

Christmas Time Again!

Christmas Came In June For CTA Ticket Agents

By Anit Leppiks

Ole Saint Nick has nothing on CTA ticket agents during the Christmas shopping rush.

While Santa Claus may receive tons of orders to fill before Christmas morning, CTA ticket agents must be able to take fares--and make change--for an average of 35 riders a minute--up to 16,800 travelers a day.

In addition, agents must issue transfers, answer questions, and give directions.

Mrs. Connie Robinson is one agent who has it all down pat--and manages an easy going smile too. She registers fares at the busiest booth in town--the Adams Street and Wabash Avenue 'L' station.

'Tis The Season

I watched Mrs. Robinson work the Friday after Thanksgiving--the first official day of Christmas shopping in the Loop.

Mrs. Robinson's eight hour "trick" (shift) had barely started at 2 p.m., when the lines began forming outside her window.

I watched her orchestrate the transactions among the nickels, dimes, and quarters shoved in front of her. Both hands were kept busy; the left hand took money and pulled the half fare register, the right hand made change. Both paused to punch transfers.

A quick glance told Mrs. Robinson whether the rider was entitled to pay half fare as a child or senior citizen. Meanwhile her right foot kept up a steady thump on the foot pedal as she released the turnstile.

Watching Mrs. Robinson from inside the booth, it seemed as if people were whizzing by.

To Be Jolly?

Upstairs the trains rumbled past with a reverberation that shook every inch of Mrs. Robinson's little booth.

She did not notice the noise; she was concentrating on a man who did not show his senior citizen card until after he received his change as a full-fare rider.

"These old people would rather shoot you than show that card. And some of them look pretty good for their age," she said.

Soon students started coming, a few flashing their student cards as fast as they could.

"Wait a minute there, what school is that?" Mrs. Robinson asked one student.

"That's not in this area," she said reading the card. The student managed a half hearted grumble as he reached for the full fare he had ready all along.

Mrs. Robinson explained, "CTA policy permits student passes to be used only to and from school from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the area of the school."

Season Of Good Will

Some scenes were amusing, as was a domestic spat between a young couple who came to the window all bundled up in furs and loaded down with packages.

The husband turned to his wife and said, "You mean you don't have the money out?" (Continued Page 2)

To Every Member of Our CTA Family

I welcome this season because it gives me occasion to pause and say thank you for all you have done to enhance the CTA as a public service.

I extend warm wishes to you and your families for the holidays and the year ahead.



Milton Pikarsky
Chairman



Ticket Agents (Continued)

She pulled a dollar bill out of her pocket, which he grabbed and dropped.

Then he paced up and down in front of the ticket booth, holding up the other riders, while his wife got out of line to look for the dollar.

Finally sighting the bill, she bent down to pick it up--packages and all.

Then he pocketed the 10¢ change.

At another ticket booth, in the State and Randolph streets subway, the agent was getting her share of holiday traffic as block-long lines of people fumbled for change.

"I haven't seen such long lines since last year at this time," said ticket agent Mrs. Mattie Anderson.

Of Peace

It seemed half the people who came to her booth did not know the fare.

Ticket Agent Supervisor Mrs. May Scott, at my side for the day, explained: "For many, the day after Thanksgiving marks their once-a-year trip to the Loop, when a lot of families shop together."

There were confused fathers who wanted to pay full fare for their five-year-old sons--and befuddled mothers who got their handbags--and children--caught in the turnstyle.

A number of holiday shoppers, after standing in line ten minutes, presented a \$20 bill for payment of

Concentrate, Mrs. Robinson, concentrate--no time to listen to Jingle Bells--no time for small talk. The left hand takes money, the right hand makes change, and both pause to punch transfers.

45¢ fares. Ticket agents are not allowed to change more than \$10.

I was curious whether shoppers have changed much because of inflation.

"When you look at their packages, you'd hardly guess there's a money shortage," said Mrs. Robinson.

However, Mrs. Mabel Mitchell, an extra agent working opposite Mrs. Robinson for the day, said, "You can see a visible change in people's attitudes. The least little thing upsets them.

"For instance, they don't want you to count pennies," she said, while counting a handful a boy had just given her.

"See--51¢ instead of 55¢. And he expects me to give him a transfer," she said.

Et Cetera Et Cetera

Do agents ever become personal friends with the riders?

"Well, some of the regulars tell us when there's a good sale, but otherwise, no. We're too busy concentrating on our work to engage in small talk," said Mrs. Mitchell.

With that I knew it was time to quit chatting.

"Just one more question," I said.

"When do you ticket agents do your Christmas shopping?"

They answered in unison: "In June."

Good Outlook for the New Year--

Multi-Billion Dollar Transit Aid Law Is Holiday Greeting To Our Industry

President Gerald Ford's late November signing of the \$11.8-billion mass transit assistance bill was among the best headlines of the year for CTAers.

Chairman Milton Pikarsky, who was present in the White House for the historic occasion, said the \$4-billion provision of the new federal legislation for optional use for operating assistance will amount to \$239,062,000 for the six Illinois counties making up the Chicago metropolitan area over the next six years.

"The \$7.8-billion capital improvement program of the legislation," Pikarsky said, "gives us assurance that funds will be forthcoming to improve and extend public transportation facilities throughout our area."

The federal funding provision, he noted, is expected to provide the principal means of carrying forward a modernization of the CTA system under a Phase II program estimated to cost upwards of \$400 million.

A start on this Phase II program was made possible this past summer when the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration granted the CTA \$70 million in capital improvement aid and the Illinois Department of Transportation granted \$17.5 million.

This \$87.5 million start on the Phase II program is in addition to an initial \$148-million CTA capital improvement program that was begun several years ago with federal and state financial assistance.

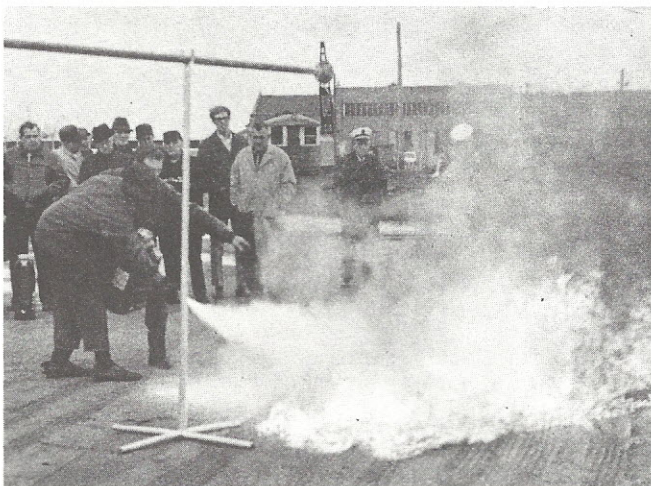
Hailing the new law as a "major breakthrough," Pikarsky noted the significance of the federal government's recognition of public transportation as "a true public service."

In his statement, the Chairman said: "...the federal government has now become a partner with state and local governments in helping to defray the operating costs of public transportation."

The Congress and the President, he added, have acknowledged that, in addition to its many other public service benefits, "public transportation can serve as a major means for conserving energy and for combatting inflation."

Mayors of our major cities should be given much credit for sponsoring the legislation, Pikarsky said. Among these is Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago, past president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and chairman of that organization's transportation committee.

Fire Fighting School Held By CTA



CTA'S INDUSTRIAL Safety and Fire Prevention Department taught 104 employees how to use fire extinguishers during four three-hour sessions November 12 to 15.

As part of the classroom instruction in the Springfield Shops, Lake Street and Springfield Avenue, men from the Security Department, Utility Department, and Materials Management learned what causes a fire.

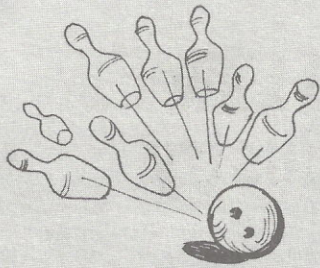
Bill Finkler, CTA fire and safety coordinator, explained, "Fire is the burning of vapors given off by any material. The key to putting out a fire is to remove the fuel, heat, or the air."

"The CTA is prepared to fight three classes of fire. Class A is a fire that can be extinguished with water. The flammable liquid or gas fire is put out with a Class B dry chemical extinguisher, and a Class C dry chemical extinguisher is used for electrical fires."

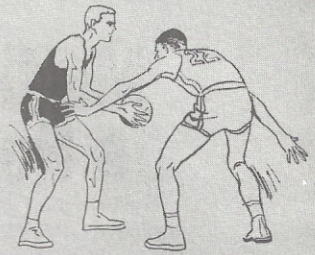
Following the classroom session, the trainees were shown how to extinguish a flammable liquid spill, flange leak, propane gas, and bus torque converter fire. Every trainee then extinguished each type of fire.

The CTA developed its first fire fighting course in 1968 and has trained a total of 707 employees.

The course is held once every two years.



CTA Sports News



MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

Bowling League Honors Ladies And Sponsors

THE 77TH Street Operators Bowling League held its annual "Ladies and Sponsors" night on Friday, Dec. 13.

The attendance of the ladies was impressive, but only one sponsor came out. He was Felix Palilunas, the sponsor of the Baggers, and the superintendent of the CTA Central Counting room.

The Baggers didn't fare too well as they lost three games to the Late Comers.

To show appreciation, the league awarded three ten-dollar prizes to three lucky ladies, Mrs. Buck, Mrs. McCants and Mrs. Daniels. Their names were drawn by Mr. Palilunas.



Jubilant ladies rooting for their favorite team.

Meet The Mart Bowling Team



THE MART bowling team is still holding its own in the City of Chicago Bureau of Engineering Bowling League.

We have talked so much about the team, their ups and downs, we felt that you should meet the members of the team. Pictured here are, left to right: Jir Toolis, Charlie Drozda, Tim O'Rourke, Jesse Jumper, Dennis Murphy and Mel Alexander.

Mr. Palilunas is shown below giving the Baggers instructions on how to win, but they seem more intent on posing for the photographer.



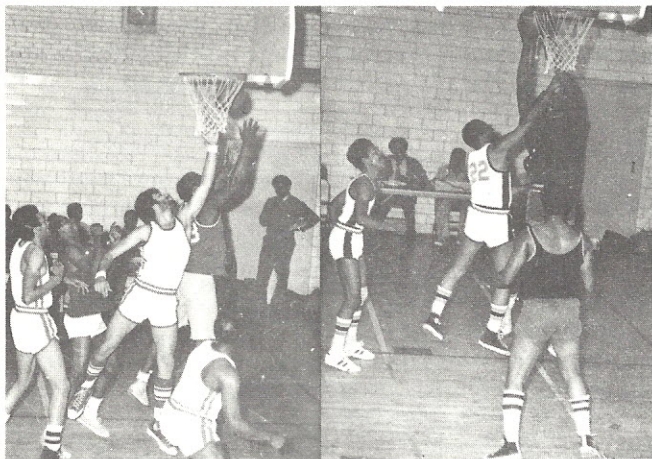
CTA Basketball Season Opens

THE CTA basketball league kicked off its 1974-75 season on Dec. 9 and it looks like an exciting season for all concerned.

