

Women Take Wheel

Riders Applaud Galpower At CTA; 'L'adies Launched

THE NUMBER of women drivers on CTA routes has now passed 20 -- and two more ladies are in training as 'L' conductors. What's the public reaction to the change in scenery?

Thus far, positive. Very.

In fact, on one bus the other evening, a couple of passengers started what became a unanimous round of applause for the woman at the wheel.

There have been a few expressions of "Oh, no!," mostly in jest, and a lot more of "congratulations" and "ride on, baby." Here are a few of the experiences reported by the gals.

Some Women Are Jealous

Gladys Johnson, who "enjoys the job tremendously", says that many women passengers have stopped at the front of the bus to congratulate her. Men are not as enthusiastic, she adds, but this only makes her more determined to prove that women can be just as good drivers as men are.

On the other hand, Lorraine Newton finds many of the women, who board her bus, betray jealousy, while only one man has been critical. A steel mill worker on the South Chicago run, this passenger accused Lorraine of taking a job he should have had. He said he had applied for a CTA driver position but, when queried by another passenger, admitted that he hadn't passed the test.

Gail Harriman reports that two passengers ride with her each night to the end of the line and back. They often fall asleep, she says, but their presence provides discouragement to would-be marauders.

Driver Gets Letter

In addition to verbal compliments, Ophelia Ellis received a congratulatory letter from one passenger, written en route. Except for the first night, when she turned in the wrong direction for Stony Island coming out of the garage, Ophelia's record has been all hits, no errors.

Naomi Caldwell thought her bus was on fire one night and pulled to the side of the road to see what was burning. Upon discovering two men smoking, she gave the "no smoking" order in no uncertain terms. The men meekly obeyed.

The night runs do not frighten Naomi because most of her passengers are mature men, coming from work, who give her a sense of protection.

Emily Anne Palma says that police have craned their necks to watch her driving performance and have risked more squad car accidents than she has encountered with the bus.

Male Refuses Ride

When Geraldine Davis had been on the road two days, she pulled up at a stop for a man who was waiting. He stepped onto the bus, saw the female face, shook his head "huh, uh," and backed off again. Probably won't ride with his wife, either.

When her bus is parked on Wacker, says Delores Walker, little kids still come (Continued Page 2)

UNION PRESIDENT Leonard Beatty, third from right, delivers 308 salute to new 'L'adies at press conference in CTA board room. To left of Chairman Pikarsky are Sandra Anne Watkins and husband, Robert. Couple at right are Marilyn Jackson and husband, Bennie, a CTA bus driver.

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WOMEN OPERATING EMPLOYEES As Of Sept. 13

	<u>Bus</u>	<u>Rail</u>
Hired	28	2
Awaiting Openings	166	49
Applicants	357	305

Archer Garage

Dyane Allen
Barbara Collins
Billie Jett
Verleen Smith

Limits Garage

Gladys Hernandez
Diane Hyman
Betty Jones
Lydia Lewis
Irma Wesley
Barbara Jean Williams

Forest Glen Garage

Edith Carr
Gladys Johnson
Emily Palma
Terry Pierre

North Avenue Garage

Alice Drake
Pearlena Thomas
Iris Torres

52nd Street Garage

Geraldine Davis
Shirley Lucas
Delores Walker

77th Street Garage

Naomi Caldwell
Ophelia Ellis
Gail Harriman
Velma Jackson
Ellice Marshall
Phyllis Montgomery
Lorraine Newton
Mary Wallace

South Section-Rail

Marilyn Jackson
Saundra Watkins

CTA Galpower (Continued)

up and look at her, wide eyed, as though she were a curiosity in a sideshow.

A somewhat tipsy man, boarding a bus driven by Phillis Montgomery, elaborately praised the CTA for "providing this new courtesy" to passengers. He suggested that the next logical step was for CTA to make the fare free.

Compliments on gaining the right to drive have been expressed to Betty Jones by both male and female riders. There have been no crude jokes nor resentful remarks.

Many Men Are Pleased

This experience is echoed by Velma Jackson, most of whose passengers are men. "Delightful surprise" is the look on the face of those noticing her for the first time, Velma says.

Gladys Hernandez, who has been driving nights on the Halsted line, says that groups of half-a-dozen men or teenagers board the bus at some stops, but have given her no trouble. Co-workers are generous in praising her driving, she says.

"Most women seem happy to see me driving a bus," remarks Diane Hyman. "This has been a nice job experience for me."

The celebrated original lady buseperson, Mary Wallace (Transit News, July, '74), is enjoying her work very much. The only pass made at Mary was by a drunk on the Stony Island run. But another male passenger, pretending to be a police officer, intervened.

Lady Conductors Board 'L'

As for the rapid transit lines, Marilyn Jackson and Saundra Anne Watkins were at the CTA Board Room recently for official introduction as the system's first women subway-elevated conductors.

"Welcome aboard!" was the traditional greeting of the transit industry extended to the new conductors by

ON THE third day of conductor training, Marilyn Jackson makes a station announcement on a Lake-Dan Ryan train as Saundra Watkins and Instructor Willie Mann look on.

Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, and Leonard Beatty, President of the rapid transit employees' Division 308 of Amalgamated Transit Union. The event was shown on Chicago telecasts that evening and featured in all Chicago newspapers.

Pikarsky hailed the advent of the women conductors as "another significant milestone under the policy of the Chicago Transit Board to extend equal employment opportunities to all persons."

Beatty added: "We welcome this move by CTA's management and our union will do everything we can to bring in more women as rapid transit operating employees."

Present also were the ladies' husbands -- Bennie Jackson Jr., a CTA bus driver working out of the 77th street garage, and Robert E. Watkins, a fireman assigned to Engine Company 16 fire station at 4004 S. Dearborn.

Jobs Look Good To Girls

Mrs. Jackson said she took the job to improve family finances and, in a few years, to buy a home.

Mrs. Watkins, formerly a computer operator at a hospital, said, "Driving a train will be much more interesting than pushing buttons. I would rather work with people than with machines."

The next day, the women began their one-week training program. In the long run, they must qualify as motorwomen, and either switchwomen or towerwomen, as well as conductors.



Journalist Makes Wise Move On Super Transferpass

BECAUSE OF its popularity with riders, the Sunday Super Transferpass has been continued by the CTA Board for the rest of this year. The Super Transferpass, which permits any number of rides on Sunday, plus the Sunday bargain fare of 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for senior citizens and children, have resulted in an increase of 49 per cent in originating riders on Sunday. The Super Transferpass sells for 70 cents for adults and 45 cents for senior citizens and children.

Among the many thousands of CTA riders finding it super was Chicago Tribune reporter James A. Jackson whose July 22 personal experience story is reprinted here. Those facing a household move on October 1 may find it especially interesting.

*(Reprinted, Courtesy of
the CHICAGO TRIBUNE)*

I MOVED on a CTA super transfer.

After all, I didn't need a moving van. All my worldly possessions could be packed into four mismatched pieces of luggage and a newsboy's canvas bag.

Four successful burglaries during a six-month period at my old apartment on Elaine Place had pared down my quantity of possessions.

I reasoned that the buses wouldn't be crowded on a Sunday morning, but I was wrong. My bus was jam packed when it stopped at Halsted and Cornelia Streets.

After a moment's hesitation, I gamely got on carrying two heavy suitcases and two tennis racquets for the 14-block ride to my new digs at Halsted Street and Armistage Avenue.

I had almost made it when the suitcases jammed in the doorway, and as I tried to pry them loose, the tennis racquets fell and clattered to the pavement.

The bus driver heaved a sigh and waited patiently as I dumped my suitcases in the middle of the aisle and, trying to hide my embarrassment, bounded down the steps to retrieve the racquets.

I sheepishly reboarded the bus, to the sound of suppressed snickering, deposited 70 cents, and meekly asked for a super transfer.

I took the transfer, arranged my luggage as best I could, and stared straight ahead.

For the next 14 blocks, I went thru a litany of "excuse me, sorry, can you make it by?" By the time the bus arrived at my stop, I

was sweating with embarrassment and the heat.

I left the bus with the twitterings of little old ladies and the loud guffaws of the younger set ringing in my ears. It didn't help that I stumbled on the second step and landed with a thud on the sidewalk.

I walked the short distance to my new apartment—a two-flat of dubious vintage, "lots of potential," and adjacent to a beer garden.

While trudging up two flights of stairs, I thought wistfully of when Sundays centered on bloody marys and the crossword puzzle from the New York Times.

I still faced at least two more bus trips which would include more suitcases and two 10-month-old kittens, Morgan and Heathcliffe.

I told myself that time was nothing and calculated the money that I was saving. Revived by these good thoughts, I caught the next northbound bus.

The second trip was uneventful. I had two suitcases and a canvas bag filled with dirty laundry. The bus was practically empty and I had no trouble taking up two seats comfortably. I would return for the kittens later.

Now only one trip remained. I dumped the dirty clothes in the middle of the bedroom floor to use the canvas bag for transporting the kittens. I couldn't give them away, so I had to deposit them with the Anti-Cruelty Society for adoption or annihilation.

My super transfer by this time didn't look so super. The constant handling had reduced it to a tattered version of its former self.



I bundled the kittens into the carrier's bag and boarded the Broadway bus for the four-and-a-half-mile ride to the animal shelter at 157 W. Grand Av.

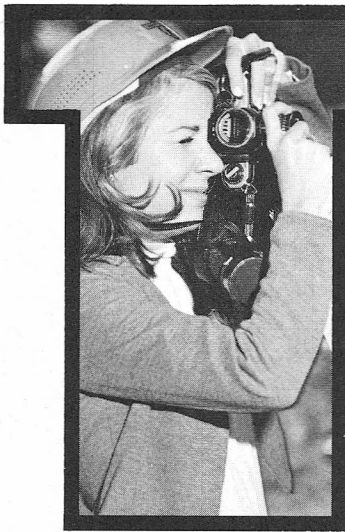
Forty minutes later, I had signed away Morgan and Heathcliffe and was again on a bus, this time on the way to my favorite watering hole for a few beers.

The transfer soaked up almost as much beer as I did as I bored everyone within hearing distance about the perils of using a CTA bus as a moving van and the heart-break of leaving pets at the Anti-Cruelty Society.

Nine p.m. and my transfer was looking like it had gone thru the wringer. So did I. It was time to go home.

On the last leg of the journey, I realized that the day had been super. I had ridden 12 buses, traveled more than 30 miles, and changed residences—all for 70 cents.

I looked with fondness at my tattered transfer and decided to save it. It had served me well and was really super.



TRANSIT INS

Public Affairs Staffer Attends CTA's Internationally-Recognized School

Chicago Transit Authority Technical Institute (CTATI) first began in 1972, on an experimental basis, with regularly scheduled sessions starting the following year. As of January, 1975, six institutes will be held a year. CTATI is managed by Stu Maginnis, Director of Personnel Development. More than 120 people have attended the seven institutes held thus far.

WHAT'S A nice girl like you doing crossing the third rail?

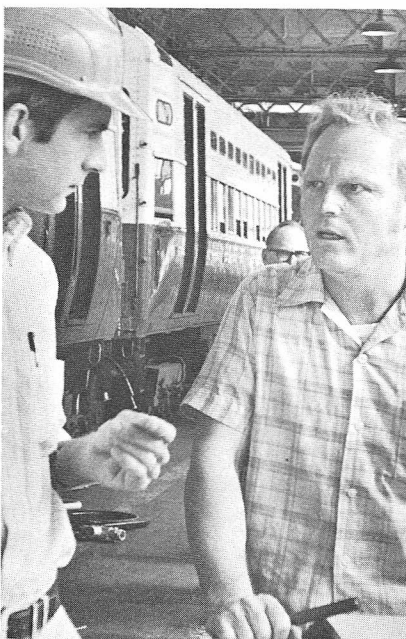
They may not say it, but that's how friends look when you tell them you've learned how to walk the 'L' structure, have driven a train and practiced skidding a bus.

Nobody can accuse the CTA of not preparing its people to answer questions, from flange angles to diesel power in the latest 7400 series of buses.

This sort of practical knowledge was the core of the summer CTA Technical Institute which drew 27 participants including me and 19 from outside the CTA.

There were representatives from the federal Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, salesmen from IBM Corp., professors from the Polytechnic Institute of New York, and engineers from the Illinois Department of Public Works and the California Department of Transportation, as well as a White House Fellow.

Also in attendance were planners from Oregon's Federal Highway Administration and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, a representative from



**Pictures
And Text
By Anit Leppiks**

Dennis Mollenkamp (left), MARTA, questioned Ed Kennedy, a carpenter at the Skokie Shop, about the extent of car body repairs.

CTA Instructor Henry Ziolkowski directs Jerry Coffey of Houston's B.R.H. Mobility Services company in the fine points of controlling the bus in an actual skid. It's a regular part of the training rookie drivers receive.



Pulling the switch levers at the Wilson avenue tower gave William Grottkau (left) of California's Department of Transportation an idea of how much muscle it sometimes takes to be a towerman. Other towers use electropneumatic controls.



STITUTE

In 6 Days— A CTATI Student Learns A Lot

Mon.	Bus Monitoring Line Supervision Power Supervision Training Methods Terminal Operation	Wed.	Yard Operation Skokie Swift Operation
Tue.	Security Construction Personnel Relations Bus Operation Bus Maintenance	Thu.	Materials Management Plant Maintenance Track Maintenance Building Maintenance Financial Management
Wed.	Shop Methods Technical Services Tower Operation	Fri.	Cost Accounting Data Processing Fare Procedures
		Sat.	Adjusting To Community Change Industry Relations Government Relations

the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, as well as a transportation consultant from Houston.

They came for different reasons.

Robert Prowda, project manager at UMTA, said, "I'm here basically to get an overall knowledge of one system."

