

Travel Business Booms

CTA Agents Handle 3,064 Trips Per Day

By Anit Leppiks

THE CTA has a human lost and found department.

It's called the Travel Information Center and it helps an average 3,064 people a day find their way on public transit.

Or even on foot.

One Monday, I watched 19 travel agents handle 1,249 telephone calls in five hours.

The calls were from persons wanting to know how to get to new jobs. Callers asked directions to the museums. Housewives wanted to know how to travel to the various shopping centers.

To Jobs And Games

Many of the calls were for different work locations in the Loop and suburbs.

"Job applicants answering Sunday want ads," explained Mrs. Elsie Smith, senior travel agent.

"Saturday mornings usually bring calls from football fans at this time of year," she continued. "During the summer, the all-night staff was kept busy directing fans to Wrigley Field even at three and four in the morning so they can get good seats for the game."

Fast Talk Necessary

I listened to the agents closely because some handled a call a minute--spieling off directions from a well exercised knowledge of the city's transit routes.

Travel Agent Fred Jones is an example.

In five minutes beginning at 0912 hours, he told one woman caller how to go from the Howard Street Terminal to the Golf Mill Shopping Center, Niles; another how to use public transit from Skokie to Elston and Cicero avenues; a man how to travel from 63rd street and California avenue to Brookfield Zoo, and told a woman

caller where to board the Ravenswood train to get to Traffic Court.

Jones also suggested to another caller, an out-of-towner, to walk the 2½ blocks to the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust Company, rather than take a bus.

"This way she'll call us when she needs us again," he said.

Clever, these agents.

Get Lost, But Don't

Travel Agent Mrs. Irene Pastinsky gave a Detroit man a somewhat detailed series of directions to the Hawthorne Race Course, Cicero, upon which the man complimented her for her helpfulness, adding it would be nice to meet her.

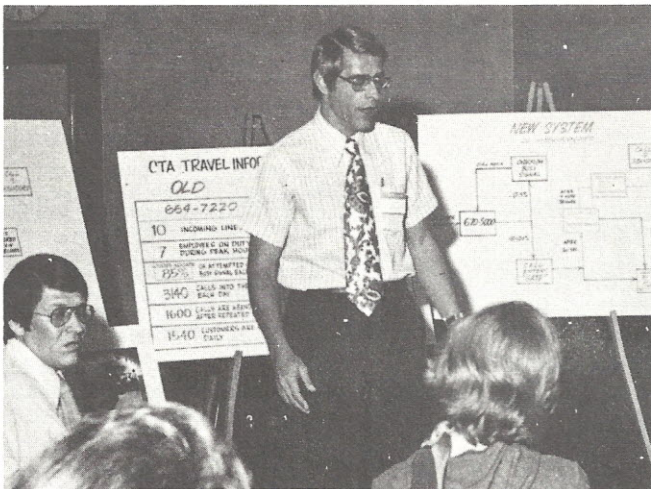
Mrs. Herman turned aside the invitation with: "We just don't want you to get lost. Call us anytime you're in the city, and anyone of the agents will be glad to answer your questions."

He got the message.

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A travel agent in action: Irene Pastinsky.





Areawide Get-Around Greased

For first time, travel information for greater Chicago is being co-ordinated. Representatives of 17 other public transportation systems in six northeastern Illinois counties and two northwestern Indiana counties came to the Mart in early October to correlate their data with CTA's Travel Information Center. Here Center Superintendent Jack Kaberna describes our travel agent system.

Travel Business (Continued)

I learned that a travel agent has to be patient, too.

With a caller on the line slowly repeating direction after direction, then asking to hear the directions again, it might be tempting to rush through the conversation. But patiently the directions were repeated,

So how do these agents keep their "cool"?

Courtesy Brings Them Back

Oldtime travel agents -- those who have been working since the 1960's -- said it takes a sense of humor and the ability to concentrate on the needs of each caller.

"A positive attitude makes people want to call back again," said Bill Slankard, who has been an agent for ten years.

"We have a blind piano tuner who travels all over the city on the CTA and has been calling us ever since I started.

"He can sense from the sound of our voices that we know what we're talking about," said Slankard.

Have the callers changed over the years?

Mrs. Smith said they have become nicer since the installation of the new telephone equipment.

"They don't have to wait so long. They used to ask, 'Where have you been? I've been trying to get through for three days.' And they meant it too," she said.

One of the most interesting things I noticed is that people don't mind traveling a long time.

Mrs. Smith reported detailing a route one Sunday to a Highland Park caller. He wanted to get to Mun-

delein on public transportation, insisting on going first to Howard Street.

"We spent a half-hour on the phone with that man, telling him to take the Howard 'L' to Berwyn avenue and transfer to a Foster avenue bus going west to the Jefferson Park Terminal.

"Then we said he could take the No. 85A Lehigh-Touhy bus to Caldwell and Central and walk to the Edgebrook station of The Milwaukee Road. The commuter train would take him to Libertyville. Of course, from there he'd have to find his own transportation."

Must Know Policy

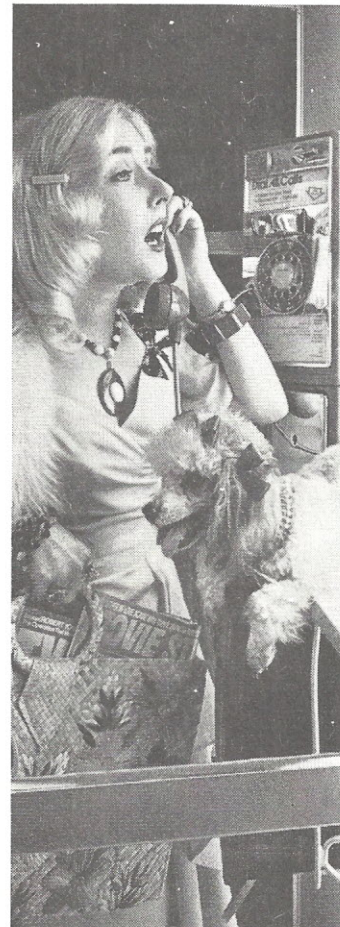
While the agents have to suit the transportation to the personality as well as direction of travel, they are also expected to know CTA policy.

Eli Freedman, senior agent, was asked if the supertransfer was still in effect. Originally scheduled to end in June, it has been continued indefinitely.

However, with all of these variables, the travel agents can usually answer a city call in two minutes. Suburban calls, which require additional detailed information, run eight minutes.

Day or night, city or suburban callers -- makes no difference to the CTA's Travel Information Center. It never sleeps.

Newspaper ads like this stimulate travel calls.

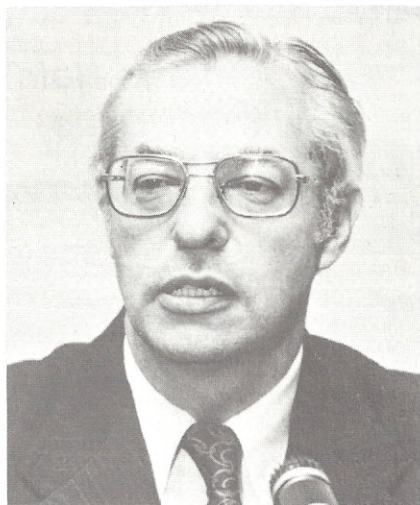


"Look, I'm on Broadway now, but where I really want to be is Hollywood. Can you help me?"

For schedule, route, and fare information

**Call your
CTA Travel Agent.
670-5000**

Chairman Highlights Our Key Role In Energy, Anti-Inflation Battles



Pikarsky: "...expansion of public transportation...an absolute necessity.

YOU WORK in an industry that is vital to the conservation of energy and the eventual relief of the discomforting gasoline and oil shortages, of which last winter's were a mere sample.

This same situation underlines the expanding and bright future of your industry. Public transit commands the interest and expanded support of the government as well as of the public.

This is the particular CTA employee significance of a presentation made by Chairman Milton Pikarsky before a Chicago hearing conducted by the Federal Energy Administration in mid-September at the Conrad Hilton hotel.

The hearing was part of "Project Independence" to plan the nation's energy independence in the 1980s. A blueprint developed from the hearings and other studies is to be delivered to President Ford on November 1.

"If we are to be effective in solving our energy problems," Chairman Pikarsky told the hearing, "an expansion of public transportation facilities in our metropolitan areas is an absolute necessity."

It was pointed out that, in pro-

viding 150 million vehicle miles of service last year, CTA used 32 million gallons of diesel fuel and 300 million kilowatt hours of electricity. But, to provide the same 600 million passenger trips without a transit service would have consumed 10 to 30 times as much fuel, CTA's presentation stated.

If all of the CTA riders were displaced by automobiles, the statement continues, the extra gasoline demand would be 200 million gallons per year.

The American Automobile Association estimates the current operating cost of a compact car as 17.9 cents per mile. If a North Shore worker drives 13 miles to his place of business in the Loop in his compact automobile, it costs him at least \$4.64 per day plus about \$3 for parking -- compared with \$1.20 for a round trip on the Evanston Express.

Pikarsky told the hearing that greater federal aid is needed not only for CTA but to expand public transportation in suburban areas. He praised the creation of the Regional Transportation Authority to "fill the void of public trans-



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portation throughout the six Illinois counties of the Chicago metropolitan area."

"There is an immediate need for at least doubling suburban bus operations," he said. "These routes would operate within the suburbs, provide much needed feeder service during rush periods to commuter railroad stations, and, equally as important, link the many growing suburban centers together."

We must also plan for the creation, in the long run, of "new



"(RTA) will fill the void of public transportation throughout...the Chicago metropolitan area."

circumferential rapid transit routes," the chairman continued.

"Swinging around in arc-type patterns, these new circumferential rail rapid transit routes would provide for the fast and dependable mass movement of people between suburban centers in the same manner suburbanites have long enjoyed in coming to and going from downtown Chicago on the suburban railroads."