Fifteen teams will seek the championship of the league which plays its regularly scheduled games at Washington Park Fieldhouse, 55th and King Drive, each Monday and Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m.

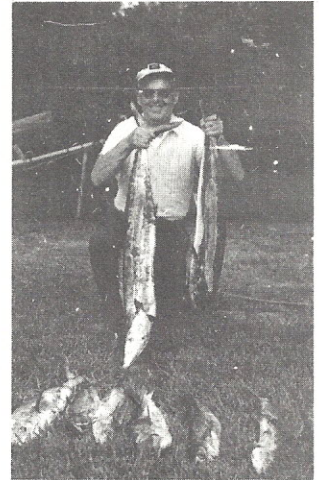
In the opening games on Monday, North Avenue defeated South Side "L" in overtime, 69 to 64; Forest Glen beat 77th Street, 46 to 37, and North Park won over Kedzie, 34 to 30.

On Friday, Dec. 13, 52nd Street lost to Limits, 36 to 24; 69th Street eked out a close victory over North Side "L", 52 to 48, and 77th Shop easily defeated Beverly, 33 to 26.



Plenty of action in CTA league play. Here's example from North Avenue-South Side game. Come and see.

From Our Outdoorsmen

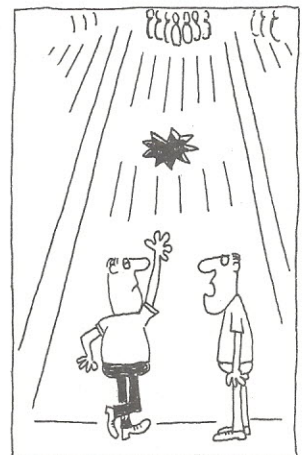


Pensioners Al Shark (left), and Harold Erickson are pictured here with proof of a fine catch. Al caught his walleyes while fishing at Big Winnie, Minn., and Harold had his good luck while fishing in San Diego, Calif., where he now resides.

77TH STREET OPERATORS LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Archer Bandits	31	14	.685
George's Arco	30	15	.663
Baggers	28½	16½	.631
Pin Busters	27	18	.597
Late Comers	27	18	.597
Centurions	26	19	.575
Clippers	24½	20½	.541
Golden Arms	24	21	.530
Spartans	23	22	.508
Poppers	22	23	.486
Thunderballs	19	26	.420
Boozers	19	26	.420
Toppers	16	29	.354
Rotators	16	29	.354
Road Runners	15	30	.333
Tranquilizers	12	33	.265

When the sports editor received a birthday card filled with bowling cartoons, he thought how much like our own bowlers some of the funnies were. So, we asked Mister B Greeting Card Co., in Miami, Fla., if we could reproduce the cartoon above, substituting the appropriate CTA name. Mister B cards are distributed in Chicago and this particular bowler number is 35B1053.



"Frankly, Lovelady, I think you left your ball too much."

"I Covered Jerry Ford's First Game Plan--Football"

When President Ford invited high school football teammates to Thanksgiving dinner at the White House, CTA's W. B. Wolfan knew everybody there. And we mean everybody. The accompanying story will tell you why and how. Bill Wolfan is presently climaxing a distinguished career by supervising TV and radio activities in the Public Affairs Department. After breaking in as a sports writer for the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald and serving that paper for 12½ years, Bill entered the army as a private in 1942. He attained the rank of captain and was associated with the wartime Manhattan atomic project and post-war tests in the Marshall Islands. He was cited for press relations work at the Bikini nuclear tests in July, 1946, by the late Admiral W. H. P. Blandy, chief of the joint Army-Navy task force. Wolfan was commissioned and served for 10 years in the air reserve. He joined WBBM (CBS) in 1947 as a news writer, later holding positions as special assignment reporter and news room supervisor in Chicago CBS operations. Wolfan also writes syndicated and magazine articles with Wayne Thomis, retired Chicago Tribune reporter.

THE TIME was Sept., 1929. The place--a football field near the Grand River which flows through the center of my hometown of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Lacking drainage, that football field was aptly named Island Park. It was submerged most of the time in deep mud especially in the low lying area along the sidelines. A press box was unheard of--reporters covered the game from the sidelines.

I was 17 years old, fresh out of Grand Rapids Creston High School and had been signed by the only Sunday and morning newspaper in western Michigan, the Grand Rapids Herald, to report high school sports at space rate payments (2 cents a line). A year and a half later, I was hired full time at \$12 per week.

No Astro Turf

One of my very first Saturday assignments was at Island Park and it was a miserable wet afternoon, with the field a virtual morass.

Grand Rapids South High School was playing rival Davis Vocational in a city high school league game. The rain and the mud in no way dampened the enthusiasm of this teenage rookie sports writer.

But one thing is certain--never in my wildest flights of imagination did I dream that a 16-year-old playing for South that day at Island Park, would one day become President of the United States.

That 16-year-old was Jerry Ford, and his fine play at center led South to a 13 - 0 victory over Davis Vocational. He anchored several defensive stands that bottled up Vocational's high-scoring halfback, Ken Burgett.

Later that month, I was given the assignment to report the big game of the year, South versus Creston High, (my own alma mater, led by my friend and classmate, quarterback Larry Eno).

This was the game that cost South the 1929 city title. But Creston gained very little yardage against Jerry Ford's center position. In the Sunday Herald the next day, I praised Ford for his great defensive play.

It was the 1930 season when South captured city and state honors. Ford was chosen as all-state center, which helped bring about his recommendation to the University of Michigan Coach, Harry Kipke, as a fine football prospect.

One of those who boosted Ford for Michigan was Kipke's college teammate, Paul Goebel, who had been a star end for the Wolverines himself. He later became Mayor of Grand Rapids.

In freshman play during Spring practice in 1932, Ford received the Kendall award as the outstanding member of the squad and he moved up to the varsity as a sophomore back-up for Chuck Bernard, Michigan's All-American center.

He played three years of varsity football and was the most valuable Wolverine on the 1934 squad, although Michigan had one of its few poor seasons.

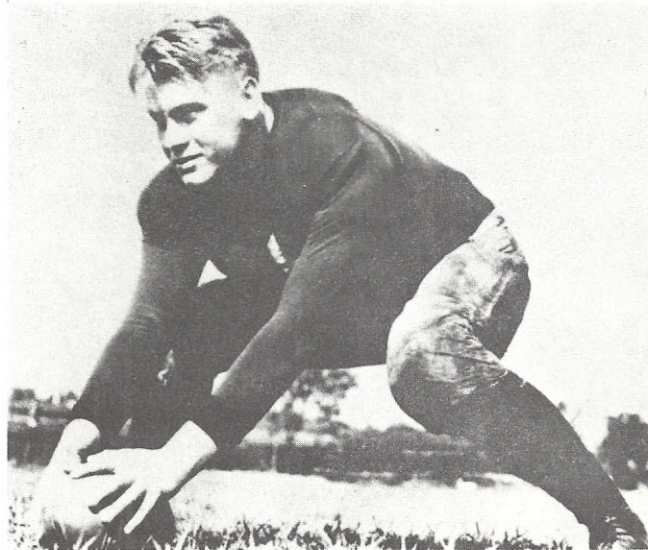
On to Law

Ford told me several years ago that George Halas and Curly Lambeau were interested in him for the pros, but he decided to attend Yale to obtain a law degree so he turned down a \$50 per game offer from Green Bay's Lambeau.

He played briefly in the 1935 college All-Star game, then accepted an assistant coaching post from Yale's head coach, Raymond (Ducky) Pond.

There's another story, typical of President Ford, that was told by the late Reed Waterman, for many years head coach at East Grand Rapids High.

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The President -- when center position was in the Michigan line and WIN was the slogan for the game with Ohio State.

Finance, Safety, Security Posts Filled



Miller

SAMUEL P. MILLER is the new controller of CTA. He comes from a position as director of finance of the American Medical Association where he designed a modern system of budgeting and accounting. Previously he was controller of Cook County hospital. He is a 1947 commerce graduate of Northwestern university and lives in Rogers Park.

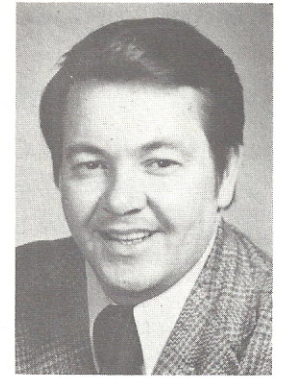
Thomas D. Boyle has been promoted to manager of the CTA's new Department of Safety. He joined CTA in 1959 and has been superintendent of methods-standards, safety and inspection. Boyle is a 1959 graduate in industrial education from the University of Illinois



Boyle

and lives in Wildwood-Edgebrook.

Edward M. Jordan has been named manager of security services. He will work closely with Superintendent James M. Rochford, Chicago Police Department, in coordinating a comprehensive crime prevention program on the CTA. He will work with the transit industry on nationwide research in crime control. Prior to CTA service, Jordan was a special intelligence agent with the U.S. Treasury Department. He is a business graduate of Northern Illinois university and teaches law enforcement at McHenry County college.



Jordan

Anita Curtis--Super!

SHOWN AT her desk at CTA's general offices is our first woman superintendent--Mrs. Anita Curtis, whose portfolio is Employment and Placement. She is responsible for devising methods and procedures for applicants. She joined CTA in 1959 and has worked all the time in personnel, so many of our people know her. Mrs. Curtis studied at Drake university and is continuing her education at Roosevelt university here. She and her husband, Alton, a Chicago police officer, live in Chatham and have two children. Mrs. Curtis is CTA's representative in the youth motivation programs of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.



Pre-Parade Huddle At Mart

BEFORE TAKING off for the Loop via rapid transit to distribute candy canes to kids on Chicago Christmas Parade Day, Santa Clauses confronted each other at a strategy meeting in the Merchandise Mart. Among the unidentified Santas were CTA volunteers Rick Dickieson, Maria Grabowski, Dave Kruger, Eileen Neurauter, Elio Ohep, Ray Shea, and Michelle Vitale. CTA also had a horse-drawn bobtail streetcar in the parade.