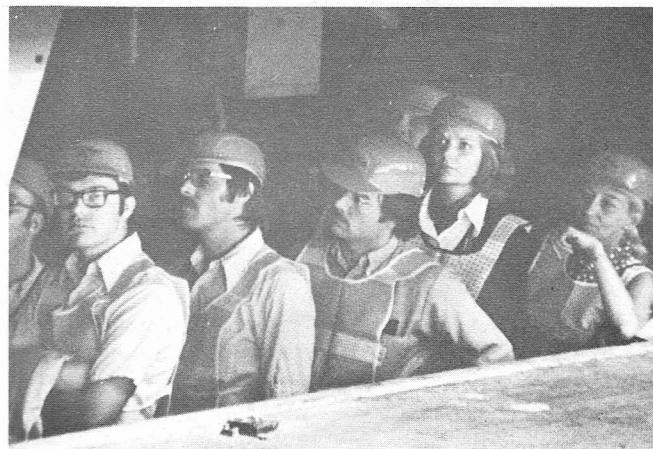
William Grottkau, assistant chief of the technical branch of the California Division of Mass Transportation, wanted to "get a feel of what an urban system is like."

For Jerry Coffey, manager of business development at Houston's B.R.H. Mobility Services Company, "The CTA has many facets from which we can learn the good... and the problem areas enabling us to respond better to the needs of other cities."

Roger Roess, assistant professor at the Polytechnic Institute of New York, found the CTA to be "the only place we can get in to view operations."

Participants got a glimpse of every aspect of the Authority. And, when the week was over, the group unanimously declared the institute was the best training about a transit system available in the country.

James Blaa, manager, transportation, explains the use of the lighted diagrammatic 'L'-subway map, in the Control Center, to locate trouble spots.



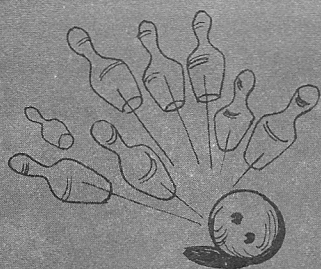
An 'L' car from "down under" -- it's the way repair crews at Wilson avenue work on the trains.



Dennis Closs, instructor, teaches Patricia Cass, Washington, D.C. (UMTA), the rudiments of driving an 'L' train.

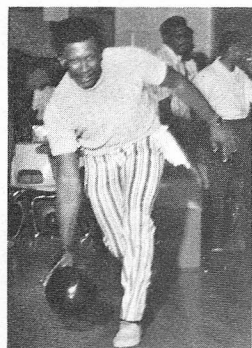
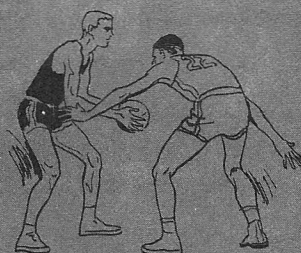
Jack Grover, Illinois Department of Transportation, inspects repair work on a bus at the South Shops.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



William Prince

Bowling Season Starts

WITH THE melodic sound of balls striking pins, the 1974-75 bowling season for the 77th Street Operators Bowling League opened on Aug. 30, with all 16 teams returning.

The enthusiasm of the bowlers to get underway was overwhelming. Their individual rooting sections were out in full force to yell and scream for their favorite team to win.

There were many new faces in the league this year as each returning team strived for improvement over last season. Many of the old and familiar faces were gone, but as in every sport, new blood is always welcome.

The league, now in its 12th year, is comprised of CTA personnel only, with representation from every department in the company--from supervision to laborer.

League officers who will guide us through the upcoming season are: President Calvin Pollard, Civil Design Section, Engineering; Vice-president Mike Kane, Internal Auditing; Treasurer Talmadge Ireland, Archer Garage; Secretary Wilson Washington, 77th Street Garage, and Sergeant-at-Arms Hank Mosely, Utility.



Mart Bowlers Win Three

AS AN entry in the ten-team City of Chicago Bureau of Engineering Bowling League, the CTA Mart team started the 1974-75 season off by winning their first three games. High man for the team was Sports Editor Mel Alexander with a 520 series.

This league holds a special significance for the Mart personnel as some of our prominent CTA officials once bowled in this league: among them the late CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent, Manager of Maintenance E.E. Olmstead and Director of Purchasing F. A. Johnson.

The team members, Captain Lennie Lohn, Personnel Development; Timothy O'Rourke and Jesse Jumper, Law and Claims; Jim Toolis, Materials Management; Charles Drozda, Operations Planning, and Mel Alexander, Public Affairs, are proud to be a part of this tradition and promise to put up a better showing this year and bring the championship to CTA.

A special invitation is extended to all the Mart employees to come out and see their team bowl each Wednesday evening at 5:00 p.m. at Spencer Bowl, Marina Towers.

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Spartans	6	0	1.000
George's Arco	5	1	.833
Hot Hands	5	1	.833
Archer	4	2	.667
Golden Arms	4	2	.667
Late Comers	4	2	.667
Clippers	3	3	.500
Pin Busters	3	3	.500
Centurions	3	3	.500
Boozers	3	3	.500
Road Runners	2	4	.333
Poppers	2	4	.333
Baggers	2	4	.333
Tranquilizers	1	5	.167
Misfits	1	5	.167
Toppers	0	6	.000

Rapid Transit Wins Softball Title

THE CTA Sports Program softball league ended its season on Aug. 18 with a surprise upset, when the Rapid Transit 308 team beat Kedzie Garage 13 to 7 in the championship game.

In the semi-finals, a fired up 308 team defeated the highly rated North Park team 14 to 9, and the 1973 champs, 69th Street, were soundly thrashed by an overly inspired Kedzie team 23 to 6.

In the championship game, Kedzie had high hopes of winning it all, but underestimated the Rapid Transit team, which had ideas of its own, and had reached peak form with a win over North Park. They achieved their goal by defeating Kedzie to become No. 1 again.

Before the start of the championship game, Sports Director Agis Bray, former member of the world famous Harlem Globe Trotters, was presented with a trophy by Division 241 Financial Secretary-Treasurer James Pate, for his untiring efforts in promoting and directing our excellent sports program. This trophy was made possible through the combined efforts of the team managers and members of the sports program.

The crowd, as usual, turned out with families and picnic baskets to root for their favorite team. The sports committee wishes to thank all the fans, young and old, for a most successful softball season.



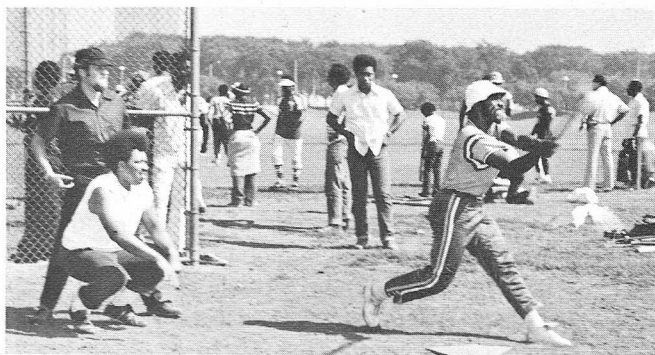
Above, Division 241 Treasurer James Pate presents appreciation trophy to Sports Director Agis Bray. Below, part of crowd who turned out for championship game.



Rapid Transit - 1974 Softball Champs



Kedzie Garage - 2nd Place Winners

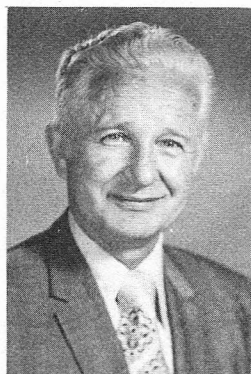


Some action scenes from championship games.



THIS REPORT from the sports committee of Division 241-308 - CTA was written by Tom Stiglic, CTA representative for the program, on a laundry shirt cardboard as he watched the final games of the season. The card was given to your sports editor for his information as to the happenings in the final series at Grant Park. After reading this, your sports editor felt that it was such a wonderful compliment to the many faithful fans who attend our sports activities that he is reproducing it in the TRANSIT NEWS.

Thank You, Fans . . .



Tom Stiglic

WITH A refreshing breeze from the lake blowing softly across Grant Park, tension mounted as the four team finalists practiced for their own ultimate victory.

Never have so many diverse elements and unanswered questions stopped arguments from the fans as to who would be No. 1 in the waterfront arena.

This Sunday morning was potentially the most exciting of our summer softball sports program.

North Park, Kedzie, 69th Street and Rapid Transit all seemed certain the culmination of the classic battle of 1973 was to be replayed, and the winners were sure to meet a worthy opponent.

Grant Park had witnessed the picnic basket classic on five other occasions. As family and friends started to gather, the familiar sight of loaded basket goodies and the spreading of beautiful colored blankets added a sense of togetherness.

In the first of the semi-finals, Kedzie displayed a sure drive of power and used their bats to spin a web to ensnare 69th Street and trounce them 23 to 6. In the other game, Rapid Transit who finished in fifth place in the regular season standings, outplayed North Park to gain their victory by a score of 14 to 9.

In the consolation game, 69th Street had settled down and defeated North Park 16 to 8. Both teams vowed to come back strong next year.

Kedzie and Rapid Transit had reached peak form for the championship game, and both teams seemed razor sharp after their victories over the two top teams. With perfection in the field and their bats booming at the plate, Rapid Transit overpowered the hard-fighting Kedzie team 13 to 7.

Our family get-togethers are undoubtedly the most important and helpful factor in making and keeping our sports program alive. We, the sports committee (Tom Stiglic, Agis Bray and Jackie Robinson), would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our fans for a most successful season and God bless all of you.

Commendation Corner

Elvin Boone, bus driver, gets a special thanks for personally delivering the purse a passenger left on his bus. The woman said she was also impressed that Boone refused to take any reward.

L. Davis, rail service supervisor, is lauded by a LaSalle street attorney for his expert detective work in recovering a briefcase the lawyer left on the train at Oak Park avenue. The briefcase contained an expensive camera.

Karl Fleischacker, bus driver out of the North Avenue Garage, reaffirmed a passenger's "faith in human nature" when he escorted a blind rider across the Grand and Sacramento intersection June 26. The watching passenger said the driver's act is representative of "what a public service corporation is all about."

Kudos go to Ernest Shields for assisting an Indiana driver whose car stalled on his way home from Cicero. Shields spent three hours of his own time trying to get help for the man and his family.

A voluntary note to Tom Buck, Manager of Public Affairs, from an author friend says: "Consistently the morning cashiers...at the Lincoln-Addison 'L' station are the most courteous I have ever encountered."

Virginia Beatty of the Chicago Horticultural Society congratulates CTA on the Chicago Lung Association's citation for its No Smoking poster.

Drivers on the 22A Wentworth route get a compliment for their cheerful assistance to a woman on a special summer job assignment, involving travel to many stops around the city.

The director of the Vision Foundation for the Blind Camp appreciates CTA's courteous help to the children on their visits to Kiddieland, the Whealan Pool, the bowling alley, and other trip locales.

Thanks to CTA for an enjoyable summer says a homemaker. The L'elephant Special made it possible for her family to take numerous trips to the beach and zoo. She also salutes our kind and smiling drivers.

Bill Lewis of CTA's new Travel Bureau has drawn a number of written thank-you's for his promptness and clarity in giving directions over the phone.

CTA 'L' station signs went back to school this month. Juris Gaudins, a Fenner Elementary school teacher, had tried the signs as teaching aids in a summer reading center for 5th grade pupils to improve reading skills. The school is in the near north side's Cabrini-Green public housing development.

Gaudins got the idea of using the signs when he saw them being replaced with new, larger ones. He purchased a number of the old signs from the CTA as scrap. The signs list station names and direction on vertical and horizontal metal panels with blue or white backgrounds.

Gaudins also obtained samples of "car card" advertisements for Grant Park concerts, the CTA's Sunday Super Transferpass, and the Adler Planetarium. He finds the signs to be good motivational devices in stimulating pupil reading interest.

"I also want to show the pupils how to get around the city...and the different modes of transportation," he explains.

The pupils read (to the class) riddles concerning various forms of transportation. A delighted grin appears as each pupil answers the riddle correctly. Some of the pupils cite places one could visit by public transportation. For instance, one fifth grader, James Whitehead of North Hudson avenue, says "the Shedd Aquarium is an interesting place to visit by bus."

Gaudins explains that this interdisciplinary approach embraces spelling, writing, social studies, geography, English, and reading comprehension exercises.

Some of the pupils say they use the 'L' when they go shopping with family or friends:

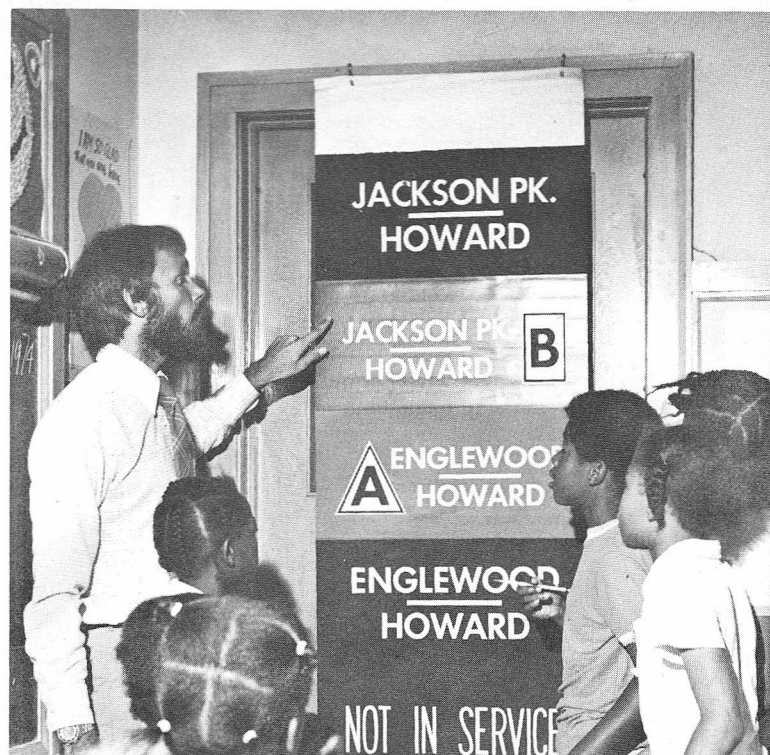
Eugene Dawkins of West Chicago avenue, says "I always go on the 'L' when I go Downtown."

Darryl Greer of North Larrabee street, says "the 'L' takes you faster."

Gaudins is a former CTA temporary-summer student ticket agent. He is a Waller High school graduate and earned his degree in anthropology from the University of Illinois. His father, Ilmars Gaudins, is a 19-year veteran CTA bus driver at the Limits Garage.

