# **5 Walkers Are Driving Now**



## **CTA** Sparks Love

Enterprising Chicago Daily News photographer Charles Krejcsi caught two who weren't paying attention as Congressman Annunzio speaks and Deputy Mayor Sain listens at our new Kimball-Lawrence Terminal dedication ceremonies. On Page 3, CTA Transit News gives you the official version of what went on at this event. You'll find that version interesting, too. *CHICAGO DAILY NEWS photo*  FIVE MEMBERS of the Walker family have made driving CTA buses a family affair.

What did it was the female invasion of what was formerly a man's profession.

When diminutive Patricia Walker, 28, saw that the CTA was offering operating jobs to women, she thought it would be a fun occupation. But, she decided on a "test marketing" project.

LADEEZ AND GENTLEMEN, in-tro-doo-sing the Five Driving Walkers! From your left to your right. Patricia. Phyllis. Delores. Walter. And Howard!

She sent her sisters Phyllis, 26, and Delores, 35, down to the employment office.

It worked. They both tested well and won positions. So Patricia tried, too.

Fitting Patricia into the system was a wee bit more difficult. Every cap she tried on came down over her ears and the sleeves of every jacket were too long. A special tailoring job took care of things, but Patricia gained a new occupational nickname: Cap.

Driving interest runs in the Walker family. Cousin Walter Walker Jr. has been a CTA driver for 15 years and is now a line instructor. Cousin Howard, 34, has been a CTA driver for eight years. He's Walter's brother.

The men had nothing to do with getting their girl cousins into the act. They just looked up one day and there they were -- competing.

The five Walkers were at headquarters recently to be complimented by Chairman Milton Pikarsky. The Walkers indicated the Chairman (Continued Page 5)



CTA TRANSIT NEWS FOR CTA EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES

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## **New Safety Department Created**

THE CTA has one of the best safety records among the large public transportation systems of the world.

"But we are not content to rest upon past records," Chairman Milton Pikarsky said recently as he announced the creation of a new Safety Department.

At the same time, the Chairman appointed a special committee of staff executives to review and update the CTA's "Book of Rules" covering all phases of operations.

Chairman of the special committee is James Blaa, Manager of Transportation. Serving also on the committee are Fran Knautz, Manager of Personnel, and Fred King, Manager of Human Relations.

The new Safety Department, Pikarsky explained, will consolidate the present public and industrial safety functions of the CTA. In addition, the unit will be charged with developing safety programs for both the bus and rapid transit operations.

## **5 Walkers (Continued)**

hasn't necessarily seen anything yet since there are seven more girls and nine more boys in the family.

Unlike most newcomers, Phyllis already has a regular bus run on 47th Street. Delores, who works out of 52nd Street, is doubly popular with her associates since she makes an excellent bourbon cake.

Since the CTA began hiring women in June, 52 have been hired as bus operators and eight as rapid transit conductors. Qualified, and awaiting openings, are 231 women bus drivers and 119 women conductors.

The department is part of the newly organized General Administration Division and will receive policy guidance directly from the Chicago Transit Board. Lawrence G. Sucsy has volunteered to serve as the Board's liaison representative for this endeavor. Appointment of a person to head up the new Safety Division will be announced at a later date.

## "Step Down" Training Steps Up CTA Safety

SAFETY BEGINS at the top.

If safety is the visible policy of top management, it will be practiced all the way down the line.

To dramatize the importance he places on safety -- and to update safety training -- Chairman Milton



JAMES DUDLEY, supervisor of safety, is discussing the new Safety Training Observation Program with supervisory personnel from the Maintenance and Materials Management Departments in a classroom at the Lawndale Training Center. Pikarsky has initiated a new program to make skilled safety observation by employees a continuing habit at all levels of supervision.

The program was developed and successfully tested by the E. I. duPont (chemical) Corporation, then adopted by many organizations nationwide, including ours.

Classroom courses are being held at CTA's Lawndale Training Center. Following each discussion, supervisory "students" make daily inspections for unsafe acts pointed out in that session. Topics of lessons include safety precautions in operating actions, use of tools and equipment, personal protective apparel, and arrangement of work space.

Directing the program at CTA is John Boyce, Director, Industrial Safety and Fire Prevention.

"By teaching each supervisor the techniques and checks of a skilled safety observer, and how to apply them to his own operations," says Boyce, "we hope to eliminate unsafe habits before they result in injuries to employees."

National statistics show that about 80 per cent of all industrial injuries are caused by the unsafe acts of employees.

## Employee Safety Training Makes Riders Safer, Too

SAFETY PROGRAMS geared to operating employees have brought significant strides in CTA passenger safety. New lows in passenger accident frequency rates were established in 1973, 1972, 1971, and 1970.

In 1973, the number of passenger accidents per 100,000 miles of CTA operation was 2.6 (including the most minor of accidents).

In 1954, the passenger accident frequency rate was 7.3.

That's a 64 per cent reduction in passenger accidents in 19 years.

## Another Milestone In Modernization

WE HAVE the newest thing in Chicago transportation terminals. It's at the north end of the Ravenswood rapid transit route at Kimball and Lawrence avenues.

It's sleek, modern, gleaming glass and steel. It has a theme piece that is futuristic.

For the 4,000 riders who go through the turnstiles each day, it's a pleasant environment in which to start -- or finish -- the day's work.

For more than 120 CTA employees and five instructors, it is part of the day's working environment, and it is comfortable and efficient.

"Construction of the terminal represents another major step in the on-going program to renew and modernize our public transportation system," said Chairman Milton Pikarsky in addressing the dedication ceremonies on Oct. 23. Government and community leaders attended the dedication. A concert by the Roosevelt High School band preceded the speaking program.

The terminal is adjoined to a park-n-ride lot which accommodates 211 cars. Features of the station include a ramp for use by persons finding it difficult to climb stairs and a waiting room with infrared heating fixtures.

The theme piece is a sculpture-in-steel by Jerald Jacquard, associate professor of art at the Chicago Circle campus of the University of Illinois. Called "Space Junction of Energy", the welded sculpture is the first artwork to be installed on a CTA property.

Says Jacquard: "It represents a paradox -- cubes through space. As one walks around the work, it becomes an energizer for the mind."

The first Kimball-Lawrence terminal in 1907 provided the major impetus for the building boom that led to the development of the surrounding Albany Park area.



Officialdom participated: As Rep. Frank Annunzio (Dem.) speaks, previous speaker Kenneth W. Sain, deputy mayor of Chicago, listens.

Vice Chairman James Quinn of Chicago Transit Board (right) rides special train from Mart.





Chairman Milton Pikarsky explains CTA's continuing modernization program to Publisher Hubert Messe of Leader Newspapers.

Prof. Jerald Jacquard (right), and his theme sculpture.



## Keepers Of The Key to Knowledge

## They Like To Share It, Too!

## **By Anit Leppiks**

## ADVENTURE IS where you find it.

To Joseph Benson and Mrs. Judith Genesen it is between the pages of a growing collection of 4,000 technical books shelved in Room 7-155. The pair are building up the CTA's transportation library begun in 1967 with Eugene Sullivan in charge and enlarged in 1968 with Mrs. Harold S. Anthon's donation of her late husband's engineering materials.

Benson, a graduate of the University of Chicago Graduate School of Library Science, spent seven years managing the Joint Reference Library of the 1313 Public Administration Center on the U. of C. campus. He also revamped the Municipal Reference Library of Chicago, located in City Hall.

Mrs. Genesen, reference librarian, also obtained her master's degree from the U. of C. and spent 11 years as a librarian, both at the Joint Reference Library and at the U. of C. Laboratory High School before joining the CTA.

## **Stuffiness Is A Myth**

"While it may not appear exciting, it is quite a challenge to build up a library -- regardless of whether it is romantic or technical. There's nothing like it in a professional challenge," said Benson.

"The Harold S. Anthon Memorial Library is unique in having a clearly set goal -- to develop a comprehensive body of knowledge on transportation from a technical standpoint. As such, it is one of the few transportation libraries in the country," he said.

In one year, Benson expects to have the library's collection doubled to 8,000 books; in five years it will total 12,000 books.

Benson said, "Our object is not just to stack books. Our task is to put books and people together.

"That is where we, as librarians, come in. We're source people," he said.

"Just because we may not possess a book doesn't mean we can't get it.

"Our library is a member of the Illinois Regional Library Council which shares information -- books, maps, or whatever is necessary.

Joe Benson: a tall man on transit literature. "Our task is to put books and people together."



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"Such an interchange is imperative when the planning department asks us to find the optimum size for a bus garage or public affairs needs to know how many cars are traveling on the Kennedy during the morning rush hour," said Benson.

## Knowledge A Continuous Quest

As caretakers of the transit world's technical data, these librarians share an almost childlike curiosity about what they do not know.

No matter that Mrs. Genesen never studied engineering and design. She finds the technical magazines "wholly fascinating." She has backed up this quest for knowledge at home with a magazine subscription list that includes titles ranging from "Natural History" to "Travel" and "Horizon," which she said she reads "cover to cover every month."

Benson is a board member of the prestigeous Commission on Chicago Historical and Architectural Landmarks. But even he warned, "I have to be on constant guard when I start reading more than a page or two of a capital development book I'm indexing." His curiosity leads him to reading the whole thing.

While Benson and Mrs. Genesen seldom talk much about what they do when they are not at work, you just know with this type of curiosity, they will be wideeyed for some new fact they can play with once they are back in the confines of their library.

An avid traveler, Mrs. Genesen recalled seeing a sign advertising monthly tickets at a bus stop in Nice, France.

"Wouldn't you know -- the morning I returned, my first reference question was to find cities where the bus systems use the monthly pass system instead of individual fares," she said with a laugh.

Bonnie Lindahl: she is helping Joe and Judy to organize the source materials for professional use.





Judy Genesen: hardly the traditional image of the librarian! Yet, she finds technical magazines ''wholly fascinating.''

Even if their relaxation is something entirely different from indexing and cataloguing, you can be sure they approach it with the same thoroughness they apply to the printed word.

Mrs. Genesen, for instance, likes to cook. She admitted, "So far I've made my family eat Italian, Greek, Japanese, Chinese and French food."

And while Benson claimed to be a "generalist," ask him a question about Italy and you will get not only an answer but a detailed reply which comes from a firsthand study that includes five trips to the country.

## How's That Again?

Yet the two librarians admit to having a lot of fun inside the walls of their world, particularly with the titles of some of their books.

Benson remembered his City Hall project included discarding "literally a truckload of books collected since 1901, including a complete set of the annual reports, 1901-1908, of the 'Refuge For Erring Women'."

And as Mrs. Genesen points out, "Where else but in a good library could you find such titles as, 'Holographic Techniques For Nondestructive Testing of Tires' or 'Articulated Vehicle Roll: Effect of Inversing The Coupling'?"



## **Toppers Win Three Over George's Arco**

THE BIGGEST upset so far this season in the 77th Street Operators Bowling League occurred on Friday night, Nov. 1, when the last place Toppers team beat the strong touted George's Arco three games.

To add insult to injury, the Toppers shot a league leading high game of 1078 in defeating George's Arco.

The last of the teams to finish bowling that night, George's Arco had a chance to win the last game if their anchor man, E. Ford, could strike out. No such luck. The Toppers jumped for joy when Ford left the ten pin standing on his first ball to end the threat.

The surprise team this year is the Baggers. Finishing ninth in last year's league play, they are now only a half game out of first place. Everyone is wondering if they can hold up under the pressure. Only time will tell.

In the pictures below are Eugene Owens of the Golden Arms, and Joe Harris of the Boozers, showing deep concentration as they release their bowling balls during tournament play. Their fine bowling is helping to keep their teams in contention for the championship.



Eugene Owens



Joe Harris

## From Our Outdoorsmen

HERE'S TWO CTAers who sent us photos of their recent fishing expeditions. We're still holding space in our future issues for CTA outdoorsmen who will send us their hunting and fishing pictures.

On the left is Operator Art Buesing of 69th Street with a coho salmon he caught while fishing on Lake Michigan with his daughter, Sandra. On the right is Retired Superintendent Joe Tvrdik with a string of wide mouth bass caught while fishing in Oakland, Ark.