COOK'S CORNER

Calico Hot Dish Makes A Lot in a Short Time

By BARBARA ZUREK

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Mothers who have big families to feed or company coming for supper will appreciate this week's recipe, Calico Hot Dish, which was contributed by Mrs. Flor Roepke, 5405 S. Nagle.

"This is also a good recipe for the working woman because it makes a lot in a hurry," Mrs. Roepke said, adding, "She can make it for one meal and freeze the rest for another. A salad and rolls are all you need to make it a complete meal."

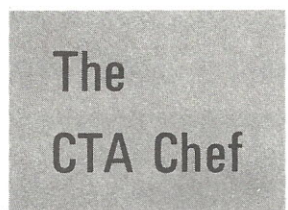
The recipe for this tasty main dish originally came from her cousin in Arizona. According to Mrs. Roepke, everyone who tastes it wants the recipe.

"Teenagers rave about it and it sure smells good while it's baking," she commented.

As We Promised--

Delores Walker's Bourbon Cake Recipe

Cover girl Delores Walker, CTA bus driver, is a cooperative lass. She told CTA Transit News (November) about the bourbon cake she made for the fellows at 52nd street. We demanded equal disclosure for all. And, here it is:



- 1 lb. butter
- 9 eggs
- 3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons lemon extract
- 1/4 cup bourbon (is that all?)
- 3 cups sugar

Cream butter and sugar with the egg yolks and 2 cups of sugar. After it reaches a smooth texture, add flour. Add the vanilla and lemon extract to the bourbon. Beat the egg whites with the remaining cup of sugar until it becomes stiff, then add all the remaining ingredients to the floured mixture. Line the well greased cake tube pan with chopped pecans. Then pour the cake batter into the pan and bake at 325 degrees for approximately 1 1/2 hours or until the cake is golden brown and firm.

Mrs. Roepke and her husband, Art, have been married for 37 years. He is a district superintendent for the Chicago Transit Authority, where he has been employed for 38 years.

The couple has three sons, Wayne of Norridge; Dale of Lakewood, Colo., and Dean of Bollingbrook. They have three granddaughters and one grandson.

Mrs. Roepke enjoys babysitting with her grandchildren. Her hobbies include reading and doing crewel work. She and her husband also like to play cards with their friends.



Mrs. Flor Roepke complains her husband, Art, a district superintendent out of the A district and a CTA employee for 38 years, is always sneaking a taste of her cooking before it is ready. Art began his career with CTA as a one-man streetcar operator, then became a supervisor, and later a controller. Mrs. Roepke's recipe in the Southwest News was found by our Public Affairs clipping service and we thought it should be called to system-wide attention.

CALICO HOT DISH

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 lb. bacon, cut up in small pieces with shears
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1/2 cup catsup
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 large can pork and beans
- 1 No. 2 can lima beans, drained
- 1 No. 2 can butter beans, not drained
- 1 can kidney beans, not drained

Brown beef, bacon and onion in skillet. Do not let the bacon get too crisp. Drain off the excess fat. Put the rest of the ingredients in a large bowl. Add the drained meat mixture and mix all together.

Turn mixture into a large ungreased casserole. Bake, uncovered, in a 350-degree oven for one hour.

Visit With
Dr. Mosny

Calories Do Count

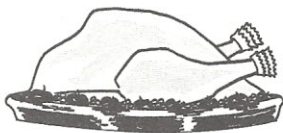
High blood pressure, obesity, diabetes and gall-bladder disease occur quite commonly together in clinical practice. In the last issue, high blood pressure was discussed and so it is appropriate to take up obesity at this time. Such questions as "what is it?", "how does it develop?" and "what can be done about it?" deserve answers.

What is obesity?

Obesity is a physical state in which excessive fatty tissue is deposited and stored in the body. This is cause for concern. It may be generalized (which is the usual and common type) or it may be localized to certain areas. Height-weight charts, skin fold thickness, and physical appearance are used to determine whether or not obesity is present.

What causes it?

The simple explanation is that obesity results from an imbalance of calories. If excess calories are not used up as energy they are stored in the body as fat. Frequently, obese people are not on high caloric diets, yet their low energy expenditure results in a surplus of calories. The exact cause is not known but many factors may be involved, such as heredity and environment. Simple overeating or lack of exercise are frequently the problem areas and may be due to nervous tension, frustration or poor eating habits developed during childhood. Psychologic factors can be causes, too, in many instances.



Endocrine glands rarely cause obesity, but may predispose to it. Low activity of the thyroid gland is often thought to be a cause, but this is not the case. Hyperthyroidism and low blood sugar causes excess hunger, increased food intake and, hence, obesity. Your physician can perform certain tests in order to determine whether or not a pathological condition is present.

The center for controlling your appetite is located in the hypothalamic area of the brain. Disturbances in this may result in an increased appetite and obesity.

What can be done about it?

This will depend upon the degree of obesity and how long it has been present. An active adult, who is only a few pounds overweight, can reduce without any trouble by adhering to a diet (nine calories per pound per day) and regular exercise.

Remember that any excess calories must be worked off by exercise or work. Walking, jogging, swimming and bicycling are the most

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Transit News *Family Fare*

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Heads Up

A pedestrian bumped his head on the awning in front of a grocery store.

A car owner bumped his head on the hoist at an auto repair station.

A beauty shop customer bumped her head on the air conditioning unit in a side window.



Each of these individuals suffered an injury, and each, in due course, filed a lawsuit demanding damages. But all three claims were turned down on the same ground: that the accident was the fault of the victim, not the management.

Generally speaking, the law expects you to keep "heads up" while you are on the move.

"A person must use his Providence-given senses to avoid injury," said one court. "A duty to look implies a duty to see what is in plain sight."

However, special circumstances can and do change this rule of law. For example:

A woman shopper, interested in buying a mattress, followed a furniture salesman into a dimly lighted corner of the store. There she walked into a low overhead rafter, suffering a concussion.

Here, the special circumstance was the poor visibility. Because of it, a court ruled afterward that the woman could not be blamed for colliding with the rafter. Instead, the management, whose salesman had neglected to warn her of the danger, was held liable in damages.

Another case involved a rickety, irregular stairway leading to the balcony of a hardware store. A customer, ascending cautiously one day, bumped his head against a metal bracing that he had failed to notice.

But again, a court decided later that the management alone was responsible for the accident. The court said the man could not be expected to keep his head up, watching for obstacles, when he had to keep his head down, watching the steps.

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

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Your Social Security--

Q. I held another job before joining CTA this year and they deducted maximum social security from my pay. Then CTA started the deductions all over again. Do I get less deductions in 1975 or what?

A. You show the overpayment (CTA deduction portion) as a tax deduction on your 1974 federal income tax return, due April 15, 1975. Each new employer must make deductions up to the maximum, but no individual must pay more than the maximum each year.

This "School Bus" Carries History To The Classroom

THE UNDERSUNG contribution of black patriots to the 200-year history and progress of our country is being communicated on Chicago streets today through another of CTA's Spirit of '76 buses--the Crispus Attucks.

Attucks was the leader of the protest group which drew the fire of British troops in what is now known as the Boston Massacre of 1770. He was the first to fall and was mortally wounded.

To republicitize the meaning behind the name before the bus went into regular service on the No. 63 route on 63rd street, CTA asked the Crispus Attucks Elementary School at 3813 S. Dearborn street to join in a dedication ceremony.

The silver and charcoal gray bus, decorated with large red, white and blue stripes, was driven to the school parking lot for inspection by the school's 1,042 students.



WHO WAS CRISPUS ATTUCKS?



Paul Revere's famous engraving of the Boston Massacre. Attucks, a mulatto, is thought to be the victim at center. (Courtesy, Field Enterprises; lithograph is property of The Bostonian Society, Old State House, Boston)

Crispus Attucks was a fugitive slave who, at the time of the Boston Massacre, was working as a seaman on ships sailing out of Boston harbor.

Through this shipping experience, it is quite likely that Attucks saw first-hand evidence of the burdens imposed on the colonies by Britain's navigation and tax laws.

King George's soldiers were in constant evidence at the Boston wharf areas and in nearby King Street. One day Attucks shouted, "The way to get rid of these soldiers is to attack the main guard." He led a group of unarmed men to King Street to force the troops out. He was shot down.

It was five years before the war for freedom began. However, Attucks' death may well have done much to crystallize the colonists' resistance.

For here was a fugitive slave, 20 years on the run, who was still willing to resist British soldiers with his bare hands. If one would risk his own life and freedom for the freedom of others, it was reasoned, could the colonists do less?

Ford's Game Plan (Continued)

Waterman said that Ford telephoned him one night at home and informed the coach he was making arrangements to stay at his old school, South, although the Ford family was moving to the East Grand Rapids district, and his brothers would go to school there.

He said that the reason for his phone call was to tell Waterman that he felt East had a fine football program and that he would enjoy playing for him, but since he was captain-elect of South that senior year, he wanted to graduate with his teammates. He was anxious to make sure that Waterman knew that this

move on his part was no reflection on Waterman's coaching or the school.

The late East Grand Rapids coach said that this was one of the most unusual and thoughtful gestures he ever encountered on the part of any high school athlete in nearly four decades of coaching.

That was the Jerry Ford of the 1930s, and to those who have known him for years, he hasn't changed a bit.

Earlier this month I talked to Richard Zylstra of Chicago Heights, who played fullback on the 1930 South team with Ford, and attended the White House Reunion Thanksgiving day. Zylstra commented:

"He's the same old Jerry--and prefers to be called that, especially by those of us from home."



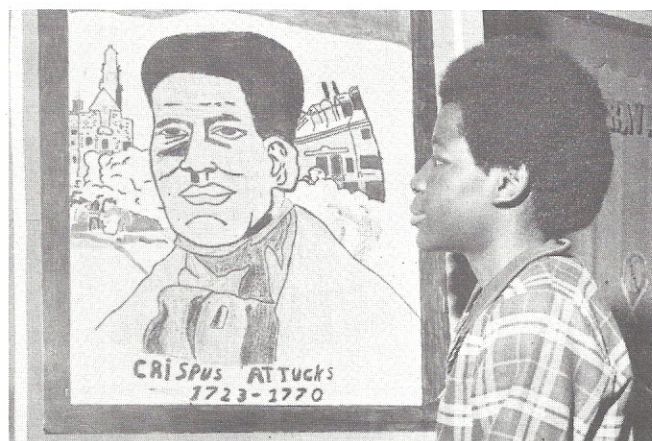
Teachers, parents, and representatives of the Chicago Housing Authority joined students from kindergarten through eighth grade in the school's assembly hall for a program honoring Crispus Attucks.