CTA Signs 'Pass' to Regular School Use

By Leslie Jennings

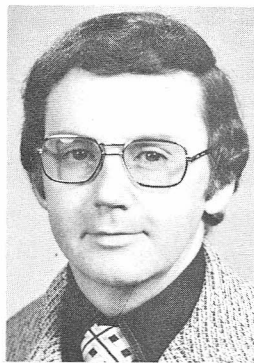


THIS STORY was one of a number developed by Miss Leslie Jennings during her summer internship with the Public Affairs Department. Leslie has now returned to the University of San Jose (California) for her senior year as a journalism student. The Chicago resident and Bowen High graduate seeks a career as a professional writer and we hope she will find it at CTA. She also writes plays.

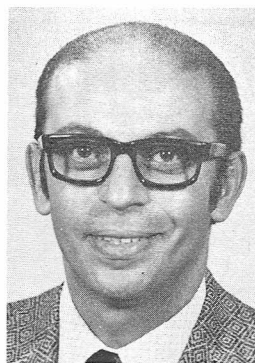




Grube



Hogan



Eldib

Three Promoted to Top Financial Posts

THREE KEY managerial offices on the organizational chart of CTA's General Finance Division were filled this month.

Assuming the increased responsibility of Manager of Treasury is a CTA veteran, Clarence H. Grube, previously director of the treasury which has been elevated to departmental status, and, earlier, chief clerk and treasurer. Grube's promotion climaxes a 46-year record of continuous CTA service.

In the CTA reorganization, the position of manager is equivalent to that of vice president in a corporation.

Appointed Manager of the newly created Data Center, hub of CTA's computerized internal information system, is John T. Hogan, who has been a senior systems analyst for us.

The Manager of Management Systems, another new department, is Dr. Adel H. Eldib, who joined the CTA

in July after service as director of administration of the Chicago Department of Public Works.

Hogan is a graduate of Villanova University and has also studied systems analysis and business administration at DePaul and Loyola Universities.

Dr. Eldib earned his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Alexandria, Egypt, and his master's degree in industrial engineering and doctorate in industrial management at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. Before coming to Chicago, he served as manager of planning and systems for the High Voltage Engineering Corporation, Burlington, Mass.

Grube and his wife, Dorothea, live in the Bridgeport community. Hogan and his wife, Linda, and son live in Medinah. Dr. Eldib and his wife, Murdette, have two children and live in the Rogers Park area of Chicago.

CTA Trio Saves Passenger's Life

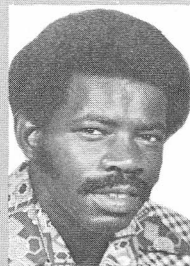
A TEAM effort by three CTA employees saved the life of a Northwest Side woman this summer.

The incident occurred when Switchman Charles Robinson and Platform Man Frank Foster saw the woman breathing heavily, slumped onto a bench at the Jefferson Park Terminal.

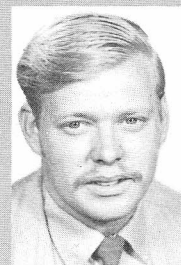
Supervisor Alfonso Fleming called an ambulance and the woman's family while Foster stayed with her. Fleming then saw to it the trains were kept running.

The woman, the trio learned, had taken pills incorrectly prescribed. She suffered a reaction on her way home from work.

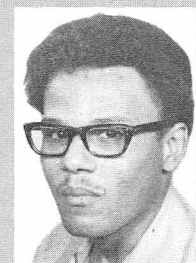
As she put it, "The quick thinking of the CTA employees saved my life. Due to their swiftness, an ambulance was called, oxygen was administered to ease my breathing, and I was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment."



Robinson



Foster



Fleming

Managers Meinardi, Flynn Retire



RETIRING SEPT. 1 as managers in the CTA organization were Peter J. Meinardi and David M. Flynn, transit veterans of 26 and 39 years, respectively.

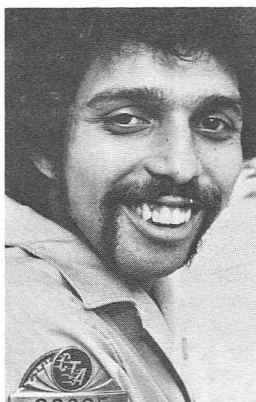
Meinardi, who retired as manager of the General Administration and Finance Division, is accompanied in the picture at left by some of those who honored him at a retirement party on Aug. 23. Pictured (from left) are Board Member Lawrence G. Sucsy, Retired General Manager (now consultant to CTA) Thomas B. O'Connor, CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky, Mr. and



Mrs. Meinardi, Board Member James R. Quinn, and retired Board Members Bernice T. Van der Vries and James E. Rutherford.

Flynn, who served as manager of Transportation until recently becoming administrative advisor to the general operations manager, was feted at a retirement dinner on Aug. 29. Among those who honored him upon his retirement in the picture at right are (from left) Mr. O'Connor, and (standing behind Mr. and Mrs. Flynn) General Operations Manager George Krambles and Board Members Sucsy and Wallace D. Johnson.

(With credit, and fond farewell, to Chicago Today. Chris Agrella story and Frank Hanes photo are reproduced as they appeared in Aug. 26 edition.)



CTA conductor puts passengers 'in the mood'

BY CHRIS AGRELLA

AS THE EIGHT-car rapid transit train on the Chicago Transit Authority Ravenswood pulled into the Merchandise Mart station during the morning rush, a cheery voice saluted passengers:

"Have a good day. Thanks for riding the CTA."

Later, during the evening rush as passengers crowded into the train for the trip home, the same voice

boomed: "Welcome aboard" thru the train's public address system.

The man with the cheery voice and a big smile to match is Santos G. Perez Jr., 23, a CTA conductor since July 12 and a Marine Corps veteran who "likes people."

PEREZ, of 643 W. Roscoe St., said he's had no directive from CTA officials to be "especially cheerful." He does it on his own.

"I like to give the passengers a smile when they're getting on, and when they're getting off I like to say 'have a good day' and wave goodbye to them," said Perez, a dark-haired, slim Chicago native.

At times Perez is apt to remind riders that "Smoking is a CTA no-no," and often his wave is accompanied by a parting "Valla con Dios" [go with God].

"When I talk, it gives the passengers a lift and it gives me one, too," Perez said. "Once in a while someone might make a smart remark, but most people seem to enjoy it."

"The other day my boss was on my train and I didn't know it. When he was getting off I saw him and I said 'Hi, Boss.' Later, I was told to go see him and I got worried. But he told me I was doing a good job."

PEREZ, WHO LIVES alone, is the only child of parents who were born in Puerto Rico. His mother Juanita, lives here.

He attended Tuley High School and was in the Marine Corps during 1968-72, with about one year in Viet Nam where he served as a helicopter gunner.

After six to nine months as a conductor, Perez hopes to attend "motor school," a training session to qualify as a motorman.

"If I make it, I'll still be a conductor and on the bottom of the list for appointment to motorman," Perez said. "But I'm going to keep smiling and be happy, and I think I'll make it."

In this second reminiscence of his days as a trolley conductor, JOHN JOSEPH DONOVAN (shown, right, in his '27 uniform) helps a young man explore the "black hole" of Clark Street. A 47½-year-veteran, Donovan retired July 1. His senior position was as CTA representative to the Illinois General Assembly.

The Unscheduled Stop In Donovan's Day, It Could Be Shocking

IN MY early days, we ran air door cars. These were just single cars. You operated the doors from one point in the car.

When I was with the company about three weeks I was trying to do an impressive job. I was working Clark street. Many people used to ride streetcars when there were very few automobiles. And we had mounted police then in the Loop (which now are coming back.)

One night, there was a streetcar stopped right close to the river, where the City Hall now is, in front of us. There were also a couple of automobiles ahead. Being strange and new on the job, I really thought we were up at the corner. The gas company had dug a hole in the street and put a barrier over it.

But this young man came up and he was dressed for an enjoyable evening on a Saturday night and he had a young lady with him. So he says, "Conductor, could I get off here?" And I, trying to be very accommodating said, "Well certainly, certainly."

I pushed the handle, the doors opened, and he stepped off, like all gentlemen did, to help the young lady. But the step had just cleared the barrier. And he stepped off and went down about 12 feet in all that mud and muck. And of course, she stood at the edge of the platform and she said, "Where'd he go? Where'd he go?"



Being new on the job, I looked out the door, then looked down and I just said, "There he is." And then I had to run off to the motorman to tell him to turn the button which cut off the doors and would give the motorman some power. I was all excited because I was fearful I was going to lose my job.

I burst out into the front platform and said, "Turn the button, turn the button, there's a man down in the hole." Well, we were running behind schedule and the motorman turned around and he said, "So what? I'm late now." We had a lot of--well most of the streetcar men, the majority of them--were Irish.

I jumped off the front of the car and ran up to the mounted policeman on his horse, and I said, "Do you have a rope?" Well, he had a sense of humor and he said, "What do you want to do, hang yourself?" I said, "No, there's a guy down in the hole." Well, in the meantime, somebody did get a rope and people were gathering around this hole, and people were saying, "What are they digging up? What is going on?"

Well, the girl who was with this young man--she was laughing her head off at this poor fellow down in the hole. Finally they got him up and he was a sight to behold. And as soon as he got on terra firma he said, "Where is the conductor? Where is the conductor?" And I said, "Here I am, here I am."

And he said, "What's the idea of letting me off in a hole?" And I said, "My duty is to open the door, I can't guarantee the ground is going to be there." So he says, "Call me a cab, call me a cab." Well, the strangest thing--as soon as they pulled him out of the hole, the young lady, who had been laughing her head off at the poor man, went up to him and said, "Oh honey, I'm so sorry; oh dear, I hope you're not hurt." Anyway, they left in a cab.

I came back and asked for an accident report at the station and the clerk gave me one and he asked, "What happened?" And I said, "A man stepped off the car and stepped in a hole."

Well, the clerk thought the hole was only about 2 or 3 inches deep and maybe he sprained his ankle. So I wrote on my report "Man stepped off of car and disappeared?" Then I went on.

How things have changed in 47 years! The next day I had to go in to see the boss and the boss says, "In all my years of experience I have never read an accident report like this. We may have to buy this man a new suit!" Could you imagine what would be asked if this same thing happened today?



Bob Aldworth

Thanks to Bob Aldworth, CTA Operations Planning, for illustration.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (General) -

Everyone in the Accounting Department wishes to extend their very best to Manager PETE MEINARDI who retired Sept. 1. His always cheerful presence will be sorely missed by all of us in Accounting... Congratulations to MIKE and MARYANN CIKARA who became husband and wife on June 22. After a lovely wedding they spent a wonderful two-week honeymoon touring the Hawaiian Islands and are now working diligently in their new home... Also among the new homeowners in Accounting are your scribe, JUDY WEIER, and her husband, CHUCK, who recently purchased a home in Hickory Hills... Good luck to JO COLEMAN and REBECCA WILSON who transferred as information clerks in the new Travel Information Center; to JIM HAASE who became project controller in Engineering; to JOHN BILLIS who became grant accounting technician replacing Jim; to JOE LAZZARA who transferred as project controller in Capital Development, and to MAUREEN HOULIHAN who was chosen to be the new shop clerk II at South Shops. We are going to miss all of you... The welcome mat is extended to MICHAEL GUICE in Payroll who transferred from station clerk; to DEBRA MIMMS who is helping out in Payables while unassigned; to MARTIN POLLACK in Revenue who transferred from Special Investigations; to LU POZNIAK also of Revenue, and to ED SCHALK who returned to CTA after being employed elsewhere for the past year... We hope our former file clerks, MARTIN WILMSEN and LLOYD TACKETT, are happy in their new positions as invoice posting clerk in Payables, and material utility clerk, respectively... It's back to school time for our summer helpers, MARY SULLIVAN, MAUREEN O'CONNOR, PAT VEZINA and GLENN GUTNAYER. Hope you enjoyed your summer with us and lots of luck in the academic year ahead... Our sincere sympathy to former employee MARGARET MILLER whose husband, BOB, passed away on Aug. 9. Bob was chief investigator in the Security Department.

- Judy Weier

(Datacenter) -

We think the Cubs could use a left fielder like MIKE ECKEL, the son of JOHN ECKEL. Mike will receive a first place trophy for his part in playing left field for the Pirates in the Pony League division of the West Side Baseball of Oak Lawn... The General Office Federal Credit Union was presented the Thrift Honor Award by William Lorey, federal examiner of the N.C.U.A. If you'd like to see the award,

visit HERB SCHOMER who has it on display. While there, why not increase your savings?

- Evelyn Lee

CTA SECURITY -

The Security Department would like to extend condolences to the family of our former chief, ROBERT MILLER, who passed away on Aug. 9. Chief Miller was with our department for 21 years and we will all miss him greatly... Our sympathies are also extended to the family of Sergeant PETE GENUTIS in the death of his brother and to the family of Superintendent NORMAN GRAVER in the death of his mother-in-law... The new faces in the department are those of ROBERT FERGUSON and JOHN GURRIERI. Bob is the son of ROBERT FERGUSON of the Technical Services Department and John came to us from North Park and is the nephew of Sergeant TONY MOKSTAD of our department. By the way, Tony is recognized in the American Federation of Police Who's Who in American Law Enforcement, 1973 edition. He has had 26 years in the law enforcement field and was given a very nice write-up... BOB SMITH is enjoying a new apartment. Everybody can get their party duds out because I understand Smitty will be throwing a lot of them.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (General Office) -

Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE W. JENNINGS Sr., the parents of THADIOUS JENNINGS, "B" electrician, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They are also the parents of GEORGE Jr. of New York and have 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Jennings Sr. directed the first Black Community Choir in Lima and has traveled abroad and throughout the States extensively. Congratulations and best wishes for many happy years ahead... Judging from the postcards received from some of our retirees they are really enjoying the good life. ADOLPH KUTZ, retired estimator now living in Arkansas, attended the Legion convention in San Antonio, Tex., this summer, while JERRY WATERS, retired chief substation operator, along with his wife and daughter had a wonderful vacation in Ireland. When they visited Kilarney they kissed the famed Blarney Stone... Glad to hear that BILL REHDER is home from the hospital and is progressing well.

