

Pikarsky Is RTA Chairman

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Cool Man In Control

Racker Typifies Competence At CTA System's Nerve Center

A CTA Profile by Anit Leppiks

Les Racker is a people mover.

He does it within the confines of room 7-187 in the Merchandise Mart, known in the Chicago Transit Authority as the control room.

There, Racker, 36, works as the area superintendent and is responsible for moving over two million people each weekday over 2,000 miles of bus lines and 191.6 miles of rapid transit routes.

While he is surrounded by a million dollars worth of equipment which monitors the buses, trains, and electrical power of the CTA, Racker said his job is people-oriented—not equipment-oriented.

"We want to get people from where they are to where they want to go to as quickly and as safely as possible," he said.

Yet to watch Racker at work, as I did, you would have to agree he moves with the precision of a machine.

He is a virtual "phenom."

I first met Racker when he was in an intensive planning meeting. As he spoke quickly, making his

Racker, left, and Superintendent Thomas Hogan give the Delay and Incident Summary a final check. Judging by their expressions, it must have been a light day.



point clear, I wondered when he would catch his breath.

He was discussing the training of rapid transit controllers with Tony Borcic, junior training assistant of personnel development, and Walter Pavoni, his assistant superintendent of the control center.

Pavoni was insisting that the "dummy box" mock-up unit was the best way to train control room students before they go to work at the control panels.

But he didn't get to finish his statement.

Always A Duty Ahead

Racker glanced at his watch. It was 9 a.m. Time for him to personally hand deliver the 11 copies of the Delay and Incident Summary listing all the major rail and bus incidents for the preceeding 24 hours to the CTA's officials who require it daily.

This brisk walk is Racker's mid-morning "break."

His day usually starts around 7:30 a.m. and ends when he thinks everything is "buttoned up" for the night. But the night before the morning I met him he had remained in the control room until 1 a.m.

He had stayed late because CTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky and Police Superintendent James Rochford had ridden the CTA trains on a passenger safety inspection.

Racker wanted to be sure everything ran smoothly.

After Racker finished delivering the 11 copies of the summary, he led me back to the control room to explain its "triad operations."

Knows Where Buses Are

We started with the radio-telephone section's bus monitor-communications systems which maintains surveillance of 1000 of the CTA's 2500 buses.

A report of each monitored bus's activities, and problems, is kept on the radio and (Continued Page 2)



Like an EKG of the rapid transit system, the line charts at the rail controller's "console" show the positions of trains on elevated and subway routes. The tapes carry standard markings indicating stations and locations. Thus, times of arrival and departure can be continuously monitored and intervals between trains can be controlled. Should spacing be slightly off, the distance can be corrected immediately through instruction on the train phone.

dispatcher's logs.

When a driver radios that something on his bus has gone wrong, such as an overheating engine, one of the four controllers radios helpful instructions.

Besides radio communications, each controller's position has 18 telephone lines linking the position to other CTA facilities, and the city's police and fire departments.

Racker then moved to the power supervisor's section. Power supervisors control the electric current for the CTA's 243.2 miles of rapid transit tracks. Of this figure, 191.6 miles are used for passenger service.

He explained that the Commonwealth Edison Company annually supplies 300 million kilowatt hours of 12,000 volts of alternating current (AC) to the CTA. This is converted to 600 volts of direct current (DC) by 37 CTA electrical substations, each supplying the power to the rapid transit system's third rails.

CTA's Control Room

Five of the substations are partially manned; 32 of them are remote controlled, and all appear as dots on the huge map in the power room.

Power supervisors can shut off the current anywhere in the system when there is an emergency.

Racker then directed me to the rapid transit line supervision section of the control room to watch the graphic recorders.

To the uninitiated, they appear to be a collage of chiming clocks, ringing phones, blinking lights, and machines which methodically punch holes in 17 winding tapes moving through computer-like clocks.

Racker explained he worked here for four years as a controller before his promotion to area superintendent in June.

Line supervision, Racker explained, "is the central dispatching system used to maintain maximum efficiency in the CTA's rapid transit operations."

This \$150,000 worth of electronic and mechanical gear automatically dispatches and spaces rapid transit trains on the CTA's seven routes. The equipment monitors and records train movements under the watchful eyes of rail controllers.

Equipment also includes a train-phone system which permits controllers to speak with the trains' motormen, and when necessary, to passengers over each train's public address system.

Three Point Leverage

So, I learned, the "triad operations" of the control room is composed of the bus radio-telephone section, the rapid transit's control section, and the power supervisor's section.

Routinely, the sections work separately, following their own functions. But when an emergency arises, called a "10-99" in radio jargon, the "triad operations" work as a close-knit team.

Racker recalled he was on duty as a rapid transit controller when two Illinois Central Gulf Railroad commuter trains collided in 1972 near 29th Street and Lake Shore Drive at the height of the morning rush hour.

"We instituted a '10-99' immediately. CTA emergency vehicles were dispatched to the site of the train wreck to aid the fire department (Continued Page 9)



Wider Focus For The Chairman--

Public Transportation Across 6 Counties

Facing a crowd of Chicago's best known transportation writers, editors, and TV and radio newscasters on January 3, new RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky fielded all questions thoughtfully and persuasively.

Chairman Milton Pikarsky's leadership is now six counties big--encompassing commuter trains, suburban bus lines, and all facets of public transportation in the six-county northeastern Illinois region: Lake, Will, DuPage, McHenry, Kane, Cook.

We of CTA know that the Regional Transportation Authority could not have found as capable and dedicated a person for the responsibility.

In his comparatively brief tenure at CTA, Chairman Pikarsky has (1) taken a leadership role at local, state, and national levels for gaining public recognition and financial support for public transportation as a public service; (2) instituted experimental Sunday bargain fares; (3) established a new safety department; (4) modernized and expanded our telephone Travel Information Center to cover the six-county region; (5) pressed forward CTA's program of affirmative action throughout the work force; (6) streamlined the CTA management team for improved efficiency; (7) expanded the CTA's utilization of scientific management tools and methods; and (8) improved employee information services.