Against a patriotic stage setting, featuring a portrait of Attucks by eighth grader Richard Holmes, students presented biographical sketches of the hero and the massacre incident and retold the history of the school itself. The program was organized under the direction of the school's principal, Mrs. Marcella J. Davis.

Also addressing the assembly were CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky and Deputy Superintendent of Schools Manford Byrd, Jr.

Said Pikarsky: "The Crispus Attucks bus is really your bus... When you see it, you can say to yourself: 'There goes our bus'... but every bus you see operating in Chicago belongs to you and your parents and your friends and all the other people of the city."

Lined up for learning via CTA (left): the Crispus Attucks student body and the Crispus Attucks bus.



Portrait of his hero: the artist, 8th grader Richard Holmes, shows a remarkable resemblance to the patriot he portrayed.

Trip to heritage (left): Mrs. Judy Walter, 8th grade teacher, steers her pupils' attention to patriot Crispus Attucks.

Calories (Continued)

common forms of exercises which anyone can do. To use up 105 calories present in a glass of Pepsi requires 20 minutes of walking at a brisk pace, ten of jogging, ten of swimming or 16 of bicycling. Walking uses up 270 calories per hour; jogging uses up 600 calories per hour; swimming uses up 600 calories per hour; bicycling uses up 400 calories per hour.

For the holidays, consider fasting now and feasting later. It's like saving money in the bank. Diet between holidays and so save on calories. You can then eat all you want on a holiday. You may come out even or possibly ahead.

Diet should be balanced and nutritional with a daily intake of 1500-1800 calories for the male and 1000-1200 for the smaller female. Protein should be adequate at a level of 60 grams daily. Regular meals are recommended, with avoidance of all snacks. An av-

erage weight loss of one to two pounds per week is satisfactory.

Behavioral approaches require a review of the individual's eating habits and environmental relationship. Life style and habits are evaluated and modified. The reward system is used, with positive reinforcement if the individual loses weight and negative reinforcement if the individual fails to lose weight as expected.

Medications such as anorexiant, sedatives, diuretics and hormones are useful adjuncts, but are best taken under supervision by a physician.

Success or failure to control obesity, in the final analysis, will depend entirely on the motivation and discipline of the individual, and the severity of the obesity. It requires close and long-term management by the physician. Quick results are not to be expected. Obesity develops slowly over a long period of time and cannot be expected to disappear overnight.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING (Datacenter) -

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new employees in the Datacenter Section: MIKLOS DOBOVANSZKY, MARCIA SANTORA, KATHLEEN McDERMOTT, WILLIAM OLDS, PATRICE COONEY, JANE McGUAN, CHESTER VENESKY, GREGORY HERBERT, LOUIS RUTTKAY, LORETTA MILICI, ANNE HAUPT, ALEX GAYDASCH, ATIS MAKSTENIUKS, FREDERICK LUBY, ALEX VARSEGI, MARTIN SALISBURY, PAUL RHODES and JUDITH GLISZCZYNSKI. In some cases this welcome is very belated, for which we sincerely apologize...FRED LUBY and his lovely wife, BEVERLY, have welcomed their first baby, a boy, DANIEL, who made his appearance on Nov. 19. Daniel was 20 inches long and weighed in at 6 pounds 5 ounces. Congratulations to the happy and proud parents from all of us.

- Evelyn Lee

ARCHER -

Congratulations to JOHN and VERA GROOM who celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on Oct. 28...The basketball season opened on Dec. 9 with a bang, and Coach H. BANKSTON would like to see all of you out at the games cheering for the team...A grand time was had by all who attended the annual credit union dinner-dance hosted by the 77th Street Credit Union...A belated happy birthday is extended to JAMES JACKSON and WALTER GIBSON who were ? years old on Nov. 14 and 28, respectively.

I would like to introduce little LETASHA CAMILLE TAYLOR, the one-year old daughter of Operator LOUIS TAYLOR. Letasha's mom, MARY, is a South Section ticket agent.



Letasha Camille Taylor

..On Nov. 1 Operator AUGUSTUS JONES took his pension after more than 22 years of service. Augustus plans to move to his country home in Indiana where he will enjoy retired life. Supervisor JOHN MESSINGER, District B, also retired on Nov. 1 after 20 years of service. We wish both of these fine gentlemen many happy and healthy years of retired life...A speedy recovery is wished to Operator JOHN GARDNER who recently underwent surgery and is now convalescing at home. ..Operator JERRY CRAWFORD has returned to work after his recent accident... AUSTION WOOLFOLK has also returned to work after being off for three weeks in

the hospital and at home...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator TONY VANDENBERG, 69th Street Garage, in the passing of his wife...Our sincere sympathy to the family of our president and business agent of Division 241, DANIEL McFADDEN, who passed away on Nov. 20...Pensioner WILLIAM MOSS would like to thank all the gang at Archer for wishing him a happy 82nd birthday.

- Owen Rosendow

BEVERLY -

We salute all the wonderful bus drivers who gave to the Tootsie Roll campaign for the mentally retarded. The Knights of Columbus drive will net over \$100,000 to help kids who can't help themselves. Thanks a million from some grateful kids. ..Clerk BILL GOURNE is on vacation and is collecting sea shells in Florida...We have moved up to fourth place in the accident standings this quarter. Let's try for first place this winter, and get the coffee and rolls...The guys in our repair shop deserve a big pat on the back, though. They came in first in their own safety contest among the ten garages... Chief Clerk MARTIN GRADY is on a mini-vacation doing jury duty at the Civic Center...We express our sympathy to the families of the following: REX McCOY, formerly of Beverly, and Clerk FRANK ROONEY of 69th depot. Pensioner GEORGE EVANS also passed away. Mr. Evans was our former superintendent at Beverly and was one of the best bosses we ever had...Pensioner JERRY GLEASON is home from the hospital, and is still doing charity work.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

CTA SECURITY -

The atmosphere of the office is that of a ghost town lately. The reason being that three of the six people that resided within the walls of the office have left for bigger and better things. NORM GRAVER, our boss for the past three years and a member of the department for the past 29 years, has left the ranks to work in the General Operations Division of the Authority. He was a terrific boss and we will all miss him very much. DICK GROSS who worked in our department for the past two years as an administrative assistant is now working in the Supportive Services Department. We all hope Mr. Graver and Dick are successful in their new positions. ..HOWARD PERRY, clerk, has retired after serving the Authority for 41 years.

It was great working with Howard and we wish for nothing but health and happiness for his retiring years that he has well earned...Congratulations to BILL BUTLER who was appointed supervisor of plant security.

- Pat Flynn

ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

Sorry to be lax in my duties as reporter for the last two months, but I was away on vacation for a month and out in the field the second month. We spent a couple of weeks in California traveling from north to south, starting in San Francisco and working our way down to San Diego by car. We must have picked the wrong time, as the sun shined only three days while we were there. Just a week before, CHARLIE and DOLL NOLTE took the same trip, only they went from south to north and had good weather...At this writing MIKE BITTOURNA has been off sick about four months. I am sure cards would be appreciated. He is supposed to go back in the hospital again, but if you send a card to his home I am sure he will get it...Mr. and Mrs. JACK FRAZIER are the happy parents of a new baby boy and all is well. Hope to get more details later...EDDIE KRUSZYNA and his wife spent their vacation in Tennessee investigating the area around Gatlinburg. I understand it is pretty country around there. Ask Ed, he should be an expert...BOB and BEVERLY BOSCHERT are on a Caribbean cruise. I am sure we will get all the details when Bob comes back... JOHN and RITA SHEA celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on Oct. 13... JOHN and HELEN ANGEL celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23...TONY and IRENE RIGLER are the proud grandparents of a little girl, WENDY MICHELLE SPARKS, born to their daughter, SHARON. 73

- Ben Nielsen

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(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

JOHN GAY has two front teeth missing. He said he broke them out while trying to eat some hard rye bread...Congratulations to JAMES E. BALCAUSKI, our new blacksmith helper. Jim was hired to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of our dear old friend GEORGE WAGNER a few years ago. You were a long time coming, Jim. JEFF KEATING was starting to get a little lonesome, and with no helper around to blame the mistakes on, that's a serious threat to his career...I hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving day. Ours was just great, the best ever. It began with a Thanksgiving day worship service at our church where we heard a special message by our associate minister, Rev. Earl Warrior. When we sat down later to our traditional family Thanksgiving dinner, the world economic situation and hunger problems were no closer to being solved than say a year ago. But here at our home there were indications that neither of these problems had struck with the same fury they had at millions of other homes throughout the world. This overall picture sort of had a sobering effect on us. Even in the midst of some of the problems we think we have, the good outmeasures the bad. One Thanksgiving dinner second to none, six mouths watering in anticipation, 12 eyes fastened on the star of the whole event (the turkey), and six hearts bursting with thankfulness can attest to this...There are still some guys out there who want to try out for our hard work and rough life here in the Signal Department. We just got new signal helpers. They are FRANK GUARDERAS, CARL SIMS and TOMMIE FORTUNE. Congratulations, gentlemen, please remember to count your fingers and toes every evening before going home to make sure they're all there...Congratulations to DONALD HAWKINS on becoming the first maintainer to work with me on the new territory, maintenance of in-cab signals on the South mainline. I worked alone for a long time before Donald came along. Now the Hawk and I will be learning this new equipment together...LEON WILSON and his wife vacationed in New Orleans and St. Louis. What's the connection? Well, it's like this--Leon has relatives in one place and his wife has relatives in the other. I wish some of my relatives would go some place so I could vacation here.

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

RICHARD KOSINSKI, the son of Operator ANDREW KOSINSKI, was married to SUSAN MARK on Oct. 14 at St. Juliana church. Andrew said, "I haven't lost a son, but sure gained a beautiful daughter-in-law." . . . We welcome to our ranks MARGE JARVIS, one of our new lady drivers, who is liked very much by all the operators. . . Operator TED WODARSKI spent his vacation touring the West. Kind

of looks as if he is planning on retiring to Arizona...Operator THEODORE STANEK went to Canada on a fishing trip, but we never did hear if he had any luck. We are sorry to report that Stanek has been off sick. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery. . . Clerk RON MILLER celebrated his 15th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28 and was surprised with a gift from his lovely wife, BARBIE, a Jeep camper. He in turn presented her with a beautiful dinner ring. The festive occasion was celebrated with his family and close friends...The great lover, Operator W. BARRON, is finally getting married. Of course, he will break the hearts of thousands of girls. He will take his pension Jan. 1, and the wedding will be in Hawaii on Jan. 25. They will honeymoon in Spain, then settle down in Virginia, the home state of the bride...Our fine and outstanding chief clerk, BILL PINASCO, is leaving us on Jan. 1 to join the ranks of the retired. He is a very fine gentleman, one who would be there to give a helping hand and understand your problem. Bill, all I can say is that you will really be missed. May God bless you and your family. Just relax and enjoy your fishing. Drop us a card as all your friends will be looking forward to it.