(Editors Note: Examples would be Skokie-to-Oakbrook, Oakbrook-to-Flossmoor)

The points made by Chairman Pikarsky are worth putting in your memory bank for discussions with neighbors and friends in regard to solving the energy crisis and cutting the cost of living.

The more ridership on CTA increases, the better we will be doing on these national problems.



Trains going by overhead are just "part of the job" to Kilroy and Reader as they check to see which angles need to be replaced.

Come, Read The Story of Flange Man Frank

*His Angle Is Holding
Down Our Rails*

**A CTA Profile
by Anit Leppiks**

FRANK READER
...digging matches from his
pocket now.



LIFE ISN'T what it used to be for Frank Reader. It's too easy now, as a foreman.

Reader, built like a fullback and craggy as a mountain, is a man who's played the angles all his life--flange angles that is--the 45 foot long L-shaped steel arms that hold the 40 miles of 'L' tracks safe and secure.

He's a foreman of the CTA's "flange angle gang"--a team of ironworkers who spend six days a week making the 'L' system one of the safest in the nation.

"Back 10 years ago, I felt like a steelworker on the job--blazing oil forges, white-hot rivets--and noise like you couldn't believe.

"Today, we're more like engineers--everything so systematized the days just flow into one another.

"Not that that's bad.

"When I first started at the CTA 34 years ago, we did four pair of angles every two weeks; now it's six pair every week. We just finished a two year project replacing 600 pair of angles on the Douglas Park Line."

Reader admits the old time workers "were a little rougher then." But with current hazards of fire and "it's easy to mash your fingers", Reader says he's never seen an accident on his crew. Not that it would make any difference.

"These men are not like baseball players--who get hurt and take six months off. They get hurt and go back to work. They're fast, agile, and strong. They have to lift their own weight."

He might add they don't scare easily, either. Reader remembers being shot at while working 43rd Street late one night.

"A bunch of kids with bee-bee guns took aim at us from nearby windows," he recalled.

The veteran riveter knows every angle of putting up the flanges.

"Sometimes I'll jump ahead of the orders if I think we can get something done faster by skipping rather than working in a straight line. While we don't work nights anymore, we do work Sundays because we can single track the trains."

Snow and cold don't matter much to Reader, who is as much at home in 90 degree weather as when it is nine below zero.

"We just toss some extra sand on the scaffolding to prevent slips," he said wryly.

In addition to his love for the excitement in his job Reader is a man who likes to feel like he's contributing.

"If we blow a job, people can get hurt. So we don't make mistakes."

This same conscientiousness is evident in Reader's private life. The father of a 16-year-old daughter and 20-year-old son, he's won the Holy Cross High school civic service award for his participation in the Fathers Club.

"I was also chief cook for a couple church socials. My daughter, Kelly, is always getting me involved in something."

Reader, the flange angle frontman, also possesses a certain finesse for cooking; Bavarian beef is his favorite.

He also likes to fish, something he plans to do a lot of when he retires to his Rhinelander, Wis., home three years from now.

Reader doesn't swing blazing rivets to his face to light his cigars anymore. Is there anything left for the ironman to do for kicks?

"Yeah--go on What's My Line. Nobody's gonna guess my angle."



Reader instructs Ironworkers Bernard Keller (center) and Sean Brady in the hookup of a flange angle before it is raised to the scaffold.



Reader and Keller guide the hoisting of a flange angle to the scaffold.



Reader evaluates the day's work with Ironworker Inspectors James Breslin (left) and "Jim" Kilroy.

Test Run

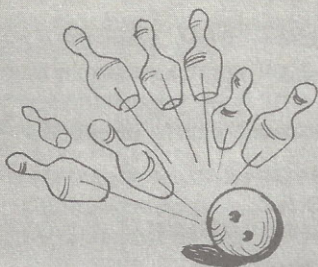
HOW MUCH do you know about your CTA? Test yourself -- then look up the answers on Page 14. The process will keep you better informed, help you to increase public appreciation and ridership.

1. You're at Howard Street. A woman comes up and asks you how to get to Ravenswood hospital. How does she?
2. In CTA terms, the "Green Hornet" was -- (a) a radio show we sponsored (b) a street-car we ran (c) a souped-up bus that we entered in a national road competition.
3. Fill in the blanks. One CTA motor bus occupies the street space of ____ passenger autos and can serve a maximum of ____ times the number of people.
4. In 1973, including minor accidents, there were 6.6 accidents per (a) 10,000 (b) 50,000 (c) 100,000 CTA miles operated. This () was () was not a new safety record.
5. Of the CTA Transportation Department's 8,400 employees, about (a) 50% (b) 95% (c) 35% are actually involved in operating the equipment.

Three-Part Forward Look

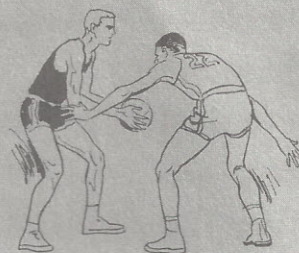


STATE SENATOR Howard Carroll, left; Alderman Michael Bilandic, center, and CTA General Administration Manager John L. Aurand delivered presentations at the recent Midyear Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Transportation Research Board, held at the Bismarck hotel. Alderman Bilandic covered the growth and future plans for transportation in the City of Chicago. Senator Carroll elaborated upon the creation of the Regional Transportation Authority and its impact upon the entire region. Mr. Aurand discussed the impact of the transit independent (seldom rides the bus or 'L') in the metropolitan area.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Friday Night Bowlers Are In A Close Race

THE FRIDAY night 77th Street Operators Bowling League is developing a close race for the championship this year.

Many of the teams that had the upper hand are finding stiff competition from the weaker teams of last season. The latter have gained strength with improved bowlers.

George's Arco men, who seemed to dominate the league for the past two years, have lost their touch and are now in a tie for fourth place. No more are they the fearsome quintet of old.

President Calvin Pollard is looking for interested bowlers to bolster one of our teams that has lost three of its men. Unless new members are found, the team will be forced to drop from the league. So here's a chance for other good bowlers to get into the fun and competition of our Friday night league. Calvin is the man to see.

POSING FOR this happy picture before their smiles turned to scowls when they faced each other on the lanes are, left to right: D. Owen, E. Cooke, J. Jumper, W. Walton, E. Johnson, E. Coleman, V. Lovelady and W. Walcott. Kneeling is F. Gafney.



Attention: Outdoorsmen

THIS SECTION of your magazine is for all segments of sports.

We know there are many avid hunters and fishermen in our organization, and we would appreciate hearing of your hunting and fishing trips. We'd like to carry a few pictures, too. So send your photos for review. We will return all photos sent to us.

We prefer pictures be black and white, but will accept clear color photos. Send hunting and fishing news and pictures to your sports editor, Mel Alexander, Room 742, General Office.

Mart Team Showing Improvement

THE MART bowling team, under the guidance of Tim O'Rourke, acting captain, is holding its own in the City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering League.

With a 9 and 11 record, things are looking better as each member strives to improve as the weeks go by.

For the last two seasons, the Mart team has ended in the cellar. This year they are determined that they will make a better showing and win the championship.

77TH STREET OPERATORS LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Pin Busters	13	5	.721
Archer Bandits	13	5	.721
Spartans	12	6	.667
George's Arco	11	7	.610
Golden Arms	11	7	.610
Late Comers	11	7	.610
Poppers	10	8	.555
Baggers	10	8	.555
Centurions	9	9	.500
Clippers	8	10	.444
Boozers	8	10	.444
Thunderballs	8	10	.444
Road Runners	6	12	.333
Misfits	6	12	.333
Tranquilizers	5	13	.277
Toppers	3	15	.167



TRANSIT NEWS Sports Editor Mel Alexander is pictured here interviewing the three Kedzie Garage operators, Roger Steele, Peter Zaccariello and Anthony Dominick, as to the opinions of passengers whom they carry to sports events in Chicago.

CTA Fanfare . . .

What Bus Drivers Hear

By Mel Alexander

EXACTLY LIKE the majority of Chicago's sports fans, CTA bus drivers who haul spectators to various athletic contests are very much involved in the doings of the Bears, Hawks, the White Sox, the Cubs, the Fire and the individual stars.

CTA Transit News sports section decided to find out what our bus drivers themselves and their passengers thought about Chicago's representatives in the field of athletics. And while the results were not surprising, the multiple reaction of the CTA drivers and their patrons is interesting to say the least.

Three of the bus drivers interviewed are out of the Kedzie Garage.

They are Roger Steele, Peter Zaccariello and Anthony Dominick.

The three of them report that the major disappointment of the fans they carry to games is the lack of improvement by the Bears, and that Dick Butkus is sorely missed.

They say that Doug Buffone is doing a great job, and that Bobby Douglass should be reinstated as quarterback.

After the game between the Jets and Bears, the fans were griping that the Bears lost the ball too many times. Last year the Bear receivers claimed that the passes thrown by Douglass were too hard, but they still can't hold them when Huff throws them.

When asked if the opinions of the younger fans differ from those of the older ones, they all agree there is no generation gap in their feelings toward the teams. The drivers say there are more unescorted female fans attending the games this year than last year--an indication that women are taking a greater interest in spectator sports.

The CTA drivers also reveal that Ernie Banks of the Cubs would get the most votes in individual popularity although his playing days are over.

The Bears are the most popular of the Chicago sports teams with the bus passengers and the Blackhawks rank second in overall popularity. This is no secret to fans who try to get tickets for either Bear or Hawk games. The CTA buses are loaded with people when going to Soldier Field or the Stadium.

Now as for the CTA drivers themselves--Dominick is a football buff because he played the game himself in his younger days; Zaccariello has been a faithful Cub fan for many years; and Steele says he can "take it or leave it" as far as modern day sports are concerned because "athletics are not what they used to be."