## 77TH STREET OPERATORS LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Pin Busters	21	9	.700
Baggers	$20\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	.697
Late Comers	19	11	.633
George's Arco	18	12	.600
Archer Bandits	18	12	.600
Spartans	17	13	.567
Clippers	$16\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{1}{2}$	.536
Golden Arms	16	14	.533
Poppers	16	14	.533
Boozers	14	16	.467
Centurions	14	16	.467
Road Runners	12	18	.400
Thunderballs	11	19	.367
Toppers	9	21	.300
Tranquilizers	9	21	.300
Rotators	9	21	.300

## Chess Club Plays First Exhibition Match

ON OCT. 18, the CTA Chess Club played their first exhibition match at the Chicago Title Insurance (CTI) facilities. The outcome was disastrous with the CTA team losing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The lineup and match play was as follows:

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Anyone desiring information pertaining to the CTA Chess Club can contact A. Wilson, 77th Street Garage, or call him at 375-7198.

## CTA Basketball Season To Open On Dec. 9

TIME IS drawing close for the opening of the 1974-75 Sports Program basketball league.

First games will be played on Monday, Dec. 9, at the Washington Park fieldhouse, 55th and Martin Luther King Drive, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Each team will be striving to improve and win the championship, as the winner will have the honor to represent the CTA in the NCAA AAU regional tournament and have the opportunity to go on and play in the national championship in Denver, Colo.

This is the first year that the CTA has registered for entrance into the NCAA AAU tournament, and Sports Director Agis Bray says we have some team players who can compete with any in the country.

If you are in the mood to see basketball at its finest, come out each Monday and Friday and watch your favorite team play.

## Mart Bowling Team Slipping

DROPPING TO eighth place in the standings of the Bureau of Engineering Bowling League, the Mart team is still only six games out of first place.

A very close race, a good win streak by any team can take over the leadership and win it all. This is the intention of the Mart team.

So come out and watch the team bowl and give them a little moral support. They really need it.

Dennis Murphy of Travel Information Center has joined the team to replace Captain Len Lohn who is out for the season due to illness.

## Test Run

(How did you do last month? Want to give it another try?)

- At how many places in the Chicago area can a passenger board a CTA bus? (a) 1,736 (b) 8,500 (c) 14,000
- 2. A "foreign token" in the farebox is -- (a) a token from any other country outside the U.S. (b) a token from any other city in the U.S. (c) a token from any other transit system anywhere
- 3. If a convention visitor at a downtown hotel is going to McCormick Place what bus should he take?
- 4. The Skokie Swift makes the run between Howard street in Chicago and Dempster street in Skokie in (a) 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> minutes (b) 18 minutes (c) 9 minutes
- 5. What is the telephone number to call when a person wants directions on how-to-getthere by CTA?



## He's Driving His Way Through College

WHEN SYED KARIM left his native Pakistan to continue his education in the U.S., his father advised him to "learn your trade in the broadest sense."

Karim enrolled at Oklahoma State university at Stillwater to pursue a degree in industrial engineering. But, to learn how to deal with people, Karim has been driving a CTA bus for the past four summers.

Now that Karim is back on campus, Bill Ellis of the university's public information staff wants to be sure that CTA knows how valuable the job has been to the student. Hence, this dispatch.

"You can learn a lot about people from the different types who ride Chicago's buses," Karim explains. "And, of course, the pay is a big help with my educational expenses."

Karim is a two-time winner of CTA's Courtesy Caravan Club award based on customer correspondence. He has an accident-free driving record.

Karim is impressed with CTA's driver training program and with the emphasis placed on the importance of courteous passenger relations.

When he gets his degree in industrial management next May, Karim will be sending his resume to the Mart for consideration. In fact, he has been invited to do so.

## **C**ommendation **C**orner

Two first-time visitors to Chicago from Florida were greatly impressed by the transit system and wrote to express it. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cerniglia of Miramar send particular compliments to their driver, Carlos Fernandez, for his chamber-of-commerce-ish tourist service.

A personal citation "To A Brave Young Driver" is sent to CTA in the name of Bus Driver Jose Miguel Alea for his work in apprehending a thief in the heart of the Loop, at Dearborn and Madison. He dashed across the street and down the subway steps to recover a wallet lifted from a woman passenger when she was paying her bus fare.

## They Prefer To Be Involved---

2 CTA Drivers Go To Girls' Rescue

IN THESE days when so many are turning their backs on neighbors in distress, it is heartening to report these two heroic acts by CTA employees.

1. By driver Herman Lang. As he was waiting to make his relief on the Belmont route, Lang noticed a man shouting at passers-by and then attacking two women on the street. The assailant, said to be an escapee from a mental hospital, had pushed one woman to the ground and was going after the other when Lang intervened. Lang, a smaller man, was beaten by the attacker and had to be taken to Northwest hospital for treatment of severe cuts and bruises. He did, however, stop the assault and summon the police.

2. By driver Michael Garner. While northbound on Ashland at 63rd, he noticed two men molesting two girls in the rear of the bus, and called out a strong warning. During the ensuing argument, the driver enabled the girls to leave the bus at a regular stop. Shortly thereafter, he was attacked by the two men, apparently as punishment. Both Garner and three women riders, who attempted to assist him, were treated at Tabernacle hospital.

These beyond-the-call-of-duty deeds have been noted and commended by CTA management.

"What a nice way to start an early morning trip!" So say Mr. and Mrs. George Bushnell of Wilmette in complimenting CTA for good work by Conductor Edward E. Cook on the Evanston Express. Not only did Ed cheerfully say "Have a good day" in announcing stops, but he pointed up key places such as the Greyhound Bus terminal. The Bushnells say that he answered all destination questions courteously.

A note of gratitude to Bus Driver John Gomilla. He chased a robber and returned a rider's wallet.

Alderman William S. Singer has written to inform us of the assistance that Michael Johnson, CTA traffic checker, gave to the alderman's wife, Connie, when she was traveling with the two Singer children in heavy traffic and her car conked out. In good Samaritan fashion, Johnson found a parking place off Lake Shore Drive and went back to help the lady in distress.



## **Chairman's Award Presented**

Milton Pikarsky is shown giving the cherished Chairman's Award to Merritt Kotin, CTA attorney, for his outstanding service in helping to identify and apprehend the boys who are alleged to have caused the September rapid transit crash at the Bryn Mawr station on the North-South line. Kotin was a passenger on the train that was halted when an emergency buzzer was sounded. Kotin was en route home to Lincolnwood. The boys were pointed out to him by other passengers and he kept them in custody until police arrived.



**Maintenance Computerized** 

## By Betty Edwards

THE BT 4 (Bus Training) Mobile Classroom, to train vehicle maintenance personnel in computerizing their work load, was dedicated recently at the CTA's 77th Street Garage. According to Tom Smith, faculty advisor and coordinator of the bus utilization system, this is the first program of its kind in the transportation industry.

Called the "CTA Datacenter", the air conditioned mobile classroom is equipped with a data entry unit, ten desks and chairs, blackboard, easels for graphic and visual materials, and four storage units.

At the outset, the mobile bus will travel to CTA's ten remote locations with three personnel developers training more than 1,000 bus servicemen to use the data unit. They will have one and one-half hours of Traveling companions will be the CTA's new "DC 1" and "BT 4" which will soon hit the road headed for the CTA's ten vehicle maintenance garages. The "BT 4" is the fourth of a series of training buses and will be equipped with classroom facilities and computer equipment. The "DC 1," first of CTA's Datacenter buses, will accompany the training bus to all of the maintenance sites. It will carry a team of Datacenter experts.

training followed by a written test. After training, they will enter their work hours and the actual types of service they performed in the course of the work day.

After approximately six months on the bus servicemen route, the mobile data center will then travel to the Rapid Transit areas to train their 1,000-plus service employees.

Each of the remote garages will have a central receiving unit staffed with a team to compile the information received from the small data entry units. The information will then be telephoned into a central location in the Loop.

According to Director Joseph Repplinger of the Vehicle Maintenance Department, the entire project will take approximately three years.

Currently the Vehicle Maintenance Department uses a manual system to handle the information. With the new computer system, the work is expected to be done with more speed and accuracy.



Thomas Smith, faculty advisor and coordinator for the CTA's Bus Utilization System, lectures at the front of our new Datacenter Training Bus. Taking a few hints from Smith are (left to right) the program's three personnel developers, Michael Hrad, Andrew Rizzuto and Byron Yehling.

Joseph Repplinger (right), director of CTA's Vehicle Maintenance Department, turns over keys to CTA's Datacenter Bus to Bernie Connolly, director, Data Systems Development Department.





**Q.** How did the Human Relations Department come about?

**A.** It was the desire of the Chairman that the CTA should have, within its own organization, a unit that would monitor its progress in terms of Equal Employment Opportunity provisions--that would provide the employee with a voice to management.

**Q.** Couldn't that have been done in the Personnel Department?

**A.** The governmental agencies suggest that this should be something apart from personnel. It's something that operates independent of any particular kind of contractual obligation.

**Q.** Were there any problems with CTA employment practices? Were they unfair in any way?

**A.** Let's say that most industries follow a pattern of past practice and, sometimes, past practices get hung up to the point where times change and people don't keep up.

Q. Who comes under the category of a minority? A. Minorities are specifically defined by the federal agencies. There are many variations which include Blacks, Spanish speaking, Orientals, Indians.

Q. Would you put Jews in there, too?

**A.** No, they're not. Culturally deprived is another expression that is sometimes used.

**Q.** Now, the emphasis on minorities, does that get into a thing where giving preference tends to hurt everybody else?

A. No, if done properly, it doesn't. There is a distinction between a hiring quota and goals and timetables. You set a realistic goal of what you would like to do. You make "qualified" people one of your criteria. **Q.** So, in other words, if you have five candidates for one job and you have a Latin American who is qualified just as well as the four natives, he will probably get the job?

A. Probably.

Q. What kind of load of cases do you have right now? A. Let me explain quickly what we do. One of our primary objectives is an inquiry system. We prefer to call it inquiry rather than complaints. An employee may register an inquiry either in person, by telephone or in writing. We take facts down, make an investigation and report back to the employee. Should the employee be dissatisfied, of course, he has the right to request that we take it to high management. If, in looking at a situation, we find that there is a serious or pattern-setting problem, we take it upon ourselves to surface this to top management. We have found this to be very effective in that we have managed to conciliate most of the problems within house. We have handled in excess of 600 inquiries a month. Of that number, we usually commit very few to file cases because we simply handle it verbally on a one-to-one basis with the department head involved.

**Q.** What kind of confidentiality do you need? Do some people not want their bosses to know that they are complaining?

**A.** Yes, people call us at home and after hours. We try to maintain confidentiality. Sometimes we cannot. Occasionally, of course, the person is upset and mentions it to someone else so it becomes obvious that the employee is dissatisfied.

**Q.** I heard you mention that you have external recruiting programs. What kind are these?

**A.** We go out into the community to contact all of the known community organizations of minority origin. We make it known that the CTA is desirous of in-

cluding them in plans for employment and including them in terms of the bidding process for goods and services.

**Q.** Would the minority bidding group get preferential treatment?

A. No. Under the current grant under which we operate, we must award to the lowest responsible bidder.

**Q.** Do you make presentations at universities and high schools?

**A.** We have been to some of the high schools on a problem basis but not on a recruitment basis. We expect to make inputs into the various career day programs that the schools have.

**Q.** What work do you do with governmental agencies that are particularly stressing equal opportunity?

A. We are involved with the Urban Mass Transportaion Administration. We also work with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission insofar as we interface with them. We work through the FEPC of the State of Illinois, and the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. We also work with the Department of Labor, Division of Wages and Hours.

**Q.** Is it really fair for majority people now to be made to pay for injustices of the past, that is, in losing their opportunities?

**A.** That is a fair question. Is there another way to do it? Probably not. If one were to say "let attrition take care of the whole matter" then you would remain with the situation where minorities would continue to be the last hired and first fired.

**Q.** In what different areas are your complaints? I believe you mentioned attitude, race, pregnancy--

**A.** The question of whether or not pregnancy is to be considered a disability is currently being fought in the courts nationwide. This is the response we now give to this inquiry.

#### **Q.** What other areas?

**A.** There is the area of sex discrimination. We have had reversals there. We have had men who said that they were blocked out of jobs because of women. And we have had women say they have not had a fair shot at jobs because they are women.

**Q.** How about operational jobs that women have really wanted to get into?

A. Currently, the Authority's position is that any job that a female wishes to bid for, we have no right to deny the opportunity. We are having somewhat of a hangup currently in definitions because we have a lot of jobs that have the word men in them. EEOC says that has a chilling effect. You read on the door please do not talk to motormen while train is in motion, but there is a female behind the door. **Q.** What about management? Do you have many complaints from management?

A. We do get a few. Managers tend to view that a professional person should come to his boss and say, hey, boss, you're doing me wrong. That might be very good in theory, but it doesn't seem to work in practice. People tend not to want to hassle the boss.