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

GENERAL OFFICE -

Co-reporter EILEEN NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDY, bus operator from Forest Glen, took a ten-day vacation to Los Angeles and Las Vegas, where the weather was in the 80's. Upon their return they were welcomed with the news that their granddaughter had delivered a 7 pound 2 ounce baby boy on Dec. 2 named MICHAEL VICTOR NAPOLEON III, making them great-grandparents, and they both survived the ordeal.

(Personnel) -

We bid fond farewell to RITA HURLEY who transferred to the West Shops as a clerk in the Maintenance Department. . . We are happy to announce that LYNN HARRER became Mrs. GUY BRETZ on Oct. 20 at St. Cornelius' church. Guy is a clerk at Kedzie Garage. A wedding reception was held at DeLeo's restaurant. The honeymoon included a cruise to the Bahamas...A most hearty welcome is extended to H. FLAN, assigned as permanent management development coordinator, and to B. UEHLING and M. HRAD on loan to us from Vehicle Maintenance. We hope your stay with us will be a most pleasant experience.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Aloha! DICK REDDING and his wife, LAWANDA from Law & Claims, flew to Hawaii visiting the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui and Hawaii. They stayed at the Royal Hawaiian and to their amazement slept in the same oversize twin beds that EILEEN NEURAUTER and her husband, RUDY,

WITH MORE than 47 years of service--all spent in the Treasury Department of CTA and the former CSL--CLARENCE GRUBE retired Dec. 1 as Manager of Treasury.



NEW PENSIONERS

CHARLES ALLEMAN, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 11-14-57
BERNARD J. CHROMCZAK, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 10-20-42
STEPHEN FLAHERTY, Fork Lift Oper., Storeroom 48, Emp. 5-5-53
CLARENCE H. GRUBE, Manager, Treasury, Emp. 1-10-27
RALPH G. ILLION, Operator, North Park, Emp. 1-23-43
WILBUR J. LAKOFKA, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-15-43
RUTH E. LOVELL, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 2-5-55
FRED PETRINO, Senior Clerk, Engineering, Emp. 6-3-36
PETER J. RETZBACH, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 11-20-42
DANIEL SEMINERIO, Laborer, West Shops, Emp. 10-11-41
SIEGFRIED G. SHONTS, Supvg. Bdgt. Clk., Budgeting, Emp. 2-2-27
ALEXANDER STRASSBERGER, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 11-26-45
ROBERT A. WILLIAMS, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 11-5-52

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

MARTIN GALLAGHER, Car Repairman B, Wilson, Emp. 4-27-50
LeROY E. HASLAM, Switchman, Forest Park, Emp. 1-2-45
OTIS J. LAMIER, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-15-51
CHARLES R. McCLELLAN, Motorman, West Section, Emp. 7-31-61

slept in two years ago. It sure is a small world...LESTER SMITH flew to Las Vegas for two weeks, staying at the Flamingo hotel. News has it that he came out way ahead and, of course, Mrs. Smith shared in the winnings when he got back home... Congratulations were in order for Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM CALLOWAY, parents of CLARE COX and in-laws of ENOCH COX, bus operator from Archer Garage, who celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on Nov. 29. . . An honor was bestowed on JEANINE GERARD who was the installing soloist for the installation of officers at the Order of Eastern Star Englewood Chapter.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

Superintendent R. KEAG has put a large sign in the trainroom--NO PARKING IN FRONT OF ANY BAYS--so please comply with this order...Good luck to Operator WILLIAM LARSEN who will take his pension on Jan. 1. Bill was formerly first vice-president of Division 241 and Kedzie board member. Bill, we wish you and your lovely wife, JO, much health and happiness in your retirement life...Your reporter's wife, CARM, is now home from the hospital after undergoing surgery and doing nicely...Mrs. H. HAIMANN, the wife of Clerk E. HAIMANN, is now in Edgewater hospital and doing very well after having surgery. I hope by the time this issue comes out you will be home and doing well...Operator J. BLAIR's wife is now home from the hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery...Operator B. COLLIER was in the hospital but is now home. Collier says he may take his pension, so if he does, I will let you all know in the next issue...We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the operators on the sick list a speedy recovery and return to work. We extend happy birthday greetings to all the operators celebrating in December...To all the operators and their wives celebrating wedding anniversaries in December, congratulations...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Operator L. BROWN in the loss of his mother, Mrs. GLADYS GORDON, who was laid to rest at Holy Sepulchre cemetery, and to Operator A. WARNER in the loss of his mother, Mrs. A. WARNER, who was laid to rest on Nov. 22...Don't forget your credit union, save a little each payday and watch your happiness grow.

- Raymond Graham

Service anniversaries in December

30 years

B. Beach, 77th Street
G. N. Davis, Howard Maint. Term.
A. Dominick, Kedzie
E. R. Swanson, Far South Area
M. J. Wilkiel, Plant Maintenance

25 years

A. Bragg, West Section
J. M. Fitzgerald, Management Services
H. H. Olwig, West Section

LIMITS -

Greetings fellows...To start the column off, I was given a note sometime in August by Operator A. EMERY, and being my usual self, I misplaced it. It was very important to Emery and his wife, JOYCE, who became the proud parents of a son, KEVIN ORVILLE, born on July 24 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces. So to Emery and Joyce, a belated congratulations...Operators R. BURRELL and L. C. WEATHERSBY went hunting a few weeks ago and Burrell got his limit, one cock and one hen. But our buddy, Weathersby, seemed to have had a very expensive and frustrating day. He took 15 shots and none found their mark. Oh well, better luck next time...Night Clerk LEROY KETTERING vacationed for two weeks in Florida. Leroy is planning to retire on Jan. 1 after more than 32 years of service. Also retiring on Jan. 1 is Chief Clerk ANTONIO ARNIERI after more than 46 years of service. Both men started with the old Surface Lines, Leroy as a conductor and Tony as a register clerk at Kedzie carbarn. Tony would like to thank everyone for the cooperation they have given him throughout the years. Our good wishes for a long and healthy retired life go out to both of these fine gentlemen. Operator R. APITZ and his wife, NORA, spent a wonderful two weeks in Hawaii where they visited five islands...Our column depends upon you. If you have any news, see me or leave it with the clerk.

- Charles Turner

The parents are former CTA employees. Mommy, SANDRA (formerly MATUSZEWSKI), worked in the Specifications Department where she met "Pop" who was also there at the time, but is now a city fireman. Congratulations to the Barrett and Matuszewski families and welcome to our world, Jason...ANN CINCETTI didn't tell us, but we know she had a birthday on Nov. 16. Many happy returns, lovely lady...BOBBY DuBOSE was bedded down with the flu for awhile but she is back on the job again as bubbly and bouncy as ever...Retiree MARGIE WHITE was in from Ireland for a three-week vacation. She is looking well and plans to build a home in Ireland when she returns. She sends her best regards and wishes a happy holiday season to all. We also had a visit from former student agent TOM COZZI who will be in our city until after the Christmas holidays. Tom is studying at the University of Rome Medical School. We know he will make a fine doctor...Belated birthday greetings to pretty little SYLVIA LACHELLA who had one candle on her birthday cake on Nov. 22. Mommy, JAE ANN, is one of our new ticket agents. Daddy, ISIAH, is a switchman at Howard Street...Agent JULIE MATTRAN and her husband, RAY, left on Nov. 30 for a two-week vacation. They flew to Florida to board a ship that will take them on a lovely Caribbean cruise of seven islands. Hope to hear more on their return...Keep smiling!

- Mildred Doyle & Mary Wixted

LOOP -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following: the CARUTHERS brothers, Agents THEODORE and LARRY, whose beloved mother passed away on Oct. 14 in Fitzgerald, Ga., where she lived. Also to the family of DANIEL McFADDEN who passed away on Nov. 20. Mr. McFadden was president and business manager of ATU Division 241. May they rest in peace. I'm sorry to report that several agents are still on the sick list. BILL McNALLY has left the hospital and is still recuperating at home. GLADYS RUEDIGER was in Ravenswood hospital for a few days and had eye surgery. She is at home now and in good spirits, we are happy to report. GERTRUDE YARDLEY, MARION HANNING and OPAL WOZNIAK have each been off for quite a long time and we hope to see them all back in good health very soon. Our thoughts are with you. BILL CUSACK is on the job again looking like his old self after quite a bout with pneumonia. Welcome back, Bill...JOHN MATUSZEWSKI had a two-week honey-do vacation in October. While putting up storm windows John slipped and fell off the ladder. Luckily he suffered no broken bones but he was bruised and sore for quite awhile. John happily announced the birth of his first grandchild, JASON BARRETT, who was born Oct. 28 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Not much news to report this month, as nothing much is happening. Everyone keeps mumbling "No news is good news," well, it's better than bad news. But keep the news coming in. We can try for a larger article next month, maybe...JOHN SPRINGER is beaming with pride as he became a grandpa for the 30th time...In Storeroom 50, a speedy recovery is sent to ART STAHL, and also to JOE SIMPSON in Storeroom 60. Get well soon, fellows, everyone misses you...BERNADETTE SIEBERT, the daughter of JOHN SIEBERT, Storeroom 51, received a diamond engagement ring on her 19th birthday. Congratulations!...A big hello is extended to MARGARET POKATLOFF, typist, in Stores...The welcome mat is also out for AL MARTIN, procurement analyst in the Purchasing Department...GENE FREGETTO, specifications engineer, gave us a report on his hunting and fishing expedition in Colorado. Gene visited his brother in Gunnison where he went mule deer hunting and trout fishing. He shot his deer and caught his limit in trout. Instead of the usual turkey for Thanksgiving, venison was the dish and he reports that it was very tasty. It sounds like a good switch...FRANK MAGUIRE, specifications engineer, is still recuperating and coming along well. Keep it up, Frank, before you

know it you will be ready to go to work...A big get well wish is sent to HAROLD EN-WRIGHT...And last, but not least, GEORGE LINDEN, Storeroom 42, visited a cheese factory and winery in Wisconsin. George said he felt good after he came out of the winery. I wonder why? Also, he went up to the Upper Peninsula in Michigan. This information was missed in last month's issue, but good news is always nice to hear. So, let's keep the news rolling in. We like to hear from all of you news-makers.