CTA's loss of day-to-day association is tempered by the fact that, as a segment of the RTA, we will still share the benefits of his ideas and energies.

Election of Milton Pikarsky to head RTA came on Friday, January 3.

Later that day, he held a news conference for editors and broadcasters in the CTA Board Room at the Merchandise Mart and skillfully set forth his "regional planning view" on how the RTA must operate.

"We cannot permit any portion of the area to be favored at the expense of others," the Chairman said. "We could not, for instance, adopt policies that would

penalize suburban service to the benefit of transit service in Chicago.

"Similarly, it would be unreasonable to adopt policies that would ignore the necessity of maintaining a viable mass transit system within Chicago, which serves as the economic core of the six-county area."

Policies which he will urge the RTA Board to work toward, Pikarsky said, include the following:

1. A universal transfer system so that riders can use any or all of the facilities in the RTA structure;
2. Establishment of a special suburban service unit within the RTA;
3. The finest urban mass transportation service in the entire nation with the most reasonable and equitable fares.

Joseph A. Tecson, member of the RTA Board who has been serving as temporary chairman, hosted a suburban news conference for Pikarsky on January 7 at the Sheraton-Oakbrook hotel. Tecson, an attorney, is a resident of Riverside.

This event was quickly followed by a whirlwind series of conferences arranged by other RTA board members to provide opportunities for public officials and community leaders in principal towns throughout the area to meet and exchange views with Pikarsky.

The series began with a breakfast meeting in Waukegan hosted by RTA board member Richard D. Newland, Waukegan bank president.

Other members of the RTA Board are D. Daniel Baldino, Evanston; Jerry Boose, South Elgin; Nicholas J. Bosen, Chicago; Pastora Cafferty, Chicago; James Kemp, Chicago; and Ernest S. Marsh, Chicago.

Mrs. Cafferty is the widow of the late Michael Cafferty, former CTA chairman.



One of nine women CTA conductors, Rosie Lofton says the money's good, "so here I am." (Sun-Times Photo by Jack Lenahan)

Conductor opens doors

She hopes for CTA motorman job

By Ted Seals

Rosie Lofton is a member of an unusual elite.

She is one of only nine women rapid-transit conductors for the Chicago Transit Authority, and after almost three months on the job, she looks forward to becoming a motorman, a job no woman now holds.

"I think women should get into everything available," she said. Asked what brought her to this job, she said, "I didn't have a job at the time and the money's good, so here I am."

She is in a job category introduced to women employees on Aug. 29, when Mrs. Marilyn Jackson and Mrs. Anne Watkins were hired. Though the number of women conductors is small now, the CTA claims 142 women candidates for conductor jobs will be hired as openings spring up.

Conductors run CTA trains as their counterparts do on railroads. They open and close train doors, announce stops, assist passengers and plead with them to respect CTA regulations such as its often-ignored no-smoking rule. Beginning conductors make \$5.25 an hour, with pay rising to \$6.66 an hour after two years.

They also have to deal with crime. "Oh, we don't get much of that," Ms. Lofton said, adding "people are usually pretty peaceful."

Ms. Lofton, mother of a 7-year-old girl, works on the North-South Jackson Park trains, where she notices "sometimes kids

climb up on the elevated tracks and throw rocks at the train, but never at the windows."

Ms. Lofton ranks low on seniority and so—although she would prefer the day shift—she works either days or nights, as circumstances dictate. "Yeah, I'm concerned about the dangers (of working nights)" she says, "but you can be mugged walking down the streets. You're not safe even in your own home, so I don't let it get to my job."

CTA community news representative Betty Edwards said it is just a matter of time before women come in as motormen for the CTA trains. Traditionally, motormen are promoted from among conductors with more than a year's experience.

"The presence of the women conductors seems to have encouraged the men to straighten up," Mrs. Edwards said, "I notice some of the men are coming to work neater now," she added.

Aside from that, Mrs. Edwards noted, the women conductors have done well in their own right, earning praise from their superiors.

As for Ms. Lofton, who formerly worked as an equipment inspector at the International Telephone & Telegraph communications equipment plant in Bensenville, she recalls when she started work as a conductor, "There were a few condescending jokes and stares, but basically, it has been good." She hopes it will be equally good someday soon as a motorman.

Weekly Newsletter For CTAers Edited By Willis

Transitalk, a newsletter written specifically for CTA employees, made its debut with the new year. It will be coming to you at your work station on Mondays. The purpose: to keep you up-to-the-minute with company developments and policies affecting your work and your pay.

To edit Transitalk, Rick Willis has come on board as Superintendent of Employee Communications. He has offices on the fourth floor at the Mart and reports directly to Manager of Personnel Fran Knautz.

Before joining us, Willis was assistant executive editor for the Star Tribune Publications headquartered in Harvey. Previously, he was night editor for the Chicago Defender. He also edited a service newspaper during his nine years in the U.S. Air Force.

Willis graduated from high school in Atlanta, Ga., and studied at Hampton Institute in Virginia and the University of Eastern New Mexico. He is a board member of the Harvey YMCA and a member of the International Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife, Dorothy, live in Markham. They have three sons.



A Toast To A

YEAR OF PROGRESS - 1974

1974. Gone, but not forgotten. It was a big and important year for transit in Chicagoland.

It was the Super Transferpass Year. Introduced in June, linked with a Sunday bargain fare in effect since March, the innovation boosted weekend riding as much as 50 percent. By year's end, both experimental traffic-building inducements had been extended into continuing Sunday features.



It was the Capital Development Year. A \$391 million (Phase II) program was launched for acquiring new equipment and replacing old facilities. In the year, 200 air-conditioned rapid transit cars and 600 air-conditioned buses were ordered. Modernized stations were opened at Bryn Mawr and at the terminus of the Ravenswood line.

It was the Superbus Year. A German-made articulated bus was showcased on Chicago's streets, later returned as the Baron Von Steuben in CTA's rapidly growing Spirit of '76 fleet. When the bicentennial year arrives next January 1, the silver and red-white-blue CTA vehicles will be among the most familiar sights

Chicago. 'L'ephant bus service to Lincoln Park Zoo was expanded as was O'Hare express service from Jefferson Park.