The CTA drivers and their riders have one thing in common when it comes to fan sentiment: "We all want a winner in Chicago."

CTA Basketball Season To Start In December

THE CTA basketball league met on Monday, Oct. 7, to kick off the 1974-75 season.

Sixteen teams will go after the league championship which will play its regular scheduled games at the Washington Park fieldhouse, each Monday and Friday evening beginning Dec. 9.

Teams participating in the tournament this year are: Kedzie, 77th Street, General Office, 69th Street, 52nd Street, North Avenue, North Park, Forest Glen, Archer, Limits, West Section, North Section, South Section, Beverly, Clerks and Supervision.

This year the winner of the tournament will be entered in the NCAA AAU regional tournament with the opportunity to go to Denver, Col., to play for the national championship.



ATTENDING THE meeting held in the CTA Board Room for the kickoff of the 1974-75 basketball season were, left to right, standing: J. Eckel, T. Andrews, R. Wright, C. Coleman, A. Martin, M. Holmes, Human Relations, C. Patton, W. Simmons, D. Chodorski, W. Brown and M. Cook, Human Relations. Seated are, left to right: M. Alexander, H. Reed, A. Bray, Sports Director, J. Robinson, J. Williams and H. Bankston.

Mural On Wheels Salutes Mexican-American Market

By Elda Leal, CTA News Representative for Spanish-American Community

CTA'S MEXICAN Heritage Bus is brightening the scene along the No. 60 Blue Island route.

It is the first bus of its kind in the history of the Chicago Transit Authority, a grateful tribute to an important segment of CTA's passenger market.

The idea for the bus came from the CTA's Community Relations Department which enlisted the talents of noted Mexican-American muralist, Ray Patlan, to honor Mexico's own "Fourth of July."

Patlan's talent created a true Mexican image. The painting on the front of the bus is the colorful Mexican flag. On one side he featured Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla (Father of the Mexican Independence) and the skyline of the small town of Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, where the independence movement came to fruition. Faces on the other side of the bus are heroes of the Mexican revolution.

With assistance from members of Casa Aztlan, a Mexican-American community group, Patlan completed his "mural on wheels" which was officially dedicated Sept. 12 at 1601 South Halsted street.

Taking part in the dedication were Milton Pikarsky, CTA Chairman, Hector Aguilar, Vice-Consul of the Mexican Consulate in Chicago, and leaders of the Mexican-American community.

Rafael San Juan, CTA Community Relations Coordinator, acted as master of ceremonies for the festive dedication. Music from a Mariachi band serenaded the group at the event.



TOKENS OF bilingual goodwill: Elda Leal, writer of this article, encourages ridership of CTA's new Mexican Heritage bus.

EL AUTOBUS Cultural Mexicano hace más atractivo el escenario a través de su recorrido por la ruta No. 60-Blue Island.

Este es el primer autobus de ese tipo en la historia de la Autoridad de Tránsito de Chicago, dedicado como un tributo de gratitud a un importante segmento de pasajeros que utilizan la CTA.

El Autobus Cultural fué idea del Departamento de Relaciones con la Comunidad de la CTA, el cual contrató al notable muralista Mexico-Americano Ray Patlan, para honrar a través de su arte, el Aniversario de la Independencia de Mexico.

Con la asistencia de miembros de Casa Aztlan, un grupo de la Comunidad Mexico-Americana, Patlan creó su "Mural Ambulante" el cual fué oficialmente dedicado en una ceremonia efectuada el 12 de Septiembre en el 1601 South Halsted.

El talento de Patlan implantó una verdadera imagen Mexicanista, mostrando la bandera de Mexico al frente del autobus. En uno de los lados el artista dibujó a Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla (Padre de la Independencia de Mexico) junto a una réplica simulando al pequeño pueblo de Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, donde la Declaración de Independencia tuvo lugar. Las caras dibujadas en el otro lado del autobus corresponden a heroes de la Revolución Mexicana.

Durante la ceremonia de dedicación se encontraban presentes Milton Pikarsky, Director General de la CTA, Héctor Aguilar, Vice-Consul del Consulado de México en Chicago, así como líderes de la Comunidad México-Americana.

Rafael San Juan, Coordinador del Departamento de Relaciones con la Comunidad de la CTA, actuó como maestro de ceremonias durante esta festiva conmemoración. Un grupo de Mariachis estuvieron amenizando durante todo el evento.

Pikarsky dió una gran sorpresa al dirigirse al público en Español. Entre otras cosas, felicitó a la Comunidad Mexico-Americana por la aportación que han hecho, contribuyendo al enriquecimiento cultural de Chicago.

En seguida Pikarsky y Aguilar quebraron una piñata de carton, la cual contenía boletos de transbordo válidos por ese día así como dulces, trayendo con ésto alegría para los niños ahí presentes.

Quebrar una piñata es una costumbre tradicional de México para celebrar ocasiones felices, particularmente la Navidad.

El autobus Cultural Mexicano posteriormente participó en el desfile celebrando la Independencia de México el cual se llevó a cabo el 14 de Septiembre por la Calle State.



PAINTER PATLAN'S canvas is the side of a CTA bus, left. The mural honors Mexican Independence. At right, an international "opening" smile: the pinada has just been broken by Mexican-American youth Ventura Ruiz, shown here with Chairman Pikarsky and Vice-Consul Hector Aguilar.

Pikarsky surprised his audience by speaking to them in Spanish. He praised the Mexican-American community for enriching Chicago's cultural growth.

Pikarsky and Aguilar then broke open a cardboard pinata containing valid transfers and candies, much to the delight of the children in the audience.

The breaking open of a pinata is a traditional Mexican way of celebrating a happy occasion, particularly at Christmas.

The CTA Mexican Heritage Bus later appeared in the Mexican Independence Day Parade down State street on Sept. 14.

On Sept. 16, the official observance day of Mexican Independence, Mrs. Elda Leal of CTA's Public Affairs Department handed out free CTA tokens aboard the bus to help celebrate the anniversary. This also was the first day of regular operation on the No. 60 Blue Island route which goes through the two Mexican-American communities of Little Village and Pilsen.

Many of the riders that day expressed their appreciation. In addition, many leaders of the Spanish speaking community have thanked the CTA for the bilingual character of CTA's new Travel Information Center. Spanish speaking "travel agents" provide travel information on public transit anywhere in the Chicago metropolitan area. The phone number is 670-5000.

During a recent interview with an editor with a leading Spanish language newspaper, Pikarsky explained his concern for minority groups in this way:

"I can understand their problems and needs because I also come from a different background. I know that when persons retain their national identities with dignity, are given equal opportunities for employment, and help develop their own cultures, the whole of society benefits."

El 16 de Septiembre, día oficial de conmemoración de la Independencia de México, la Sra. Elda Leal del Departamento de Relaciones Públicas de la CTA, distribuyó fichas o tokens gratuitamente a todas las personas abordando el autobus, tambien como parte de las celebraciones de las Fiestas Patrias. Esa fecha fué tambien el primer día de operaciones regulares del Autobus Cultural en la ruta No. 60-Blue Island que atravieza las comunidades México-Americanas de Little Village y Pilsen.

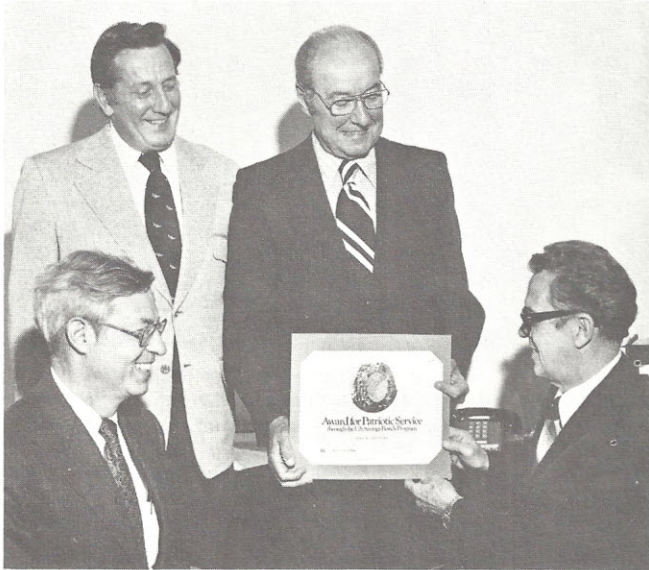
Muchos de los pasajeros expresaron ese día su agradecimiento por la cortesía de la CTA. Así mismo se han estado recibiendo numerosas expresiones de agradecimiento por miembros de la Comunidad de habla Hispana por el nuevo servicio bilingüe del Centro de Información de Viajes. "Agentes de Viaje" proveen información en Español al público, acerca de la transportación pública en Chicago. El número telefónico a llamar es 670-5000.

Durante una reciente entrevista con un editor en uno de los principales periódicos en Español, Pikarsky explicó su preocupación por los grupos minoritarios de la siguiente manera:

"Yo puedo comprender sus problemas y necesidades porque yo tambien provengo de un ancestro diferente. Yo sé que cuando las personas retienen su identidad dignamente, se les dan iguales oportunidades de empleo y se les ayuda a desarrollarse culturalmente, la sociedad en general se beneficia."

THIS FEATURE is carried in Spanish and English to demonstrate the bilingual character of the event's news handling by the Public Affairs Department. Elda Leal, who wrote both versions is a native of Monterrey, Mexico. She is president of Cuauhtemoc Fraternity, an organization of Mexican-Americans engaged in improving community relations.