- Priscilla Kamradt

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everybody!..The saddest bit of reporting that we have had to do in a long time is to extend everyones most sincere sympathy to the family of DAN McFADDEN. He was president and business agent of Local 241 until he passed away on Nov. 21. We here at North Avenue felt a special closeness to Dan since he had worked here for several years and it had remained his "home station." Dan had always tried to do what he thought was best for the members of his local. He may not have always been right, but he did his best to please everyone which is an impossibility. So to a fellow worker and a long-time friend, we say: "Goodby Dan, and thank you for having come our way.".. While you folks were sending out your Christmas cards, we hope you took just a little time to address a get well card to Operator DON FREY who has been laid up at home with a leg he broke in two places. Don has been off since w-a-a-y back last June. He would more than welcome hearing from any of you, especially you fellas working on Diversey. His address is 3219 N. Monticello, 60618. Phone, 539-9820... That fellow you see hobbling along Montrose and Long Avenues is Supervisor ED HOFF, formerly of District C. He now works out of "that other District up north." Ed is back on his feet after having suffered a heart attack recently...Wouldn't you know, Switchboard Operator JOHN STICH's wife, MARY, had to go and break her hip. Mary, you're going to have to get out of that hospital and get back home to take care of John. We're sure you can do a better job of waking him up in the morning than we do...We had the welcome mat out for the new clerks who came to us on the recent clerk's pick. To those who left North, we wish you luck and hope you'll be back another day...Our congratulations to Instructor MIKE LACRIOLA and Clerk JACK HESTER on their recent promotions to assistant superintendents. Wonder whose youngsters said: "Gee, Mom, now Dad's even a boss down at work."..If you enjoy our monthly efforts to please you with our ramblings, drop us a card and let us know...See you all purty soon.


The events of the past weeks have been like a sonnet around these parts...The

esprit de corps was at an all-time high among the operators during the festivities of the ISC Award to North Avenue Depot. The added fringe benefit of the lovely hostesses outweighed the enthusiasm of the raffle for many valuable prizes. Keep up the good work, operators, and we can have a repeat performance...We belatedly offer our congratulations to Instructor DAVE EGGERSDORF and his wife, AMY, who celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary on Sept. 22 and to Dave and Amy's son, DANIEL, on his 15th birthday Oct. 30. Daniel received his blue belt in karate and is looking forward to getting his driving permit...Operators FRED COOPER and GRATEN McFADYEN, both having been hospitalized, are back helping to keep the fleet moving...Our visitors during the month were a couple of "ex's" -- LE-MOYNE CAHILL, now with the Greyhound Line, and CURTIS SENIOR, a member of the Chicago Police Department...We extend a welcome to our new operators, W. MORALES, L. RAWLS, C. DURHAM, C. THORNTON, W. MARTELL, E. GUARDIOLA and A. ALICEA...Best of luck to our new pensioners, ART PALICKI and FRANK STELZER, who retired during the past month...Speaking of retirement, we shall all miss Box Puller LEONARD (Speedy) CZAJA. Leonard's last day of work was Dec. 6. From there, it's vacation and on to retirement.

- Walter Blix & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 10, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco avenue, 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 Samburg Club dinner dance was held on Nov. 9 at the Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who attended...Pensioner JOE DIGIOVANNI and his wife, CONNIE, have retreated to their home in Florida, where they will enjoy another winter of leisure living...Pensioner BILL SEIFERT and his wife, MIN, who for the last five years have been living in Southgate, Cal., spent the month of October visiting their daughter, WILMA KAE, and her family in Bolingbrook, Ill. The Seiferts enjoyed meeting their many CTA friends and send their thanks for the courtesies extended to them...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED, HELEN and MARIE. Harvey is living in Spring Grove, Minn., and invites his many Chicago area friends to stop by for a cup of coffee...Pensioner CHARLES KERR and his wife, ANNE, of Bonita Springs, Fla., were recent visitors in Chicago. Mr. Kerr greeted his many


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friends at North Park with a visit at the depot and was warmly received...Pensioner JOE LEHMAN of 109 Grindstone avenue, Port Arthur, Mich., sends his regards to his many Chicago friends and would like to hear from them...The many friends of Pensioners HAROLD VANGAN, AL PARADISE and EARNIE HUCKSOLL are asking about their whereabouts so drop us a line and let us hear from you all... Pensioner HAROLD SEDIN has a new address and is now located at 12567 Brookshire avenue, Downey, Cal. 90242. SOPHIA and Harold invite their friends to stop by and visit...DENNIS MICEK, the son of Operator EDWARD and HELEN MICEK, was married Dec. 14 to PATRICIA BOCK-ELMANN at St. Mathew's church in Glendale Heights, Ill. The reception was held at the White Eagle restaurant in Niles and was attended by 180 guests. Dennis, who is a CTA family member, works as a car serviceman at the Howard Terminal... RITA DOLAN, the wife of Operator JIM DOLAN, was hospitalized at Northeastern hospital for major surgery and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily...Operator GENE BRUDNEY has returned to work after having had eye surgery, while Operator SAM POSNER, who also underwent eye surgery, is still recovering and hopes to be back to work soon...JEAN JENDRYCKI, the wife of Operator ADOLF JENDRYCKI, suffered a fall from a ladder and broke an elbow. She was hospitalized for two weeks...Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT and his wife, ANN, vacationed in Forsyth, Mo., where they stayed with Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN. While in Forsyth the Anderschats celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary...SUSAN MILELLO, the daughter of Custodial Engineer JOSEPH MILELLO,

was presented at the fifth annual Italian Heritage ball and cotillion held on Sunday, Dec. 1, in the grand ballroom of the Conrad Hilton hotel. Miss Milello, a student at Foreman High school, was escorted by ROBERT YOUNG. The cotillion is sponsored by the women's division of the joint civic committee of Italian Americans... BOB ZIENTARA, the son of Operator ED ZIENTARA, shot a prime mule deer doe while hunting along the Madison river near Bozeman, Mont. Bob was hunting with BOB McNALLY, the son of Outdoor Editor TOM McNALLY of the Chicago Tribune... Pensioner STEVE HERMAN of Forsyth, Mo., has been hospitalized here in Chicago at Augustana hospital where he underwent major surgery. Steve is staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. DIANA O'TOOLE, while he recovers... Pensioner JOE EIFFES is looking forward to seeing his many Chicago friends stop and visit him while they are in Florida this winter. His address is: 3220 U.S. 19 North, Lot 68, Clearwater, Fla. 33515... Operator HENRY THELIN retired on Nov. 1 after 32 plus years of service. Henry, a very personable Lincoln avenue operator, will be spending more time with his bride, HARRIET. Best wishes to this grand couple... Operator JIM DOLAN and his wife, RITA, became grandparents of their second grandchild when their son, JIM Jr., and his wife, KAY, became parents of their first child. A daughter named SARAH ELIZABETH was born on Nov. 15 at Swedish Covenant hospital weighing 8 pounds 3½ ounces. The young couple are former student ticket agents on the North Side... Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Pensioner JOHN BARRETT in the loss of his wife, CATHERINE; the PAUL GOODIN family, and the BAEUCHLER family in the loss of brother-in-law HAROLD GEETERSLOH.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Serviceman EDDIE OLENDER vacationed in Grand Rapids, Mich., fishing the Grand river where he caught 12 chinooks, the largest weighing 28 pounds... Serviceman LIBORIO (Larry) FRUSCIONE and his wife, LUCY, became parents of their fourth child when a boy named LEONARD was born on Aug. 4 weighing 9 pounds at Columbus hospital... Serviceman MIKE ARRINGTON and his wife, LUCILLE, became parents of their second child when a daughter named REBBECCA was born on Nov. 3 at Grant hospital weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces... Repairman FRANK SIBLEY and Electrician RICHARD ROCK were winners of turkeys at the Wauconda Gun club shoot-out. Repairman BUCKY BAKER is in charge of this charity project... Repairman PAUL SCHREVEES is enjoying his annual fall vacation and at the same time is tuning his grand organ for the holiday music season for his neighbors... Congratulations to the following who have been promoted to repairmen: PAT KENNY, ANDY FAGROLO, BILL STAUNTON, JOE CITRO Jr., and

MIKE MAHER... The welcome mat is extended to Repairmen JAMES DOWNEY of Archer Garage and GEORGE DZIUBA of 77th on their transfers to North Park Garage... Repairman FRANK (The Cat) SCHENDL retired Nov. 1 and enjoyed the party the gang at the garage held for him. Future plans call for extended traveling. The best of luck to Frank.

- Melvin Howning

NORTH SECTION -

All the North Side employees were shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Clerk BILL KUCIVER. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the members of his family. Bill was well liked by everyone. We were also saddened by the sudden death of Mortorman J. BRISTER, the result of an auto accident. Our sincere sympathy to the members of his family, too... Agent HELEN EDWARDS has returned to work after having been in the hospital... Clerk WILLA HAYWOOD has returned to work after her accident in which a trainphone fell on her foot... Clerk GEORGE HENKE is back to work also, having received a disc injury to his spine... We are sorry to lose R. A. GEHRKE as one of the new assistant superintendents on the North Side. Mr. Gehrke decided to return to being a clerk on the West Side... Agent PAT TRANT became ill at work and had to go home. We hope she is feeling better and will soon be back... Superintendent MIKE VELTRI has returned from his long and enjoyable vacation with his daughter who lives in Greece... Your reporter is at this time confined to Ravenswood hospital after having major surgery. I am very thankful for all the cards and phone calls from my many CTA friends, and also the Mass Transit Police Department... We would like to extend our sincere condolences to Agent FRANCES SMITH and her husband, Agent J. SMITH, in the death of his mother... Retired Supervisor DICK STANTON has been in Ravenswood hospital and is reported to be very sick. We hope he will soon be feeling better. Dick has certainly had more than his share of trouble. His wife passed away earlier this year, and when he contacted his only son, who is in the service, to come home to see his mother before she passed away, the son was in an auto accident and has since been confined to the Veterans hospital and has lost his ability to speak. He still doesn't know that his mother passed away... Agent EVELYN LANZ took her pension on Nov. 1, and we hope she is enjoying her retirement... Former Supervisor CARL FAUST is back to work after being off ill. He is now working as a conductor on the North Side. We're glad he is feeling better. Welcome back... Retired Chief Clerk LAWSON DELVIN who was hit by a cab two years ago, still has his leg in a cast and has to walk with the aid of a walker. His wife was hit by a car last month and suffered a broken leg. She is

now home after being in the hospital. Del said the roof fell in on them... Former Student Agent VIDAL RODRIGUEZ is now working as a conductor on the North Side and is quite handsome in his uniform. What a doll... We welcome W. MILLER as assistant superintendent at Howard and Kimball, and also to J. McLANE as relief superintendent on the North Side... EVELYN LANZ, who took a disability pension starting Nov. 1, sent a note of appreciation to her co-workers and friends of 30 years association on the North Section. "I want to thank everyone for the lovely card and gifts sent to me. It was a big, pleasant surprise."