Q. Would you describe each person on your staff?

A. Michael Cook, who is the most recent addition to our staff, is Caucasian. Mike's background is that he has his degree in psychology, and most recently was glommed onto from our placement area where he was working as an interviewer. Marjorie Holmes is the female member of our staff. She is black; she is currently pursuing her degree in Business Administration. She had extensive background in the interview process. She was originally with our Insurance Department. Alice Dungan is our stenographer. Alice is Caucasian and is very good in shorthand and typing. I have followed a dual career most of my life. I have been following both the technical and the sociological approach. I have done the EEO provisions for the Authority's government contracts, as a project manager for the Exact Fare project and as the assistant project manager for the capital development program.

**Q.** How long have you been with CTA?

**A.** Nineteen years. Started out with CTA as a bus operator.

**Q.** You said there were four people in Human Relations?

A. There are five. We have one coming in.

Q. What will he do?

A. He will be a human relations specialist. He is of Latin American extraction. (Continued Page 14)



"Marjorie Holmes is the female member of our staff . . is currently pursuing her degree in Business Administration . . has extensive background in the interview process."

## Visit With Dr. Mosny

## Watch Your Blood Pressure

LET'S TALK about high blood pressure and why it is known as a "silent killer".

When pain develops, it is a symptom that nobody ignores and usually does something about. A toothache will make a person go to the dentist, a back ache or stomach pain to the doctor, but high blood pressure is different.

There are no warning signs or symptoms of its presence, especially in the early stages. It quietly does its irreversible and irreparable damage to the blood vessels, particularly those of the brain, kidney, and heart. Symptoms appear only after these organs are not functioning properly, but then it is much too late--maybe 10 to 20 years too late. At this point, symptoms like dizziness, chest pain, headaches or shortness of breath send the individual to the doctor.

If high blood pressure is detected early, treatment will prevent these complications and a premature death. High blood pressure has been identified as the most significant high-risk factor causing heart disease, the No. 1 cause of death in this country.

Blood pressure is measured by an instrument known as a sphygmomanometer (pronounced svig-

moh-man-ometer). The pressure is the force exerted by the blood stream against the blood vessel wall. In taking a blood pressure reading, a cuff is placed on the arm and inflated until the arterial circulation is cut off temporarily. The air is then released slowly and a stethoscope is placed over the artery below the cuff.

The first sound heard is caused by the blood rushing through the artery. The



reading is noted on the gauge; this is known as the systolic pressure. This is highest during the contraction of the heart.

As the cuff is deflated, the sound disappears. At this point, another reading is taken. This is known as diastole and corresponds to the relaxed state of the heart. Thus a blood pressure measurement is recorded as 120/80 in which the top figure is systole (pressure during heart contraction) and the lower figure is the diastolic pressure (pressure while the heart is relaxed between beats). When the pressure is higher than 140/90, this indicates an elevation of the blood pressure.

More than 23 million Americans have high blood pressure but over half of them are not aware that they

have this problem. Approximately half of those who know it are not being treated for it.

Those who have not had their blood pressure checked should do so and have it done periodically, especially if high blood pressure runs in the family. It has been shown conclusively that the treatment of hypertension, even if mild or moderate, not only lowers blood pressure but reduces the risk of stroke, heart disease and kidney failure. People with high blood pressure do not live as long as those with normal blood pressure.

Hypertension can be classified as being mild, moderate or severe. Although 160/95 has been regarded as the cutoff point at which treatment should begin, more physicians are regarding any persistent elevation above 140/90 as a point to be concerned about. Diastolic pressure is regarded as more significant of high blood pressure than the systolic reading. Thus diastolic readings from 90-100 indicate mild hypertension, 105-110 moderate hypertension and 115-140 severe hypertension.

Practically all cases of high blood pressure are related to human factors such as anxiety, obesity or excessive salt consumption. This accounts for 90 per cent of the total number and is known as essential hypertension. The cause of high blood pressure in the other 10 per cent is normally due to some disease involving the kidneys or adrenal glands. It is important for the doctor to do laboratory tests to rule out a cause of this type which can be corrected and will cure the high blood pressure condition.

In lessening hypertension, losing weight or reducing salt intake are effective measures. The average American consumes much more salt than is needed, anyway. There are also effective antihypertension drugs which can be prescribed.

## Your Social Security--

**Q.** Isn't social security supposed to take care of my financial needs after retirement?

**A.** No. The purpose of social security is to provide a floor of protection. But, even in non-inflation, this income would have to be supplemented somehow. A person is well advised to plan for other retirement income as early in life as possible.

**Q.** But, how? I understand I can't work and still draw social security.

**A.** You can earn \$2,400 a year without losing anything from your social security payment. You can also draw your full social security payment for any month in which you earn less than \$200 even though the year's total may run over \$2,400. But, pension income such as CTA provides, income on investments, insurance annuities -- all these may be drawn without penalty against your social security.

## The CTA Chef

# Transit News **Family Fare**

You might know! Last month's <u>Transit News</u> profile about flange man Frank Reader brought absolutely no requests for an iron work demonstration, but several for his recipe for Bavarian beef. Frank is an obliging guy, so here it is:

- 2 lbs. boneless chuck, cut in 1" cubes
- 2 tablespoons fat
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon pepper
- 2 medium onions, sliced
- 1 small clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon dill seed

- teaspoon caraway seed
   teaspoon paprika
   can (12 oz.) beer
   pint sour cream
   tablespoons flour
- 1 can (1 lb.-13 oz.) sauerkraut

Brown beef in fat. Add salt, pepper, onion, garlic, dill seed, caraway seed, paprika and beer. Cover and simmer for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Stir in sour cream mixed with flour. Serve meat and sauce over heated sauerkraut.

And now we're getting anticipatory. On Page 5 of this issue, we tell you how Librarian Judy Genesen likes to cook. So why not give you one of her recipes right now. Judy's chocolate souffle:

To serve 6 generously (8 if you must): 3/8 cup butter or margarine 3/8 cup flour 3/4 teaspoon salt 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups scalded milk 3/4 cup sugar

6 egg yolks, well-beaten
1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoons vanilla
3 oz. melted bitter chocolate
6 egg whites, stiffly beaten

Melt butter; add flour and stir well over low heat for at least 1 minute. Add salt, and then hot milk all at once, stirring well into a smooth sauce. Remove from heat and add the melted chocolate. Mix the sugar into the wellbeaten egg yolks, and add this to the white sauce, mixing well. Add vanilla. Gently mix in a little of the beaten egg whites to lighten the sauce, then very gently fold in the rest of the egg whites. Butter a  $1\frac{1}{2}$  quart souffle dish, or straight-sided casserole, and sprinkle it with a light coating of sugar. To make a collar to extend the height of the container, take a piece of aluminum foil 3 inches longer than the circumference of the container. Fold down to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of its width, brush the inside face with butter and sprinkle with sugar. Place around the top of the dish and fasten securely with a straight pin. Gently pour in the souffle mixture and place the container in a pan of hot water. Bake 1 hour in a 325 degree oven. Remove collar and serve immediately. If you want to, you can top each serving with whipped cream, flavored with a little brandy. To avoid last minute souffle worries, make the complete sauce base an hour ahead of time and just beat the egg whites and add them and then place in oven to bake an hour before you'll be serving the dessert.

Judy says this is her family's favorite dessert--has even replaced birthday cakes. "Give your guests Bavarian beef and then the souffle," she remarks, "and they will think they have had dinner at Maxim's."

And now we seem to have a new feature of <u>Transit News</u>, do we not? Watch for next month's bourbon cake by Delores Walker (one of our cover girls this month).



## "Follow That Car!"

Suppose a policeman jumps into the back seat of your automobile and shouts:

"Follow that car!"

Are you obliged to obey? Generally speaking, you are indeed. Under the ancient "hue and cry" doctrines of the common law, an officer may commandeer any vehicle that he needs to catch a fleeing felon.



As Judge Benjamin Cardozo once put it:

"The horse has yielded to the motorcar as an instrument of pursuit and flight. Still, as in the days of Edward I, the citizenry may be called upon to enforce justice, not faintly and with lagging steps but honestly and bravely and with whatever implements and facilities are at hand."

You may even be obliged to help in making the actual arrest (at least, say some states, if you are an "able-bodied male over 18 years of age"). To refuse, without good reason, could make you guilty of a misdemeanor.

On the other hand, in the event that you do lend a hand, the community owes you certain legal benefits in return.

For example:

A man was called upon by the sheriff to help in arresting an armed fugitive. In the ensuing gunplay, he suffered a bullet wound in the shoulder.

He was therefore entitled, a court ruled afterward, to collect workmen's compensation—just like any county employee injured in the line of duty.

In another case, a clerk in a store helped a policeman make an arrest that turned out to be an error. In short order, the clerk found himself facing a damage suit for "false arrest."

But the court held him not liable. The court said making him pay damages for an innocent mistake, in no way his fault, would be shabby thanks from society to a good citizen.

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

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## Performance Evaluation Procedure Introduced



A SYSTEMATIZED way of measuring executive and professional job performance for salary increases and promotions has been introduced at CTA. William Platt, left, Supervisor of Employee Relations, and associates William Wieher, center, and Roger Torbik, right, have conducted a series of orientation meetings for executives who must evaluate their subordinates each six months, utilizing a standard set of criteria. Recommendations as to salary and advancement are made by the department manager in accordance with the evaluation.

## Human Relations (Continued)

**Q.** What do you hope to accomplish in six months? **A.** In six months, we would hope that we will have effected certain changes in the balanced makeup of the organization in terms of minorities and women at levels other than entrance level. Promotions, in other words. That is one of our primary objectives. The other thing is we hope to be able to in the next six months have more people brought to a professional nature from inside the house. We have a terrific

## Answers To Quiz On Page 7

- 1. There are 14,000 CTA bus stops.
- 2. A token from any transit system other than CTA is a foreign token.
- 3. The rider to McCormick Place should board a No. 1 Drexel-Hyde Park bus on Washington or Michigan and ride south to 23rd Street and King Drive, then walk east about a block.
- 4. The Skokie Swift makes the run in  $7\frac{1}{2}$  minutes.
- 5. Call 670-5000.

## **Tully Tells Us!**

CTA TRANSIT NEWS awards its own commendation to Philip D. Tully, clerk at the North Park Garage, for improving upon our Test Run quizmaster on his answer to last month's question on the best way to get from Howard Street to Ravenswood hospital. The quizmaster's answer was <u>a</u> way, but not <u>the</u> way, says Phil.

The <u>best</u> way, for convenience and speed, says Phil, is to take the Clark Street No. 22 bus or the North-South 'L' south to Wilson, and then transfer west on a Wilson bus to Ravenswood. It avoids the overhead climb across the tracks at Belmont, too.

<u>Transit News</u> verified from the supervisor's guides and Tully is right--the timesavings could be up to nine **monthme** minutes each way.

Of course our answer saved the rider 10 cents in each direction, because no transfer is needed to change between the North-South and Ravenswood 'L' routes.

In his letter, incidentally, Tully says: "I also wish to thank the Customer Service Division for the great service they are doing for the public."

number of people with college degrees who drive buses or operate as ticket agents.

**Q.** How does an employee make use of your services? **A.** If he has any questions involving equal opportunity practices at the CTA, just contact us by telephone, or through the mail. The staff of the Human Relations Section will listen and counsel, investigate the case, and inform management of the inquiry. Our offices are located in Room 444 of the Merchandise Mart. We are also as near as your telephone: 664-7200, Ext. 2125, 2126, 2119, 2138.

## THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

#### ACCOUNTING (Datacenter) -

Much to the delight of CANDACE MARIE. the stork paid a visit to the LEGO home on Sept. 24 and left her a new baby sister, SANDRA CHRISTINE, who weighed in at 8 pounds  $5\frac{1}{2}$  ounces. The happy parents are JUDITH and ANTHONY LEGO of Systems. Congratulations to all of you.

