74
 AUSTIN E. YOUNG, 65, West Section, Emp. 9-29-37, Died 5-27-74

In Routes & Systems we extend congratulations to JILL MISE on her marriage to ELLIOT (Red) LINNE of North Side Rapid Transit on May 18 at Central United Methodist church. The wedding day was rainy but it didn't dampen their joy or the good time that was had by all at their reception at the Diplomat. Jill and Red bought a home in Skokie and moved during July. Good luck to both of you... Glad to see CHARLIE DROZDA back after being off for three weeks due to surgery on his hand... Best of luck to CATHY HANSEN who has transferred to Equipment Design. Cathy had been in the department for over a year and a half... Welcome to newcomers BARBARA REED and MIKE GROVAK. Barbara, who is a graduate of Loyola and Colorado Women's college, started with us in March. Mike has worked with us for the past three summers and we are glad to have him as a permanent employee. Mike is a graduate of MIT... Missed will be BILL JONES who was appointed supervisor of rapid transit janitors.

The news from Passenger Controls is that DAN BADON, junior transit technician, has

transferred to Equipment Engineering. Good luck, Dan... Welcome back to former employee ROBERT ALDWORTH, graphics designer. . . DALE MANGELSDORFF, transit technician, and his wife, COLLEEN, are proud parents of DEBRA ANN, born Feb. 2. Their other daughter is LISA who is three years old... I would like to thank BETTY PACZKOWSKI for the news in the last two paragraphs.

- Kathryn Batina

SOUTH SHOPS -

Now that summer is in full swing and the golfers are not, the South Shops held its annual golf outing at the Old Oak Country club on June 29. As always the golfers terrorized the course, but a delicious family-style dinner was served afterwards and prizes were awarded to everyone. Eighty golfers attended. Low scratch golfer was JIM FELTZ (80). Winner of the tournament was BILL KLAUSING with a handicap of 68... JOHN G. JANKUS spent one week of his vacation in Cherokee Village, Ark. He spent a day with Mr. and

Mrs. LARRY VANCE. Larry retired a few years back and now enjoys the lazy living in Arkansas. Larry also says hello to all of his friends in Chicago... Our condolences are extended to the family of MIKE GRANGER, material handler at 77th Street Garage, in his untimely death... A fond farewell is given to MITCH KITZMAN and RICHARD BRYAR who both transferred downtown from Technical Services... A welcome is extended to JIM HEYLAND, a student at IIT. Jim is a summer employee who is working in Technical Services as a student engineer. The welcome mat is also extended to PHILLIP LAMONT, ANDREW RIZZUTO, ED WILSON, LARRY OTT, RICHARD JUVINALL, MOHAMMAD BASHIRI, OMAR GHATTI and WINS COTT STOKES... RENA SABOL is transferring downtown as travel representative. We shall all miss her. She has been the receptionist here at the Shops... BILL HAWORTH, Technical Services, is moving from Oak Lawn to 83d and California. Good luck... Co-reporter LARRY BERNAS is in Florida on vacation... LEON GRIFFITH, Area 318, was promoted to brown belt in the marshall arts of aikido. On July 21 he

received a certificate for his accomplishments in this field.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

SOUTH SECTION -

Well here we are in the heart of summer. Isn't it grand! Our South Siders are really making news with their promotions. On June 9 Switchman JOHNNIE TOLSON was appointed work train conductor, and on July 7 Motorman PICKETT, Switchman BRAXTON ATKINSON and Conductor JERRY JOHNSON were appointed supervisors. Isn't that great!..We welcome back from the sick list Switchman ROLAND BAGLEY, Conductors WILLIE TAYLOR, EMANUEL FITZPATRICK and JOHN PELT, and Chief Collector GEORGE DEYOUNG. . . Sub-Unit Supervisor PETE EVANS and his family took a nice vacation in their camper to Ontario, Can..It is with a sad heart that I tell you about the loss of two old and dear friends of mine who passed away recently. Retired Agent ANN O'CONNOR, the wife of Pensioner JOE O'CONNOR, passed away in Holiday, Fla. The wake and funeral were in Chicago. A week later we heard that my former boss, Retired Station Superintendent MICHAEL O'CONNOR, Joe's brother, passed away in Tucson, Ariz. Everyone's heart goes out to Joe O'Connor in his sorrow and to Michael O'Connor's widow, ALICE, and their families...Towerman CARL BRADLEY and his Missus are off on a long trip to Portland, Ore., to see "Expo 74." Then on to San Francisco and Las Vegas and back home...Retired Towerman LEONARD (The Bowler) DEGROOT is at it again winning championships. Leonard's team, which bowls in the Senior Citizens Mixed League at the Branding Iron Bowling Alley in Oak Lawn, won the championship with his help...Clerk JAMES MOSS and his wife have gone back to the Old Sod, County Tipperary in Ireland, on vacation...A big welcome is extended to our new area superintendent, far south, HARRY REDDRICK... We also welcome KEN BROWN to the South Section. He was appointed A.M. superintendent at 61st Street on June 16. He is the third generation working for CTA. It all started in 1898 with his grandfather, HOWARD D. BROWN. Then came the sons, WALLACE and HOWARD (now enjoying their pensions), and now Ken is keeping up the tradition...More changes effective June 16 were: ROBERT DESVIGNES, transferred from the South Section and appointed superintendent, Forest Park Terminal; ART RABEN, transferred from the South Section and appointed assistant superintendent, Forest Park Terminal. We wish them much good luck on their appointments. Also DAVID CURRY was appointed assistant superintendent in the P.M. at Ashland Avenue. Congratulations to everyone...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Clerk ELIJAH SMITH in the loss of his brother; to Motorman WALTER