- Kay McAlister

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

FRANK BONK is in Florida on vacation. He'll return when the heat gets him or when his money runs out, whichever comes first... Big LOU GONZALEZ left for a vacation in Arizona and said he will take a two-or three-day canoe ride down the Colorado river rapids. I'll let you know next month how he came out. I really think he's all wet... GERALD THIVEL is leaving for Las Vegas on his vacation. We're all waiting to see what's left of him when he returns... DANNY HAMMOND, along with a friend, spent their summer vacation around Aspen, Colo., where they did a bit of camping out in the Rocky Mountain wilds. They solved their hunger problem by catching fish and roasting them over their campfire. They encountered snow while camping in the mountains, and the topless bathing beauties were plentiful when they finally went into town. Danny said it was fascinating and a sheer delight. Your reporter and his family motored to The Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We stayed at Fontana Village, a vacation resort tucked away deep in the Smokies near the park. There were numerous indoor and outdoor games and activities for everyone. With my three daughters, ANITA, LYDIA, and two-year old ROBIN, we hit the nature trails, hiking through the wilderness often during our stay. My wife, LENNIE, got in several hours of uninterrupted TV watching. She wouldn't dare let a vacation spoil her soap operas... RUTH, the wife of Signalman THEODORE WASHINGTON, gave birth to a little baby boy, DAVID, on Aug. 13, weighing 6 pounds. Just by breathing and maybe kicking a leg or two he brought smiles to the faces of Ted, Ruth and three-year old MARCUS. Congratulations... DAVE BATTERSON and his wife, PAT, left the kids at home and had an enjoyable trip to the Wisconsin State Fair at Milwaukee. Why didn't they go to the Illinois State Fair in Springfield? Well Dave said, "My wife wanted to see Tony Orlando and Dawn, a musical group

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AMONG THOSE retiring Sept. 1 was NATHANIEL McGEE who had 44 years of service with CTA and CSL.

NEW PENSIONERS

ROBERT C. COLLUM, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 4-22-46
JOSEPH DENNESAITES, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 1-20-43
DAVID M. FLYNN, Advisor,
Transportation, Emp. 10-29-35
JOHN S. GUZALDO, Collector,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-14-43
NATHANIEL McGEE, Bus Repairer,
77th Street, Emp. 4-17-30
PETER J. MEINARDI, Finance Manager,
Finance, Emp. 4-16-48
PETER J. MIASO, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-28-43
JAMES A. QUINN, Supervisor,
North Rail District, Emp. 1-15-42
PATRICK J. ROBINSON, Box Puller,
77th Street, Emp. 8-17-36
ANDREW SMITH, Gateman,
North Section, Emp. 6-13-67
WILLIAM SOMERVILLE, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 12-9-48
FRANK TAMBURRINO, Order Cont. Clerk,
Stores, Emp. 11-4-41
WILLIAM THORNTON, Car Repairer A,
Dan Ryan Terminal, Emp. 2-16-44
CLARENCE WENNERSTROM, Box Puller,
Beverly, Emp. 2-16-37
VICTOR A. ZALATORIS, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 4-27-47

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ROBERT J. CIESLA, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 5-5-42
CARL J. FAUST, Supervisor,
North Rail District, Emp. 3-4-63
MELVIN R. LAXSTROM, Serviceman,
Archer, Emp. 7-3-47

appearing at the Wisconsin Fair."..ROBERT (Super Cop) ALBRECHT and his wife, BARBARA, along with some friends also took a trek up to the Wisconsin State Fair. There were so many exciting exhibits and entertainment features it took the Albrechts 12 hours to see them all. The highlights of the fair according to Bob were all of the good eating places. He didn't miss a one...Three of our signal helpers were recently promoted to signal maintainers. They are: DONALD GRUDECKI, JOHN C. LONG and ALEX D. NESBITT. They are working more and enjoying it more. They're also enjoying the extra pay that goes with this promotion.

Congratulations, men, now you'll have to do the rest yourself...Congratulations to C. KOTARA and his wife on the birth of their second granddaughter. Little 4 pound 8 ounce JENNIFER LYNN, who at first gave everyone a scare, was born recently to JAMES and CHERIE KOTARA. She is now doing just fine. We congratulate Cherie on a job well done, and Jimmy who likewise is taking the whole thing in stride. Jimmy is an electrical engineer with another firm...Mr. and Mrs. CLYDE YOUNT recently joined in a wedding shower given for their daughter, COLLEEN. Colleen is in the CTA Insurance Department...Three promising young men were recently added to our Signal Department. They are: JAMES LOWDER, HARRY BARENDREGT and JAMES GOLDEN. Congratulations, fellows, you're welcome to join us in working, sweating and just having a good time.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -
Congratulations to PETE SZATKOWSKI who became a proud grandfather on July 12 when his daughter, KATHLEEN HARTZ, a former CTA employee in the Public Affairs Department, gave birth to a baby girl, CARLY. Carly's great-grandfather is PETER ALBAMONTE, a retired motorman from Howard Street. CTA all the way!..Gasoline shortage? I wonder. TONY RIGLER drove to Florida for a three-week vacation, then returned to work for three weeks and took off again for a three-week trip to Spokane, Wash., to visit the fair and friends. How many thousands of miles did you drive, Tony?..The Chicago American Pilots Association (CAPA) helped the American Cancer Society by having a "fly-in" at Gary Airport on July 20. LARRY SHELBY says he and the other pilots gave airplace rides to over 300 people at a penny a pound donation to the cancer society. The affair was a big success, aided by civilian defense groups, the Midwest Sky Divers team, aerial acrobatics and a demonstration of glider flying. I bet it was fun and I'm sorry I missed it...The quick action of ED MENZEL and BILL PARKS probably saved the life of JOHN ULANSKI. It was a very hot day and the creosote was oozing from the ties when John fell across the third rail and running rail. Ed and Bill saw John fall, and quickly pulled him off. John sustained burns on his hands and is off work. Our congratulations to Ed and Bill for their unwavering devotion in aiding a co-worker...JOHN MURPHY was taken to the hospital with stomach pains, but they can't seem to find out what caused them. We all hope John will be back with us soon...MIKE BITTOURNA was in the hospital and we hope to see him back at work soon...So many fellows are coming and going on vacation I can't keep up with them. How about some notes guys? 73

- Ben Nielsen

FOREST GLEN -

I had the pleasure of attending a very beautiful wedding in July. STEVE PANTOS, the son of Operator CHRIST PANTOS, was united in holy matrimony to a lovely young lady named SUE. Christ had the best in Greek food, and also did a fine Greek dance. Thanks, Christ, for a fine time... Clerk GRANT MOSELEY was also recently married. You should have seen the gleam in his eye when he told us about it. Congratulations!.. Supervisor ROBERT BARBER and his lovely wife, SHIRLEY, recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Barber said they have been the happiest 30 years a man could ask for... Operator GERKOS says he has 28 years with CTA without a miss and only two more before retirement. Keep up the good work, Gerkos...Our deepest sympathy is extended to TOM ROAN in the loss of his father...Operator WALLY REICH retired on Aug. 1 and Harlem avenue will never be the same without seeing his face over there...Operator GEORGE and GRACE STRESKE celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19. George said he was going to take Grace to the "Golden Arches" for dinner, but his family and friends talked him into taking her to Lancer's restaurant for dinner...FRANCES COHEN, the daughter of Operator TOM ROAN, made him a grandfather when she gave birth to a 6 pound baby boy on July 17. The young father held up well, and the mother and baby are perfect...Pensioner HARRY GINTER stopped in and paid us a visit. He is looking great and really enjoying his retirement...Pensioner HENRY KRUEGER and his lovely bride celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 6, and says they are still very much in love. Henry stays busy helping senior citizens arrange the golden dinner club...Oh, yes, I can't forget "Popsie" NELSON and his lovely wife who celebrated 35 years of wedded bliss. Mrs. Nelson, you are really doing a fine job on the old boy...Pensioner FRANK PARTIPILO is really enjoying his retirement playing golf and more golf. Frank says that's the way to enjoy life... Operator WITKUS is on vacation. I gather he is really enjoying his swimming pool these hot days...Just think, after 13 years of marriage, Operator DELCONTE's wife presented him with twins. Boy, was his chest out. Just think, men, we will get two cigars instead of one...Operator BOB EVARTS is still on the sick list, but receiving good care from his lovely wife. We all miss you, Bob, so hurry and get well...Operator LYONS has been traveling and relaxing while on vacation. North Milwaukee avenue misses him and his lovely smile--I wonder where he is getting his newspapers now?..Loader JOHN MAHNKE and his wife, RUTH, and their son, ROGER, are out in Missouri enjoying a well-deserved rest. I suppose we will have some great fish stories when he returns... Operator LOMBARDO was off sick for awhile but is now back in the groove. In

fact, he is talking of retiring soon...I saw Pensioner HAMMOND and he is looking great. He says he doesn't have to ride the fire engines to work anymore... JOHN CORCORAN who took his pension on July 1 was really surprised when his four daughters and son gave him a surprise retirement party at the Golden Age restaurant in Oak Lawn which was attended by many relatives and friends. Forest Glen was represented by Operator WARREN WOOD and his wife, JACQUELINE. John and his bride of 38 years have moved to Mystic, Ia., and said their door is always open to their friends...A hearty welcome aboard to our first lady bus driver, Mrs. EDITH CARR, Badge No. 7329. And congratulations to Line Instructor RON UTLEY on training her on her first day out on the street.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance & Pensions) -

Congratulations to GRACE GALLARDO who was united in holy matrimony to LUIS GONZALEZ on Aug. 17 at St. Aloysius church...We bid adieu to MARY BETH MROZ who left CTA to await a blessed event...It was good to see KATHY KOHLMANN back to work after her honeymoon in Hawaii. She became Mrs. GEORGE ROBSON on June 15 at Our Lady of Mercy church with a reception held at the Ledo...JEANNE GERARD, together with her girlfriend, enjoyed a bus tour taking in Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone Park and the West for two weeks...The welcome mat was extended to RALPH LEWIS, insurance analyst, who transferred from Central Accounting where he worked as a clerk. Also IRMA MUNIZ, clerk-typist, who transferred from Operations Planning.

(Medical) -

The welcome mat was extended to JOAN WADE who transferred from the Executive Department to become a medical technician...Dr. ILLA T. ROMAN and his family spent their vacation in and around Chicago and Downers Grove enjoying various sights...Dr. GEORGE SILER and his family spent their vacation up in Hancock, Wisc. While there, one daughter received two first place ribbons for English saddle riding, and the other daughter won second place with her colt in the Wautoma County Fair.

(Administrative Services) -

JOAN FITZGERALD spent her two weeks of vacation with the Catholic Daughters convention in Los Angeles, Calif., and also toured the state...It is good news to hear that GEORGE BELL is out of the hospital and back at work.

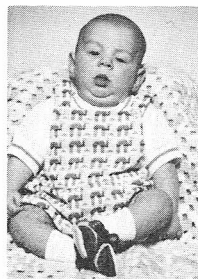
(Treasury) -

Congratulations to CLARENCE GRUBE on his appointment as Manager of Treasury... KAY CORCORAN flew to Seattle, Wash., to

visit her niece. She also took in Victoria Island and Vancouver, British Columbia. She came back happy but broke...JANE DICKINSON flew to Florida for a one-week vacation and is now sporting a beautiful tan...We welcome GENEVIEVE BAGGER, JOSEPH CASTRO and CHARLIE ABT back to work after a siege of illness...The welcome mat is extended to LOURDES COVARRUBIAS who transferred to us from ticket agent to addressograph operator, and also to CAROLINE WILLIAMS...MIKE FARRELL was promoted to U.S. Bond clerk...ROD HEFFERNAN and his family traveled to Minnesota in their air-conditioned station wagon and then came home to the hot weather...In Central Counting this was the year that was supposed to be. GEORGE ISAACS, assistant supervisor, was supposed to demonstrate the superiority of labor over management in the athletic field of endeavor. Once again, however, George had to be carried home on his shield when Superintendent FELIX PALILUNAS drubbed him and two others, JIM MCGANN, assistant supervisor, and BILL MURPHY, supervisor, in the annual South Shops golf tournament. It seems the boss was the only one able to break 100 and the only one who did not lose a ball. They came back muttering about the boss having developed a shot that skips across water. All was not gloom for George, as his son, THOMAS, was graduated from IIT with a B.S. degree in chemistry. CHARLES BROADNAX, the brother of DAVE BROADNAX, Central Counting money handler, was also graduated from IIT with a B.A. degree in liberal arts...CHESTER PAVLAK, machinist, who has kept the wheels of the counting machines at Central Counting turning since it opened, retired on Aug. 1. Chester was gifted with a six-tray tackle box with a full complement of lures. Happy retirement, Chester...Central Counting is happy to welcome three new money handlers: JIM CHMIEL, JIM BURKE and GUY BRETZ...Proud papa MIKE AKAI is beaming about his daughter, SHARI JO, who won an achievement award for her musical prowess. It seems that she is already blossoming into a virtuoso at the tender age of ten...A special "thanks" is extended to STAN McBAY for keeping up the flow of news from Central Counting.

(Personnel) -

ART HUBACZ and his wife, BERNICE, visited their son, ARTY, and daughter-in-law, KAREN, in San Francisco, Calif., and also saw the newest family addition, grandson ARTHUR WILLIAM who was born on May 4. Pictured here at the age of 7½ weeks, he looks like he will be a big boy...ERVIN HARRIS re-



Arthur William Hubacz

ceived a weekend trip to Toronto, Canada, for his birthday on July 15. While he toured Toronto, his wife, LOUISE, and children flew to Dallas, Tex., for a week to visit Louise's mother, leaving Erv a list of chores to complete while they were away. They returned in time for Erv's son, MAURICE, to finish the regular little league season with his team in first place and a 600 batting average--tops in his league. They won the playoffs and are now preparing for the World Series...We were sorry to lose the smiling face of PAUL KADOWAKI, but we wish him the best in his new position as superintendent of instruction, north, in Transportation...A most hearty welcome is extended to RON BAKER who joined us recently as temporary management training coordinator...JIM TRETTON, safety inspector, recently underwent leg surgery and is now recuperating at home. We all miss his smiling face and hope his recovery will be rapid...On a sad note, JOSEPHINE FELDMAN slipped on a pat of butter in the Holloway cafeteria and fell, fracturing her right hip. She was taken to Wesley Memorial hospital and will be away for quite a long while. Cards may be sent to cheer her up...LENNY LOHN's son, STEPHEN, joined the ranks of happy married men when he took as his bride the beautiful MARY REPEC. The happy day was Sept. 6. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Florida. Stephen is a conductor out of Howard Terminal...On July 15 JOHN and PAUL KILGALLON, twin nephews of PAT DUNEK, celebrated their third birthday. You've heard the expression, "double trouble," well it was touch and go for awhile as to which one was going to blow out the candles on their cake. It ended up a combined effort with their mom trying to play referee as well as keep four little hands out of one large cake. John and Paul, as well as all their little friends, had a marvelous time.