CTA's Bond Booster Gets Service Award



UNCLE SAM appreciates you! That's the meaning of this scene in proud Chairman Milton Pikarsky's office as CTA's John Burgeson, right, receives the Award for Patriotic Service of the U.S. Treasury Department for his many years of promoting the savings bond program here. The citation is being presented to John by Richard D. Phalen, Illinois state director for the Savings Bond Division of the Treasury, while Service Representative Clarence C. Piela, who handles liaison with the CTA, looks on. Burgeson, former CTA public information supervisor who is now serving in the Travel Bureau as a marketing specialist, worked on government bond drives for much of his long career at CTA, but first undertook supervision of the effort in April, 1969. At the completion of that year's campaign, the total bi-weekly payroll deduction for savings bonds was \$81,329, an average of \$13.96 per employee. At the end of the 1974 campaign, total deductions per paycheck were \$109,686 throughout CTA, or \$19.59 per employee. The Treasury officials told the Chairman that, out of 12,263 CTA employees, 5,600 are now purchasing savings bonds on a payroll deduction basis. The above picture is also appearing in Savings Bond Salute which is mailed regularly to thousands of volunteers and opinion leaders across the country.

Bus driver leaves route to save a life

(Reprinted, Courtesy of
the CHICAGO TRIBUNE)

A CTA BUS pulled up to the emergency room ramp at Columbus Hospital, 2530 N. Lakeview Av., at 12:30 last Saturday afternoon. The driver, Vernon Barney, 33, ran into the emergency room.

Barney was driving his Route 153 bus north on Stockton Drive, about four blocks from the hospital, when a woman passenger slumped over one of the front seats.

Barney pulled the bus to the side of the road. He discovered that the woman, Rose Farr, 77, of Miami, who was visiting her son here, was gasping for breath. Barney told another woman passenger to do what she could for Mrs. Farr.

Then he took off for the hospital, racing past persons waiting at bus stops, abandoning his route thru Lincoln Park.

When an emergency room team carried Mrs. Farr into the hospital she had no pulse, no heart beat, and was not breathing.

A team of 10 doctors and nurses whipped into action to try to restore Mrs. Farr's heart beat. They succeeded. "There's no doubt in my mind that if that driver had not acted exactly as he did, driven exactly that course, this woman would not be alive today," said Dr. Jerome Gross.

Did Barney get disciplined for leaving his route? No, the kicker on this story is good. "I hope all our employees have the same sense of duty," commended Milton Pikarsky, the CTA boss.

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Spirit Of '76 Vehicles Make Debut

THE CTA's first Spirit of '76 rapid transit train made its debut Oct. 10 on the Loop shuttle, then went into service on the Lake-Dan Ryan. Named the Ben Franklin, the train is the first of a series of CTA vehicles to be decorated in preparation for the nation's Bicentennial celebration.

Motorman for initial runs of the Ben Franklin was John Smylie and the conductor was James Ballard.

The Ben Franklin has red, white and blue striping on a charcoal gray background. The design, which will be the pattern for the other trains and buses, was developed under the direction of George Krambles, manager of the CTA's General Operations Division.

Dr. Clarence L. Ver Steeg, professor of history at Northwestern university and noted historian of the U.S. colonial period, is serving as a special consultant to the CTA for naming the Spirit of '76 rapid transit trains and buses.

The creation of the Ben Franklin was carried out in the Skokie Shop with a high level of esprit de corps. Pablo Caride, who came to Chicago from Puerto Rico 20 years ago, was foreman for a painting crew of five. The painters were William Little, Mitchell Faczak, John Broda, Edward Collins, and Michael O'Shaughnessey.

Overseeing the project were Joseph Bolech, superintendent of rail vehicle maintenance; Robert Winther, supervisor of rail vehicle shops, and Paul Venticinque, general foreman.

The first Spirit of '76 bus, which made its debut in the Columbus Day parade, was named for Filippo Mazzei. Mazzei came to Virginia from his native Italy in 1773 and settled on a farm adjoining Thomas Jefferson's Monticello. Active as a writer, he was an ardent supporter of political freedom from the colonies and was once imprisoned by the British on Long Island. The bus has gone into regular service on the Sedgwick No. 37 route.



The Mazzei bus was decorated at the South Shops, under the direction of Superintendents J. A. Rosendhal and R. M. Schneider. Winmon Lewis supervised the painting. The painters also included Kenneth Pott, Lloyd Brown, Lee Wilkins, and Thomas Tadevic.

Assisting Krambles with the design concept was Robert Aldworth, supervisor of graphic design of the Operations Planning Department. Also taking part in developing the Spirit of '76 pattern was Art Tonner, supervisor of Photography, whose camera work appears frequently in Transit News.

What Employees Want To Know

Q. How much money does CTA contribute to my pension plan? Does that part of my pension draw interest, too? How long do I have to work here to get what the company puts in?

A. CTA contributes 13 per cent of your regular pay to your pension plan. You contribute 7 per cent which is deducted from your pay. All funds are invested to produce earnings. For years in the plan before the end of 1970, your interest is computed at the rate earned by the total fund up to a maximum limit of 2 per cent per year. For years in the plan after January 1, 1971, your interest is computed at one-half the rate of interest earned by the Fund, but not greater than 3 per cent per year for years after 1970. If you stay with CTA until retirement, you receive full payment. If you work with CTA for one year or more, but do not retire here, you receive your contribution to the Fund, plus interest, but not the company's contribution.

Q. My wife works for a manufacturing company in Chicago and I am covered as a dependent under her major medical plan. I am also insured under CTA's plan. If I need hospitalization and surgery, which plan pays the bill? Or do I collect from both?

A. Since you are the person having the operation, CTA's plan will pay up to the limit for that type of surgery and hospitalization. If required hospitalization ran beyond this limit, your wife's plan would take over. As do all employers in the Chicago area, indeed nationally, CTA coordinates benefits with plans of other employers so that no family will draw duplicate payments for the same hospitalization and medical care.

Q. What's this mailing about benefits?

A. As a new personal service to you and your family in planning and budgeting, a Personal Statement of Benefits, 1974 was recently mailed to your home address.

This job-oriented information service of Transit News will be built on some of the questions being asked of CTA departments.

In convenient, confidential form, this Benefits Report tells you, in dollars and cents, your hospital-surgical, major medical, insurance, retirement, and social security benefits based on your individual situation, your length of service with CTA, and your job income as of July 1, 1974.

If the statement, which is convenient for filing, is well received by our employees, it will be updated for you each year.

Your opinions, and questions, should be directed to your supervisor.

Two Key Promotions Made



Stevens

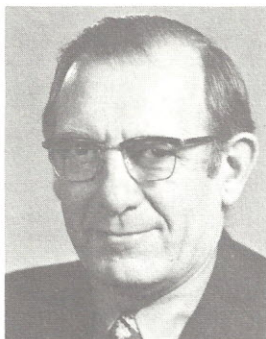


King

TWO EXECUTIVE promotions have been announced by Chairman Pikarsky.

Joseph J. Stevens, 39, has been named manager (equivalent to vice president) of labor relations. Stevens joined CTA in 1969 as an attorney with the law department. Previously, he was assistant attorney general of the State of Illinois. He is a 1964 law graduate of DePaul university where he also did his undergraduate work. Stevens and his wife, Margaret, live in Rogers Park.

Frederick G. King, 41, has been appointed manager of human relations. King has been with CTA since 1954, when he was working his way through Chicago Technical college. He began as a bus driver and became an electrical engineer in 1957. He later worked on capital improvement programs and formulated the equal employment opportunity provisions for the CTA contracts. King and his wife, Barbara, live in the Chatham-Avalon community and are the parents of four children.



Transit News *Family Fare*

A Visit With Dr. Mosny, CTA Medical Manager

SNEEZING! HACKING! Running nose. Watering eyes. Feeling lousy. Aching muscles. Feverish. Yes, that's it, you've got it — the common cold.

This is an acute disease of the upper respiratory system such as the nose, throat and upper chest. The cause is one of many, many viruses, possibly as many as a hundred. Each one is capable of causing these symptoms in varying degrees. When a person develops immunity against one type of virus, he is not protected against another cold virus, or even the same virus, later on.

Aaah- Choo

Viruses have the capacity to change their immunological characteristics in a matter of weeks. For this reason, it is difficult for the body to build immunity against the common cold.

This is the season for the first wave of colds — the second comes in mid-winter around February and the final one in early spring. The average person has several colds a year.

Contrary to popular notions, cold weather does not cause a cold. It is a combination of chilling the body and fatigue, or low resistance, that makes a person more susceptible to the virus which is responsible for causing a cold. Of course, the individual must also be exposed to the virus which is transmitted by direct contact with an infected person, such as through sneezing or soiled articles.

For the average adult, the cold is a minor ailment. It is more annoying and miserable than anything else. To infants and the elderly, it may be a more serious problem.

The cold is a costly disease, causing billions of dollars in terms of lost wages, lowered productivity and medical expenses. Vast amounts of time and money have gone into research for a cure, but to no avail.

Recently, a new drug has been reported by research workers at the University of Illinois which looks very promising. This is still experimental, but it has prevented colds in subjects infected with the cold virus. The drug is given in the form of nose drops and stimulates the production of interferon, which is a chemical and is the body's defense against viral infections.

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Your Social Security--

Q. Is Social Security automatic or do I have to check on it after I have retired? How long should I wait before starting to worry if my checks are not coming?

A. Your Social Security belongs to you, but you still have to apply to receive it. Don't wait at all. You ought to apply at least three months before you reach your 65th birthday. It will take Uncle Sam several weeks to process your papers. You also have to apply for Medicare at the same time and you don't want to risk missing a month or so of coverage.

Q. Okay, so where do I apply?

A. Look in the phone book for the Social Security office that is nearest your home. You will have to prove your age so take along your birth or baptismal certificate. Also, take your latest wage and tax statement from CTA. That's the one that's known as Form W-2 and CTA gives one to you each January for income tax purposes.