It was the Energy Shortage Year. And the public made new discoveries as to the amount of gasoline and oil that could be conserved by depending more on public transportation. Early in last winter's crisis period, it was estimated that CTA's Sunday fares alone had saved more than 300,000 gallons.

It was the Women In Business Year. CTA hired and trained its first women bus drivers and rapid transit conductors. By year's end, the female contingent had grown to more than 60.

It was the Travel Information Year. With sophisticated telephony and expert local travel agents, CTA took on the job of telling anybody in Chicagoland how to get where he or she wants to go from where he or she is. The number: 670-5000.

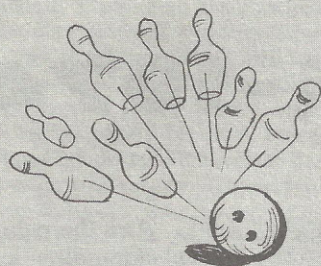
It was the Community Relations Year. Greatly improved liaison was established with ethnic and minority groups and media throughout the area. News announcements were translated into Spanish for the convenience of the Latin-American press.



It was the Management Reorganization Year. CTA's executive machinery was streamlined for the responsibilities of tomorrow. New departments were established: Marketing, Human Relations, Safety. CTA Quarterly was launched as a link with leaders of opinion throughout the area.

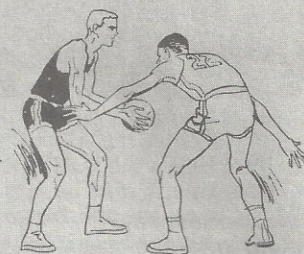
It was the RTA Year. A Regional Transportation Authority for the six northeastern Illinois counties was approved by the voters at a March referendum and an eight-member RTA Board was appointed.

1974. A year to remember.



CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Papa Bear Writes Us

By W. B. Wolfan,
CTA Public Affairs

THE OUTSTANDING athletic career of President Gerald R. Ford began in high school at Grand Rapids, Mich., South high and wound up with his being named the most valuable player on the Michigan varsity in 1934.

Now word comes from no less an authority than George Halas, owner of the Chicago Bears, who is Mr. Pro football himself. Halas believes that Ford had all the qualifications to succeed in the big league of professional football.

In a letter to this reporter, Halas replies to an article about President Ford in the last issue of CTA Transit News. When he played in the 1935 college all-star game, Ford told me that he had pro football offers from the late Curly Lambeau of the Packers and Halas.

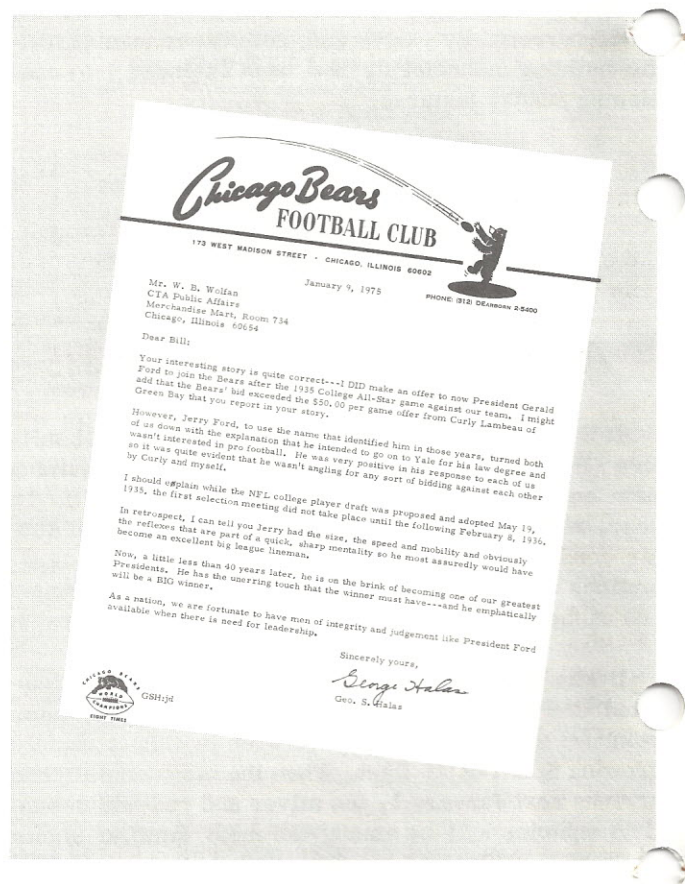
Halas comments in his letter:

"Your interesting story is quite correct--I did make an offer to Ford to join the Bears after the 1935 college all-star game against our team. I might add that the Bears' bid exceeded the \$50 per game offer from Curly Lambeau of Green Bay that you report in your story.

"However, Ford turned us down with the explanation that he intended to go on to Yale for his law degree and wasn't interested in pro football. He was very positive in his response to each of us, so it was quite evident that he wasn't angling for any sort of bidding against each other by Curly and myself."

Halas continues:

"In retrospect I can tell you that Jerry Ford had the size, the speed and mobility and obviously the reflexes that are part of a quick, sharp mentality, so he most assuredly would have become an excellent big league lineman."



Those are the words of George Halas, owner and former coach, whose Bears won the world pro football title EIGHT times.

And coming from a man who coached the likes of Bronko Nagurski, Bill Hewitt, Sid Luckman and George McAfee--to name only a few--one must accept Halas' opinion of Ford's football talent with the utmost respect.

The late Harry Kipke, head coach of the Wolverines, and his assistants rated Ford very highly, as a big, strong aggressive football player. He might have made a center in the Clyde (Bulldog) Turner image for the Bears, but fate took a hand, and it was back to Grand Rapids after the war with his law degree, and a road that led to the Congress and eventually the White House.