(Marketing) -

EILEEN (Big Murph) NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDY, a bus operator from Forest Glen, took a motor trip throughout Florida visiting Sarasota, Disney World, St. Petersburg and Ft. Meyers on a three-week vacation. They were hoping to find a homesite for their retirement years.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

Now that vacation time is almost over, let's hear about your trips...Operator J. BLAIR and his family drove down to Biloxi, Miss., to visit with his brother and friends and had a great time. Blair said vacations are fine but go by too fast...Your reporter and his wife and grandchildren visited the Wisconsin Dells and had a great time. We met Operator DEVERS and his wife there. Devers also stopped at Denver, Colo., where he visited some friends and

Service anniversaries in September

45 years

H. R. Poces, South Shops

35 years

E. Amundsen, Plant Maintenance
J. A. Brousek, West Section
P. L. Janek, Engineering
E. J. May, Skokie Shop
R. S. Swanson, Law & Claims

30 years

P. Kondratuk, Kedzie
J. Lyons, Stores
G. S. Rusin, West Section
T. Yapelli, North Avenue

25 years

G. S. Kacmarek, Utility
D. E. Martorelli, Law & Claims
D. J. O'Sullivan, Law & Claims
F. Tavano, Plant Maintenance

took in the sights of Yellowstone National Park...Congratulations to the following operators who were promoted to supervisors on Aug. 11: WILLIAM REYNOLDS, J. WALLACE and P. ARMSTRONG. We wish all of you the best of luck...Operator W. SIERON is back on the job after undergoing surgery. He really looks great and says he feels great. To all the operators on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back to work soon...To all the operators celebrating birthdays this month, happy birthday; to all who are celebrating wedding anniversaries, happy anniversary and hope you have many, many more...Operator W. RUSCIK's wife is now home after spending time in the hospital for surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Ruscik said the house was very lonely without her... Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator FRED ANHALT who passed away on July 13; to the family of Operator ROBERT SLINGERLAND who also passed away in July, and to Operator A. PARKER in the loss of his mother, EBBIE PARKER, in Oak Grove, La...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each pay-day.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings fellows. Well we'll start off this month on a happy note by congratulating R. COLLUCI on the birth of his eighth grandchild, a baby girl named RACHAEL ANN weighing 5 pounds 5 ounces...Let's give our softball team a pat on the back. They started off a little rusty, but played well at the end to get into the playoffs. Congratulations to Operator THOMAS and his team on a job well done...Welcome back to Operators BURRELL and GLASBY who were off sick...Our sincere sympathy is extended to Operator L. GOFFER in the loss of his brother, and to Operator G. SHELBY in the loss of his mother...If any of the operators would like to bowl, get in touch with Operator McMILLAN. He is trying to organize a team from our station...Someone dropped me a note and said that "Kool Daddy" GAINES came to work on his vacation. How is that for loyalty...I got another note from BUTCH who said he just got back from the Canadian North Woods. When you come through the Repair Department, ask him why he didn't stay there...RICHARD GOLDMAN, chairman of the education committee of our credit union, is urging everyone to borrow or save through our credit union...And now for the best part of the news. I personally interviewed our new lady bus drivers, BETTY JONES and BARBARA WILLIAMS. Betty says she gets along with the people well, even those who try to short change her. But she's on the case. Barbara says her main goal is to get as far as she can with CTA. Both ladies agree that it's nice working with you fellows. How about that. Their only gripe is when are they going to get uniform shirts that button on the left side...I'll be looking for some vacation news, especially from you fishermen. So get it in to me or give it to the clerk for me.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

Agent Supervisor MARY RAFTERY and Agent JUNE BAREKMAN enjoyed their European vacation, but said it was over too soon. That's life, girls...LINDA TAPINS and her daughter, CINDY, are basking in the Florida sunshine at this writing and having a ball...CAROL BOWMAN and her daughter left Aug. 27 to visit Luxembourg, Belgium and Sweden, after which they will spend a week visiting an old friend of Carol's in London. Sure sounds like fun...GRACE MOUNTS and her husband, CLEM, spent two weeks visiting Expo 74 in Seattle, Wash. They also visited San Francisco, Calif., and Tijuana, Mexico. We are sorry to report that Grace took an early retirement Aug. 1. We wish her good health and many happy years ahead. She has asked me to express her thanks to her friends for the gifts and many cards she received. She was deeply touched...DAVE GRAFMAN and his wife drove to Harrisburg, Pa., to visit with

their son, JACK, and their daughter-in-law and three grandchildren...MINNIE DIKEMAN spent a one-week July vacation at home. She visited friends and family, spent some time at church and gave her dog, Mike, a lot of special attention...GEORGE WADE, who retired as a ticket agent five years ago, is still keeping busy. We hear he has lost a lot of excess weight and is working part-time in a theater in Cicero, Ill. George looks fine. Hello from all of us, George...Agent Supervisor ROSEMARY ROBERSON leaves in September for a tour of Europe. We hope the trip will be a pleasant one for one of our favorite people...MONICA LAMPKE and her niece plan a one-week visit to Las Vegas in September. We hope you bring back a bundle, Monica, and we don't mean dirty laundry...Janitor DOMINIC CASALINO had a honey-do vacation this year. Knowing Dominic we are sure he worked in a little fun and relaxation too...GLADYS (Green Thumb) RUEDIGER enjoyed a week at home in July putting around in her yard and pampering her lovely flowers...FRED FRIEB and his wife left in August for California to visit his son and family. Speaking of Fred, we would like to offer our congratulations on his winning \$600 in the Irish Sweepstakes plus an extra \$100 for being the seller of the lucky ticket. May good luck continue to follow you, Fred...Former Ticket Agent AGATHA CARLSON and her husband, a former West Section trainman, have moved to Florida. Lots of luck to the Carlsons in their new home...Our sympathy is extended to the family of Trainman JOE FRITZ who passed suddenly on Aug. 13; to HATTIE ROHR in the loss of her dear mother; to SHEILA MURPHY whose father passed away while Sheila was visiting her family in Ireland; to Retired Agent ADAM WAAS whose wife, FLORENCE, passed away so suddenly; to the family of Pensioner TOM COGLIANESE; to Division 308 Union Representative THORNTON CHERRY in the loss of his dear mother, and to the family of retired Lake Street Trainman WALTER FITZGERALD who passed away in California July 15... Holding the car that won him the first place trophy in the Bridgeview Pine-wood Derby is JOHNNY DOYLE, 9, the son of South Shops Journeyman Mechanic JOHN DOYLE and grandson of Douglas Terminal Clerk DAN and Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE...Congratulations to Janitor DOMINIC CASALINO and his wife who became grandma and grandpa June 2. The sweetie is a girl named KRISTY...Agent ANN TAYLOR vacationed in Reno, Nev., then went off for a week to San Francisco. She had a great time...Agent VIRGINIA OJER spent her vacation in Wilmington, N.C., with her daughter's



Johnny Doyle

family. It was a fun-filled week. Her husband, EDWARD, has been a bus driver for 11 years at 69th Street Garage. He was promoted to supervisor July 13. Good luck, Ed, and don't be too hard on the men. ...Agent MARY RITTER spent a pleasant July vacation in Las Vegas. She came home with a little green, she said, but not enough to retire on...Congratulations to former Agent ANN BOOTHROYD who is now working in CTA's new Travel Information Center. She says she is very happy with her new job. It couldn't happen to a nicer lady...Get well wishes are sent to Agent JIMMY GEORGE from all of us... At this time my co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, is high in the sky flying to a great vacation in California.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

A big hello goes out in the Stores Department to JIM QUALLS, order control clerk, and also to DIANNE WEIER, typist. Welcome to the Stores Department...As Jim comes into the department, FRANK TAMBURRINO, our fearless starry-eyed comrade, leaves us. We have been helping Frank count the days



Frank Tamburrino & Jack Hart

to his retirement, and now the magic moment has arrived. Frank was taken out to lunch by his fellow men and he preferred to employ his rights as a senior citizen, he didn't want to stand to make his speech. Frank was presented a gift by J. T. HARTY, director of Stores and Office Administration, at an open house. Well, Frank, you have earned it. Farewell, good luck and happiness to you. Stores will never be the same. LINDA LUNDBERGH has lost her best combatant in conversation with Frank gone...Farewell goes out to CELESTINE OFFETT, typist, who has bid into another department. She was here long enough to see a welcome put in with her name misspelled, and I hope you are reading this to see it corrected. Sorry!.. Before we go into vacations, we would like to share the happiness of SHIRANI GUNAWARDANE, typist, Stores, and her husband, GAMINI, to have their baby come over to America to be a happy family. This is the first time the baby has seen his father. SAJINDRA, their son, is 15 months old and has finally been able to come to our country. It was a



Sajindra Gunawardane

30-hour trip but it seemed short and it has been one of the happiest moments in their lives. We share your happiness, Shirani...FRANK MAGUIRE, specifications engineer, reports a new grandchild in his family making him a grandfather for the tenth time...Our deepest sympathy goes out to THERESA DeLEONARDIS whose sister passed away...Three new fellow clerk II's have shown up in Storeroom 42. They are JIM DIASIO, DOUG MULLER and JOE PERCARARO. ... ALEX FRITZLER has transferred to the Signal Department. Good luck on your new job...JOHN SPRINGER is a grandfather for the 28th and 29th time. DENISE, who used to work for ART EGERT, had a little baby girl, MARGARET EILEEN. This is the fifth grandchild for PAT CANNON, retired laborer, and No. 29 for John. This sounds a little backwards, mentioning the 29th before the 28th. MICHELLE POTNAR, born April 20, is the bouncing bundle of joy that made John a proud grandfather for the 28th time. She was born with two teeth, and like her Uncle TIM, has to show the world she is ready for a piece of steak. John is a stock clerk in Storeroom 32, South Shops...A little late (better late than never), congratulations go out to DONALDSEN THOMPSON, fork lift operator at Storeroom 48, and his family. His son, LANCE, was graduated from Fenger High school in June...CHICO

CHEATHAN, clerk in Storeroom 48, is happy to announce that his daughter, DONNA, enlisted in the Army and left on Aug. 14 for basic training. She had very high grades on the tests...Getting down to vacations, BOB PIEPER, Stores, has another fish story to tell. This time he didn't get a ticket or fine. He caught a 23-inch wall-eye. You have to get a picture of that one, Bob...LEE DeSUTTER brings hellos back from Florida. While she was down there she visited with some retirees who would like to say "hi and come to see us sometime." They are MARTHA and HERMAN ERICKSON, WANDA and JACK KRAUSE and DOROTHY and RAY PRYOR. She stayed with ELEANORE KYNASTON. ED DEVINE and his wife, CARRIE, were also people Lee saw. ART KRICKOW also was among those who sent their tidings. Lee went down to see her new condominium apartment and is having a ball furnishing it. Her vacation was completed by visiting with former CTA employees. Hello to all of you--it is good to hear from you...PAT REED, Specifications, went to Six Flags Over Mid-America in St. Louis with her husband and son. They had a marvelously good time...RON TABOR, specifications engineer, is off on a camping trip but didn't say much about it, except that he is taking half the house with him. He didn't want to rough it like Davey Crockett...Storeroom



Bus Garage Faculty Recruits Complete Instruction Program

SIX MEMBERS of the Vehicle Maintenance force of the Maintenance Department have successfully completed the instructor training program and have been placed in a pool of instructors from which they will be drawn to fill positions as they become available at bus garages.

Pictured above holding certificates presented upon completion of the instructor's program, the students are shown with the following Vehicle Maintenance Department personnel, from left: Supervisor of Instruction Julius Dain; George Greco; Edward Levandowski; William Wong; Andrew Rizzuto; Michael Hrad; Byron Yehling; Adam Fiorito, rail vehicle personnel development coordinator; Frank Bruno, instructor, and Ray Dobbartin, apprentice development coordinator.

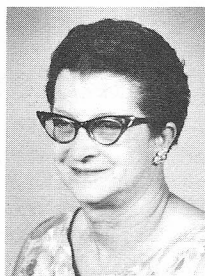
48 is at a loss with their leader, STAN HALL, on vacation. His assistant, DON BUDOFF, is lonesome and is anxiously waiting for Stan to return. He hopes Stan is coming back soon. We want to hear the stories of his vacation if Storeroom 48 doesn't fall apart before then. But then that would make a good bit of news...TINA RODRIGUEZ, typist, Stores, went off for a week in Spain and toured Torremolinos, Mulaga, Granada, Sevilla, Cordova and Marvella. She had the opportunity to see the Flamenco dancers, one of the finer things. She has much more to report, but she is going to Mexico for awhile also. So that should help fill our next issue...We want to hear from all of you vacationers. Just think of the travelogue we are establishing. You won't need to go to a travel bureau, just read the Transit News and learn where to go...Oh, I almost forgot to mention the trip yours truly took. The highlight was being able to ride the Cleveland and Shaker Heights rapid transit lines in Ohio. I didn't try to use my CTA pass, I was just comparing notes. It was very impressive to see a city by means of rapid transit...Last but not least we have two more vacations to report. RALPH PODGORSKI took a trip to the Grand Canyon, Rocky Mountains and Yellowstone National Park and had a marvelous time. The West is absolutely beautiful he says...JOANNE BOETTIN reports about her vacation. There were 12 of them, a cabin and a large tent. She didn't really explain how that worked out. She laughed so hard talking about the cabin and 12 people that when the laughter subsided, she said there was also a large tent to accommodate some of them. Her brother has a cabin in Wisconsin... Congratulations and best wishes are extended to TONY VELCICH, Storeroom 30, and his lovely bride, MICKEY, who were united in marriage on Aug. 31.