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Wrong Victim

One winter's day, Art, a teenager, was amusing himself by hurling snowballs at passing cars. One snowball missed its target and struck a pedestrian across the street, injuring his eye. Could Art be held liable for assault and battery?

In a court hearing, his lawyer said no.

"Art had no wrongful purpose toward this man," went the lawyer's argument. "Hitting him was purely accidental."



However, the court ordered Art to pay damages. The court invoked the doctrine of "transferred intent," by which an original wrongful intent—in this case, the desire to hit the passing car—was transferred to the accidental consequences.

This widely recognized doctrine is based on the law's reluctance to let a wrongdoer get off scot-free. It has even been applied in a case of mistaken identity. Thus:

A man sneaked up behind another man, thinking he was an old antagonist, and bashed him on the head. Actually, the victim happened to be a total stranger.

But that didn't help the first man when he was haled into court afterward to face a damage claim. Applying the doctrine of transferred intent, the court had no trouble finding him liable.

On the other hand, the doctrine will not apply if there was no wrongful purpose in the first place.

Suppose, for instance, that a woman who is being chased by a mugger throws a rock in his direction. And suppose the rock misses the mugger and hits an innocent bystander.

Under these circumstances, the woman could not be held responsible for injury to the bystander, because she had acted in legitimate self defense. With no wrongful intent to begin with, there would be nothing that could be transferred into legal liability.

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

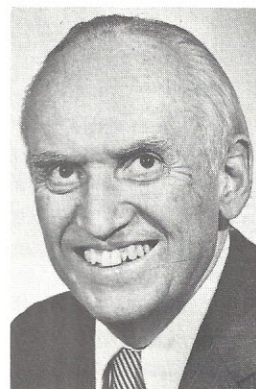
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CTAers Honored For Voluntary Efforts

JAMES PATE, secretary-treasurer of Division 241 (right), and Mrs. Betty Edwards, community news representative, Public Affairs Department (left), were recently honored by the Joint Negro Appeal for their voluntary efforts in the organization's current fund-raising drive. Congratulating the CTA duo are Mr. Henry W. McGee, president of the Joint Negro Appeal and past Chicago postmaster, and Mrs. McGee, member of the JNA's women's auxiliary. The JNA yearly raises funds to provide wholesome recreation and supplemental educational activities to 19 social welfare agencies in the inner-city. The JNA will climax its fund-raising benefit on Sunday, Dec. 15, with a dinner in the grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton hotel.

Smith Heads Publications Unit



J. H. SMITH has joined CTA as Director of Publications in the Public Affairs Department. Among his supervisory responsibilities are Transit News and a new quarterly magazine which CTA plans to publish for circulation to national and community leaders.

Smith was previously associated with a Chicago-based public relations agency which handled the RTA Citizens Committee for Better Transportation account during the recent referendum. He lives in Evanston where he formerly served as Director of Public Relations and Publications for Northwestern university.

A journalism graduate of the University of Minnesota, Smith worked as a newspaperman in the Midwest, spent 12 years in the nation's capital with U.S. News and World Report, and another dozen years in New York City as an executive of a public relations counseling firm. He is a past national president of the Public Relations Society of America.

Under the name of Jack Smith, he writes a bi-weekly nationally syndicated newspaper column for present and prospective senior citizens called Time Of Your Life.

Answers To Quiz On Page 5

1. The woman should take an A or B train (not the Evanston Express) to Belmont, go up over the bridge to the northbound tracks (no transfer necessary), take a Ravenswood train to Damen, walk one block south, and one block east.
2. (b) The "Green Hornet" was a streetcar with good speed potential, put in service in

1946 and later rebuilt for 570 of CTA's present rapid transit cars.

3. A CTA bus occupies the space of 2 passenger autos and can serve 40 times the number of people.
4. (c) 6.6 accidents -- most of them minor -- in 100,000 miles of operation. This was a new record.
5. (b) 8,000 of the Transportation Department's employees are operating employees.

Aaah-Choo (Continued)

Vitamin C has been used, with some success, in treating colds. It appears to shorten the course and diminish the severity of an attack.

What can you do to prevent a cold? Get proper rest and sleep, maintain a balanced diet, and exercise appropriate to your age and physical condition. Avoid chilling and regulate humidity in your home. Be careful about exposure to people who have colds. Don't use cups, glasses or towels used by someone with a cold.

Actual treatment of colds has not changed. Bed rest is still the best treatment. This helps to build

up resistance, lessens the severity of the attack, limits spreading to others and reduces complications.

The diet should be adequate and well-balanced. Drink extra fluids, especially fruit juices. Cut out smoking if you are a smoker. Use aspirin as needed. Be careful about blowing your nose. Do not blow too hard. Smother coughs and sneezes. Dispose of all tissue after use by placing them in a paper bag so that others are not contaminated.

Be sure to call your doctor if —

1. Fever lasts more than three days or goes above 101 degrees.
2. Chills, chest pain, earache, or bloody sputum develop.
3. Symptoms do not clear up in ten days.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Datacenter) -

We extend a warm welcome to TOMOKO SMART and LAURA PELZ who comprise the P.M. shift in the Key Punch Section... Good luck to ANNIE DeFRISCO who transferred from the Key Punch Section to another department...Former CTAer BARBARA Den HAMER visited us with her two darling daughters...MIKE, DEBBIE and DONNA BOLDT were delighted to welcome a new baby brother, JEFFREY, who made his appearance on Labor Day. Jeffrey, who is 21 inches long and 10 pounds, calls GAIL and TOM BOLDT Mom and Dad. Congratulations!.. On Friday, Sept. 6, Datacenter personnel held a dinner party at the Millionaire's club on Michigan Avenue. About 30 people attended for cocktails, and about 25 stayed for dinner. The party was a success.

- Evelyn Lee

FOREST GLEN -

Collector LARRY COSTLEY finally became a grandfather and got just what he wanted—a grandson. Well maybe Larry will finally buy a new cigar to replace the one he's been chewing...Clerk MOSELEY is looking very well. It's all due to his bride, BERNADETTE. I understand she's quite a cook...RICK CAMPBELL, the son of Operator ARNOLD and KAY CAMPBELL, was married Aug. 3 to CHRISTINE GIANOS of Chicago. The reception was held at the Drake hotel. Young Rick is a senior at Marquette university in Milwaukee, Wisc., and has been named captain of the 1974-75 basketball team. On Aug. 30 Kay and Arnold celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to all...Operator TOM WIXTED provided the picture of his three youngsters.



Jennie Ann, Kevin and Tom Wixted Jr.

Grandma works for the CTA too; she's MARY WIXTED, a ticket agent on the 'L' and an Inside News reporter from the Loop...LORRAINE JORGENSEN and MEL

LINK Jr. were married on Sept. 7 at Trinity Lutheran church in Rolling Meadows. A reception for relatives and friends was held in the church fellowship hall. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii. Lorraine is the granddaughter of Retired Forest Glen Operator ED KRUSER, and Mel is the son of Assistant Superintendent MEL LINK Sr...Ran into Retired Operator STEVE DRINKA from Forest Glen. The old boy is looking fine and enjoying his retirement very much. He says hello to all...Operator MIKE KOMPANOWSKI and his lovely wife, JOSEPHINE, celebrated 39 wonderful years of wedded bliss on Oct. 5. Their son, MICHAEL PAUL, will be getting married Nov. 16...Fellows: If you find time please take a look at CHRIST PANTOS' lunch bucket. Looks as if he's carrying a mail box with him. Of course he needs lunch like a hole in the head...The best to one of our new supervisors--none other than NICK MILLER...If any of you run into JOHN MAHNKE who is loading at Jefferson Park, you can now start calling him Bert. Take notice of what he has under his nose since vacation. Shaving must have been a problem for him...Congratulations to Operator JOHN MEYERS and his wife, BARBARA, on the birth of their second boy, DANIEL...MERK is planning on retiring after the first of the year. He'll have his church work to keep him busy...In case you haven't met him, our fine young bus assigner in the A.M. is none other than DAVID KNOERR. He sure can take all the jokes yours truly pulls on him daily...JOE GRZELAK is ever so proud of his grandchildren. He's a grandfather for the second time now...The best to all our new drivers. Hope to hear from them soon...Be sure and make use of your credit union. It's a fine place to save that little extra on payday.

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

KEDZIE -

Now that vacation time is over for most of the men, let me hear about your trips. I'm looking for news...Operator HARVEY BEY and his wife, NAOMI, are vacationing in California. They are going to Los Angeles and San Francisco, with a stop at Las Vegas on the way home...Congratulations to Operator PETER MAISO who took his pension Sept. 1. He started his transit career as a conductor at Armitage Depot in 1943. Pete was once your reporter. We worked together many years. The best to you, Pete...Instructor JOSEPH IACONO and his wife, LILA, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and

we hope you have many more...Instructor EARL BURKETT's wife, HELEN, is home recovering from surgery. We wish you a speedy recovery...To all of the operators in the sick book, we hope you all get well and back on the job soon...To everyone having birthdays this month: happy birthday. And those celebrating wedding anniversaries: we wish you many, many more...Don't forget your credit union—save a little each payday to help another person in need.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings fellows. Well it's that time of the year when we begin to slow down and become extra careful. The change in the weather came early this year, or maybe it's me hating to see all the pretty ladies bundling up so soon...Speaking of bundling up, I was talking to some of our lovely lady drivers here who said there will be a big rush for "bully woolies" this year. You better check that out...A speedy recovery is wished to JOE CLAY who is off sick with a sore back...I have some wonderful vacation news from those who dropped me notes of their travels, and to those who didn't--eat your hearts out. Foreman HOSEA JOHNSON and his lovely wife, MARY, visited Montreal and St. Paul, Minn...Foreman ANDREW JONES and his lovely wife, ROXIE, visited Michigan City, Ind...MARY SULLIVAN, the last of our lady bus cleaners, picked beautiful Acapulco, as well as Taxco, Mexico, for her vacation...For PAUL ANDERSON and his wife, FRANCES, and their daughter, REBECCA, it was a picturesque vacation too. They visited Glacier National Park, Mt. Rushmore, and Custer State Park in South Dakota, the site of Custer's last stand...JOHN RUDY and his wife, MARY, toured New York and Pennsylvania on their vacation. They all had such wonderful vacations, I'm ashamed to tell you where I went. Shame, shame...Just a reminder to

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Douglas, Emp. 8-13-48
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Transportation, Emp. 3-19-40
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let you know that our credit union is a good place to save. They are always there when you need help...If you have any news, let me know so I can put it in our column. ..So long for now.