Kedzie Garage Operator Wins Golf Championship

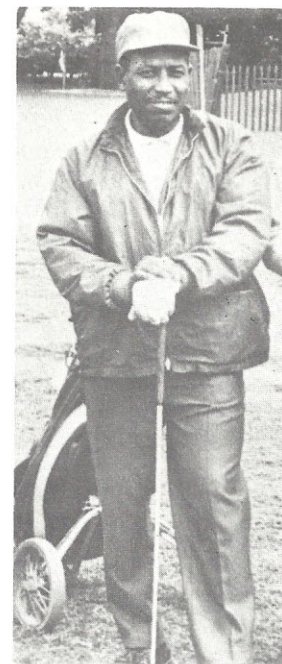
GOLF IS a very popular sport among our CTA employees. Many of them have demonstrated their skills on different courses around the country.

Our latest golf champion is Operator Will Candy of Kedzie, who was presented the championship trophy for winning the annual Linksmen Golf Club tournament at a dinner in the Tiki room on December 8.

Will, who has been an avid golfer all his life, was the first black to play on the course at the Sioux Falls, S.D., Country Club. The club pro, Tom Walsh, who had seen Will play, invited him to play a round of golf with him. Walsh beat Will by two strokes that day, but the next day Will beat Walsh by four strokes. This victory lead Will to an invitation by Walsh to enter the tournament the club held each year. Will entered, used rented clubs, and won the title.

In the Division 241 annual golf tournament last year, Will bowed by two strokes to his Kedzie co-worker, Luster Morton. Will avenged that loss by beating Luster by six strokes in a friendly return match. Will and Luster are both members of the Linksmen Golf Club.

In the last nine years, Will has won 32 trophies in various tournaments across the nation. The list includes 14 first places, 10 second places and 8 third place finishes.



Will Candy

77TH STREET OPERATORS LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Archer Bandits	39	21	.650
Pin Busters	38	22	.633
Baggers	36½	23½	.605
George's Arco	36	24	.600
Late Comers	34	26	.567
Golden Arms	33	27	.550
Centurions	33	27	.550
Clippers	32½	27½	.535
Boozers	30	30	.500
Spartans	29	31	.483
Poppers	29	31	.483
Thunderballs	28	32	.467
Toppers	23	37	.383
Road Runners	21	39	.350
Rotators	20	40	.333
Tranquilizers	18	42	.300

From Our Outdoorsmen

OPERATOR C. R. DOUGAN, Beverly Garage, displays the white tail spike-horn deer he bagged while on a hunting trip in the Baraga State Forest in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. No vital statistics were given, but from the picture it seems to be a lot of venison.



CTA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
North Park	5	0	1.000
Archer	3	0	1.000
North Side "L"	4	1	.800
Forest Glen	4	1	.800
69th Street	4	1	.800
Kedzie	3	2	.600
Beverly	2	2	.500
77th Shops	2	2	.500
77th Street	2	2	.500
North Avenue	2	3	.400
West Side "L"	1	2	.333
Limits	1	6	.167
General Office	0	3	.000
South Side "L"	0	3	.000
52nd Street	0	5	.000



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"J. C. White's game has certainly improved since he got the new ball."

Visit With
Dr. Mosny

How Diabetes Is Detected

If during the course of a medical examination, sugar is found in the urine, many people are alarmed. Particularly if this is the first time it has occurred, one is inclined to think that perhaps it was a mistake.

Usually, the urinalysis is repeated, the next day or so, and the test is negative. This tends to confirm the original suspicion of a mistake.

But, don't be lulled into a false sense of security! Any positive test for sugar in the urine is significant and it can easily happen that negative tests follow positive ones. Whenever sugar is present in the urine, it is abnormal, regardless of the amount. Negative and positive tests can occur at various times, depending upon the relationship of meals to the time the specimen is collected.

A touch of sugar in the urine is as important as a large amount. One episode does not necessarily mean that an individual is diabetic but it does call for further testing to establish the cause and diagnosis.

By far the most common cause of sugar in the urine (glycosuria) is diabetes. The best screening test for this is a blood sugar measurement two hours after a large meal. A fasting blood sugar is not reliable because too frequently the test result is reported as normal even though diabetes is present. If a 2 hour test is abnormal, a diagnosis of diabetes can be suspected. However, the most foolproof test is called the glucose tolerance test. This test consists of taking a fasting blood sugar followed by an oral dose of 100 g. of glucose. Blood samples are taken at $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, one hour, two hour and three hour intervals and tested for glucose content. If these measurements are above normal limits and form a characteristic curve, a diagnosis of diabetes can be made.

If the glucose tolerance test shows borderline findings, it is still possible to have a form of diabetes which clinically is not detectable by usual methods of testing. In this case the cortisone-glucose tolerance test is done. Under this additional stress of steroids and glucose, the glucose tolerance will be positive for all types of diabetes except pre-diabetes.

A final test to consider is the intravenous tolbutamide test. This test is not performed very often.

To summarize, the following table shows the results to expect from laboratory tests in various stages of diabetes.

Stages	Blood Sugar		Glucose Tolerance		Signs and Symptoms
	Fasting	2 Hours After Meal	Oral	Cortisone	
Pre-Diabetes*	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	None
Latent Chemical	Normal	Normal	Normal	Normal	None
Latent	Normal	Normal or Elevated	Abnormal	Abnormal	None or Numerous
Clinical	Elevated	Elevated	Abnormal	Abnormal	Usually None

*Diagnosis of pre-diabetes is made on familial history of diabetes.

High risk factors that indicate screening tests should be made periodically for diabetes include a family history of diabetes, age over 40, excessive thirst, frequent urination, excessive eating, obesity and delivery of large babies (over 9 pounds).

It is important to note that signs and symptoms are not present in diabetes until the very late stages, at which time irreversible complications are usually present. The time to diagnose diabetes is early so that management can be instituted.

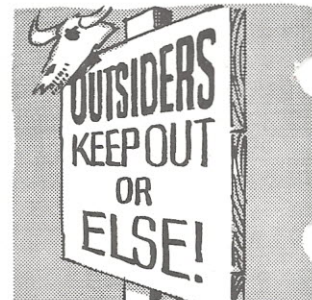
Transit News *Family Fare*

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Keeping Outsiders Out

"THIS PARK IS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS ONLY. ALL OTHERS KEEP OUT."

Could a city lawfully put up such a sign?