- Priscilla Kamradt

MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

First of all I wish to thank all who sent cards and gifts when I retired after 15 years with the CTA, seven of which were spent as a reporter for Transit News. They were greatly appreciated and I'm going to miss you all. This will be my last issue so please send your news to ZITA DOUBLIN who works at Logan Square and Damen, as she has been my co-reporter for the past few months...Belated congratulations to Agent DANNY THOMPSON and his wife, who had a baby girl named LUCRETIA DANETTE born May 23 weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces...We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Pensioner ADAM WAAS in the loss of his wife on July 14; also to the family of JOE FRITZ who passed away recently...Belated August birthday greetings to ROBERT JANZ, J. P. HALLAHAN, ZITA DOUBLIN, HELEN CHRISTNER and CHARLES SNYDER... MONICA STARCZEC and her family vaca-

tioned in Las Vegas. She didn't say if she won any money but had a good time anyway...Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS and her husband, CLEM, had 18 days of vacation and flew to Seattle, where they went on a five-day tour to Spokane and saw Expo 74 and other interesting things. Returning to Seattle, they flew to Los Angeles where an old friend of Grace's met them and took them to Mexico, Sea World, Lion Safari, Capistrano, Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, San Francisco and near Redding, where they saw the big redwood trees. They had a wonderful time...CAROL BOWMAN and her daughter are vacationing in Sweden and other parts of Europe...Before WILLIAM PFIEFFER went on vacation he had the misfortune to have an accident, so he decided to buy a new LTD with all the works. Good motoring, Bill...



RETIRING ON August 1 as a ticket agent, GRACE MOUNTS had served as an Inside News reporter for the last seven years--first for the North Section and then for Milwaukee, Lake and Douglas after the opening of the new Kennedy line. The Transit News staff and her many friends at CTA extend their sincere wishes for a long, happy and healthy retired life.

Co-reporter ZITA DOUBLIN vacationed in San Francisco for eight days and really enjoyed every minute...PRIMUS WEST spent his vacation in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Las Vegas...Well, Co-reporter GRACE MOUNTS is really starting to live it up now that she's a retiree. She just bought a spanking new 1974 Chrysler Newport Custom with the works. Ah, luxury!...Ticket Agent EILEEN CARMODY and her husband are in Ireland vacationing. Hope they're having a grand time...Once again I want to thank all you lovely agents for the retirement gift and for giving me the news, and please keep the news rolling by sending it to ZITA DOUBLIN. If you don't you won't see anything in this column.

- Zita Doublin & Grace Mounts

NORTH AVENUE -

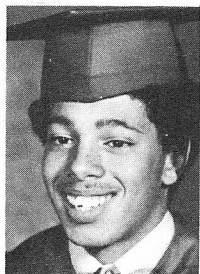
A great big HELLO to everyone!..Getting stuck inside your car while in a car wash is something that could only happen to a couple of our better clerks--RUSS GUNDERSON and AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE. That was probably the longest 15 minutes they ever spent together. Al will be celebrating another one of those birthdays this month...Way back last July 14, BILL

MIEDEMA and his wife, DOROTHY, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary. On Aug. 15, Clerk ED WITEK and his better half, GLADYS, observed their 30th. This month, Assistant Superintendent ART TABEL of 69th Street and his beloved LAVERNE, will watch their 33d go by. There will be a double celebration for Superintendent WARD CHAMBERLAIN. Not only will he observe another birthday this month, but he was also elected lieutenant-governor in the Kiwanis organization. Our heartiest congratulations to all of you...In spite of gas shortages, our vacationers headed in all directions. After all, the only thing they really needed was money. Operators E. SANELLO, B. HUKILL and Instructor MARVIN KOCAR found the Dells a pleasant place to be with their families...Our No. 1 custodian, JACK AMBROGIO, and his better half headed west to California. Jack wasn't back here too long before he headed down Florida way. That's really covering the country...Instructor JERRY KNOPF and his family visited Expo 74 and Knott's Berry Farm. In spite of all the walking he didn't lose an ounce...We're wondering whether Box Puller WHITEY SZYMELL will bring back at least one tiny fish to show something for his three-week vacation...Assistant Superintendent JOHN McEVILLY and his wife put their faith in their young son, TIM, and let him be navigator for their trip to Vermont...A recent visitor to North Avenue was NELS HABBESTAD who looks ready as ever to take out any ten-hour run, even after several years of retirement. Another visitor was retired trainman HERBERT SUNDQUIST. He would really appreciate hearing from or seeing anyone who remembers working with him before he retired in 1960. His address is 7702C So. Pickering, Whittier, Cal. 90602. If you're out that way he says to be sure and drop by...We almost forgot that Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON spent a couple of weeks as the guest of Uncle Sam up at Camp McCoy...Retired Trainman VIGGO WINDFELD and his wife, ZORA, spent their vacation in Alaska. Viggo feels that he and his wife have been just about everywhere and this should be their last trip. His brother, AXEL, who was 85 and also a retiree, passed away in July...Our condolences are extended to Operator E. MAN-NION in the loss of his wife, and to Custodian RAY JABLECKI in the loss of his brother, AL...Supervisor BARNEY FAY's son is recovering from severe burns he suffered recently...Instructor KENNETH CZACHOWSKI and his wife, PAT, are elated over their No. 1 daughter, KIMBERLY MARIE, who weighed in at 7 pounds 4 ounces on July 23...We recently borrowed Collector JOE FLEISCHMANN from Limits Garage. He sure doesn't look much different from when I worked as his conductor on the old red streetcars...When you visit the Mart, that fellow you see wearing a tie is none other than our former relief clerk, BOB STACH...We'd

MISTAKEN IDENTITY: The pictures of the two June graduates shown here were inadvertently transposed in the August Transit News. They are correctly identified here.



CHRISTINE SHEPARD
C. Shepard
North Avenue



ROBERT DESVIGNES JR.
R. Desvignes Sr.
Forest Park

like to pass out a couple of verbal orchids to our brother summer operators, namely MARK and NATHAN LUTZ. Nathan was recently instrumental in having a pick-pocket arrested that was on his bus. Right now Nathan and his new bride are enjoying a short honeymoon. When summer is over, he hopes to become a full-time employee. His brother, MARK, gave first aid to a passenger who became ill on his bus. In giving artificial respiration when it was needed, he probably saved a man's life. We'd sure like to see more people like you fellas around, it wouldn't hurt our business a bit...See you all purty soon.

The month of July found many families vacationing. Operators JOHN WEATHER-SPOON and JOE CHRISTY had a dual purpose trip to Los Angeles, attending a fraternal convention and enjoying a few days of rest...Operator JAMES JOHNSON toured Wisconsin and visited the Dells...Operator FRANK ROBINSON visited the clay hills of Alabama...Repairman ED PLUSKA and his family took in a fishing trip in Eagle River, Wisc., and I understand they caught plenty of fish...Pensioner GEORGE SLADEK spent eight weeks in Europe visiting relatives. This was George's first trip back since the 20's...Repairman TED VLASY visited Arkansas and Canada...Repairman J. BRUEN, along with his ten grandchildren, visited Six Flags in Missouri...Repairman JACK RUZICH enjoyed a family-and-friends reunion in Genoa, Ill. ...Repairmen JOE WARD, TONY DONOFRIO and AL PARRILLO spent their vacations doing odd jobs around the house and resting up...Repairman HUGH CAHILL is back to work after a long illness...We extend our deepest sympathy to Repairmen MITCH and WALTER WARCHOL in the death of their brother, and to the family of Operator RODRIGUEZ MARTINEZ who passed away recently...A speedy recovery to Operator ROMAN KUSEK who was involved in an accident...As promised in a previous article, our man in the rackets (tennis), Operator BEN FLENNAUGH, won second place in the tennis tournament held in Columbus Park. At the time of this writing, Ben is in Washington, D.C., par-

ticipating in the American Tennis Tournament. We are all pulling for you, Ben... Our visitors during the month were Former Operator RONNIE WILLIAMS, now with the school board in Broadview, Pensioners GEORGE HANN of Arkansas, MAX FLEMMING, ARNOLD WALKER, DOMINIC CAPONIGRI, HENRY KUPCZYK, MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM and GUNNAR ERICKSON...The best to Operator ERNIE POMMERENING, who has announced his retirement effective Aug. 1...Congratulations are in order for SOL SALERNO, who recently completed repair school at the Lawndale Training Center...Pensioner WALTER STRAUBLING is hospitalized at the present time. We wish Walter a speedy get well...Our talent discovery of the month is Operator EDWARD WILLIAMS. Edward is a talented singer, plays the guitar, and has made some recordings with a local group...DARYL MARK PRUITT, the son of your co-reporter and his wife, IONE, was quite thrilled when he was the recipient of five awards from the Austin town hall summer program. Daryl cherished the best swimmer award most of all because it entitled him to become a junior lifeguard...Keep that news coming, fellas, and we shall continue to see you in print.

- Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

CARL MUIR, the grandson of Pensioner ART and RUTH MUIR, was married on July 27 to Miss PAMELA JOAN PLACHCINSKI at Queen of All Saints basilica. A reception held at the Golden Flame restaurant was attended by 300 guests... JAMES GUSTAFSON, the son of Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON, was married on June 29 to Miss JOAN COLLINS also at Queen of All Saints. The reception was held at the Como Inn with 250 guests attending. The young couple honeymooned at Cape Cod, Mass., and will live in Greenwich, Conn...Operator LEON HAYDEN and his wife, KARON, became parents of their first child when a daughter, NICOLE LATRICE, was born June 10 at Chicago Lying-In hospital weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces...JOSEPH TULLY, the son of Clerk PHIL TULLY, was graduated from Sem High school on June 13. Joe will enter college this fall...STEVEN STERN, the son of Operator LEO and Ticket Agent MILDRED STERN, was graduated with honors from Eugene Field Grade school. Steve will attend Sullivan High this fall... TONY SPEDALE, the grandson of Operator HENRY SCHRAMM, was selected to play third base in the All Star Game at the Hiawatha Park Little League. Tony was hitting a robust 665 at selection time... JAMES GUSTAFSON, the son of Sanitary Engineer STANLEY GUSTAFSON, was promoted to account executive of Playgirl magazine by the Fawcett Publishing Company of Connecticut and is in charge of Playgirl magazine accounts... SCOTT

GRAFER, the son of Operator GEORGE GRAFER, was voted "I Am an American of Hanover Park Village." Scott, who is 11, is a student of Laurel Hill Grade school and was in the "I Am an American Day" parade which was held on July 11...JOHN SPRINGER, the son of Operator EDWARD SPRINGER, was graduated from Notre Dame High school in June, and will enroll at Miami Dade Junior college in Miami, Fla., this fall. Edward, who is a major league baseball prospect, is in Florida now playing in the school's summer baseball program...Box Puller CHESTER BACHARA and his wife, EUGENIA, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary with a big party at DiLeo's restaurant attended by their friends and relatives...MICHAEL MARIANO, the son-in-law of Operator GENE BRUDNEY, was graduated from John Marshall Law school on June 22 and will be entering law practice...Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, JEAN, appeared in the Theatre on the Lake production of "Our Town" held at Gompers Park fieldhouse Aug. 6 through 10. The play was well received and the Sauers were most happy to be members of the cast...Clerk BILL CERKAN and his wife, LaVERNE, vacationed at Long Beach, Cal., where their son, FRED, his wife, MAUREEN, and their son, JOHN, live. Other points of interest visited were the cable cars and the BART system in San Francisco, Disneyland, San Diego Zoo, and a trip aboard the S.S. Queen Mary... MARGARET TULLY, the daughter of Clerk PHIL TULLY, is a member of the Park Ridge V.F.W. Post marching group, winners of the Illinois State Legion Championship held at Hansen Park in Chicago. The group also performed at the State Fair on Sunday, Aug. 11, in Springfield...Our best wishes are extended to Operator JOHN CARVER who resigned from the CTA on Aug. 10 to become a bus driver in Birmingham, Ala., where he and his family previously lived...Operator GENE BRUDNEY became a grandfather again when his daughter, MARYANN, and son-in-law, MICHAEL MARIANO, became parents of a son, MICHAEL ANGELO Jr., born June 15 at Columbus hospital weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces...Operator DALE PETERS at this writing is hospitalized at Ravenswood hospital for a hernia operation. We at North Park wish Dale a speedy and complete recovery...Pensioner BILL SEIFERT writes from Southgate, Cal., to say hello to his many Chicago friends and reports on how great the life of leisure is...Our sympathy is extended to the families of Operator CLARENCE GLOVER, WILLIAM PERO, Ticket Agent FRED ANHALT, Clerk LARRY MILLER in the passing of his brother-in-law, LOUIS STOMBERG, and Operator ADOLPH JENDRYCZKA in the loss of his mother, Mrs. MARY JENDRYCZKA...A surprise party was given in honor of Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, on their 50th wedding anniversary July 8 at Fisher's

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WILBERT J. ALLEN, 79, Lawndale,
Emp. 11-15-27, Died 7-21-74
ERNEST AMMANN, 82, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-29-13, Died 7-14-74
LORETTA C. ARROWOOD, 81, West Sec.,
Emp. 12-7-26, Died 2-22-74
CHARLES G. BACHELOR, 68, North Sec.,
Emp. 12-29-26, Died 7-23-74
JOHN J. BELL, 86, West Section,
Emp. 11-5-45, Died 7-14-74
FRANK A. BONNEY, 76, 61st Street,
Emp. 7-13-17, Died 7-29-74
LOUIS BOSICH, 84, Track,
Emp. 4-16-43, Died 5-27-74
ERNEST L. BOURBON, 66, North Park,
Emp. 9-11-42, Died 7-4-74
HARRY J. BURKE, 74, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-26-22, Died 7-5-74
MICHAEL J. BURKE, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-22-16, Died 7-25-74
THOMAS J. CURRAN, 72, Electrical,
Emp. 5-23-45, Died 7-10-74
BERNARD J. DEVENNY, 78, North Sec.,
Emp. 7-28-48, Died 6-23-74
JAMES FAILLA, 89, Halsted Yard,
Emp. 11-18-16, Died 7-7-74
WALTER F. FITZGERALD, 65, West Sec.,
Emp. 12-14-29, Died 7-18-74