HORST in the loss of his father, and to Conductor MICHAEL GREEN in the loss of his mother...Motorman GORDON BUTLER is the very proud godfather of TINA ANDERSON, age 17, who made her debut on July 6 at the Debutante's Ball held at the Continental Plaza. Gordon wants to thank all of his friends on the South Section who helped sponsor Tina. She was crowned queen among 14 other young ladies and was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Gordon's daughter, LORNA, age 10, was one of the little flower fairies at the ball...Agent SANDRA MITCHELL wishes to thank everyone for the flowers and cards in her hours of sorrow when her mother passed away recently. . . Retired Supervisor ED MUNRO was very sick and in the hospital for a few weeks. He is now home recuperating and feels much stronger and says he will soon be out bowling and golfing again...Receiving a passenger commendation was Conductor TELFER BRADLEY for assisting a blind man on the station platform.

- Verna Hartney

TRANSPORTATION -

Retired Lawndale Superintendent JACK MORRIS and his bride, the former Mrs. DOROTHY SCHORG of Stevens Point, Wisc., were joined in holy matrimony on



March 16. The couple resides in Winneconne, Wisc., at 249 W. 1st Ave. They extend a cordial invitation to all of Jack's old friends to drop in and visit...Your reporter, COLETTE SZCZEPANEK, spent a one-week vacation in Springstead, Wisc. The fishing wasn't too good, but I did catch a 30-inch muskie. It was a great feeling because for once I didn't have to throw the fish back in for being undersize. The weather was hot, but very nice, and the week was quite relaxing.

(Utility) -

The department welcomes JOSEPH HILL and DAVID MANNING from Plant Maintenance and JACK THOMPSON, bus operator from Beverly Garage...MATT STIGLIC visited us recently at Blue Island...Our sympathy is extended to the FRANCIS SCHMITZ family in the death of his six

year old son, KENNETH...Mr. and Mrs. JOHN C. MILLER vacationed in the San Francisco area...Utility Director JAMES ROCHE and his wife now have a second granddaughter. Congratulations!

- Colette Szczepanek

69TH STREET -

JIMMY AHERN is home enjoying a "honey do" vacation and the only news from the repair department pertains to that famous carp fisherman HARVEY BROCK. I was told that he was seen draining all the ponds and lakes trying to catch the evasive carp. . .Our credit union is paying 6 per cent on our savings plus a 1 per cent bonus retroactive to Jan. 1. They also went into a new computer system on July 1 to serve the membership more efficiently. Let's thank all our officers for the fine job they are doing...JESSE DANIELS is falling over his own feet trying to keep his home in shape. Better hire a strong woman or marry one, Jesse. . . Operator KANADY took off 41 pounds in two months and looks real sharp. Not to be outdone, Clerk RAY KOCCMOUD lost 27 pounds in three months...Pensioner GEORGE GRINDLER rides with me on 59th Street and looks real great. He says he is ready to go fishing anytime. It's like coming home to be back on 59th again. We have a great bunch of operators there: E. J. YOUNG, G. DAKE, A. PORTER, W. MONROE, T. W. COOK, R. RUSSELL, O. WHITE, A. J. HYMEL, J. SINGLETON and D. SMITH. It's also nice to see Mrs. HARRIS who operates the newsstand at Loomis again. She has two sons working for CTA, LEMONT who is on the rapid transit and LEON who is an operator at 69th. Leon is also on our great softball team and we haven't lost a game yet...This place will seem like a morgue now that HANK RISCH has taken his pension. Hank retired on Aug. 1 after more than 40 years of service. I know all his riders on Marquette will miss him. Also retiring on Sept. 1 are JOE DENNESAITES and D. G. DULFER. You fellows will really be missed, so please keep in touch...Operator GRANT had a wonderful vacation traveling throughout the West...Our station instructors would like to thank all the line instructors for the fine job they did with all the student operators during June and July. . .Instructor ROSS had to answer to R. RAJ, our head sanitary engineer, when he was caught getting a cup of coffee for Instructor JOHNSON. . . Instructor O'DONNELL was really disappointed when no one noticed the wonderful haircut his lady barber (Mrs. O'DONNELL) gave him...FRALE, ED BERENS and B. PULICK please take notice: promises and smiles are all I get from our happy clerk, SAM CLARK...May you all have a safe and enjoyable vacation and let me hear about it so I can put it in our column. God bless you all.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahern

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Safety Contest Standings—2nd Quarter of 1974

Interstation Safety Contest

<u>Bus Garages</u>	<u>Rail Terminals</u>	<u>Standings</u>
Archer	Jefferson Park	1st
77th Street	Forest Park	2nd
Forest Glen	Ashland	3rd
Beverly	61st Street	4th
69th Street	Congress	5th
North Avenue	Douglas	6th
Limits	Howard	7th
52nd Street	Dan Ryan	8th
North Park	Kimball	9th
Kedzie		10th

Employee Safety Contest

<u>Shops</u>	<u>Rail Vehicle Terminals</u>	<u>Bus Garages</u>
Skokie Shop	61st, Racine	Forest Glen
South Shops	Kimball	69th Street
	98th Street	North Park
	Desplaines, 54th, Foster	Limits
	Harlem	52nd Street
	Wilson, Howard, Linden	Archer
		Beverly
		77th Street
		North Avenue
		Kedzie

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