Of course, any community may favor its own residents in a variety of ways—for example, in providing police and fire protection.

But there are constitutional limitations to this kind of "discrimination" against outsiders. Generally speaking, a city cannot keep its parks exclusively for local residents. The law's reasoning is that parks are, by their very nature, meant for "the common good of mankind."

One beach community, hoping to reduce the annual summer influx of out-of-towners, tried a less drastic means of control. Anybody using the beach was required to pay a fee—and the fee for nonresidents was set considerably higher than for residents.

But here too, a court held that the discrimination was unconstitutional. Relying on a "public trust" doctrine, the court said:

"The beach and the open waters must be open to all on equal terms. While municipalities may charge reasonable fees for the use of their beaches, they may not discriminate between residents and nonresidents."

On the other hand, discrimination might be upheld if it is realistically necessary to prevent overcrowding. Another case involved a small municipal swimming pool, from which the city tried to exclude nonresidents.

This time, a court decided that the residents-only rule was lawful. Without such a rule, said the court, the local citizenry would be virtually "frozen out" of their own facility.

After all, noted the court, they were paying for the pool with their taxes.

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

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Operations Control (Continued)

in rescuing people trapped inside the trains.

"And we provided free bus service to those lucky passengers who were uninjured and stranded at the I.C.'s station at 63rd street and Dorchester avenue. CTA buses took those people to their general destination area or to our rapid transit station at 63rd street and the Dan Ryan expressway.

"We maintained our emergency bus and rail operations until 11 a.m. that morning. Getting those I.C. passengers, as well as our own, to their destinations, was our main concern," Racker said.

Ready For Emergencies

He explained that when such emergencies happen, "we make an immediate analysis of the situation, project the impact on our rush hour traffic, and reroute our equipment if necessary.

"In the case of the I.C. wreck, we had to make plans for its impact on our evening rush hour traffic."

The pressure on the controllers is strongest during such emergencies, but they learned early in their training how to cope with it.

Any would-be candidate for a controller's job must have passed through what Racker called the "CTA college." All controllers must have worked as a rapid transit motorman, switchman, towerman, or as a bus driver, a driver supervisor, or as a driver instructor.

After this "course," the candidate must wait for an opening. When selected, the candidate must undergo a minimum of 120 hours of supervision under the tutelage of an on-duty controller.

But the "course" doesn't end there.

Pressure Is A Requisite

"No one out of the 'CTA college' with only pure information is able to adequately perform the controller's job," Racker said.

"The candidate must have experience of feeling the tension and pressure of being responsible for the safety of thousands of riders."

He figured it takes about two years of supervised work before a candidate can become a full-fledged controller.

The present staff of 24 controllers represents a total of 480 years of experience in the control room. It's obvious the men like their work.

Like all controllers, Racker followed the prescribed "courses" to reach his present post.

"I began as a rapid transit ticket agent in 1959. Then I was promoted to a conductor, flagman, motorman, switchman, and towerman.

"In 1963 I joined the clerical division of the transportation department, then became a rapid transit supervisor and instructor.

"I've worked all the shifts and I learned all the problems."

Not Many Recesses

Racker said he found that becoming an area supervisor doesn't mean losing any of the "blue collar sweat."

"This control room supervisor's job has more tension than most executives' jobs," he said.

"I have meetings to attend with other department heads. I review operations and plan training programs. And something always seems to crop up about every 15 minutes that requires immediate attention."

So how does the "machine-like" Racker unwind? Or does he?

"I play as hard as I work," he said. "Play" includes a set of bridge; intently listening to music, ranging from the classics to progressive jazz; or organizing an art fair.

Racker recalled he helped develop the first South Commons Arts Committee which worked putting together the first art fair for that high rise building complex.

He also served as first male president of the Drake Elementary School-South Commons PTA.

During his two-year tenure, that PTA raised funds to bring in teacher aides, introduced a foreign language program in the school, and developed an agreement with the Illinois College of Optometry to help students having visual perception problems.

Racker summed up the CTA's control room by likening it to a hospital's emergency room. It never stops.

And like the control room, Racker never stops either.

Electrical Workers Cited



For heroism in saving a fellow worker from electrocution, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers presented plaques to CTA's Edward Menzel, left, and William Park, right, in a ceremony arranged by Director of Safety Thomas Boyle, extreme right. The award was inspired by James A. McCann, seated, business manager of IBEW's Local 9. Presentation was made in office of Chairman Milton Pikarsky, second from left, with Ron Swindell, left, Supervisor of Electrical Maintenance on hand. Menzel and Park removed fellow worker John Ulanski, who had fallen across third rail during lighting and rushed him to hospital.

Three CTA Men Gain City-Wide Honors As Black Achievers

By Betty Edwards

Three Chicago Transit Authority employees were honored recently at the YMCA Metropolitan Chicago's first annual Black Achievers of Industry Recognition Award Dinner.

CTAers selected along with 140 outstanding black employees of leading businesses and industries because of their outstanding accomplishment were: Harold Reddrick, area superintendent, far south area; Edward Mitchell, special assistant to the manager of transportation, and Frederick King, manager of human relations.



Reddrick

Reddrick, a 24-year employee, started as a trolley and bus operator and later became a motorman. In Jan. 1965, he became a surface traffic supervisor. After three years he was then assigned to work as a senior station instructor. From June, 1971, through June, 1974, he worked as a relief station and assistant station superintendent.

In June, 1974, Reddrick became the first black area superintendent in the CTA assigned to the largest area in the company--the far south section.

Reddrick, who is a member of Resurrection Luther-

an Church, and an officer on the trustee board, spends his spare time golfing. He is a member of the Links-men's Golfing Club, U.S.G.A.



Mitchell

Mitchell started with CTA in Aug. 1959, as an extra guard and in the same year became a conductor and then a motorman. He prides himself on having driven the first Skokie Swift train after its inauguration in April, 1964.

Having come through the ranks, Mitchell has worked as a supervisor-instructor and line instructor for the rapid transit, superintendent of agents and janitors, relief station superintendent and assistant station superintendent.