- Evelyn Leu

and watching all the girls on the beach .... We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner FRED RAPP who died in Colorado...A speedy recovery is wished to Operator JOHN ROGERS who is hospitalized.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

#### CTA SECURITY -

BEVERLY -What happened to all the professional drivers we had at Beverly? Did they all \*ake their pensions? We were in first place the last two quarters, and have now slipped, quite a bit in the safety contest standings. Instructor CLARENCE HEIL-BRONNER claims we have to get back to basic training and practice defensive driving. Let's create the "buffer zone" around our bus, look ahead of you, on the sides, in the rear, use your mirrors and don't forget to pull to the curb. Winter brings slippery streets and your bus will slide. So try your brakes when you pull out of the depot. Use the "heel and toe" method and you won't end up against a light pole or the rear of a truck or car. We have some new men at Beverly who will soon get their first taste of winter driving, so slow down. Let's renew our efforts and get back into first place. The coffee and doughnuts will taste good, and we've proven before that we can do it when we all put our minds to it...Received a nice letter from Pensioner RALPH LAYTON and his wife, FLO-RENCE. Ralph has plenty of company, Pensioners OLLIE DAVIS, WALTER BAR-OWSKY and CHARLES SUNBLAD ... Pensioner BILL RADLOFF has bid farewell to the sunshine state and is now back in Chicago. When you have some 40-odd years on the buses and move to Florida, it must be very hard to leave all your friends. We wish all of you "old timers" good luck, health, and happiness and hope you enjoy the golden years... Pensioner JERRY GLEASON and his wife, VI, sent us a card from Florida where they are having a wonderful time ... Mr. and Mrs. BILL HERMANSON, the daughter and son-in-law of Operator ED KISMAN, are the proud parents of a baby boy. Bill is also the nephew of my old buddy, Operator CHAR-LIE GILTMIER of Kedzie .... Pensioner AL SHARK went fishing for the big one and caught three six-pound walleyes. We hope Pensioners JOE GERTZEN and RAY GOODWIN will see these fish and take a lesson from Al. . . Chief Clerk MARTIN GRADY just returned from Florida where he had a wonderful time at Disney World

BOBBY GENE CULBERTSON and his wife. MINNIE, spent four fun-filled days in Las Vegas on vacation. They went to attend the wedding of their son...Wedding bells also rang for HOWARD PERRY's son, KENNETH, on Sept. 14. Kenneth and his wife, PAT, are now living in Ohio. Best wishes to both of you... A star has been born in our department. PHIL THOMAS appeared on the Tilman Tempo Show on Sept. 14. Phil showed his talents at playing the bongos. Also appearing on the show was Richard Roundtree. This wasn't Phil's first appearance on television. He has also appeared on the Martin Fahey Show, the Lee Phillips Show and the Sid McCov Show ... Our department bids farewell to GENE SPATARO who transferred to the Accounting Department. Good luck on your new job, Gene...Our resident researcher, PAUL WALLACE, has been quite busy lately. In September he went to Washington, D.C., as a representative of the University of Illinois to confer with DOT officials concerning the need for research in Urban Mass Transit Security. While there he spent one day at UMTA as a guest of their Security Department receiving a briefing on their present and planned operations. In October, he represented the University at the transportation research forum section on mass transit security in San Francisco. While there he toured the Muni and BART systems. His BART train stalled under the Bay for a half an hour. At BART he was given an up-to-date report on their expanding police operations. On the way home he stopped in Reno to see his mother for a few days. Anyone planning to travel to the San Francisco-Oakland or Reno-Lake Tahoe areas, see Paul for recommendations on lodging and eating establishments.

- Pat Flynn

#### ARCHER -

Congratulations to the board members, O. LYLES, G. WALLACE and J. MOON, for the beautiful job they have done for the men of Archer Garage in '74. We appreciate the good work gents....The 14th and

15th of October was like a reunion for the pensioners who were here having their pictures taken for their new riding cards. We saw many of our pensioners for the first time in years. Good luck to all of you and God be with you .... The communion breakfast held at St. Patrick's church on Oct. 13 was a great success for the St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower. Father Quentin Duncan and Chairman JAMES A. PATE appreciated the large turnout...Supervisor FRANK KUBIK has retired after more than 38 years of service. Frank was hired on Jan. 3, 1936, and became a supervisor Nov. 23, 1942. We wish him good luck and good health in his retirement years. . . Happy belated birthday greetings to JOHN GROOM and WALTER MCKINNEY, Oct. 11, AUSTION WOOLFOLK Jr., Oct. 26, and Mrs. MAT-TIE WOOLFOLK, Oct. 27. . . Operator JOHN RODGERS has returned to work after spending ten days in the hospital. Operator ERNEST BERRY is convalescing at home after surgery. Drop him a card. he would like to hear from you, Box Puller THOMAS SHAUGNESSY is off sick and we wish him a speedy recovery...Mr. and Mrs. M. HOUSTON and Mr. and Mrs. L. KNIGHT jetted to Hawaii for a ten-day vacation. Mr. and Mrs. JOHN LYNCH jetted to Hawaii for a two-week vacation ... Pensioner W. SOMERVILLE misses the buses so much, he gets up every morning to see if his good friend, Operator BAKER, is running on time...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Box Puller WILLIAM J. McCARTY and Clerk R. BLANKS .... Mrs. JEAN HARE, the wife of the late WILLIE K. HARE, wishes to thank all of the men at Archer Garage for their cards and sympathy during her hour of sorrow .... Men, we are about to end another year and it would be nice if we could get together with a little more brotherhood. We need each other in '75.

- Owen Hosendove

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FRANK NORTON (left) and RAYMOND SIMON, with 46 and 45 years of service, respectively, were among those retiring Nov. 1.

## **NEW PENSIONERS**

GEORGE BENDER, Inspector, Special Investigations, Emp. 2-28-47 AUGUSTUS JONES, Operator, Archer, Emp. 1-22-52 JOHN MESSINGER, Supervisor. District B, Emp. 10-4-54 FRANK NORTON. Instructor. Limits, Emp. 10-3-28 ARTHUR PALICKI, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 6-25-37 RAYMOND SIMON, Chief Clerk, North Park, Emp. 4-15-29 WALTER J. STEINBEISS, Instructor, District D, Emp. 8-18-43 HENRY THELIN, Operator, North Park, Emp. 3-30-42 CHARLES THOMA, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 12-13-40 JOSEPH ZDENOVEC, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 3-23-42

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JAMES GEORGE, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 5-20-41 ALBERT GNIEWEK, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 10-18-43 EVELYN LANZ, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 11-3-44 HERBERT PUGH, Bus & Truck Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 2-11-57 JOSEPH RANDAZZO, Car Repairman, Forest Park, Emp. 7-26-47 FRANK STELZER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 1-12-54

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -GERALD THIVEL recently returned from a western vacation to Denver and Las Vegas, Gerald, who traveled with a friend, said they enjoyed themselves and had lots of fun in Vegas. Since he has been back he has been continuously murmuring, "I didn't plan to have that much fun, I won't have that much fun again." I wish I knew what he was talking about..THEODORE WASHINGTON is back on the job after a well-earned vacation. He didn't go out of town or anything, he just stayed home getting better acquainted with his new baby boy, DAVID. Ted promises to behave himself, and if he does he'll hit the wide open spaces on next year's vacation ... Regretfully we report the death of HENRY SCHLESINGER, the father-in-law of JERRY GUTH. Jerry, you and CHRIS have our prayers, and may you tap a neverending source of strength in your hours of bereavement ... It's wedding bells for COL-LEEN YOUNT and ROBERT CANIANO. Colleen is the daughter of Signal Maintainer CLYDE and BERNICE YOUNT and is also employed in CTA's Insurance Department. The wedding took place Sept. 21 at St. Mary of Celle church in Berwyn. A reception followed immediately at MarLac House in Oak Park, with more than 300 guests in attendance. Leaving a trail of rice and jet stream Mr. and Mrs. Caniano were off to the Bahamas on their honeymoon. Congratulations! ... Signal Helper JAMES REIDY reports he had a grand time on his vacation to the old country, Ireland. After not having seen James in over three years, his mother, BRIGID, and his brother, DANIEL, were mighty glad to see him ... FRANK BONK arrived home from vacation with some pleasant and not-so-pleasant memories. No, he didn't run out of money, but a pickpocket lifted his wallet with his CTA riding pass, driver's license and other important papers. Bonk and his wife, MARGE, were giving their grandchildren, JOHNNY and SUSY BOWMAN, a vacation outing at Six Gun Territory in Florida near Silver Springs. It's an old western town sprinkled with amusement. Bonk still had his money after the ordeal but his pride was smashed to smithereens...JOHN ODDO is back on the job after a bout with an illness that kept him in the hospital for a few days. His recuperation at home ended just when he was starting to enjoy it. Welcome back. John ... Hey, guys, Big LOU GONZALEZ is back and he did it! Lou just returned from a most exciting vacation trip--a pontoon ride down the Colorado river rapids. Big Lou, one of a party of 12 using two pontoons, said the seven-day voyage amid staggering natural scenic beauty began with a seven-mile hike down a rough trail to the floor of the Grand Canyon. They shot more than 50 rapids on the 190 mile pontoon ride. The trip is highly recommended by Lou, who said the food was excellent and that the girls on his trip outnumbered the men eight to four...Where does a guy go on vacation when he's been everyplace? To New York City of course. Such was the case for EARL BELL. Taking along his lovely wife, JUANITA, and their ten-vear-old daughter, ANGELA, they had a swell time seeing all the points of interest: Empire State Building, Rockefeller Center, United Nations Building and a boat tour around Manhattan. Earl said they had an enjoyable week .... We extend our sincere condolences to RON OCLON in the death of his daughter, WENDY MARIE. You have our prayers in your hour of sorrow ... Let's welcome our newest addition to the Signal Department, MICHAEL PEDERSOLI. Congratulations, Mike...Signal Maintainer FRANK HALPER had a swell time on his week of vacation. Accompanying him on a fishing and camping outing to Ludington, Mich., was his fishing buddy of many years, his dad, FRANK HALPER Sr. Frank had high praise for the state park there with its two beach areas located between man-made Hidden lake and Lake Michigan. The entire area in and around Ludington is sprinkled with numerous vegetable farms and fruit orchards, some with pick-your-own privileges.

- Tommie Lowery

#### GENERAL OFFICE (Treasury) -

JEAN KELLEHER became the bride of TIM O'SHEA on Oct. 26. The reception was held at the Elk's Lodge in Alsip...ROD HEFFERNAN and his family drove up to Bemidji, Minn. They had to stay in their cabin and Rod didn't get to use his new outboard motor due to six inches of falling snow...KAY CORCORAN and ARLENE ZITTMAN of Personnel spent a wonderful and scenic week driving south where they visited friends and relatives in Louisville, Ky., and Birmingham, Ala. They enjoyed the wonderful hospitality shown to them by Pensioner GEORGE and ANN WICKMAN, now living in Montgomery. George formerly worked in the Executive Department and says hello to all his CTA friends. The highlight of their trip was personally meeting and talking to Gov. George Wallace. They also visited Stephen Foster's Old Kentucky Home and Mammoth Cave, saw the Capitol in Montgomery, and also cottonfields for the first time .... We would like to welcome JOHN JOHNSON into the department as a token clerk. John was formerly a ticket agent on the South Section. The department regrets the transfering of CAROLINE WILLIAMS, our addressograph operator, to work in the administrative services. We will miss her. but we all wish her the best in her new location.

#### (Medical) -

Well, our Irish nurse, MARY LEDWITH, was on the go again. This time she flew to Ireland on her vacation to visit with her mother, sister, two brothers as well as some nephews and nieces. Mary really enjoyed herself and brought back many memories...Dr. S. D. MOSNY and his wife took a vacation to Yugoslavia and then a Mediterranean cruise.

#### (Insurance & Pensions) -

Well the blessed event finally arrived for MARY BETH MROZ when a bouncing baby girl was born on Oct. 8. The proud father is GERALD MROZ of Internal Auditing... We were sorry to hear that PATRICIA HOFF's husband, EDWARD, supervisor in District D, is presently confined to Resurrection hospital. Hurry and get well... Wedding bells rang for COLLEEN YOUNT on Sept. 21 when she became Mrs. BOB CANIANO at St. Mary of Celle church in Berwyn. A reception was held at the MarLac House in Oak Park. They honeymooned in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Colleen is the daughter of CLYDE YOUNT who works in the Electrical Department.