- Tina Henke

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Routes & Systems) -

Some people will go to great lengths for a Thanksgiving dinner. BARBARA REED motored to Spearfish, S.D., to visit friends; BOB VANCE spent the week with his parents in his hometown of Westerville, O., and HOWARD BENN and his wife flew to Brooklyn, N.Y., for a family gathering... DICK BRAZDA and DAVE PHILLIPS attended the fifth annual international conference on demand responsive transportation systems held in Oakland, Cal. Even though they had busy schedules in attending various sessions at the conference, they found enough time to ride on BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) as you might expect.

(Passenger Controls) -

Our sincere condolences are extended to JOHN HOFFSTAD in the loss of his brother... JOAN HARRISON flew to Philadelphia, Manhattan and Boston for her Thanksgiving holiday. As she tells it, all she did was "gobble, gobble, gobble."

(Schedules) -

CHANCE HANEY's wife gave birth to a baby boy--their first. NICK ZAHN's daughter gave birth to a baby boy. Congratulations to the happy parents and grandparents... WALLY THOMAS and his wife and friends drove to Pompano Beach, Fla., and then visited the surrounding area... KAY BATINA and BERNIE KIZIOR flew to Key West, Fla., and then motored through the Keys and spent a few delightful days in Key Biscayne. Kay is now a great aunt. Her nephew's wife gave birth to a baby girl, STACY... We welcome Traffic Checker DAVE BOURNE.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paszkowski

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

The welcome mat is out for RITA HURLEY who came to us from the Mart. Their loss is our gain. We hope you will like the West Shops, Rita, and may your stay be a long one... The welcome mat is also out for EMIL WALDSCHMIDT, THOMAS BUTLER and PATRICK CALKINS, all plumbers... We had a surprise visit from JOHN GUZO-

VICH, retired foreman of the steel fabrication shop. He had just returned from Europe and is looking fit as a fiddle. John loves to travel, which he does a lot of. It is nice to see all the retirees--only wish more of them would drop by and say hello. ..Congratulations to RON VOLLAND on his promotion to paint foreman of South Side group "A"...A very happy birthday to CHRISTINE TAYLOR, the daughter of W. F. TAYLOR, Track & Structures Area, who was one year old on Nov. 15...Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. ROCKY FER-RARO who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25. Many, many more happy and long years together to you both. ..Our hearts are at half mast in the sudden death of ED AMUNDSEN, ironworker foreman. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family...I made two boo-boos in our last issue that I would like to correct. I had listed Sam Aiello instead of SALVATORE AIELLO; and Brian Gilbert, the grandson of G. MILLONAS, which should have been BRYON GILBERT. Our sincere apologies...It is good to see KENNY PETERSON running around looking well and chipper. Hope that means he will be back to work real soon...A little note of cheer to BILL HASKINS, unit supervisor. Mind your P's and Q's, follow instructions, and before you know it you'll be back in our midst...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of DAN BALANDIS who passed away in Florida from a heart attack. Dan was a carpenter foreman who had retired earlier this year...Our deepest sympathy is extended to E. LASKI, ironworker, and his family in the death of his mother...Let's wave the banners and shout with glee! CHARLES DUNKINS, track department, passed with flying colors after six weeks of schooling for key man of the National Safety Council. It was a hard struggle, Charlie, but we knew you could make it.

- Jennie Scott

SKOKIE SHOP -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of "GI" JOE SARATA who recently passed away. Joe will be missed by all at Skokie...The Skokie softball team ended the season with a 6 and 8 win-loss record. For some unknown reason, the team fell apart the second round of play. Hitting the ball seemed to be our main problem. Manager MIKE FABIN said that next spring more time will be spent on batting practice. PAT HARNETT, Super-Sub, led the team in batting with a 650 average, and DON MOTYKA came in a close second with a 649 average...Congratulations to DICK WILSON who led his church team to a first place championship in Des Plaines. This was Dick's first year as a manager and, to say the least, he did a fine job...Paint Shop Laborer STANLEY CALDWELL left for Boston, Mass., to accept a teaching position in science and math. Good luck, Stan. ..CHESTER BUJNOWSKI, motor line fore-

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

your Inside News Reporters

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RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

man, spent five beautiful days in Las Vegas. Chester claims he won \$5000, but his wife, MARY, reports just the opposite. They also visited Hoover Dam and found it to be quite a sight...RALPH KEMPE and his wife enjoyed a cruise to the Greek Islands, Israel, Lebanon, and Yugoslavia. They also visited Amsterdam, Milan and Venice. Highlights of the trip were the Acropolis and Jerusalem...Happy second anniversary to FRANK and PATTI VUKOVICS, Control Department. Time sure flies...The Elk Grove newcomers dance was a big success, according to CLAUDIA SARA, the wife of JOHN SARA, Control Department. Claudia, vice-president of the Newcomers Club, said the proceeds will go to charity. Congratulations, Claudia... Congratulations to RON PIANTKOWSKI, BILL EBERHART and RAYMOND HART who transferred to the Engineering Department. Ron and Bill each worked ten years and Red worked four years at Skokie. Their new jobs will be working in Vehicle Design, inspecting our new trains. From all of us here at Skokie we want to wish you fellows the very best of luck.

- Pat Hannett

SOUTH SECTION -

As usual our column is mixed with happiness and sadness. As we all know, this is life, so let's start with some happy news first...Our South Siders really made the grade and nine of our men were appointed supervisors recently: Motormen HENRY THORNE, JAMES FICHTER, ROBERT REDD, SIDNEY EDWARDS, JAMES WILSON, LAWRENCE ROSEBAR and WILSON HART; Switchman JOHNNIE WILLIAMS, and Towerman ROBERT BLACK. Congratulations to all...Welcome back from the sick list to: Motormen WILLIAM PAYNE, DAVID MOORE, and Switchman BERTRAM HARTFIELD...Our sadness is that I lost to heaven one of my favorite and wonderful ex-bosses--Retired Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER passed away. A more wonderful man there never was. Mr. Meisner had so many friends that we all extend our personal sympathy to Mrs. Meisner and their daughter, LOIS, and son, RICHARD, and his family. Also Mrs. Meisner is in the hospital and had an operation, but she's coming along fine now. Hope she is able to come home soon... Hello to all our new employees: ROBERT ZAWODSKI, MACEO JENKINS, DARYL LAMPKINS, CRAIG VARNADOE, DON JEFFRIES, ANTHONY GAGE, MARSHALL WILSON, and four new gals--JOHNNIE McCLURE, LORRAINE WILLIAMS, DELORES QUINN and SHARON VALENTINE. . . Assistant Superintendent FRENCHIE ELLIS took a nice vacation in the early winter and he was all excited about going home to Mississippi to see relatives he hasn't seen in years...Saw Retired Clerk JOHN MORAN the other day and he looks great and he says hello to all of us

HARRY T. ANDERSON, 74, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-16-25, Died 10-16-74
 GEORGE BENDER, 82, Kedzie, Emp. 7-20-18, Died 10-25-74
 JOHN BOCHAT, 86, North Section, Emp. 4-19-12, Died 10-14-74
 JAMES A. CHAMBERS, 68, 69th Street, Emp. 4-21-42, Died 10-16-74
 ELIZABETH J. COLEMAN, 79, South Sec., Emp. 5-4-28, Died 10-30-74
 MAYNARD DAHMS, 54, Property Acctg., Emp. 3-25-46, Died 11-5-74
 STANLEY DOBRAVALSKIS, 60, Archer, Emp. 10-24-41, Died 10-27-74
 PATRICK J. DONELON, 73, Security, Emp. 4-8-23, Died 10-20-74
 PATRICK FEENEY, 70, North Section, Emp. 5-28-45, Died 10-26-74
 PAUL J. FERRIGAN, 71, North Section, Emp. 1-28-36, Died 10-9-74
 JOHN FILIPEK, 62, West Section, Emp. 9-1-45, Died 10-8-74
 EDWARD GALLAGHER, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 3-3-24, Died 10-11-74
 LEON F. GOODIN, 66, Keeler, Emp. 8-7-41, Died 10-21-74
 ANTHONY HASTINGS, 73, Building, Emp. 8-5-26, Died 10-17-74
 RHEINARD L. HAUG, 85, Armitage, Emp. 2-25-08, Died 10-5-74
 ELMER J. HAUSLER, 74, Limits, Emp. 4-6-26, Died 10-20-74
 GEORGE HILLEBRAND, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 2-10-43, Died 10-24-74
 BRYANT J. HOWELL, 60, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-6-58, Died 10-8-74
 PATRICK J. JOYCE, 70, 61st Street, Emp. 9-11-26, Died 10-14-74
 JOSEPH F. KENT, 65, Central District, Emp. 11-11-36, Died 10-19-74
 FREDERICK W. KOEHN, 83, Electrical, Emp. 12-10-24, Died 10-23-74
 JOHN KOLMAN, 91, West Section, Emp. 12-13-29, Died 6-19-74
 WILLIAM KUCIVER, 50, North Section, Emp. 3-6-52, Died 11-7-74
 KAY LORENTZEN, 87, Engineering, Emp. 5-12-25, Died 10-15-74
 WARNER MARSHALL, 84, North Park, Emp. 6-26-17, Died 10-25-74
 JOSEPH H. MARTIN, 67, 77th Street, Emp. 9-12-42, Died 10-24-74
 REX McCOY, 62, South Shops, Emp. 4-2-47, Died 10-28-74
 DANIEL McFADDEN, 64, Division 241, Emp. 5-2-42, Died 11-20-74
 CLARENCE MELBYE, 73, Control Ctr., Emp. 6-1-16, Died 10-22-74
 JOHN MULLIGAN, 72, South Section, Emp. 7-2-43, Died 10-24-74
 EDWARD MURPHY, 62, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-26-54, Died 10-25-74
 EDWARD PAPULA, 79, Armitage, Emp. 2-24-23, Died 10-13-74
 CHARLES PASTERNAK, 74, Lawndale, Emp. 10-6-27, Died 10-31-74
 PAUL M. PREUHS, 92, North Section, Emp. 12-23-15, Died 9-28-74
 PAUL ROLLAND, 67, Archer, Emp. 12-20-40, Died 10-7-74
 FRANK ROONEY, 52, 69th Street, Emp. 7-9-41, Died 11-20-74
 ROBERT SEMMERLING, 41, South Shops, Emp. 3-8-56, Died 11-9-74
 GEORGE SIMLESA, 77, South Shops, Emp. 2-2-44, Died 10-3-74
 ROBERT R. STAPP, 79, Security, Emp. 8-1-28, Died 10-4-74
 THOMAS M. SULLIVAN, 77, West Section, Emp. 1-14-29, Died 10-22-74