In April of 1974, he was coordinator for the Transportation training sessions and in June of the same year was named to his current position. He was also an instructor for the Chicago Transit Authority's Management Institute. Mitchell is majoring in business administration at the University of Illinois--Circle Campus.



King

King, who started with CTA in 1964 as a bus driver, received his bachelor of science degree from Chicago Technical College. In 1958 he became an electrician for the company and later became an electrical engineer. King was named in 1971 as assistant project manager for CTA's Capital Improvement Programs and in Oct., 1974, became manager of our Human Relations Department.

King is an active member of the Gresham United Methodist Church and sings with the Lutheran Spiritual Radio Choir.



Chairman Endorses Guard And Reserve Participation

Chairman Milton Pikarsky recently confirmed CTA's recognition of the nation's need for a strong Guard and Reserve by signing a statement to encourage participation of eligible employees in national defense programs.

The statement guarantees that because of their service in the Guard and Reserve, (1) an employee's job and career opportunities will not be limited or reduced and (2) that leaves of absence will be granted for military training without sacrifice of vacation time.

Representing the military at the signing were Brigadier General L. Vince Anderson (left), U.S. Army Reserve, and Captain C. Ray Evans Jr., U.S. Naval Reserve.

How One Retired CTA Bus Driver Lives

Joe Van Den Eeden's pension payment from CTA is \$235 a month. With his and his wife's social security, he does very well on it. He has investments, but he can plow back the interest.

Joe and Clara are contented retirees. Five days a week, Joe goes fishing on the lake near their home in wooded Vulcan, Michigan. Leaves at seven, home at three.

He jumps home a bit earlier in the cold wintertime when he fishes through the ice.

"They got a little pup tent with a heater in it," Joe says. "A lot of my friends use a little kerosene stove."

Not So Bad To Just Sit

But, winter or summer, Joe doesn't mind sitting and waiting for the fish to bite.

Perhaps it's the practice in sitting Joe got from the bus driving he did during the last 16 of his 42 years with CTA. But, primarily, it's the peace and quiet with nobody interrupting your thoughts and nobody dropping his change.

The Van Den Eedens are active in a thriving senior center in nearby Normal. About half of the people in the area are retired folks so there are plenty of planned activities for seniors and many of the same generation to swap experiences with.

Joe likes to tell his friends about how it was in Chicago in the transit business. Visual aids for such presentations are past copies of CTA Transit News, especially those with pictures of old-time equipment.

Joe reads the magazine regularly and avidly. He has kept up with the "modernizing" CTA is doing and the "different ideas that are coming through."

Cards and Trips

At the senior center, Joe and Clara are in a card playing group. The game isn't bridge, but smear. They learned it the first night they were in Michigan.

Joe continues to enjoy the fellowship of his labor union. He and Clara try to attend most of the international conventions and the side trips. They have been to the Caribbean, to Hawaii, and twice to Europe.

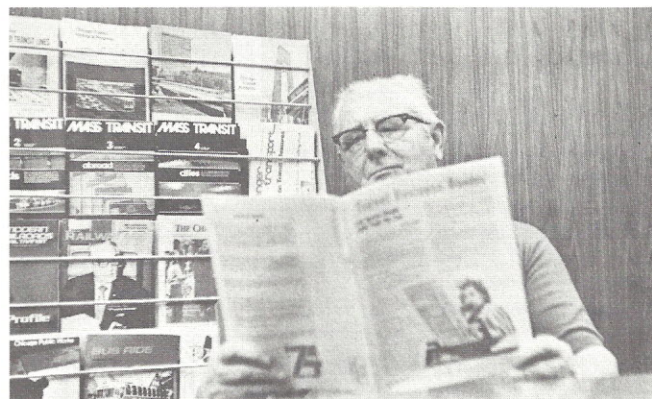
It's on vacations such as this that some of their pension income is spent.

Joe regards his pension not only as "adequate" and "fair," but as a blessing. It's something he never expected when he was younger that he would be lucky enough to draw. And, the check is always there right on schedule the second day of every month.

Tom Stiglic trained Joe Van Den Eeden as a bus driver and later used Joe to teach new recruits. Several of the men trained by Joe are now superintendents.

In his 16 years of bus operation, Joe worked various runs--Broadway, Clark, Lawrence.

He never drove an air-conditioned bus, but has



Forget CTA? Never. Transit News is one of Joe Van Den Eeden's favorite periodicals. Of course, he doesn't usually come to Chicago to read it out of Public Affairs' magazine rack. Retirement in Michigan is too pleasant and one can read after fishing.

ridden on them. And, in July and August, it makes him somewhat jealous. He thinks today's driving generation has it made.

They may have it made in the winter, too. When Joe was on the streetcars, the rails would sweat during a January thaw, then freeze over again at night.

This meant that the motorman had to keep using the sander to get traction. Four sandboxes were mounted inside the trolley car, one on each side at the front and two more in the back. When the motorman pressed a key, sand was released through a hose onto the track in front of the wheels.

Sports and Counseling

Joe was always a fan of the Chicago Cubs so he enjoyed the recent CTA Transit News piece on Jocko Wallace, the starter at Wrigley Field. But now, like most of his neighbors, Joe gives a lot of attention to the Green Bay Packers, right across the lake.

In his retirement, Joe has learned to be more of a handyman around the house than he ever was before. He's even a handyman around the little theater (at the senior center), having helped build the stage.

His favorite fishing companion, August Gilmeier, used to work for CTA, too. But only for about five years.

Does Joe ever get a chance to use his transportation experience in retirement? Well, yes, occasionally.

He has been asked to speak on the subject before community action groups along the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

One community, quite small, asked Joe how they should go about getting a bus line started. Joe suggested they go over to the school board and rent the school buses.

"Costs too much for a big transit system unless you really need it," says Joe. "That isn't likely to be where the principal road hazards are bear and deer."