#### (Personnel) -

RITA HURLEY and her husband flew to Ireland to visit with relatives. While there Rita developed pneumonia and had to be confined indoors. Sorry to hear this happened on your vacation ... DON RIESS Ad his wife enjoyed a Caribbean cruise as did STAN TADEVIC and his wife ... RUTH BEUTLER and her sister, ADELLE, and JOAN FITZGERALD of Administrative Services, flew to Phoenix, Ariz., to enjoy the better climate .... We welcome to he department RUTH BROWN, MARYAN fICHAUD and HATTIE CHEATHAM all working at Limits ... ERVIN HARRIS entered his dog, Bristol, in the obedience trials at the Amphitheatre on Nov. 2 in open "A" classification going for the first leg of his CDE (Companion Dog Excellent) title. Good luck, Erv ... ELLIOTT HIRSCH paid us a visit last month and his retirement is wearing very well on him. That Arizona sun sure gave him a "man of leisure" look, and he really looked good. He spent the whole day at the Mart visiting all his friends here .... KATHY FABRY won a Brothers TV set and stand in a contest sponsored by Horders Stationery in the Mart... MIKE McCARTHY attended the Bears-Packers game on Oct. 21 and, with his Irish luck, helped the Bears defeat the Packers 10 to 9. If Abe Gibron could ar-Pange for Mike to be at each Bears game re would have a winning team .... MARIE and BILL CLINE are expecting their second child in April. A boy this time would be nice as their first child was a girl....TONY BORCIC, BILL SHOLDICE and his wife, NANCY, JUNE VanCAMP, Real Estate, and ree friends spent a fine weekend at the Sands hotel in Las Vegas. While there they tried to take in every show and almost succeeded. They enjoyed Glen Campbell, The Carpenters, Buddy Hackett, Mitzie Gaynor and Wayne Newton. But Nancy and June will tell you that Robert Goulet had the best show on the strip. He left the stage, walked to the table where they were sitting, and personally serenaded the girls. Nancy was the only lucky one in the group--she won a \$250 jackpot on a nickel slot machine...It seems that STUART and ARLA MAGINNIS need a map to keep track of the whereabouts of their three children. LYNN, a junior at Northwestern, recently left for Paris, France, where she will be studying for a year at the University of Paris. MARK recently completed the armed forces information specialist school for radio-TV broadcasters at Fort Benjamin Harris in Indianapolis, Ind. Mark,

who is in the air force, will soon be leaving for duty in Korea, assigned to the armed forces radio network. SCOTT, the youngest, is a freshman at Western Illinois university at Macomb, Ill...RON BA-KER, management training coordinator, joined our office on June 26, on loan from Transportation Department. He assists STU MAGINNIS and is also supervisor for programs relating to transportation training....BOB DESVIGNES, management training coordinator, is also on loan from Transportation Department. He is one of the two discussion leaders for CTA Management Institute ... MIKE SMITH, management training coordinator, is a borrowed employee from the Maintenance Department. He is the other half of the team that directs the management institute ... AVERY GRIMES, co-op trainee, joined us on Aug. 12 as a temporary employee while a student at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. He's currently assisting where needed in art assignments and other duties...SUE THIEME, training coordinator, joined us as a permanent employee and is the new coordinator for the technical institute and also supervises the co-op trainee program.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

#### KEDZIE -

Just a little reminder from Superintendents R. KEAG and E. WHITE, as well as the Instruction Department. Bad weather is just about here, so let's review our defensive driving habits now. Allow more distance between buses and cars, and we'll make a good showing in the last quarter of the Interstation Safety Contest .... Your reporter and his wife, CARM, along with Retired Superintendent MYLES HARRING-TON and his wife, BEA, took a three-week vacation together. We drove down to Sun City and Tucson, Ariz., Nogales, Mexico, and Las Vegas, Nev. The drive home was through the mountains. While in Sun City dinner parties were planned for us every day. We were shown all the high spots. We visited with a few retired superintendents and their wives: EARL and MARGE PETERSON, BOB and BABE CHRISTIAN. RAY and LOUISE DAGENAIS, RAY and SUE REIGHARD, and JACK and BETTY JACOBY. We just missed Retired Supervisor J. HARRISON and his lovely wife who had left for California. But we did see Retired Clerk GEORGE DeGIORE and his lovely wife, CHRIS. All of them say hello to everyone back in Chicago. I had a nice talk with GEORGE RILEY, director of supporting services, who said while he was down in Sun City the parties were going on every night. They're just great people down there. He said he needs another vacation just to recuperate when he gets home. While we were in Las Vegas we met Retired Operator VITO RISCOSSA, who looks and feels great and is enjoying pensioned life. Operator D'ANDREA should give Vito a call, he'd like to hear from you...Our best wishes go to Operator A. GNIEWEK who went on disability pension Oct. 1.

- Raymond Graham

#### LIMITS -

Greetings fellows. There's not much to report this month as I didn't get too much from you. But here goes with what little I did get ... I attended my first credit union dinner and dance, and when all these guys get together, man they can really party. The food and drink was plentiful, and my body and I had a ball ... To all of you who missed the Little Flower dinner and show at the Drury Lane theatre, it was a fabulous affair. The filet mignon was superb and Cesar Romero in "My Three Angels" was really great. All in all, I had a wonderful weekend .... Well it's basketball time again, so come out and watch our guys play. I promise you we will make a better showing this year. Watch the bulletin board for time and place ... Please send me some news so we can build up our column in the Transit News....See you next month.

- Charles Turner

#### LOOP -

Belated birthday greetings to Agent BILL PFEIFFER, Oct. 14 (Columbus day)... MORA HAASE proudly announced the arrival of a new grandson on Sept. 15. Young MATTHEW HENRY MICHAELS weighed in at 7 pounds 12 ounces...Agent JIM GEORGE is in Hines hospital. We know he would be happy to hear from all his CTA friends.... BILL MCNALLY is in St. Anne's hospital, 4950 W. Thomas, Chicago, Room 283. Why not get in touch with him, too....MARY VI-DAS is really shook up. Gov. Dan Walker was a visitor at her Logan Square station and gave her his autograph. Mary also got her last week of vacation. She spent the time entertaining and visiting friends and relatives .... MARY GALLAGHER is recuperating from knee surgery. We hope she will be up and about by the time this is in print...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Retired Agent JOHN FILI-PEK who passed away Oct. 10 after a long illness...DAVE GRAFMAN has been away from the job for over two weeks now. We are happy to say it is not because of illness. Dave has been doing his thing as a good citizen on jury duty... DOROTHY PARKER is off on another week of vacation. She slipped away without a clue as to what she will be doing. Shame! We know she will be having a good time wherever she goes ... ANN CINCETTI slipped off on us, too, without a word. Get in touch, Ann, and give us the news... The traveling DOYLES manage to make every copy of Transit News, MILDRED and DAN just returned from Midway, Ark., in time to welcome a new grandson, JAMES AN-

THONY, who is the new son of JOHN DOYLE, journeyman mechanic at South Shops. Young James weighed in at 7 pounds 2 ounces and is 21 inches long. Congratulations to mom, LOIS JEAN, dad and of course Grandma and Grandpa... That's all for now folks. Get on the ball one and all and send me some news items. In the meantime, keep smiling.

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

#### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

The best of health and get well wishes go out to all of you who are ill. We have had plenty of illness within this department and would like to see everyone back on their feet. So, when good health returns, good news will also .... A big hello goes out to new Specifications Engineer LOUIS GELORMI-NI. Co-op Student RALPH JOHLER is with us to learn our procedures. Two new order control clerks, SAM ELLIS and JIM RILEY, have now rounded out the Stores Department. Well, in a way--they came from Stores, South ... Vacation news still dribbles in. We do like to hear it. though. BOB MANVILLE, retired superintendent of purchasing, stopped in for a visit and said hello to his old friends here at the CTA. He was looking very well. It must be that Florida sunshine. . . CHESTER SKORA, Stores, had a week's vacation. He was all smiles when he came back. He reports a lot of relaxation and fun. He visited Cleveland for a weekend with some friends and saw beautiful fall colors... HELEN TOTH, Purchasing, was on vacation and spent time in Milwaukee and Madison, Wisc. She said Wisconsin is absolutely beautiful at this time of year ... ANN JO-BARIS was on vacation at the time of this writing. We should be hearing from her for the next issue... BOB McCARTHY, Purchasing, reports that the fall colors are in their full glory in Clarkstown, Ind., where he and his wife and daughter spent a weekend ... EDNA SOUTHWORTH, Purchasing, is down in sunny Florida at this time having fun in the sun. DICK TESCH. Purchasing, wants this in print: he said Edna earned it and deserved it ... JIM TOOLIS, Purchasing, reports that he is a grandfather for the fifth time. He is the proud grandfather of a bouncing baby boy named ANTHONY, weighing in at 52 pounds. FRANK MAGUIRE, Specifications, may be off until the first of the year until he regains his health. That's the only way we want you Frank, keep getting better ... BOB PIEPER, Stores, has just acquired a new dog, a Scotch terrier named Nemo Aswad, .. Stores at South Shops welcomes BOB HOLTAM, ERIAS HARRIS and WALTER GRIFFIN; also CASEY ADAMOWSKI who transferred from Storeroom 20...Last of all big October birthday greetings go to STEVE DORICH of Storeroom 56 and PETE DUFFY and BOB HOLTAM of Storeroom 15. No news about their ages, however. Well, you're as young as you feel ....

Let's hear more from you people on the bench.

- Priscilla Kamradt

#### MILWAUKEE, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Hi. We don't have too much news this month, so if you have any items to add please call me at Damen on the Kennedy between 12 Noon and 4 p.m...MIKE MAN-SO, midnight agent at Logan Square, is back from his vacation and said he enjoyed every minute of it. He spent seven days in Venezuela, six days in Puerto Rico, and four days in New York ... MARY VIDAS also had a week's vacation and said she was going to finish her Christmas shopping. That doesn't sound like a bad idea as Christmas will be upon us before we know it .... Janitor AL TURNER enjoyed a week's vacation and went to St. Louis for three days. He said he caused inflation down there and also had the ADC people angry with him. If you want to know why you are going to have to ask Turner ... Looks like we are going to lose HELEN CHRISTNER as an agent. She has qualified as clerk. Helen keeps reminding me that we didn't mention that she is a new grandmother. It took so long to mention it, the baby is probably walking by now ... Our sincere condolences to the family of JOHN FILI-PEK who passed away in October .... Congratulations to SHEREE LEE and HOW-ARD MEANS who were married on Oct. 19. Both are former West Side agents ... TED CARRUTHERS won \$100 in the State lottery and it sure will come in handy with a new baby on the way ... MARY VIDAS: Who was that good looking man who winked at you and shook your hand and gave you his autograph?..First there was only one EDEN, then there were two, and now there are three. JUANITA EDEN's sister is now working for the company, but like her mother, she is a North Sider ... Janitor CLARENCE RANCE has a two-week vacation and plans to do nothing but have a good time and a lot of fun at 146 N. Central ... Janitor T. WILLIAMS had a reception for his daughter and new son-in-law on Nov. 2. "Agent ANGEL O'NEAL told me that her mother, Mrs. TELA O'NEAL, returned to school after 30 years, eight children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was graduated on May 31 from Kennedy-King college with a 3.85 average. Now she is going to attend Governors State university. There is also going to be a scholarship in her name for music students. It all goes to prove that it's never too late ... Don't forget to keep the news coming.

- Zita Doublin

#### NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone!..Lucky, lucky, lucky. That's the word for VIRGINIA MAZALEWSKI, the wife of Relief Clerk BENNY MAZALEWSKI, now that she's won that new '75 Chevy...From the looks of the coupons that Instructor JERRY KNOPF brought back from those Slavic countries. he and his Mrs. did a lot of bus riding on their vacation ... Operator PHIL MORE-LAND took his wife, PEARL, and headed for the land of Aloha, beautiful Hawaii. That's the way to turn a 25th wedding anniversary into a second honeymoon. Congratulations to both of you...Assistant Superintendent ART TABEL and his wife, LAVERNE, enjoyed Colorado so much that he is considering taking retirement papers along the next time they head that way ... Garage Clerk AL KARIJOLIC and his better half thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Disney World. After all, what youngsters wouldn't enjoy that kind of a vacation ... Other Florida vacationers included In-

## Service anniversaries in November



W. Sundquist, South Shops F. C. Palilunas, Treasury

## 35 years

E. E. Garro, Law & Claims F. A. Ross Jr., Plant Maintenance

## 30 years

- E. P. Devitt, North Section
- M. J. Kompanowski, Forest Glen
- E. J. Lanz, North Section
- E. W. Smith, Internal Auditing



- A. Hubbard, Archer
- J. J. Nasti, Plant Maintenance
- E. L. Rusinak, Datacenter



## First Women Supervisors In Maintenance

Congratulations are in order for Bea Susman, left, and Fran Louward, both of whom were recently named unit supervisors in CTA's Vehicle Maintenance Department, scoring another first for the distaff side. Mrs. Susman, shown receiving the handshake of Edward Evans, supervisor of office procedure and budget, is in charge of the maintenance office section at Skokie Shop. Mrs. Louward has the same responsibilities at the South Shops. Joseph Repplinger, right, director of vehicle maintenance, was also on hand to welcome the women in.

structors MIKE LACRIOLA and CHAR-LEY WEYER and their wives...After 32 years, Operator W. PAMPER is finally aking life easy. It seems kind of lonely not hearing from 8501 every day ... Had a nice visit with Retired Mechanic CHARLES DEZANEK and his Mrs. He sends his regards to all his old buddies...We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Retired Keeler Superintendent ED LOUGH-RAN. His passing came as a shock to all of us who knew him or had worked for him as I had ... They descended upon us again this year just as they did three years ago. I'm referring to the pensioners who had their pictures taken earlier in the month. We'd like to mention just a few of the folks we were able to welcome to North Avenue: BILL HORNKOHL, MYLES DEWITT, GEORGE MAY, RALPH KUGELARD, STANLEY LECK, CONNIE O'SHEA, SCOT-TY MACINTOSH, WHELEHAN, HUEBSCH, VANDERMEIR, ART ECKER, TOM HICK-TY, VAN CLEAVE, M. GALVIN, W. HAU-TOP, AL BARR, RAY EBEL, JOE BELLA-MY, the DEITZ brothers, KRUZER, GRAHAM, STOKES, WIKRENT, SCHNEID-ER, the CARLSONS, CURTIN, HAROLD HANSEN, KREBS, BORNER, ENGLE-THALER, DESIRON, B. J. CLARK and OSS. This list is only a small cross section of your friends and mine. We hope to see all of you back here three years from now. A lot of these fellas looked in far better shape than some of us that are still working. We're awfully sorry we weren't here to greet all of you. In the meantime, have a happy retirement ... AARON and I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving. Don't overeat (at today's prices who can afford to ?) .... See you all purty soon.