CTAers... One of our favorite people, Agent RUTH LOVELL, went on pension Dec. 1 and 61st Street Station won't seem the same without her. Much happiness and good health is wished Ruth on her retirement and all her customers and fellow employees will miss her...What a shock! Motorman ALEX KOMIS, who resigned only a few weeks ago, passed away suddenly. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Komis and her family. Alex was one "heck" of a man. He was always ready with a joke... Received a nice call from Retired Conductor FRANK PONZIANO and his wife. They are living in Grand Marsh, Wisc., but were in Chicago to see their sons. Frank says he's doing pretty good. Hope your health continually improves, Frank... Pool Clerk WILL INTOE is on the sick list at this writing. He was fixing his car and got shot in the leg from a bullet that came from a long distance away. Hope you will be back working real soon, Will... You know you can't keep our South Siders from getting passenger commendations. Our crews are really great: Motorman ADELBERT

COBB received a commendation for returning some money that a passenger lost; Conductor HERBERT DILLARD, who receives commendations by the dozen, received two more for his good and friendly announcements, and Conductor CECIL PURNELL was commended for assisting a woman who had been ill on his train... As you know, our South Side "L" Federal Credit Union is in the process of reorganization to make it better than ever, and I'm one proud woman. The board of directors chose me (imagine, me!) for their supervisory committee and I'm so flattered and proud. A new educational committee will provide someone at each terminal to talk about your credit union. Also on new committees are Clerk EARL JONES, assistant treasurer; Yard Foreman VAN MIMS and JOHN MITCHELL, and Conductor CLEVELAND JACKSON. Regular hours now are from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., weekdays, except Wednesdays... Retired Motorman JOHN HEADY, the old "mule-skinner," called us and he's doing great for 81 years of age. He also said that Retired Conduc-

tor CARL MAGNUSON, who had been ill, is much better now and says hello too... Ashland A.M. Supervisor THOMAS STAPLES was in the hospital recently for an operation, but he is now recuperating and hopes to get back to work soon...We are so proud of our clerks--ROBERT E. LEE was appointed vacation relief superintendent--south, as of Dec. 1, and ELIJAH SMITH was made a pool superintendent... We also had more changes as of Dec. 1 on the South Section--Assistant Superintendent ROBERT SUTA went back to work on the West Section; DAVID MARTIN was appointed A.M. assistant superintendent at 95th Street; ARDIS MORRIS was appointed A.M. assistant superintendent-61st Street; DAVID CURRY was appointed P.M. assistant superintendent--Ashland, and ALEX WILSON was appointed P.M. assistant superintendent-95th. Congratulations to everyone and good luck Mr. Suta on the West Section...Received a nice letter from Retired Conductor JOSEPH MASCOLINO who lives in Riverside, Ill. He lost his second daughter recently and we extend our deepest sympathy to Joe. He says that he is feeling good and we hope your good health continues.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

A double congratulation is extended to ART BEAUCHAMP on becoming a grandfather twice within three weeks. The lucky parents are ROBERT and ADELIA MOORE, who named their son SEAN PATRICK. Also DALE and SUSAN BEAUCHAMP, who named their son DALE ROBERT. Sean was born on Oct. 31 weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Dale was born Nov. 20, and weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches long... JOE MAZARKA, pipe fitter, is the champion hunter of the South Side, but we're still waiting for a venison steak...TED PIETRUS and his wife have been keeping busy lately. Ted and Wicki enrolled at Moraine Valley Community college and took a real estate course. Wicki received her license after passing the state real estate board test. As of this date, Ted is still trying...Welcome back to CHARLIE GRECO who spent three weeks of his vacation visiting in Las Vegas, Phoenix and at the Grand Canyon. I hadn't seen him in so long I thought that he took an early retirement...Our condolences are given to the family of JAMES OOSTMAN, retired foreman of the Tin Shop.

Out in the Shops, the news was that Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH VIRUSSO recently returned from two weeks in fabulous Hawaii. Part of their vacation was spent touring the various islands and night clubs...Mechanic ROBERT C. LEE is leaving the South Shops and joining the Quality Control Department downtown. Good luck, Bob...Congratulations go out to all of the winners in our annual South Shops turkey shoot: MAU-

REEN HOULIHAN, BOB SMITH, STAN SHIMKUS, AL WENDT, BILL RAFFERTY Jr., RON FELTZ, JERRY POCES, CHARLES KEHOE, AL SAMASKA Sr. and LARRY JUCIUS...The bowling committee, CARL LIDZBINSKI and ED WUJTOWICZ, would like to thank all who participated and made it a successful tournament.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

69TH STREET -

Clerk CLARK said there were a lot of long faces and empty pockets the morning after the Ali-Foreman fight... Supervisor E. OJER was observed at Archer and Cicero checking up on his old pals from 69th. Take it easy on us, fella...I saw Pensioner FRANK KONCZAL and he looks great. He says hello to all his friends at 69th...Nixon had his plumbers, but they didn't hold a candle to the job that Instructor ROSS and his pal, J. JOHNSON, did on "Skinny's" plumbing. It took two plumbers, a broken wall, and \$140 to straighten out the mess... Operator HOWARD MEANS gained a second daughter on Oct. 19 when his son, HOWARD Jr., took unto himself a beautiful bride named CHERYL at the Avalon Park church... Operator STANFORD ROGERS and his lovely wife spent their August vacation touring Europe, starting in London and finishing in Paris, France... Former Station Instructor SWANSON is now the night superintendent at 69th. Congratulations and happy nights to you...It was a sad November for us at 69th when the silent reaper stopped by. He took RUFUS FERGUSON, the brother of Operator GEORGE FERGUSON, who was killed during a robbery. A. J. VANDERBURG who was considering retirement, lost his beloved wife. Clerk FRANK ROONEY was a victim of a heart attack. It was a great shock to Superintendent VIC COLEMAN, and when Pensioner JAMES NOONE heard of it, he had a mass said at St. Jude's church. EARL WATSON, who had been sick off and on for the past few years, lost his valiant fight and is now with his Maker. GEORGE EVANS, retired Beverly Station superintendent, passed away, as did our Division 241 president and business agent DANIEL McFADDEN. To all their families and loved ones we at 69th extend our deepest and most humble sympathy...The one bright spot of a wake is meeting old friends, like former chief clerk at the old 38th and Cottage barn, PERCY ATKINS. He is 76 years old and looks great. To all our retirees, good luck, health and many years of happiness...On Jan. 2 your scribe and his lovely wife will celebrate their 37th wedding anniversary...My New Year's wishes are for more news in my mail box; that HARVEY BROCK of the repair department will catch his first fish, and to learn from CHARLIE WILLIAMS of the repair department--who was belly deep in catfish soup after his vacation--how he does it...God bless you all.

From the repair department we hear that SAM CASELMAN really enjoys working for CTA. He is now the No. 1 campaign man... Pensioners MATT BASSO, TONY MATHIS, E. TOCCI, GLEN PEYTON, WILLIE FAHEY and MARTY GRIFFIN are really enjoying their leisure life. To all our pensioners we wish the same... CHARLIE WILLIAMS is now on vacation and plans to do some deep-sea fishing before he returns...We hope everyone was satisfied with the new pick. Now we can all band together and keep the CTA running...We welcome J. VOLPE and J. CRACCO to 69th. To W. JACOB, JIMMY RAJ, WALTER CICIURA and C. PRODIN who transferred, we wish them all the best of luck... Pensioner FRANK PIKUNAS is doing very well after his recent operation...Bus Controller VINCE RUTKOWSKI is retiring from the Radio Room on Jan. 1 after more than 38 years of service.

- Art Bucsing & Jimmy Abern

77TH STREET -

Hi, fellow operators! Remember me, your Transit News reporter? I'm sorry about the dry spell, but getting the news sometimes is like pulling a tiger's teeth. I would first like to welcome all the newcomers, both ladies and gents...I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate some of our instructors and Clerk W. McCARTHY on their promotions to assistant station superintendents. The hat's off to W. WHITENHILL, E. WHITE, F. MOORE, M. PORTER and last, but not least, J. C. WHITE. Congratulations, fellows. Keep on pushing...As of this writing the Wheelers Social Club will have staged their pre-Thanksgiving dance Nov. 23. The year-ending event promised to be a dynamic affair in the grand ballroom of the Sheraton-Chicago hotel. President D. L. DURDEN and the entire membership have always made every effort to see that every affair was the best such entertainment of its kind. If you weren't there you missed the whole thing. Sorry...I'd like to say welcome back to those returning from the sick and injured list. Among them, Operator HOUSTON NETTLES. I saw him in the train room...Clerk HARRY RONS was on vacation and spent two weeks with his sister in Sacramento, Cal. Clerk FISHER started a month's vacation Oct. 27. He visited Memphis, Tenn., and then returned home for a day or two of rest. Fisher has no intention of letting the grass grow under his feet, so he went on to California for sun and fun...I know I speak for the friends and fellow operators of NESBITT MURDEN, SYLVESTER INGRAM and FAMOUS HOOKS in wishing them a complete recovery...Our sincerest condolences go out to relatives and friends of Clerk ROBERT BLANKS, E. F. GALLAGHER and WILLIE MITCHNER Sr., the father of Collector WILLIE MITCHNER Jr...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

what's news

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Again the State Street Council is providing Chicago Christmas shoppers with free CTA bus service on one of the world's greatest shopping streets. Piping the early birds aboard at Field's corner is accordionist Charlie Rex who provides Yuletide serenades for weary shoppers. The driver, in this case, is 5-year CTA employee Samuel Baker. Buses operate at 10 minute intervals.

- CTA -

Recent official visitors included:

S. Yokoyama, Superintendent of Management and Planning, and K. Goto, Officer of Rapid Transit Planning, Osaka Municipal Transportation Bureau.

26 overseas transit experts touring with Multi-Regional Project on Urban Transportation under sponsorship of State Department and International Visitors Center.

B. Cannon and R. Speelman, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority.

Representatives, Grand Rapids (Mich.) Transit Authority.

Students, York University, Toronto, Canada.

Students, Lake Forest College.

- CTA -

Good economic news of pre-holiday season was two-fold. First, President Ford signed legislation providing \$11.8 billion aid to urban mass transit (details Page 3). Second, Regional Transportation Authority approved \$16 million emergency aid for CTA, largely for employee benefits and pensions.

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Santa's Helpers boarded CTA vehicles at selected stops in Loop on Saturday, December 14, and distributed goodies to children. Event was staged, in connection with Jewel Food Stores, to add to festivities of annual Christmas parade on State Street.

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