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

A speedy recovery is wished to Mrs. MARION WHITE, the wife of Superintendent JOHN C. WHITE, who is now home convalescing from her recent illness. A speedy recovery is also wished to Operator JACK SMITH of 52nd Street, who is convalescing at home from his recent illness...Operator JOHN GARDNER has returned to work after recovering from his illness...DAVID BOWEN and JAMES MARBLE have transferred to the Schedule Department. Good luck in your new jobs, fellows...A belated happy birthday is extended to Operator WILLIAM COLEMAN, Dec. 20. Happy birthday wishes to 69th Street Superintendent VICTOR COLEMAN, Jan. 25; Operator CURLY MORGAN, Jan. 28; Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER, Jan. 30, and to all our other friends in the month of January...Pensioners MICHAEL J. LYNCH and EUGENE MERSKI stopped by the station to chat with the operators. Michael's address is 6530 S. Albany, Chicago 60629, and he would like to hear from all his friends...Operator and Mrs. JOHN F. MUSSER jetted to Florida for a month. CHESTER F. PIELUSZYNSKI and his wife are vacationing in Florida for three weeks...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to Collector DUDLEY CONEY on the passing of his father...Good luck to PETER S. RETZBACH who took his pension on Dec. 1 after 32 years of service. Taking their pension on Jan. 1 were Repairman STANLEY ROGALSKI, Collector DUDLEY CONEY, Box Puller FRANK DVORAK, and Operators ERNEST BUERGERMEIER, AL COLBY, FRANK MAHER, FRANK ILLICHMAN, BRUNO KAMIEN, JAMES KELLY, CHESTER KOCINSKI, EDWARD DRUSINSKI and TONY WISNIEWSKI. Good luck to all you fine gentlemen and may you have a long and happy retired life...Friday night is bowling night and our team is doing quite well in the 77th street Operators League. Don't forget the basketball team; they need your cheers. Get out and support your teams...I wish to thank Clerk ART LUBKE and Chief Clerk WILLIAM HENDERSON for helping me to get the news together in 1974.

- Owen Rosendow

BEVERLY -

Collector EDDIE MITCHELL at the Dan Ryan terminal, was honored on his birthday, Jan. 25, at the Conrad Hilton hotel for his outstanding service to boys. Eddie received this honor in the form of the Silver Beaver Award bestowed on him by the Boy Scouts of America. Mitchell, along with 38

of his fellow scouters of the Chicago area received this honor, the highest which a local chapter of the boy scouts can give. Mitchell's affiliation with the boy scouts began almost 20 years ago as an assistant scoutmaster. In later years he also served as a scoutmaster, assistant district commissioner, advancement chairman, and adult training chairman. His interest in boys was not limited to scouting; he also served as a coach for a little league baseball team. Mitchell's time and effort, given in an attempt to help boys, has been the cause of previous recognition. Mitchell has received the Scouter's Award, Award of Merit, and a Training Award for his attempts to help train scoutmasters in the Woodbadge program. Mitchell has served as a member of the Woodbadge staff for three years. He is also a member of the order of the arrow which is another honorary group...Operator SAM JOHNSON was recently promoted to supervisor, and as a regard his lovely wife, ARMIE, said she will present him with a son. Sam said it just has to be a boy as he won't accept any more girls...Operator C.R. DOUGAN went on a hunting trip and bagged a white-tail spikehorn deer on the first day of the season in Baraga State Forest in the upper peninsula of Michigan...Boy, the bull is really flying strong all over the place. Each morning as I check for my run, O.G. SCROGGINS and JOE ANTHONY are the first I see, squared off, each trying to tell the biggest lie...We in the Rosemoor Community are still trying to keep it together, and still asking for volunteer patrolmen to try and combat crime on the streets...Amvets Post 247 held its monthly meeting at the home of Operator CAESAR TRENT last month. This month it will be held at the FOSTER residence. We are also looking for new members, so come on all you vets, let's get it on...Last week I was transferring buses to North Avenue garage and ran into WHITEY SZYMELL who is a box puller there. We were operators together at the old Keeler station for years. He broke out some pictures that were taken at Keeler more than 20 years ago. Boy, did they bring back some memories...So with this I close. Increase that following distance for it is still winter and slick.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

DATACENTER -

To ERMA POINTER and ROSA BENEDICTO who have transferred from Key Punch to other departments, we wish great success and much happiness in their new positions...New employees with Datacenter are

ROBERT RIZZARDINI, BARBARA LICATA and JEFFREY JENSEN. Very glad to have you aboard...The evening of Thursday, Dec. 19 was the night of the Datacenter Christmas party. Well attended with 57 for dinner and 10 more for cocktails, it was a gala evening. Contributing to the fun was a "gag" grab bag. Also the three managers each received an apropos gift which should add to their sartorial splendor for some time to come. The party was held at the River's Edge Restaurant, which provided music for dancing. The dancing proved that most of the Datacenter personnel are fleet of foot, which may or may not be significant. It was very pleasant to relax and say more than "hello" to fellow workers. Thanks to KATHY McDERMOTT who was in charge of party arrangements. It was a great party, and a good time was had by all.

- Evelyn Lee

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Without a doubt, the holiday season has to be the best time for vacations, seeing as we have so many of our guys away at this time. For those of us with children of school age, it's an excellent time for the family to travel, or do whatever, together. Some of the men who will be returning to work soon with full reports and empty wallets are: JOHN ODDO, DAVE BATTERSON, ED DELANEY, HENRY MURRY, J.J. ROMBOUT, CHARLIE SEMON, R. BUSHBAUM, PAT STAUDT, E. WILSON, DAN MORIARTY, ROBERT ARNOLD, DANNY WATERS, VINCE GASPARAITIS and R. SCHAEFFER. I'm beginning to wonder who is left around here to run the railroad...CLYDE YOUNT, DAVE GREIG and ROY WILLIAMS, along with the rest of the relay room gang, staged a little eat-together thing for themselves prior to the Christmas week. They had sent out a few friendly invites and almost everyone showed up. The North Section was represented by guys