The bells that we heard were, yes, you're right, the wedding bells that were ringing for Operator LEON (Cool Tom) THOMAS and MARY LOUISE. That's what we need, Leon, more hands on the oars ... It was a girl for Repairman DENNIS KILIAN and his wife, JANICE, on Oct. 17, and she was named CHRISTINA LYNN ... Sorry about the fishing being so bad in Belvidere, Ill., and in Wisconsin, Repairman JACK RUZICH. Better luck next time...Repairman HARRY BORIS and his wife, RUTH, spent ten days relaxing in Wisconsin. Sort of a second honeymoon, I guess ... Operator DANNY MELENDEZ has just returned from Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, where he visited his sister who is ill. A speedy recovery from all of us... Operator HARLOW (Fritz) MOELLER and family have just returned from an extensive tour of Texas, Colorado, Arizona, and the Midwest ... We throw the old welcome mat out to FRANK GRIMALDI as assistant day foreman of the repair section ... While the mat is out, we also welcome (ladies first) new Operators ERNESTINE WARREN, LINDA TILLMAN, ALICE DRAKE, HIPOLITO COLON, LUIS RIVERA, ADONIS BERRIOS, JAVADI, WRIGHT, JACKSON, NEAL, and DYSON .... Supervisor ED HOFF is in Resurrection hospital and Pensioner ANDREW KILGORE is in Columbus hospital at the time of this writing. Let's send them a card and wish them a speedy recovery ... Operator KEN-NETH C. METTLER, treasurer-manager of the North Avenue Credit Union, has given me information which we feel should make the feature paragraph of this column. The board of directors of the North Avenue Credit Union has just authorized a 1% bonus to be paid in addition to the present 6% dividends for the year 1974. Since the dividends are paid semi-annually and compounded, this means a total of approximately 7.003% for the year. Savers, how do you like these apples? .. Keep the news coming, fellas, and we shall continue to see you in print.

#### - Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

#### NORTH PARK -

The North Park credit union's annual business meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 10, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared and refreshments will be served with drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend .... The Sambruca Club dinner dance was held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORTINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who patronized this event .... The Little Flower communion and breakfast service was held on Sunday, Oct. 13. North Park members were out in full force, and Operator PETER DOLAN won a basket of tasty goodies on one of the raffles. . . On Oct. 31, Chief Clerk RAY SIMON and Instructor WALTER STEIN-BEISS worked their last day. Ray, who had 45 years of service, and Walter with 32 years, will be sorely missed. These two gentlemen were never too busy to help or assist an operator. May God bless them with many years of health and happiness. Operators JOHN WAIT and A. MILLSTONE also retired effective Nov. 1 and the best to them also. HAROLD SE-DIN retired on Oct. 1. Our best wishes to Harold....MICHAEL PAUL KOMPANOWSKI, the son of Operator MIKE KOMPANOWSKI. was married on Saturday, Nov. 16, to Miss LOTTIE PODRZA at Immaculate Conception church. The reception was held at the Royal Arcanan and attended by 200 guests. The young couple honeymooned in Hawaii .... BARBARA HASS, the daughter of Operator WILLIAM HASS, was married on Saturday. June 8, to Mr. RICHARD L. GOSSER in St. Joseph's Catholic church in Door County, Wisc... Operator JOHN CORBITT and his wife, LOIS, became parents of twin daughters on Aug. 3. The girls, JULIA ANN. weight 5 pounds 4 ounces, and MICHELLE LEIGH, 5 pounds 3 ounces, were born at St. Francis hospital in Evanston, Ill...Pensioner HAROLD SEDIN and his wife, SO-PHIE, became grandparents for the 42nd time when a daughter was born to Harold's stepson, ROBERT DEGELMANN, and his wife, JOANNE. JENNIFER ANN was born on Aug. 27 weighing 6 pounds 3 ounces ... Pensioner BILL SEIFERT of South Gate. Cal., fulfilled a lifelong dream when he made a hole-in-one on the 12th hole at the Los Amigos Golf Club on Sept. 2. It was Bill's first hole-in-one during his 43 years of golfing. Congratulations also go to Bill and his wife, MIN, on the arrival of a new great-granddaughter named DENISE. ... Pensioner RICHARD HALLIGAN and his wife, JOE, and their poodle, Ricky, traveled to Port Charlotte, Fla., where they bought some property and will soon be moving. A visit with Pensioner CHARLES KERR and his wife, ANNE, of Bonita Springs was also enjoyed ... Clerk JOHN WALTHIER and his wife, MARIE, vacationed at Clearwater Beach, Fla., with Mr. and Mrs. DELBERT BAIN. The Walthiers enjoyed swimming, hiking, and eating seafoods in Florida's best restaurants. ...Sanitary Engineer SY GOLDMAN and his wife, NELLIE, vacationed at Columbus, Ind., where Nellie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. FRANCIS STOUT, live. The Goldmans took in all the antique shops in Brown County...Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, and their daughter, JOAN, enjoyed a "Fly-N-Drive" vacation in Southern California, taking in

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most of the sights from Los Angeles to San Diego, including Universal Studios. Busch Gardens, the Johnny Carson Show, Japanese Village, Wax Museum and the Wild Animal Park. In San Diego the Steinbergs were hosted by their son, JOEL, and his wife, LINDA ... Pensioner AL REMACK and his wife, DOROTHY, are on the go again. Points of interest visited were Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Williamsburg, Va., and the Shenandoah Valley ... Pensioner TONY SANSONE sends his regards to all of his friends at North Park and especially those on Sheridan road for the many kind thoughts each one had of him...My special thanks to Clerk FRED NEWMAN of the repair department for his kindness in the recent return of a punch that was left on a bus that he serviced .... Our sympathy is extended to the families of Operator JOHN FIESTERMAN, Janitor AL FERNBACK, Operators EUGENE CALDWELL and ROBERT HICKS, and Operator SAM BAKER in the loss of his father-in-law, Mr. ABRAHAM SHAPIRO .... Before closing, I just have to explain why Operator JAMES W. GRIFFIN III is walking around proud as a peacock. On Oct. 2 his wife, PATRICIA, gave birth to 5 pound 2 ounce JAMES WESLEY GRIFFIN IV. Congratulations.

- Melvin Horning

#### PLANT MAINTENANCE -

Congratulations are in order for RODNEY DABE, sheetmetal worker, who received the apprentice of the year award. This is the first time in five years that such an award has been given. Rodney was honored at a dinner at the Conrad Hilton hotel. Adding to the above happy news, Rodney also became a proud and happy father of a son, MARK, born July 26 weighing 8 pounds 12 ounces, Congratulations, Rodney, we are proud of you ... More about babies. SYLVESTER BROWN, plumber, is also a very proud and happy father of a son named KENNETH born Sept. 28. Congratulations! . . We know that everyone loves a mystery. Who came visiting us one day during their vacation and found that they had locked themselves out of their car, then had to go home to get their extra key and back again? You should have taken good old R.T. in the first place, kiddo....Happy to have LOUIE VELEZ back after a two-week vacation. We missed his smiling face. Louie claims he went to Puerto Rico, Las Vegas and San Francisco, but personally I think that Mrs. Velez had a long list of "Louie do this and Louie do that."..I wish that there was a special medal made so that we could pin it on BOB BONESS, track clerk, "for services rendered". Our stationery cabinet never looked so orderly. Thanks a million, Robert....Congratulations to HENRY KEANE on being made assistant plumbing foreman .... We would like to bid a fond adieu to BAR-NEY HOLTANE, ironwork inspector, J.

MILOS, plumber, and JOE KLEIN, transfer room. These gentlemen have retired and we wish them all a very long and happy retirement. I did not get to say a personal goodbye to Barney, so the best of everything to you and Mrs. Holtane wherever you are...Talking about retirees, we had a very pleasant surprise when Big JOHN RETZLER paid us a visit last month. We were all happy to see him, and believe me he looks just grand, a little grayer, but still the same old John. I hope you will come again real soon.

- Jennie Scott

#### NORTH SECTION -

Agent GEORGE KUEHL has returned to work after being off sick. Welcome back, George. . . Agent FREDDIE COMACHO feels mighty good after his trip to San Juan. He says he enjoyed every minute while he was visiting with his relatives .... Agent MAMIE TWINE has been off sick and in the hospital, as was Agent C. GRIF-FIN. We hope they are doing well and will soon be back to work. Also, Agent CAROL STEVENSON has been ill and we wish her a speedy recovery...Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Janitor SAM SWEENEY who recently passed away. This was really a shock to all the employees who knew Sam ... Janitor JOHN BONNER and Clerk R. LINDSEY are home sick and we wish them a speedy recovery...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Agent MARY JOHNSON in the death of her father. ...Clerk ROBERTS has resigned from the company to return to school full time. We hope he does well and can bring home top line grades....We now have three new clerks on the North Side: R. HARRIS, E. JOHN-SON and WILLA HAYWOOD. Willa had the misfortune of dropping a train phone on her foot and has been off work because of this. We hope she will be better soon and able to return to work ... Agents L. NO-DARSE and J. MCPHEE are two North Side agents now in training in the assignment office. We hope they will like the change of pace. Our good luck wishes are sent to them...North Side motormen who recently became supervisors are: R. FREEMAN, E. YOUNG and M. ASHLEY. We wish them good luck in their new field of work .... My husband, Clerk GEORGE HENKE, and myself wish to express our sincere thanks to the North Side employees who thought enough to care in expressing their sympathy to us in the recent death of George's brother. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks again. . . Supervisor ROBERT THOMAS has been accepted to train in the line room of the Control Center at the Mart. Good luck, Bob. . . Superintendent MIKE VELTRI is on vacation and will visit his daughter in Greece, then go on to Italy, France and England...Clerk ORLANDO MENICCUCI and his wife, and Conductor SOMOGI and his wife spent two weeks visiting Hawaii and some of the outer islands.

Orlando says he fell in love with the island of Maui. He told his wife that she could go home and continue to work and send some money so he could stay there. His idea evidently didn't work since he is back to work. Nice try ... Your reporter and her husband, George, also vacationed in Hawaii. First we visited San Francisco for three days and then flew to Hawaii where we did the supper clubs and shows. Returning to Los Angeles, we stayed with friends and visited Universal Studios and the many sights in and around the city, and then rented a car to visit relatives in Taft and Bakersfield ... Retired Agent EMMA RENHACK sends her hello to all who would remember her. She is enjoying retirement very much ... My father, former North Avenue Bus Operator VIGGO WIND-FELD, and my mother have really been enjoying their retirement. They have been to Denmark, on a seven day cruise to the Caribbean, a 23 day cruise to Central and South America, a 23 day cruise to Alaska, and now they are planning a six-week visit to Costa Del Sol in Spain. Boy this is really living. George says you never know when they will be home ... BILL ROONEY, assistant superintendent at Kimball, spent a one-week vacation painting a bedroom and the outside of his house. We wonder what got the most paint, the house or Mr. Rooney? .. Agent TOM MITCHELL vacationed in Ireland where he visited his parents and did much traveling ... Yard Foreman JAMES O'GRADY also visited Ireland and claims all he did was a little fishing. We wonder for what? . . Agent BRIDGETT MULKERRIN also went home to Ireland and said she had a wonderful and happy time...After many months of waiting, we now have a beautiful and modern terminal at Kimball. It was officially opened with speeches by local and federal political dignitaries. The Roosevelt High school band played several musical selections...Clerk BOB STEWART went to Athens, Ohio, on his vacation to visit with his brother who is a professor of speech at the University of Ohio ... Motorman L. ELLIS spent a "honey-do" vacation at home and is now driving a new car. Many happy miles, Ellis.