- Charles Turner

LOOP -

Dear friends and co-workers: I'm opening the column this time with a request for news. Your co-reporter, MARY WIXTED, may be contacted at Irving Park on the Kennedy, Ext. 2513, Monday through Friday, 3 to 11 p.m. All news contributions will be greatly appreciated. Thank you... My vacation in Newport Beach, San Francisco and Las Vegas was just what the doctor ordered after my three-week illness. Sorry to say I didn't break any banks in Vegas, but I did have a great time without too much damage to the budget. MONICA LAMPKE and her niece enjoyed their trip to Vegas even though they didn't strike it rich either. Monica says everyone should spend a few days in Vegas before retiring. I agree!..We do have some winners at CTA. Congratulations are in order for DOROTHY PARKER who won \$100 in the Illinois lottery. Generous soul that she is, Dot shared her winnings with Mom and Dad. That's our gal. Dorothy is on vacation as this is being written. Among other things, we heard she planned a visit to Six Flags. We will try to get more details when she returns...LINDA TAPINS says her vacation in Florida was super. The highlight of the trip was her visit to Disney World. She says she had more fun than her young daughter, CINDY, and we are inclined to believe it...MARY VIDAS is checking off the days on the calendar again. She has one more week of vacation coming and she can hardly wait...The cute new hairdo on JUANITA EDEN is certainly becoming. The amazing thing about it is that Juanita cut and styled it herself. Clever girl. Juanita's dog, Tasha, gave birth to triplets.

..MYRTLE APITZ does not intend to hassle in the Christmas rush this year, she is halfway through with her shopping already...She may be gone from CTA, but Pensioner GRACE MOUNTS refuses to be forgotten. She has been back already to visit agents on the Kennedy line. Your reporter got a ride home in Grace's new Chrysler Newport. Grace looks fine and is keeping busy around the house and in her garden...Speaking of new cars, BILL PFEIFFER is proudly showing off his new copper colored LTD which he has christened "the copper kettle"...FAY CAPRIO vacationed in Hawaii again this year. It's her ninth trip and she still loves the beauty and relaxation that she enjoys in the islands...MARY RITTER has moved into her new home in Burbank, Ill. We wish her and her family the very best of luck in their new abode...On Sept. 8 a gala Irish festival was held on the south parking lot of Talman Savings. Featured were Irish food, dancing and craft exhibits. People came from far and wide to view the gorgeous Irish linen, lace, Waterford crystal, woven baskets and Belleek china. MILDRED and DANDOYLE, GERALD DALTON and Mr. KANE, formerly of South Shops, were there. They had a great time partaking of all the home-made Irish goodies and they even joined in with the Irish singers and dancers in their colorful plaid kilts. T'was a great day for the Irish... The DOYLES made a visit to a cousin in Midway, Ark., who retired two years ago. They had a wonderful reunion talking about the good old days. He stood up for the DoYLES when they were married 35 years ago in November. While down there Mildred and Dan traveled (on a ferry with their camper) to Oxford, Ark., where they checked out retirement homes. While there they met RUDOLPH RIEP and his wife, HELEN. Rudy retired from CTA in January and worked from Archer Depot. It's a small world...That's all for now, remember to send in some news items.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixed

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

This isn't much of a month for news, it must be at an ebb...With return to school for all the youngsters, congratulations go out to all those parents who had to undergo all that anxiety and hard work in getting the children packed off to school...Speaking of children, Mr. HARTY, Stores, has returned from his vacation at the seashore in Delaware where he enjoyed the wonderful closeness of his precious grandchildren. He said the country was just as beautiful as one can imagine...The big welcome mat is put out for MARY RACZON, Purchasing, who has returned from her long trip in Europe. Also, a hello goes to GRACE WINFREY, Stores, who has joined our staff here...Congratulations and good-bye to SOPHIE REYNOLDS, Stores, who has transferred to Labor Relations...ANN GARRITY, Purchasing, had a wonderful time going down Florida way to Miami Beach and Key West, also up to Wisconsin and New York. Now, that's a lot of traveling. There was time for fun, though, she reports...A big hello down there in Florida to all those retirees who are visited by our vacationers to the sunshine state...CHUCK SCIMECA, fork lift operator at Skokie, reports his vacation was a good one, but not long enough. He went to Nebraska and the Wisconsin Dells...ALEX FRITZLER, stock clerk I, Skokie, just bought a new dog. He bought a cocker spaniel to go along with his new home... TONY GORZKIEWICZ, Skokie, recently celebrated his 31st anniversary with CTA. Tony said his wife had a good trip to Reno visiting her folks, while he stayed behind to take care of the house. His wife, JEAN, used to work for the CTA 23 years ago and is remembered by her maiden name, HASKALL... Our deepest sympathy goes to GENE FREGETTO, specifications engineer, Specifications, whose father passed away...Sorry to see GERRY LEVINE leave us. She transferred from Stores to Claims...HELEN TOTH spent a weekend up in Michigan and had a wonderful time becoming a new friend to a lovely little girl up there...Vacation time is just about over for most of us. It looks like the travelog will become rather thin. But those of you who still have those vacations, let us all hear about them.

- Priscilla Kamradt

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!..It's been a good many years since Mrs. FLORENCE BLAA worked up here in the front office. Now once again North Avenue has gone coded. At this writing we have three young ladies in training to be bus operators. We extend a hearty welcome to all of you and hope you'll supply this column with bits of news from time to time...We stand corrected: MARGE CHAMBERLAIN's birthday is in October, not August. (Almost got suspended for that one!) EVELYN BRO-

GAN and I will also be celebrating our birthdays this month. We hope that AL (Elkhorn) ROHDE didn't forget that this month is sort of special to him too...The reason some of you fellas are in the dog-house is because you probably forgot Sweetest Day...Assistant Superintendent JIM BROGAN and Relief Custodian J. McGARVEY both acquired brand new automobiles. We'll let you guess which one received a parking ticket three hours after he got the car...District Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANDT just can't wait to get home to bed so that he can get up the next day and rush right back to work...Last month the new addition to our office, MENASHA DALLAL, celebrated his birthday while Instructor CHARLEY WEYER and his better half observed their 35th wedding anniversary...Janitor BILL OLIVER is mighty proud of his nine-year old son who rounded up help in a hurry when his mother was attacked on the street recently. . . Collector ELMER BRISKEY's daughter made him a grandpa for the seventh time last month. Now the girls outnumber the boys by one...We tried to get pension papers to BOB STACH while he, his wife and daughter, DOROTHY, were over in Hawaii. Didn't quite make it in time so he's back working at the Mart... Pensioner LARS PEARSON spent some time visiting BILL MIEDEMA recently. Bill also did a bit of hunting down around Havana, Ill., while the temperature was in the upper 80's. He did bring enough vegetables back to Operator ED SZAREK for him to open his own stand...Operator R. HARRIS spent part of his vacation riding those sharp-looking subway trains up in Toronto...Sure saw an awful lot of our old friends when they were in to have their pictures taken for their new riding cards. ..There are three people who are real happy to be out of the hospital: Clerk A. PANICO, Supervisor SAL PERCE, and my own better half, VIRGINIA...Our sincere sympathy to Clerk ED WITEK in the loss of his brother-in-law...While JOHN McEVILLY and FRANK PASCHE spent their vacations painting their houses, RUSS GUNDERSON and his Mrs. were doing a bit of wine tasting. Will somebody tell me just what JACK HESTER did with his vacations? . . Retired Operator EDWARD ROWLAND and his wife, NORA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 15 by renewing their vows at St. Ferdinand's church.

Monsignor JOHN S. QUINN and their son, Reverend EDWARD ROWLAND, officiated at the mass and ceremony. A surprise party followed at the Cardinal house attended by 150 relatives and friends. Their daughters, PEG CONNOLLY and MARY KAY QUINLAN,



Nora and Ed Rowland

formerly of Claim Department, arranged the party. Among those attending were nephews of Ed and Nora, JERRY McMANAMON, Employee Relations, and his brother, Lt. VINCE McMANAMON along with his wife from Florida...Our sincere condolences to Retired Bus Cleaner NELLO LUCCHES in the recent loss of his wife at the age of 75. Also to the family of Retired Instructor CLARENCE LEMKE... See you all purty soon.

With Operators WARDELL (Road King) JENNINGS and GREENLEE POTTS returning after four weeks of vacation, Pulaski road and Grand avenue, respectively, should be running right up to par...Operator JULIUS TEDESCHI and his wife, ANN, are really enjoying themselves as they entertain Julius' brother and sister-in-law, MIKE and GERALDINE TEDESCHI, who are visiting from San Leandro, Cal... Pensioner EDDIE DOWLING is now out of the hospital and back to his normal routine. ..Pensioner R. C. BROOKS, now living in Mississippi, dropped in on us for a brief visit...Our moments of commiseration are for Operators WALLACE WHITE in the death of his uncle and STERLING BOLTON in the death of his brother, GEORGE... Instead of our talent discovery this month, we give you a long overdue brief feature of Operator RAYMOND ZIELINSKI with a wave of nostalgia. Ray has been in the business for over 31 years, starting as a conductor back in the days of the streetcar. Ray is shown with his motorman, FRANK MACHOWSKI (now retired), at Pulaski & Bryn Mawr. Ray's lingering love for "big red" prompted him to volunteer his services, free of charge, to run streetcars at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Ill., every weekend...The added look of neatness of our operators could only be because of our new lady operators, and we take this occasion to welcome ALICE DRAKE, IRIS TORRES and PEARLENA THOMAS. Hang in there, gals... Keep the news coming and you will see yourself in print.

- Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Routes & Systems) -

JILL LINNE spent one week in a cabin on the river in Grayling, Mich., with her husband, RED, joined by family and friends. Trips were made to Mackinac Island, St. Ignace and Traverse City. The rest of the time was spent fishing and canoeing, getting stuck on sand bars, turning around and floating down the river backwards. Jill is a great fisherwoman; the biggest catch she

made was a four inch sunfish...BARBARA REED recently returned from spending a few days in Carmel, Cal., playing tennis and soaking up the sun...Congratulations to FRANK O'DOWD and his wife, ROSEMARY, on the birth of their first child. Beautiful COLLEEN MARIE was born in St. Frances hospital on Sept. 19. How do you like those 2 o'clock feedings, Frank? .."Where's Howard!" "Howard who?" "Why HOWARD BENN of course." He has returned to R&S after five months in Development Planning.

(Schedules) -

ED JOYCE and his wife vacationed in Hawaii...BILL STANLEY along with his wife and baby drove to Biloxi, Miss., and then on to Houston, Texas. Unfortunately, upon his return he was admitted to the hospital for surgery, but is now convalescing at home...FRANK CORBETT and his wife drove down to New Orleans to visit some friends. . . JOHN DORSEY, traffic clerk, was married on Aug. 24. Congratulations and many happy years are wished you and your bride...ED REILLY and his wife drove their son back to Western university and then went on to Rochelle for a mini vacation there and in Wisconsin. ..JOE BILLIS and his wife also selected Rochelle as their vacation spot...GEORGE HANUS drove with his wife to Springfield and Peoria, then to St. Louis, Mo., Lake of the Ozarks and other points in Arkansas... DAVE JACOBS and his brother and their wives drove through Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa.

(Passenger Controls) -

We welcome BILL WINTERS back after six weeks of recuperating. Bill also cel-



Frank Machowski & Ray Zielinski

Service anniversaries in October

30 years

J. S. Kurgan, South Shops
W. D. Lewis, Marketing
E. L. Stamborski, Forest Park Term.
H. J. Toth, Materials Management
T. D. Yacovacci, Forest Glen

25 years

A. R. Deering, South Shops
J. J. Johnston, Plant Maintenance
G. M. Keating, Plant Maintenance
D. Kovalenko, North Section
M. H. Nowaczyk, Law & Claims
S. J. Sarna, South Shops

celebrated his birthday while at home...JOHN HOFFSTAD spent a week motoring around Lake Michigan visiting points of interest along the way. One place he enjoyed was the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, Wisc...BOB ALDWORTH and his wife, LORRAINE, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary by spending a week-end at the Executive House.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paczkowski

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

Always smiling and fun to talk to, that's JACK O'RIELLY. We were very happy to see him looking so good. Stay that way, Jack. He said that Mr. MILLONAS bought his lunch but nobody will believe him (sorry, Mr. Millonas)...Congratulations to SAM AIELLO from all of us. On Aug. 27 Sam became a citizen. Couldn't happen to a nicer man...A very proud second-time grandpa is GEORGE MILLONAS. His daughter, SUE, presented him with a grandson, BRIAN RICHARD, on Aug. 31. Babies are beautiful...CHESTER MAJEROWICZ, plumber foreman, and his wife, ROSE, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17. May you have many, many more happy years together...A happy birthday to JEAN REDD. She doesn't look a day over 39(?). I hope it was a nice one, Jean...Our deepest sympathies are extended to JOSEPH MARSZALEK and his family in the death of his brother, and to H. SEMON, carpenter, and his family in the death of his mother.

- Jennie Scott

SOUTH SECTION -

Our employees really enjoyed their summer vacations and now fall has arrived. Summer sure did go fast...Motorman JOE GRIFFIN and his wife traveled to Clearwater, Fla., one of my favorite spots, and were sold on Florida. They also went to Jackson, Miss., and through South Carolina...Supervisor TOM and JEAN KILL had a wonderful vacation in California seeing the sights...Also visiting California and Disneyland were Superintendent of Agents JAMES WALSH and his wife, JO. They always wanted to see California and finally made it this year...Agent RUTH LOVELL spent her vacation visiting her daughter in Colorado Springs, Colo. Ruth is also sold on Colorado...Congratulations to Clerk ROBERT E. LEE who is working as a relief superintendent. Congratulations also to Clerks WILLIE GOLDBOLD and ROBERT JACKSON, Motormen JAMES FARMER, HENRY THORNE, JAMES FICHTER, ROBERT REDD, JAMES WILSON, LAWRENCE ROSEBAR, WILSON HART, SIDNEY EDWARDS and JAMES WILLIAMS, and Towerman ROBERT BLACK who are now in the supervisors pool...Back from the sick list are Yard Foreman CHARLES FRIESEN, Motorman

EDDIE WILLIAMS and Clerk JOHN BARRY...Been receiving the nicest letters from Retired Motorman PAUL DUCAR and his wife. They were staying in Dallas, Tex., with their daughter and her family, and then went to New Mexico but didn't care to live there. They finally ended up in Lompoc, Calif., which is about 55 miles north of Santa Barbara, where they decided to settle down in an apartment. They really like California, and traveled throughout the state before settling down. They said they feel ten years younger. While traveling around, they stopped in Little Rock, Ark., and visited with Retired North Section Conductor GEORGE VANDERHAEGEN who says "hello" to all his friends on the "L"...Congratulations to Conductor WILL INTOE who is working as a clerk in the clerk pool...Supervisor JAMES QUINN took his pension on Sept. 1 and the district office had a little get-together for him. Much happiness and a long life are wished James and his family...Agent HELEN LaFAIRE resigned recently and we all were really sorry to see her go. She was a good agent. She went to the Ozarks to help run a little store and gas station until her hubby, Switchman RAY LaFAIRE, can take his pension and join her there...Clerk WILLIE GOLDBOLD and his children took a nice summer trip to see Disney World in Florida and had a nice time...Retired

Conductor PHARAOH (Mother-in-law) CAIN just returned from a nice visit with Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife in New Orleans. They did a lot of fishing on Lake Pontchartrain...Best wishes are sent to Motorman DAVID CURRIN who recently transferred to the Marketing Department as information clerk...Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT really did some traveling this summer. He went to Bismark, N.D., Billings, Mont., and then to see Expo '74 in Spokane, Wash. Upon his return home his son's wife gave birth to a little girl and made Leonard a grandpa for the ninth time...At this writing, Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN is on the sick list after undergoing surgery at Holy Cross hospital. Here's hoping Neil will be out of the hospital soon and come back to work...Also on the sick list at this writing are Conductors ROBERT NANCE and RUSSELL WILLIAMS, and Motorman LOUIS GALIMORE. Hope everybody can return to work real soon.

We just received our first two women conductors on the South Section, working out of 95th Street and they love their work. They are MARILYN JACKSON and SAUNDRA WATKINS. Go get 'em, gals! They will also train as motormen. Also "hello" to newly hired Conductors RONALD JOL-

LA, GEORGE SHAW and RONALD WARE...Two of our pensioners passed away recently, Motormen HENRY HEISTERMAN and FRANK BONNEY. Our sincere condolences to their families...Congratulations to Conductor HORACE GRAYSON who transferred to a job with the Maintenance Department recently. Also good wishes to Motorman HARVEY McCLINTON who was appointed to the graduate trainee program recently...Welcome back to Motorman FREEMAN PICKET who took the post as supervisor and then decided to return as a motorman. We are all glad to see you back...Our South Siders keep getting passenger commendations. Isn't that super. Conductor JOSEPH MARTIN received a commendation for being alert when he handled a situation involving a sick man; Yard Foreman JAMIE MORRIS received a passenger commendation for finding a lost briefcase on the train; Conductor JERRY CLAY was commended for turning in a woman's lost change purse, and Conductor JOHN NEELAND was commended for his excellent station announcements...Received a letter from Retired Motorman LOUIS GRYGIEL whose wife passed away recently. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Louis in his loss. He also moved to 512 Holly Drive, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and says if anyone is down that way to be sure and visit him. He was in the hospital for an operation in Palm Beach, but is home now and feeling fine...How's this for good news? Conductor HENRY LESLEY and his wife, MARIE, went to Rockford Sept. 19 to attend the drawing for the weekly bonanza in the Illinois State Lottery. With the matching numbers they had they knew they would win at least \$1,000. But what a surprise it was when they were called as one of the \$10,000 winners! With two growing kids, the Lesleys have decided not to spend their windfall but have put it away in savings. By the way, Mrs. Lesley bought the ticket at a Roseland supermarket.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

Our condolences are extended to JOHN CACCIATO, Material Control, in the untimely death of his brother, FRANK...We would like to welcome LINDA KELLEHER to the South Shops. Linda is working for JIM DUDLEY and with Methods and Standards...AL THOMAS was on vacation for a week. Al has been married for only two months and already he is taking honey-do's. (I guess the honeymoon is over, eh Al?)...MARTHA JUGIN was on vacation for a couple of weeks doing work around the house...FRAN LOUWARD will be leaving for her vacation to Los Angeles, Lake Tahoe, Carson City and Reno. Have a nice trip, Fran...Welcome to MAUREEN HOULIHAN who transferred from the Payroll Department. Their loss is our gain...We wish PAT STERLING a speedy re-