FRANK E. FREY, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-14-36, Died 7-8-74
CARL M. GANZERT, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 10-2-28, Died 7-25-74
WILLIAM A. GEIMER, 84, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-16-16, Died 7-13-74
W. C. GOGGINS, 31, West Section,
Emp. 9-3-69, Died 7-6-74
SAMMIE GRAHAM, 53, Archer,
Emp. 11-17-48, Died 7-30-74
EDWARD HAUGH, 89, West Section,
Emp. 8-30-07, Died 7-20-74
CORNELIUS HEALY, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-2-26, Died 7-22-74
JOHN F. HIGGINS, 75, Transportation,
Emp. 9-21-22, Died 7-13-74
PAUL F. HILLA, 79, West Section,
Emp. 3-28-16, Died 7-10-74
JOSEPH KEANE, 94, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 9-28-17, Died 7-14-74
FRANK J. LOECHER, 81, West Section,
Emp. 4-15-46, Died 7-22-74
ROBERT H. MILLER, 60, Security,
Emp. 11-5-41, Died 8-9-74
MAE H. MURGATROYD, 77, South Section,
Emp. 5-21-47, Died 7-4-74
MARC PAYNE, 24, Wilson Maint. Term'l,
Emp. 5-18-71, Died 8-2-74

WILLIAM PERO, 57, North Park,
Emp. 11-17-60, Died 7-15-74
FRANK V. PUCEK, 78, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-13-17, Died 7-14-74
JOHN A. RAINIS, 89, South Shops,
Emp. 7-8-26, Died 7-17-74
JOHN J. SAKA, 90, South Shops,
Emp. 8-21-1899, Died 6-17-74
ROBERT SLINGERLAND, 62, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-2-43, Died 7-20-74
SAMUEL TAMBURINO, 67, West Section,
Emp. 12-19-42, Died 7-13-74
HAROLD W. THOMAS, 63, South Shops,
Emp. 6-12-42, Died 7-23-74
WILLIAM THOMPSON, 24, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-11-74, Died 7-29-74
ANTHONY D. VITO, 67, Devon,
Emp. 9-3-42, Died 6-29-74
ROSCOE H. WAKEFIELD, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-12-43, Died 7-4-74
PATRICK J. WALSH, 70, North Park,
Emp. 12-13-22, Died 7-2-74
MATHIAS C. WEBBER, 70, Claim,
Emp. 11-17-36, Died 7-21-74
LAMBERT J. WERTZLER, 79, Security,
Emp. 11-21-33, Died 7-19-74
AXEL WINDFELD, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 6-21-17, Died 7-17-74

restaurant in Ozark, Mo. The party was given by Art's former co-workers in Chicago. Attending were Pensioners RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN; ROY LEMKE and his wife, MARION; WILLARD GILL and his wife, LILLIAN; STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, and WILLIAM MEREDITH and his wife, VERNIE. Congratulations to the Muirs from their many Chicago friends on this grand occasion... Box Puller ROBERT WASHBURN retired Aug. 1 after 33 years with the Chicago Surface Lines and the CTA. Robert will be at home in Johnston City, Ill., where he will fish in Crab Orchard Lake, work in his garden, and take care of his property interests... Your Credit Union officials, JOHN O'BRIEN, DALE PETERS and JERRY BUDZISZ wish to announce a 7 per cent dividend on July 1 on all shares and savings accounts. Send or bring your passbooks in to be updated as soon as possible.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Mr. and Mrs. WALTER THOMAS flew to Denver to visit with their daughter's family and then on to Oregon to visit with his in-laws... Mr. and Mrs. BOB LaVOIE and their daughter, MICHELE, drove many miles visiting the northwestern states and the Canadian Rocky area. The highlight of the trip was a rodeo in Calgary. The Expo in Spokane also occupied a few of the LaVoie days... CLARK JOHNSON paid us a visit from Florida. Retirement sure agrees with him because he looks so very

good... JIM McBRIDE, traffic checker, had an operation and is home recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery... JOE SABOL would like to know what happened to brother GEORGE BRYAN, his pal... W. B. SCOTT has had surgery and is home recuperating. We wish him a speedy recovery... Trips to Canada were enjoyed by JOE LYNCH and his wife and daughter; also FRANK PONZIO, traffic checker, accompanied by his wife and daughter... JOE SABOL and his wife took a trip to Wisconsin to visit the State Fair at Milwaukee... JOE VIOLA and his wife drove through Eastern Canada and the New England States. While en route they also visited Philadelphia... DOROTHY ETSCHIED is home recuperating and we wish her a very speedy recovery... We welcome JOHN DORSEY, GEORGE GRIFFIN, RUSSELL DUSZAK and DAVID MITCHELL into the office as traffic clerks.

(Routes & Systems) -

CHARLES DROZDA enjoyed two weeks in Spooner, Wisc., doing a little fishing and relaxing... LAWANDA REDDING transferred from the Claim Department as transfer clerk. LINDA GRYSBECK, a newcomer, transferred from the Engineering Department as stenographer. Both proved to be good bakers as all enjoyed the homemade goodies baked for BOB VANCE on his birthday.

(Passenger Controls) -

Welcome back to former employee STEVE WOLGEMUTH, graphic designer, who after an absence of nine years has returned to

brighten this department. His brother, TOM WOLGEMUTH, is director of plant maintenance... Newcomers are JOAN HARRISON, graphic designer, who attended Southern university and was graduated from Northern university with a bachelor of fine arts degree; also RODNEY SKOCZ, graphic designer, who was graduated from Circle Campus with a bachelor of art design degree... ROBERT SCHAGEMAN spent three weeks in and around his home but managed to find time to shoot a few rounds of golf... A speedy recovery to BILL WINTERS who is home recuperating after foot surgery. Hurry back, Bill.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paczkowski

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

The welcome mat is extended to WARREN TAYLOR, civil engineer, and we're happy to have you aboard... Our deepest sympathy is extended to J. KEITHLEY, steamfitter, and his family in the death of his father in Arkansas... IRVING JOHN, record room, and his wife recently celebrated 39 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations... BARNEY MOORE, track foreman, was recently graduated from the Management Institute program. Congratulations, Barney, we knew you could do it... HARRY PAOLICCHI, ironworker, became a grandfather for the first time when little MATTHEW STEVEN GREENWOOD was born on Aug. 12. Another first time grandfather is JOSEPH WASHINGTON, carpenter foreman, who announced the birth of a granddaughter. We haven't any details as of this writing,

but the important thing is that the babies are well and everyone is happy...RICHARD LIACE, trackman, is the proud father of a baby daughter, ANNA MARIE, born on July 5 weighing 10 pounds 1 ounce. A baby boy was born to Trackman and Mrs. MICHAEL CZARNECKI. Enjoy and cherish...Good luck to Superintendent of Track A. W. MALMQUIST and Tinner JOE MATRICIANO who retired on Aug. 1. We wish them both a long and healthy pensioned life...TOM HICKS, plumber foreman, RONALD HAYES, plumber, and JOE FUCARINO, carpenter foreman, have resigned from CTA. We wish you all good luck in your new endeavors...Laborer TONY SUNZERI, Track, has taken a disability pension. Sorry to see you go, Tony, but our best wishes for a long and healthy retirement go with you. Keep in touch, we would like to hear from you...To all of you who are going on vacations, have a good time, be careful, and come back rested and raring to go...I wonder who gained 7 pounds while on a trip to Ireland?...Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of WILLIAM VOJSLAVEK, ironwork inspector, who was killed. Bill was a large man, but a gentle man. All who knew him loved him and were his friends. We will all miss "Big Bill"...Sorry about missing the news in our last issue. I hope this will make up for it. Please let me have your news items.

- Jennie Scott

SOUTH SECTION -

All us South Siders should sure be proud of our Rapid Transit Division 308 softball team. On Sunday, Aug. 18, they played Kedzie Garage and our men won 13 to 5 for the championship. Isn't that great. Congratulations to Manager JOE RAYBURN, General Manager ERVIN HARMON and Coach W. COLEMAN and all the players on their great efforts. Harmon was called on to pitch the second game with Kedzie, and boy what a beautiful job of pitching he did. Congratulations!..Supervisor JAMES FAHEY and his family vacationed in Ireland. While walking down the street in Innis, County Clare, they met former janitor PATRICK HARRISON, on retirement from the Vehicle Maintenance Department. They had a real nice visit with Pat and he says to tell everyone hello...With deep regret we have to tell you that Yard Foreman GREGORY WILLIAMS' son passed away recently. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Gregory and his family...Three of our men were beaming from ear to ear and passing out cigars when they told us about the birth of their newest offspring: Clerk JESSE FARLEY had a healthy baby girl named BELINDA LOUISE, born on July 15; then on Aug. 3, Motorman JAMES WILSON's wife presented him with his first girl, JAMILI. This makes a boy and a girl for the happy Wilson family, and then Motorman CURTIS HOLMES' wife had

a baby girl named KATRINI, born on Aug. 12. He and his wife now have two girls. Congratulations to all the proud mamas and pappas...Hello and welcome to our new employees: SHERWOOD KENERSON, KNOX REEVES, CASPER ELDER, FRANK SMITH and RONALD JOLLA...Back from the sick list and everyone is glad to see them are: Yard Foreman CHARLES FRIESEN, Conductor GEORGE MAY, Motormen ANTHONY HORN and LARRY ROSEBAR and Conductors MARVIN VAUGHN and MAURICE WILLIAMS...Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, who retired Aug. 1 after more than 32 years of service, was feted with two big sendoffs. One by his co-workers who gathered at the office on his last day at work and another at David's restaurant on July 27 where Fred



Fred and Tillie Gronemeyer

was honored for his 16 years as treasurer of the South Side 'L' Credit Union. Combining efforts to put on the party were CHARLES SPEARS, credit union president; my hubby, Chief Clerk ROLAND, and yours truly. In all, 63 attended including Fred's lovely wife, TILLIE, their two sons, and Fred's brothers and sisters. Division 308 was represented by President LEONARD BEATTY, Secretary HUGH HEGARTY and South Section Board Member WILFRED SPEARS. Credit unions were represented by MAE and MIKE CROIN from the North Side, also President HOUSTON WASHINGTON and Treasurer JOHN CAROLAN from the Metropolitan. Health and happiness is wished to Fred and Tillie, who will enjoy retirement in Venice Isles, Fla...Our sincere condolences to CLARE HIGGINS in the death of her husband, JOHN HIGGINS, who passed away on the West Coast. John retired as superintendent of Rapid Transit Operations...Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife, MARIE, really are the world travelers. This time they went to Paris where they visited the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame cathedral. Then on to the French Riviera in Nice, Monte Carlo, Rome and Venice. Man was that some trip...Congratulations to Switchmen MICHAEL TRICE and CHARLES FRIESEN on their promotion as yard foremen...Our condolences go out to West Section Board Member THORNTON CHERRY in the loss of his mother...On the sick list at this

writing is Clerk JOHN BARRY who had an operation but is now home recuperating. Hurry back to work, John...Janitor CLARENCE HALBERT and his wife, and Clerk EARL JONES drove to Beaumont, Tex., where they went fishing and attended a family reunion with Earl.

- Verna Hartney

SKOKIE SHOP -

We would like to wish the very best to JIMMY WELTON who retired on July 1. Jim worked in the motor line and was also union steward for the motor line and armature room. Good luck, Jim, and try to stay out of trouble...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of ED MAJK-SZEK who passed away in June. Ed worked in the control department and will be missed by all at Skokie...Sorry to hear that Pensioner JOE MUHALCZUH was in the hospital. Joe worked in the armature room before going on disability pension. Hope you're feeling better and congratulations on becoming a grandfather. Joe also has a granddaughter, DAYNA, 2½ years old. Let us hear from you...The Skokie softball team has been having its ups and downs lately. For the most part, the team is having a good season. At present the team is 6 and 3 average. First Baseman "Tricky" DICK WILSON is having a fine year and feels a lot of it has to do with the fine coaching he has been receiving from Third Baseman JOE JOHNSON after the games. The team plays every Tuesday, so if possible come out and see them... Skokie's second annual baseball outing to Milwaukee to see the Sox-Brewer game was another great success--42 strong. Many thanks to IVO DIPIERO and GARY OLSON for the fine job in organizing the trip...I would like to welcome BILL LITTLE, Paint Shop, back to work. Bill was off sick for quite some time and it's good to see him back...Congratulations to MARY JANE and BILL ARSENEAU on the birth of their first child, JANE MARIE, July 8. A real beauty...JACQUELYN ANN ZON, the wife of JOHN ZON, recently had minor nose surgery. Hope you're feeling better, Jacquelyn, and a happy belated birthday...Happy to report that TONY ARINI is feeling better. Get a good rest, Tony.

- Pat Harnett

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to AL THOMAS, shop utility clerk, on his recent marriage to SHEILA RENEE MOORE. The happy couple was united in holy matrimony on July 27. I am sure that all the single gals are sorry to see Al leave the ranks of bachelorhood. On the other hand we wish Sheila all the luck in the world...We are sorry to say goodbye to LITA CAUSEY who was working here at the shops before going to Skokie permanently. Good luck,

Lita...We extend a warm welcome to PAT STERLING, KAREN COOK and JOYCE COLEMAN to the South Shops. Karen and Joyce are summer help, but Pat is a full time employee. . . Congratulations to ELAINE MCGREGORY on winning \$250 in the Irish Sweepstakes, and she isn't even Irish!..Welcome to ELVA LETT, our new receptionist. . . DON TARNOWSKI just bought himself another car, a 1973 Vega. How many is that now, Don?..Congratulations to JUSTINE JANASEK on being married for 27 years Aug. 23. Her husband, STAN, works out in the shops...BILL HAWORTH, Technical Services, just returned from his two-week vacation moving from one house to another...JIM GEBIS just bought a new house in Addison. . . GAIL HATHAWAY is moving from Calumet City to Blue Island. Gail's new car received its christening--it got smashed...JERRY KILLMAN is spending his vacation up in Michigan at his wife's home town...Technical Services wishes to say farewell to ED WILSON and JIM HAYLAND who are leaving to return to school...We wish to say goodbye to PHIL LAMONT who worked as a laborer here at South Shops this summer. See you next year, Phil...Congratulations to AL SAMASKA and his wife, MARY, who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month...Happy birthday to ELAINE MCGREGORY, who celebrated her birthday on Aug. 23.