- Nina Henke

#### **OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -**

BILL WORCESTER and his wife flew to Europe and visited Scotland, England and Ireland, enjoying it very much...KEN MAREK and his wife flew to the Swiss Alps. They relaxed in the mountains of Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France, instead of a lot of museums and cathedrals...Received a card from Pensioner CHARLIE KEELER who visited Former Checker JAKALE in the Ozarks... We welcome three new traffic checkers: JAMES MARBLE, FRANK PATTERSON and NAPOLEON TURNER...Received a card from Pensioner JOHN FITZGERALD who has been traveling. He's still waiting for the sweater that's being knitted for him since he retired. Will he wait forever?..JOE MILBROOK's wife gave birth to a baby girl. That makes No. 3. Mother and baby are doing fine. Congratulations!

#### (Routes & Systems) -

Smiling and cheerful, FRANK MISEK returned to work after a month recuperating from surgery. He would like to thank all who remembered him with cards and well wishes. Also, the department would like to wish Mr. Misek a happy birthday on his day of celebration, Oct. 23 ... MIKE GRO-VAK spent a week in the Wisconsin Dells. He played in a volleyball tournament and is team came in second (you can't always Je No. 1) ... Welcome to HENRY WILSON who transfered from Desplaines Station as a transit analyst ... Well, JILL LINNE and her husband, RED, finally did it--they moved into their house after only  $2\frac{1}{2}$ months of cleaning, packing, cleaning, renodeling, cleaning, unpacking, and more cleaning. Now their only problem is cooking--their stove hasn't arrived yet and meals are cooked in assorted fry pans. coffee pots, etc. Half of the appliances have to be plugged in the bathroom, which is on a separate circuit, since the wiring decided to die. Good luck and we hope your stove arrives, because Red is getting tired of eating hot dogs boiled in a coffee pot on the bathroom floor ... NANCY SHOLDICE and her husband, BILL, and some friends took a trip to Las Vegas. Nancy is all smiles because she hit the jackpot on the slot machines and for once brought back money from Las Vegas. They saw about eight shows and the best show for her was at the Sands hotel where Robert Goulet came down off the stage and sang to her.

#### Passenger Controls) -

GEORGE MACAK motored to York, Penn., to attend a train collector's convention with a few of his friends. One thing he found out was that the 55 mile per hour speed limit is enforced. Right, George?.. STEVE WOLGEMUTH and his wife flew to the West Coast for their vacation. During their stay in San Francisco Steve and DIANE took aride on BART. They motored to Oregon and Washington, then visited Victoria on Vancouver Island.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paczkowski

#### SKOKIE SHOP -

Congratulations to Machinist GREG MAR-SHALL and his wife, BEVERLY, on the birth of their second son, SCOTT WILLI-AM...Congratulations also to PAT LANG-OSCH who is now a machinist apprentice. Pat transferred from the labor gang...BILL ZIMOS is the owner of a new Buick Le-Sabre. Happy driving, Bill...JOHN ZDU-NEK of the Upholstery Shop and his wife, VIRGINIA, visited Retired Carpenter ED-WARD WYNN and his wife, DOROTHY, in Mountain Home, Ark. They helped them celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. All of us at the Shop extend our congratulations, too... Congratulations to CHESTER and MARY BUJNOWSKI on the birth of their second grandson, PAUL ROBERT YEARSLEY, Oct. 13. The proud parents are ALICE and ROBERT YEARS-LEY ... Congratulations to TED and GLO-RIA LESNIAK on their 25th wedding anniversary... Happy to report EVERETT ENGLAND won second place in the Spring Grove fireman's dance. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Everett and his wife, MARCELLA, attended the dance this year and had a good time ... DENNY WINNICK, Truck Shop, spent his vacation in Arizona and Nevada this year. Denny said that he spent most of his time in Phoenix and all his money in Las Vegas...We would like to welcome BYRON LeVAULT, LES SEIT-MAN. TOM WOLF and LEON WELLNER to the Control Department.

- Pat Harnett

#### SOUTH SHOPS -

I'd like to congratulate FRAN LOUWARD on her appointment to a new position. Fran became unit supervisor, office procedure and budget. We wish her the best of luck and much success. Fran just returned from her vacation in California. The only complaint she had was that the bus strike was on and transportation there was chaotic .... We are all glad to see TED PIETRUS back to work after being off sick for a few months. He is healthy and happy and ready to take on the world ... Our condolences are extended to GEORGE CLARK. retired superintendent of Shops & Equipment, in the death of his mother, LaBERT, Oct. 19 .... Congratulations to ERNIE NEL-SON who became a grampa for the first time on Oct. 1. MYRNA and JERRY NEL-SON are the proud parents of little INGA HELENA. Inga weighed in at 6 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19 inches long. Congratulations, grampa ... GAIL HATHAWAY just came back from her vacation in Memphis, where she visited her parents ... A sad farewell goes out to LARRY OTT of Methods and Standards who left us on Oct. 25. We wish Larry good luck and happiness...JOHN LIPKA has returned from his vacation in Hot Springs, Ark. While there he visited with ADOLPH KUTZ, retired CTA electrician. Adolph says hi to everybody here. John drove his 1974 Buick Le-Sabre down for a test run...JOHN WARD of Material Control is on a diet. His diet consists of pizza, spaghetti, ribs, deserts, french fries, peanuts, beer, etc. He has the nerve to ask why he's not losing weight. Don't we all wish we were on diets such as John's?

OARY ELLIOTT's friends and co-workers would like to welcome him back to work after his long illness...ROBERT (Bozo) BARNES is also back to work after being

off sick for two months...LOUIS and JEAN COLOSIMO recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The reception, held at the Jolly club, was attended by over 200 of their friends and relatives ... We would like to wish HARRY POCES a speedy recovery from his illness which has kept him from his work for over two months.... JERRY DEXTER's wife, CAROL, presented him with two new additions to their family. The twin boys, RAYMOND GEORGE and MATTHEW JOSEPH. weighed in at 5 pounds 14 ounces and 5 pounds 10 ounces... Pensioner TOM COATES and his wife just returned from two weeks in sunny Acapulco. Tom says hello to everyone ... Another co-worker, back at his job after being off ill, is CASEY STRZYNSKI. Welcome back, Casev.

#### - Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

#### TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -

Welcome to the following new members of Utility: ROBERT E. JONES, BERNARD T. GILMORE and JERALD E. KRAUS from Beverly; EMANUEL BLUE Jr. from 69th Street; MELVIN BOND and MYRTHA HAYES from Kedzie; LOUIS H. JOHNSON from 77th Street, and RAYFIELD CULLER from Limits... Pensioner WILLIAM G. COLEMAN has moved to Florida from Mt. Olive, Ill. Bill visited Blue Island before leaving for his new abode at 4120 N.W. 39th avenue, Oriole Estates, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33309 ... Our sympathy to ROY BOWERS in the loss of his mother, and to the JOHN KOHLER family in the loss of John's daughter, BARBARA... Mr. and Mrs. OSCAR JOHNSON No. 1 vacationed in Tennessee.

#### - Colette Szczepanek

#### SOUTH SECTION -

We had some new additions to our CTA families recently: Conductor ROBERT NELSON and his wife, COLLEEN, had a little baby girl named KRISTI JOY, born Sept. 25. The happy Nelsons have two girls now; the other little girl, HEATHER, is 17 months old. . . Conductor LeVERN WHEELER was celebrating the birth of his new addition, a baby girl, VANETTE. Now they have a boy and girl....We started out with just two women conductors recently and now we have five more which makes seven to date. The latest additions are MARY FRYAR, ROSIE LOFTON, IVORY GRAHAM, DORIS O'NEAL and LENA PHILLIPS. A big hearty welcome to all our gal conductors ... But never to be forgotten, also a big hello to our newlyhired male conductors: ALAN DEVER, who is a re-hired employee, BERNARD HAWKINS, REGINALD PRICE, DONNIE FULLER, FINAS JACKSON and MICHAEL Also welcome back to JEFFERSON. FRANK EDWARDS, who was a part-time conductor, but joined the ranks of our

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYES

PATRICK J. BARNES, 86, Kedzie, Emp. 1-23-18. Died 9-20-74 ROBERT T. BLANKS, 54, 69th Street, Emp. 5-22-51, Died 10-11-74 LEONARD CALLAHAN, 80, 77th Street. Emp. 1-19-25, Died 9-14-74 BENJAMIN DAY, 88, West Section, Emp. 8-12-08, Died 9-26-74 EDWARD EHRLICH, 78, Charter, Emp. 5-1-43, Died 9-23-74 RAYMOND GAIDES, 62, West Section, Emp. 1-8-46, Died 9-29-74 HARVEY GARNER, 60, 77th Street, Emp. 2-9-59, Died 10-15-74 A. F. GREENAWALT, 73, South Section, Emp. 4-10-43, Died 9-21-74 ALBERT HAMMERGREN, 90, Cottage Gr., Emp. 6-27-05, Died 9-24-74 WILLIE K. HARE, 70, Archer, Emp. 4-24-44, Died 9-17-74 ERNEST HARMS, 78, West Section, Emp. 7-23-20, Died 9-13-74 THOMAS HOUGH, 70, Training, Emp. 4-26-29, Died 9-4-74 JOHN W. JOHNSON, 67, Archer, Emp. 1-15-29, Died 9-8-74 JOHN KANTAK, 42, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-9-64, Died 10-13-74 PHILIP R. KOCH, 71, South Shops, Emp. 8-30-19, Died 9-26-74 ARTHUR KRAFT, 83, North Avenue, Emp. 12-03-23, Died 9-29-74 FRANK KRAUSE, 79, Howard Street, Emp. 7-20-15, Died 9-18-74 BENJAMIN LaBUY, 82, North Avenue, Emp. 7-2-09, Died 9-17-74 CLARENCE LEMKE, 68, North Avenue, Emp. 1-27-36, Died 9-20-74

regular conductors...Received a nice phone call recently from Retired Supervisor HUGH KELLEY who lives in Homestead. Fla. He was in Chicago visiting his sister and then was going up to Wisconsin to a dude ranch for a little vacation .... We welcome back from the sick list five men who have been off for quite some time: Motorman CECIL GRAVES, Conductor RUS-SELL WILLIAMS, Switchman FRANK MORRIS, Yard Foreman RAYMOND La-FAIRE, and Clerk JIM FORTE...Clerk JOHN BARRY, while on vacation with his Missus, his daughter and grandchild, drove down to Oakland, Ark., and visited with Retired Superintendent JOSEPH TVRDIK. Joe lives and fishes all the time on Bull Shoals lake. Joe has a lovely home, too. While there, West Section Superintendent ART RABEN and his wife also stopped in for a visit so it was old home week for CTAers and a good time was had by all...Our deepest sympathy goes out to Conductor JOE DOYLE whose mother passed away recently...Conductor ROBERT NANCE, who was on our sick list for a long time, has returned to work as an agent. We wish you luck, Robert, on your new job ... Our South Siders are really winHERBERT K. LINDEMANN, 60, No. Ave., Emp. 3-30-37, Died 9-28-74 JACOB LISCHKO, 82, Devon, Emp. 8-22-16, Died 9-11-74 EDMOND C. LOUGHRAN, 71. Keeler. Emp. 4-20-26, Died 9-30-74 WILLIAM McCARTHY, 62, 77th Street, Emp. 4-25-42, Died 10-3-74 PATRICK J. MURPHY, 75, 77th Street, Emp. 7-26-23, Died 9-18-74 ANDREW W. NELSON, 83, Devon. Emp. 7-13-23, Died 9-12-74 JOHN M. PIERSON, 72, Claim, Emp. 2-11-26, Died 9-18-74 FAY L. PRITCHARD, 77, North Avenue. Emp. 1-8-34, Died 9-19-74 FREDERICK W. RAPP, 74, Beverly, Emp. 2-14-28, Died 9-21-74 FRED O. REGGE, 77, Lawndale, Emp. 11-25-29, Died 9-4-74 JONAS ROCHELLE, 62, Engineering, Emp. 6-2-43, Died 9-20-74 ARVID SANDIN, 73, North Section, Emp. 2-13-43, Died 9-16-74 HENRY A. SHEA, 85, Devon, Emp. 7-17-23, Died 9-13-74 KAZIMER SIKORA, 87, North Avenue, Emp. 1-19-10, Died 9-7-74 FLOYD SMITH, 74, North Section, Emp. 12-4-45, Died 9-15-74 SAMUEL SWEENEY, 51, North Section, Emp. 4-15-57, Died 10-16-74 NICK TSEKERIS, 73, 77th Street, Emp. 9-1-44, Died 8-9-74 NICKOLAS WIELAND, 88, Cottage Grove, Emp. 3-27-13, Died 9-13-74 ARVIN WILMONT, 63, Electrical, Emp. 3-18-40, Died 9-17-74