Moses Giles & Pharaoh Cain

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

EMIL A. ANDERSON, 74, West Section, Emp. 1-5-25, Died 9-6-74
 PARNELL ANDERSON, 50, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-16-67, Died 8-25-74
 CHARLES ANDREWS, 77, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-13-29, Died 8-22-74
 WILLIAM BOYLE, 83, Devon, Emp. 6-6-14, Died 8-13-74
 BENJAMIN BURGETT, 91, North Section, Emp. 5-12-06, Died 8-20-74
 ROBERT CAREY, 75, Lake Street, Emp. 7-25-28, Died 8-1-74
 THOMAS A. COGLIANESE, 62, West Sec., Emp. 1-16-43, Died 8-3-74
 RALPH W. DUFRESNE, 68, Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-8-50, Died 8-1-74
 JOHN FEISTERMAN, 56, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-11-42, Died 8-23-74
 JOSEPH FRITZ, 62, West Section, Emp. 12-7-45, Died 8-13-74
 WILLIAM GILL, 82, West Section, Emp. 11-5-35, Died 8-28-74
 CHARLES A. GRANZ, 81, Kedzie, Emp. 4-25-16, Died 8-2-74
 ANTON HADAC, 60, Lawndale, Emp. 7-17-41, Died 8-13-74
 OTTO HENNING, 83, Electrical, Emp. 10-21-19, Died 8-22-74
 GEORGE J. JAROS, 62, 69th Street, Emp. 3-30-42, Died 9-2-74
 ANNE KANISAUSKAS, 60, South Shops, Emp. 7-5-57, Died 8-27-74
 PATRICK J. KENNEDY, 92, 69th Street, Emp. 2-3-11, Died 8-20-74
 MICHAEL J. KERSNICK, 74, Building, Emp. 6-28-22, Died 8-17-74
 MARTIN B. KIELTY, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 5-6-24, Died 8-13-74

CHARLES F. LANGE, 86, West Section, Emp. 2-1-11, Died 8-12-74
 THOMAS E. MALLOY, 67, North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-42, Died 8-31-74
 RODRIGO MARTINEZ, 38, North Avenue, Emp. 12-13-71, Died 8-8-74
 PATRICK F. McCARTAN, 75, 77th Street, Emp. 1-15-24, Died 8-6-74
 RALPH NEAL, 55, Archer, Emp. 1-8-53, Died 9-23-74
 MARY A. NOONAN, 79, South Section, Emp. 7-22-39, Died 8-9-74
 EDWARD A. NOWICKI, 56, Campaign Area, Emp. 9-5-47, Died 8-26-74
 WESLEY F. OGLESBY, 62, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-30-62, Died 8-28-74
 ANTON PETRICH, 78, Way & Struct's, Emp. 4-4-21, Died 8-20-74
 THOMAS F. RADICKE, 69, North Avenue, Emp. 3-26-34, Died 8-6-74
 JOSEPH RATH, 77, West Shops, Emp. 8-5-25, Died 8-14-74
 JOHN M. ROBACK, 79, Keeler, Emp. 10-17-30, Died 8-6-74
 HARRY R. ROSENDAL, 78, Treasury, Emp. 1-8-42, Died 8-25-74
 CATHERINE C. ROTUNDO, 80, So. Sec., Emp. 7-15-43, Died 8-22-74
 JOSEPH SARATA, 58, Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-3-46, Died 9-17-74
 ADRIAN SCHAPENDONK, 87, 77th Street, Emp. 7-12-18, Died 8-17-74
 ANTHONY SYLVESTER, 65, Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-31-45, Died 7-6-74
 GEORGE J. TOMAN, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-14-20, Died 8-21-74

just returned from two weeks in Florida which included their second visit to Disney World. Max was there at the height of the love bug mating season. Anybody wanting to know what a love bug is see Max...Congratulations and good luck to PAUL SUNDBLAD who just made journeyman...On a recent fishing trip, TOM VUJNOVICH and his son, TOM, landed a 16 pound chinook salmon and an eight pound steelhead...ANNA KANISAUSKAS, Print Shop, passed away recently after a long illness. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and worked with her. Our condolences to her family and friends...JAKE and DOROTHY WEBER recently vacationed in Hawaii. Jake shot over 1,500 feet of movie film and took 230 snapshots of the beautiful sights out there...VICKY JARECKAS also vacationed in Hawaii this past summer. Her 15-day stay included a visit to all the islands and an extensive tour of the night clubs...JAMES MOMMSEN, the son of Print Shop Foreman FRED MOMMSEN, just passed his CPA test recently...TED CATTON's son, TED Jr., is now working at the 77th Street Garage. Welcome aboard!..Get well wishes go out to STANLEY HILLOCK and GEORGE HAYES, both recuperating in hospitals from recent illnesses...Some new faces at the South Shops include Electricians JOE JAROS, RICK GRASEK, JAMES BEATTY and KENNY HOFFMAN. Laborer OSCAR GROSS just joined our ranks here also...THECLA MORA became a proud grandmother recently. Her granddaughter, CHRISTIE ANN, weighed in at 4 pounds 6 ounces.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

covery. Pat was taken ill a few weeks ago with appendicitis. Get well soon, Pat...The shops softball team wishes to announce that they are open for any competition, all except the Stores Department, which they slaughtered Sept. 15...The two HAWORTH brothers and their families will be going to The Wagon Wheel Lodge for a weekend. The lodge is located in Rockton. Have a whopping good time, BILL and JIM...WINMON LEWIS just returned from his vacation which included Springfield (State Fair, tour of Lincoln's Tomb), Missouri (Six Flags), Michigan, Wisconsin and Wolf Lake. While at Wolf Lake Lewis' vacation ended on a high note--he saved a little boy from drowning. Congratulations, I am sure you will never forget that vacation as long as you live...Your scribe will soon be leaving on vacation too. I will be in California for two weeks visiting a sister and a girlfriend.

Time to talk about returning vacationers. BOBBY and MAE BYRNES recently returned from their three-week vacation in Ireland. They visited mostly in County Clare...BOB SMITH and his family spent eight weeks of their vacation traveling

through Canada and into Alaska via the Trans-Canadian highway. Bob said the wilderness of the Yukon Province impressed him the most...Our deepest sympathy is extended to HOWARD BURRIS in the death of his mother. We were also saddened to hear that the mother of ERSKINE BODDY passed away...REX MCCOY is still in Hines hospital recuperating from his illness. I'm sure he would like to hear from some of his fellow workers and friends...NAPOLEON SIKORA sure has been a busy man lately. After flying out to the Philippines to marry his new bride, LORETA ARANDA, he officially became a U.S. citizen on Sept. 17. The wedding took place Aug. 19 at Guadalupe Makati in the Philippines. Congratulations to the newlyweds...RAY KURA celebrated 31 years of service along with STANLEY CHUBODA's 26 years this past month...MAX HAMILTON and his wife, ADELIN,



Napoleon and Loreta Sikora

52ND STREET -

First off, I would like to welcome our new lady operators, DELORES WALKER, SHIRLEY LUCAS, GERALDINE DAVIS, and last but not least (for now anyway), MILDRED GROVER. With the ladies around, I've noticed that some of our operators are not as loud as they used to be. Delores wants to thank all for the help she has received and says she is happy to be at 52nd...Did you see Chief Clerk A. HILLSTROM playing boss while Superintendent JESSE RODRIGUEZ was enjoying a four-week vacation?..At this writing, Operator L. GARMONY is off for two weeks in Puerto Rico. Those southern vacations must be quite nice. It seems that's where everyone is going, except for Operator HOOKS and his wife, LEONA, who went to Toronto for a few days...Got money problems? Join your credit union and save. Before you know it your problems will be gone. Your treasurers, PHILPOTT and POTTS, are ready to help you...I don't want the Repair Department to feel left out. It was an oversight on my part that I missed seeing Clerk GARNER who has been so helpful in getting the news from that department.

- John L. Hudson

what's news

The CTA Board has ordered 100 more air-conditioned rapid transit cars, exercising an option to acquire them at the price stated in the contract for the initial 100 earlier this year. The purchases are part of the capital improvement program being funded by the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The new stainless steel cars will be equipped with improved communications systems for both operating personnel and riders. Specifications also call for reductions in noise and vibration levels.

- CTA -

A new CTA Safety Department has been established to consolidate the CTA's public and industrial safety functions. The department will be part of the General Administration Division and will receive policy guidance directly from the Board, with Lawrence G. Sucsy as Board liaison. A special committee of staff executives has been appointed to update CTA's "Book of Rules."

- CTA -

Women drivers of CTA trains and buses have now reached 52. Mildred M. Grover, one of the newest recruits, is an accomplished auto mechanic. Her daughter, Mary, also wants to become a bus driver when she is 21.

- CTA -

Recent official visitors included:

Ivo Lopi, Deputy Mayor, Genoa, Italy

Hoonrip Park, Graduate School of Environmental Studies, Seoul
National University, Korea

Eric Hutchinson, Transport Executive, Newcastle, England

Takashi Ono, Planning Section, Aichi Prefectural Government,
Japan

Gilead Benozzer and Yair Bar-Niv, Control and Communications
Engineering, Ministry of Transport, Tel-Aviv, Israel

Dr. Joseph Eisenmann, Professor of Technical Institute, Munich,
Germany

Transit Group, National Safety Council

- CTA -

Sunday, with 2,411 riders, is the most popular day of the week for the O'Harexpress bus, a recent report shows. Surprisingly, three-fifths of the riders are workers in the airport area.

- CTA -

One out of four people in the Chicago metropolitan area is helped directly by a Crusade supported service. So when you contribute to the Crusade, you most likely will be helping someone you know. A friend. A member of your family. Or even yourself. For every dollar you give, 95 cents goes directly to the support of human care services--not only in Chicago, but an additional 149 suburbs. Pledge your Fair Share to the Crusade of Mercy. It will make Chicago and the suburbs a better place to live and work.