Congratulations go out to CASEY and MARY JEAN NOGA who recently exchanged wedding vows and honeymooned in Hawaii for two weeks...We would like to wish REX MCCOY, Brake Department, a speedy recovery from his recent illness. Rex is in Hines hospital...Congratulations to BILL SCHRODLE and DENNIS ROHE upon the completion of their carpenter apprenticeships...EUGENE CORKER just returned from a vacation touring some southeastern states. Upon his return he found himself with a new job in the Brake Department...CARL SWETLIK just purchased a new Super Beetle to replace his slightly abused one...JOHN TARCZUESKI and his wife, THERESA, are celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary this month. . .MAX and LORETTA KUCHAN just returned from an exciting trip to California and their 13th trip to Las Vegas. One of Max's co-workers tells me that Max has a controlling interest in one of the big casinos there...LOUIS COLOSIMO told me of the vacation trip he took through Wisconsin, upper and lower Michigan and Mackinac Island. Louis barely made it home when he found out his car's brake shoes were worn out...Good luck to TEX HERON, Utilities, upon being promoted to foreman. . .FRED PETROZZ is planning his third trip to Las Vegas this year. . .WALLY STREET's dog, Dutchess, gave birth to five puppies recently. By the time this column is read, they should be old enough to be given away, says Wally...Our deepest sympathy is extended to HARRY BAREN-

DREGT in the passing of his mother recently. Harry, formerly a mechanic in Utilities, is now working for the Signal Corps...We were all touched recently upon the death of a long time co-worker, HAROLD THOMAS. Our sympathy is extended to his family. We'll sure miss him...Congratulations to SCOTTY and SHIRLEY McCOLL on their addition to the family, HEATHER ANN. Heather arrived weighing 7 pounds 1 ounce.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

52ND STREET -

A happy vacation to all our fellow workers. ..Can you imagine a message all the way from the Bahamas requesting HILLSTROM to "hold my back-pay check for me." It really happened...GARMONY, HOOKS and PHILPOTT will be missing for a few weeks during September. . . Everyone is wondering about BETTISON's 24-minute hole. Perhaps FRANK NICHOLS can enlighten us...The Society of the Little Flower's annual dinner-theatre party will be held at Martinique/Drury Lane Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 20. Curtain time is at 3:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Combination Dinner and Show tickets are \$12.50 per person. The play will be "My Three Angels," starring Cesar Romero of movie and TV fame. Get your tickets early from our chairman, ERNEST A. HILL, or Committeemen ROBERT HOLMES or TYLER PHILPOTT. You certainly will enjoy this affair...Our credit union is still growing and through it, members may obtain family or individual life insurance at a very low premium. You may enroll by contacting the treasurer. Join the credit union and participate in its growth. It's where you belong...Operator EDWARD EVANS and his wife, BETTE, just returned from one week in Las Vegas...Operator JESSE BYRD is getting ready to leave on vacation. The only thing he knows for sure is that he's taking that 1974 St. Regis New Yorker with him somewhere.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

Operator P. MANNARELLI was very upset when he discovered that he had lost his wallet with all his credit cards and identification and a small amount of cash. He had left it on the bus when he parked it at the pumps, but when he returned it was gone and no one had seen it. Honesty is the best policy, and we should all try to look out for each other...Speaking of wallets, MICKEY YOUNG thought someone had lifted his while he was working a charter. He called his wife and found he had left it at home. He was so elated he took her to the Playboy Club in Lake Geneva. Was it to patch things up with ELEANOR, Mickey? ..Welcome back to C. S. SUMMERS who left CTA to go to Detroit for three years.

He is now back doing his usual good job as an operator at 69th...DARRELL LEWIS, the son of JOE LEWIS, was in an automobile accident and seriously injured. Joe wishes to thank everyone for their prayers as Darrell is doing fine now... Would you believe that Operator TED RAYMOND got six books of transfers from Clerk HALL. Heck, Ted has never gone through more than two books in his life... Did you know that GUS MELANDER still lives on "Swede Hill" (87th & Wallace), with his wife and three cats? ..Operator HOWARD MEANS became a grandfather on Aug. 11 and still doesn't know if it is a boy or girl. Congratulations anyway, Howard... Did you know that G. R. FERGUSON was turned down twice this year when he tried to work his vacation. That guy must really like his work...Pensioner G. J. JAROS is really enjoying his easy life, and still does his good deed by attending Camp Owassippe, a boy scout camp in Michigan, to be with his grandson. Scoutmaster MONROE and his assistant scoutmaster gave up part of their vacation to look over their troop at Camp Owassippe. It's a wonderful thing they are doing...HANK RISCH had quite a blowout on his last day of work. The entire Sauerkraut Club and State Representative John Fary made a round trip with Hank. That was the most people he had carried all week...We all miss C. J. URBICK and his invisible dog, C.J., since he took his pension on Aug. 1...J. MORNAR is now a loader working different locations on Archer avenue. Keep up the good work, fellow...I'm not positive, but PULICK has been seen asking for and taking the small sugar bags from White Castle. What gives?...Pensioner CARL ARNESON was on my bus. He has been retired for 20 years and was 84 years old on Aug. 22. Carl certainly looks good; he must be enjoying his healthy vegetarian life...We would like to take this opportunity to welcome ART TABEL as our assistant station superintendent. May you enjoy your stay at 69th...Pensioner P. H. McNAMARA was also on my bus. He retired in 1954 and is 82 years old. He said he has been happily married for 57 wonderful years. How about that?...T. (Scotty) FLANAGAN who retired in 1963 still loves to ride a bus, as we on 59th know. He is healthy and content with his easy life...We are sorry to report the death of HAROLD F. DONAHUE, the brother of Operator B. DONAHUE. Our sincere condolences to his family. . . Superintendent VIC COLEMAN took a second honeymoon and drove over 4,000 miles to New Orleans and the Florida Keys. His wife must have really enjoyed the trip as she lets him drive the big car to work now and then...D. SMITH, who only played two rounds of golf while on vacation in the South, really likes his chops when he looks at J. WHITE out on the Cog Hill golf course where he is consistently coming in with a 74 or 76. Wow, poor White and his 84...Pensioner TOM PRITCHARD was confined to Holy Cross

hospital. All of 69th wishes Tom a speedy recovery to good health...Little 10½-year old GEORGE SANDERS, the grandson of ED BERENS, rode with him one day and said he goes to a real barber...SCOTTY HIGGINS sent us a card from Cutty's Camping Resort in the heart of Laurel Highlands in Pennsylvania...Retired operator and cowhand LEONARD JOLLY wrote and said the trout were really hitting as he passes away the time in the Dakota territory...IRENE M. DURRANT, the daughter of RAY HAMMERSCHMIDT, was graduated from DePaul university with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is now working at the University of Illinois hospital...Our genial No. 4 clerk, RAY KOCMOUD, and his wife, LUCILLE, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on July 11. Helping them celebrate were his wife's mother from Arizona and their three children and their sponsor. Afterwards he really blew the works when he bought a new Valiant with the OK from the credit union.

From the Repair Department we hear that Pensioners MATT BASSO, PADDY FITZGERALD, HANK RISCH and WILLIE FAHEY are all enjoying retirement. To all the others we wish the same for many years...RAY SCHEID is enjoying his life of leisure in Salt Lake City, Utah, fishing and boating...Former clerk LARRY HELINSKI paid us a visit recently. He is now living in Florida and BARNEY BECKER and FRANK ROONEY are planning to visit him shortly...We offer our sincere sympathy to DENNIS (Midge) DOUGHERTY and his family in the loss of his baby boy, and to the family of Repairman CALVIN BENSON who recently passed away...A speedy recovery is wished to RALPH GRAGIDO who is off sick at the present time...Foreman PETER SZAFRANSKI is vacationing in Florida...WILLIE COOPER visited Florida and Detroit, Mich., while on his vacation, and TOM MOORE vacationed in Mississippi. Also on vacation at this time are: JIM CASEY, STEVE MURRAY, BERNIE McBRIDE, K. COELYN, JIMMY LEE, DENNY PIERCE, WILLIE WHALEY, LEO USPEL, GLEN BRUNSON and JOE ATKINS. Hope they all have a good time and return safely...BILL TOOMEY and his family vacationed in Wisconsin and had a nice time.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Aborn

some more work, and I hope the clerks are listening." Congratulations to the Jones family... Well it's vacation time again, and if you look real fast you might see some familiar faces rushing to the airport, train stations and bus terminals. For instance, did you see BOOKER BYERS flying to sunny California? Well he did, taking in such sights as Knott's Berry Farm, Disneyland, Universal movie studio and the Farmer's Market. He and his traveling companions also rented a car and drove to Las Vegas, Nev...On July 28 S. C. GUINN gassed up his Mercury and motored to St. Louis and then to Paducah, Ky., for a family reunion on Aug. 8. The trip didn't end there--they went on to Milwaukee, Wisc., for a little brew. Guinn sure knows how to plan a vacation...Then there's CHARLIE MYERS and his lovely wife, CLAUDIA, and his grandmother, Mrs. OZZIE McCLURE, whizzing to Pulaski, Tenn., for two weeks... The dust has cleared in Louisville, Ky., and we see one of the lucky winners at the Derby. Why, it's Operator STEVE GATEWOOD. I bet his horse is still running... HENRY L. BEATY stopped talking long enough to start driving on his vacation. He and his dad visited Detroit and St. Louis, making a special stop along the way to celebrate Henry's birthday July 26. Beaty's daughter and son-in-law couldn't join them on the trip as they were vacationing in Pittsburgh, Pa...If you happened to see Operator WILSON WASHINGTON, you were on a plane bound for New York City. Wilson is one of the sharpest dressers in the system so he won't be too hard to spot in Queens or Long Island...Without looking at the ticket window marked Kansas City, Mo., I know who is first in line. It's Operator and Mrs. G. VAUGHT going to visit her parents. I think he enjoys the trip as much, if not more, than she does...RU-DOLPH McDONALD and his family can be seen streaking south toward Mississippi. Their Oldsmobile 98 will also take the McDonald family to Florida with the greatest of ease...Vacations are really great, especially when they are spent in places like Nassau, San Juan and St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. This was the Caribbean cruise enjoyed by your reporter and his wife. To all my fellow operators who were not seen, have a happy and safe vacation...Operator FAMOUS HOOKS was hospitalized early this summer due to an unfortunate accident. We at 77th would like to wish him a speedy recovery...We're happy to see Operator FRANK HARRIS up and around again after his unfortunate incident this summer which hospitalized him. We all sympathize with him and stand with him as fellow operators...Board Member ANDREW BUTLER is recovering after a visit to the dentist. He informed this reporter that the dentist spared him no pain...Support Local 241 and our board members...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

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77TH STREET -

Long before Miss MARY WALLACE arrived at 77th Street Garage, there were rumors and speculations as to what CTA's first lady bus driver would look and talk like. Some were of the opinion that she would look like a football player and talk like a truck driver. Well, I'm glad to report that they were wrong. Miss Wallace is an attractive, intelligent and personable young lady. I met her while having lunch one day. I introduced myself while holding a ham sandwich in my hand and she promptly took a bite. She informed me that the people and the other drivers were treating her well. She then continued on her way to gather her running time for the run she was working that day. Mary was joined at 77th by three other lady drivers recently and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome them and wish them luck and many years of safe driving...Our baseball team led by Captain WILSON WATSON played well all season, but was beaten in the playoffs by the Rapid Transit team 14 to 10. We're really proud of them and wish them better luck next year...This happy news item missed my last column, so I'm including it this time. Operator and Mrs. ULYSSES JONES' daughter, REMIL FAYE, was graduated with honors from Dwight D. Eisenhower High school in Blue Island and plans to continue her studies at Chicago Circle Campus in the fall. Their other daughter, SONJA, will continue her studies at Chicago State university when she returns from a vacation in beautiful Hawaii. Ulysses said, "Old dad needs

what's news

Frequency of weekday and Saturday daytime service by CTA's O'Harexpress was again increased Sept. 9. Departures are now every 15 minutes from the Jefferson Park Terminal. The route shows a 24 per cent increase in ridership in the first six months of this year, with 377,204 persons using the service. Three-fifths of these riders are commuters to work in the airport area.

- CTA -

The Sunday Super Transferpass was continued for the rest of the year by the CTA Board. Sunday riding has increased an average of 49 per cent because of the Sunday bargain fares and the Super Transferpass. Reduction in Sunday revenues of 11 per cent is more than offset by gasoline savings and the increase in the system's service to the public. (See Page 3 for an unusual use of the Super Transferpass.)

- CTA -

A cost-of-living wage boost of 16 cents an hour was given approximately 12,000 CTA employees in the first pay period of September.

- CTA -

News releases from CTA's Public Affairs department are now being published in Spanish as a special convenience for Latin-American community media. Translations are by Mrs. Elda Leal, a CTA community news representative, and native of Mexico.

- CTA -

The unique multi-language "No Smoking" poster placed by CTA on 3,600 buses and 'L' cars has received a citation from the Chicago Lung Association (formerly Tuberculosis Institute). In modern road sign fashion, the poster shows a burning cigarette, encircled in red, with a red slash bar crossing it.

- CTA -

Recent official visitors included:

Director Stephen McConahey, Office of Transit Management, Urban Mass Transportation Administration
Planning Group, UMTA
Transportation Research Board members
Jacques Ben-Bouanah, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Paris, France
Dennis Coombs, Finance Officer; A. Silverleaf, Director of Transport Laboratory; Dr. A.J.M. Hitchcock, Traffic Officer, London (England) Transport
Benjamin P. Alcantara, Public Relations Officer, Philippine National Railways
Larry Schrieber, Community Relations, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Buffalo, N.Y.

- CTA -

People who never ride the CTA still get great value from it, Chairman Milton Pikarsky said in addressing an international transportation conference in Pittsburgh. He cited savings in local taxes that would otherwise be required to build and maintain roads, the better economic life of the community because people can get back and forth to work, the easier flow of goods and materials, and the lower level of air pollution.

CTA PENSIONERS: To receive a 1975 Identification Card a new picture must be taken by CTA. See the schedule of times and locations being mailed with Oct. 1 pension checks.

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