ning the Illinois Lottery. Recently Janitor MICHAEL CARUSO won \$100. Sure wish we all could get a winning ticket ... Motorman JAMES FARMER and Clerk WILLIE GODBOLD, who were in the supervisor's pool, decided to come back to their regular jobs...Received a lovely letter from Retired Motorman EDWARD and VIOLA HENNESSY, who send greetings from Phoenix, Ariz., where they live. They had a nice visit from Retired Conductor JOE SCHUMACHER and his wife recently, who live in Long Beach, Cal., and they look great. They also had a nice visit from Supervisor ANDY O'BRIEN and his wife. So they have had lots of company. The Hennessys and Retired Collector THOMAS McINERNEY and his wife, Former Assignment Agent NANCY, all attended the funeral of my former boss and a wonderful man, Retired Station Superintendent MICHAEL O'CONNOR, who passed away a few months ago in Tucson... We're glad to see Motorman DAVID CUR-RIN who tried out as an information clerk in Marketing, but didn't like it and came back to us as a motorman... The South Siders just keep those passenger commendations coming in. Isn't that wonderful. We're so proud of all our people: Conductor LUTHER WAKE FIELD received a commendation for making good station announcements; Motorman EDWARD O'HARE received a passenger commendation for operating his train so smoothly, and Motorman RONALD CURRY and Conductor JAMES MOSS for helping a woman recover her lost purse ... Retired Supervisor ED MUNRO, who had an operation in the late summer, is feeling just fine now and is starting to bowl in his winter bowling leagues. Keep up the good work, Ed....Heard that Retired Towerman PAT-RICK JOYCE passed away recently. Our condolences go out to the Joyce family .... On the sick list at this writing is Motorman DAVID MOORE. He had an operatic recently, but is home now recuperating nicely. . . Station Superintendent KEN BROWN, who temporarily is working on the West Section, was all smiles when he told us about his latest addition, a baby girl named KRISTEN EILEEN. The Browp family now has five lovely children...Bi congratulations to our former boss. Retired Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER and his wife, LOUISE, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 25. Their family arranged a small gathering to celebrate the happy event .... Our Ashland Avenue employees are going great guns. They broke their commendation-complaint par for the third quarter by having more commendations than complaints and free coffee was enjoyed by all of us at Ashland .... New blood bank cards are out. See your representative so you can get your new card.

- Verna Hartney

#### WEST SECTION -

Jack Frost is nippin' at your nose, but I'l burn your ears with this news. My partner, SANTO SICILIANO, was up in Wisconsinvisiting with the JOHN McCARTYS. And wouldn't you know he was the center of attraction. He almost went down for the count of three, and in only three feet c water, yelling HELP HELP! They threw him a life preserver, while his wife, ROSE, was saying the rosary. Learn to swim, Santo. Any way you look at it though, Mrs. Siciliano didn't lose a son, but gained a daughter when their son, GEORGE, took unto himself a lovely lass named MAUREEN as his bride Sept. 14. A lovely and happy time was had by all. Mr. and Mrs. M. PFEIFFER danced all night. I had a ball dancing with Mrs. FIORE, while her husband, MARK, was trying to get everyone else on a vitamin E kick. Mr. and Mrs. JOHN CIMMERER had a good time, just prior to John having his own celebration -- a retirement party. You remember John, the little guy that used to sit at the table on Lake Street and yell inflation, coffee's going up. But everybody paid. Now that spot is empty. We will all missyou, John, as you enjoy your new life.

.. Ex-conductor S. JONES had his car stolen, and that's a sin as far as he is concerned. Now he has to walk to work .... On the sick list is Conductor D. WILLI-AMS. Get well quick, Doug....Congratulations to all the newly appointed supervisors: T. PATTERSON, J. BRENNAN, W. FOWLER, L. RAYBURN, T. BALLARD, W. JONES, B. WINBURN and W. NICHOLS. ... The CTA credit union had a gala affair at the Lexington House on 95th street. It was a pleasant evening for all....Superintendent K. BROWN and his wife, DONNA, are the proud parents of a baby girl, KRISTEN EILEEN, born on Oct. 2. The cute little lady weighed in at 7 pounds 8 ounces. That makes five for the Browns. But he's till the hero in the family. Congratulaons, folks...Best wishes are in order, also, for Switchman W. ODOMS and his wife, Clerk VALERIE, who became proud grandparents on Oct. 3 when their daughter, CHRISTINE, gave birth to little SANDRA CHANELL who weighed in at 6 unds 1 ounce...The welcome mat is excended to our new employees: A. BISHOP, address below: your present mailing address appears on the back of this coupon. Zip Code CTA TRANSIT NEWS by entering your new No Badge/Payroll/Pension Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654 

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P. REINA, R. WILLIAMS, C. HARTFIELD, C. CRAWFORD and T. HAWKINS. Good luck, fellows ... Well let's get out of here. Don't get your knees wet, Santo. Bye now! See you the next time around.

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

#### 69TH STREET -

MICKEY YOUNG and his pretty wife, ELEANOR, followed J. MURNANE and his wife to Las Vegas. They all stayed at the Star Dust hotel where they gambled and took in a few naughty shows....Chief Clerk BARNEY BECKER said he had a vacation that only a millionaire could have. He had perfect weather when he spent a week in Hawaii and a week in San Diego, Cal. He also spent four days in Las Vegas, where he had fun taking in all the shows and doing a little gambling .... Would you guys believe that "Choo-Choo" FRALE took two days off from work to take his new bride to Las Vegas? He sure raised heck around the nickel one-arm bandits and the free food trays. I sure would like to get close to the executor of your estate ... ROY HORNING and his wife, JO, went to Portugal and Spain where they said the scenery was just beautiful....Little did we know that we had an off-key baritone in our No. 2 clerk, T. HALL ... E. R. BEHRENS' wife bought him a '74 Camaro. Behrens was quite surprised when the Mayor of Oak Forest asked him to attend the Village meeting and was honored for having the best landscaped lawn and garden in the town. Congratulations!..After following G. FERGUSON on 55th, I am inclined to believe JESSE DAN-IELS when he said that Fergie was neither a preacher or an angel...JOHN SPOO, retired supervisor and the brother of PETE SPOO, former 69th Street operator, now lives in Holiday, Fla., at 5005 Cora Drive. Have him check you out for time when you're down that way. His son, BOB, is the backfield coach for the University of Wisconsin football team .... I had Pensioner WILLIAM J. FAHEY on my bus and he certainly looks good for his 80 years ... H. SANGER was off sick for quite awhile, but is now back and seriously thinking about retiring ... Instructor O'DONNELL is now acting relief superintendent. His wife is due to go into the hospital for observation and all our prayers go with her. J. G. STEINBACH is our new night superintendent. All of us at 69th wish him a long and successful career. We would also like to say goodby and good luck to Superintendent A. TABEL who was transferred to the North Side ... Our softball team came in third this year and we are really proud of them. If we do as well or better in the basketball league, we will really brag a bit ... I wonder if Retired Superintendent GLEN PEYTON is doing much fishing? Let us hear from you ... ED STEPHAN's wife was in the hospital for observation. She is doing well now and she and Ed are taking life easy... Operator "Bad Eye" KELLEY, formerly of 69th and now at Archer, is thinking about taking his retirement....At this writing Operator J. DEBRO is confined to the burn unit at Loyola hospital. Here's hoping he is out and back to work by the time he reads this ... CHARLEY (Drawbar) HOLLAND celebrated his 39th wedding anniversary in October. He is now a loader and likes it ... Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of KENNETH ROGERS in the death of his father, FELIX ROGERS; to the family of GEORGE JAROS who recently passed away; to THURBER JOHNSON in the loss of his mother; to the family of Janitor HARVEY GARNER who passed away; to Pensioner J. DENNESAITES in the loss of his wife; to the family of 52nd Street Clerk ROBERT BLANKS who recently passed away, and to the family of our old pal and friend JAMES CHAMBERS who passed away...I met Operator G. MITCHELL for the first time in 18 years (his seniority) and I found out he is still as full of the old blarney as he ever was...Spot a familiar face back on the sports page? Yep, it's yours truly, ART BUESING, with a coho from Lake Michigan. My daughter, SAN-DRA, and I went fishing on the lake and it was just one of the fish we caught.

Fall vacations were taken by RALPH GRAGIDO and JOE ATKINS who traveled to Tennessee; JERRY JONES, BENNY BUT-KIEWICZ, EDDIE SMOLENSKI and TEDDY NIEZABITOWSKI vacationed in Wisconsin; JOE JANECKO who went to Las Vegas with hopes of bringing home some money, and VINCE ONDRIAS, GRANT SMITH, JIM DALY, BILL ROBINSON and BEN VEN-HUIZEN. Hope they all had a good time.... Pensioner CLYDE WALL, former operator and box puller, is really enjoying his leisure life around Mount Greenwood Park on 111th street .... We heard from Pensioners FRANK YERMAN, SAM VAN HUIZEN, MARTY GRIFFIN, PETE HYNES, MIKE DWYER, MATT BASSO and MAURICE AHERN who are all enjoying retirement .... We all wish BENNY GRIFFIN a speedy recovery from his recent illness...We are glad to hear that Pensioner FRANK PIK-CUNAS is on the road to recovery after his recent neck surgery. We also send our best wishes to Mrs. PIKCUNAS ... HARVEY BROCK has been trying his luck at fishing again. He practices every weekend in Robbins. Hope he has learned how to get something on the end of his line. We also have some new fishermen in our midst: BILL TOOMEY, CLAUDE FIZER, LARRY TROUPE and BRUCE BURIAN. Keep up the good work, fellows, and maybe you will catch that big one ... We welcome BILL LAMBERT to 69th as our new day foreman, BILL TOOMEY as our night foreman, and OWEN WILLIAMS as assistant day foreman. To Foreman PETE SZAFRANSKI who was transferred to Kedzie, we wish you the best of luck.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

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## what's news

"Welcome Aboard, Senior Citizens!" is the topic of the month in the Transportation Department. Rapid transit operators have been alerted to expect a larger number of older riders through the holiday season and have been reminded to wait for connections, operate smoothly, make announcements clearly, and allow ample time for safe boarding. Bus drivers have been reinstructed to curb their vehicles, wait patiently for riders approaching, offer assistance in boarding where needed, avoid starting before passengers are seated or holding on, come to a complete stop, and caution riders to be careful when alighting.

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Recent official visitors included:

Z. Zifroni, Chairman of the Traffic Technical Committee, Tel-Aviv, Israel

Engineering graduate students, Technical Institute, Northwestern University

Dr. Carl Pfund, Swiss National Museum

Claire Buckelew, benefits administrator, Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Transportation Administration

Students, Valparaiso University

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Chairman Pikarsky delivered a key address at the Annual Conference of the American Institute of Planners in Denver recently. Standards and criteria for transportation planning must be very specific at the local area, he said, and federal and state planners should give those who know the area as much decision-making latitude as possible. Each community is distinctive, he said, and thus cannot have the best operating system within an arbitrary framework of rules and averages imposed from above.

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Two more Bicentennial "Spirit of '76" vehicles have been placed in operation. The "G. Washington" train is operating on the West-Northwest route including the Northwest operation of the Logan Square-Kennedy branch and the West portion of the Eisenhower and Douglas routes. The "13 Colonies" bus is assigned to the No. 62 Archer route, one of the city's busiest bus lines.

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CTA pensioners who were not photographed in October at the Archer or North Avenue Garages for a 1975 ID card may have their photo taken on Tuesday, Dec. 17, or Wednesday, Dec. 18, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in Room 7-189 of the Merchandise Mart.

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