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like FRANK BONK, JIMMIE NESBIT, DAN MORIARTY, DENNIS DOBBYN, DANNY HAMMOND, CHARLES LASKOWSKI, DAVE BARR, DANNY WATERS, C. KOTARA, NORM MILLIES, RAY WORKMAN, BOB ARNOLD, COY CAUSEY, ROGER COMER, JIM GOLDEN, H. YOUNG, JEFF KEATING and JAMES BALCAUSKI. A bunch of big-name retired signalmen also showed up: BILL BAKER, PAT DOYLE, CARL GUSE, CHESTER LASKOWSKI, ELMER STOKES and FRANK GUAGENTI. It looked for a while like the days of old, seeing the retirees standing around talking and eating the good food prepared by the relay room chefs. PETE WEST had shown up the day before, as this was convenient for him. All the old timers looked pretty good. I sure would like to know their formula. Bringing Christmas cheer from the Central Section were CHARLIE SEMON, PAT STAUDT, RICHARD VIETH, ELIJAH WILSON and FRANK GUARDERAS. And from his lonely post at 58th Street was your reporter. If Christmas can be this much fun, why wait all year...LOU GONZALEZ and his family are taking up skiing. They recently spent a week at Ski Line Slopes near Friendship, Wis. Big Lou, JEAN, and their 12-year-old son, TODD, took skiing lessons under the instructions of Jerry Deverell. Using the American Teaching Method, Todd learned much faster than his mom and pop. Lou said he tired very easily. Too much of the easy life I guess...We join JOHN LONG in mourning the death of his uncle, Mr. C. BROWN, who had been ill for some time... We welcome our newest addition to the signal department, PERCY CALDWELL. Sorry we don't have a red carpet, only a white one, but we are very pleased to have you walk on it. Congratulations...JOSEPH NASATI, third rail department, is now home recuperating from a recent illness. Get well soon, Joe, and return to the good life.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) - ED ZELLINGER who was the light maintainer on the West Side before his retirement in 1955, passed away on Dec. 15. He was 85 years old. I understand that Ed was in a nursing home the last few years. Our deepest sympathy to his family...MIKE BITTOURNA was in the hospital but should have been home before Christmas. Rumor has it that he is walking around OK...BOB DEMSKE was in the hospital but is back to work. Those old bones just can't take those falls anymore...BOB HORMEL was also in the hospital but is now home resting and doing well...More on the latest FRAZIER--JUSTIN JERALD FRAZIER was born on Nov. 19 weighing 7 pounds 10 ounces. Congratulations...GERALD PEPPARD has returned from a sunny San Diego vacation. Pep said he only played golf every other day...ED MENZEL and BILL PARKS were presented with life saving awards on Dec. 13. Jim McCann, business agent for Local Number 9, presented plaques to the

boys at the union hall. JOHN ULANSKI was there, too, to say thanks to Ed and Bill for their quick thinking on his behalf. Jim took the boys out for a steak dinner before the meeting...We welcome back RON CZURYLO and CHUCK KASS after many months in other departments. Happy to see them back...LEWIS STEWART is now an ordained minister. He has a prayer meeting almost every morning in the third rail section of the garage. The group has now grown to six.

- Ben Nielsen

FOREST GLEN -

Editor's note: The Transit News staff has learned that WILBUR HENRY, reporter for Forest Glen Garage, suffered a heart attack Jan. 1 and was hospitalized. As of Jan. 7 he was out of intensive care and has high hopes of returning home soon for a period of recuperation. Wilbur regrets not having a column this month, but promises to be back in print as soon as he is able.

GENERAL OFFICE (Marketing) -

A good time was had by all Dec. 6 when the girls from the Marketing Department held "Ladies Night Out". CAROLE CONN, JUDY BREIT, MARTHA HALLOCK, ROSE-

MARIE RITROVATO, ROSANNE CADETTI and MAUREEN PALMER began the evening with dinner at the Consort Room in the Continental Plaza hotel. Following dinner was a most enjoyable evening at the Drury Lane East theater which starred Ginger Rogers in "40 Carats...Donations to the Neediest Children's fund were the highest ever this year, and the Marketing Department was happy to be a part of this good cause...DICK GILL, Research and Planning, is very proud of his wife, LAURA, who was appointed to a special faculty committee at Homewood-Flossmoor High school to prepare events for the 1976 bicentennial celebration...Happy birthday wishes are extended to the following who are celebrating in January: ANNA BOOTHROYD (2), GLENN SCHOFIELD (5), MIKE JOHNSON (5), ABNER WILLIAMS (10), EARL McLAUGHLIN (12), INGRID JANKOWSKI (13), JACK WRIGHT (18), ART GREEN (18), KAY KILEEN (20), JOSEPHINE COLEMAN (25), and ERWIN AGUAYO (26)...Get well wishes and a speedy return to work go to the following: FRED JONES, IRENE PASTINSKY, LOUIS TROKEN and ANNE SUDEIKIS...A few of our friends were nice enough to let us in on their New Year's resolutions. JACK WRIGHT, TOM COYNE and ROSEMARIE

Service anniversaries in January

45 years

J. G. Dundovich,
Skokie Shop



40 years



S. J. Garro
Law & Claims



W. T. Henderson
Archer

35 years

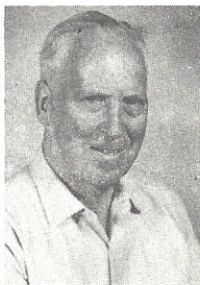
W. P. Leahy, Treasury

30 years

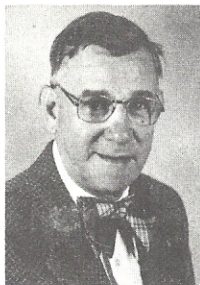
S. A. Basile, 77th Street
V. E. Brown, 52nd Street
A. Carello, Plant Maint.
W. V. Coleman, 69th Street
L. Gentry, 52nd Street
V. J. Hartney, South Section
S. Lloyd, 52nd Street
L. McGee, 52nd Street
J. P. McGrail, Skokie Shop
J. J. Rossi, Plant Maint.
I. Woods, South Shops

25 years

W. L. Eldridge, South Shops
M. J. Fahey, Foster Maint. Term.
R. W. Gavrys, Plant Maint.
C. A. Mathews, Rail District-North
E. A. Levandowski, Training Center
J. Norris, South Section
T. M. Philpott, North Avenue
J. W. Richardson, South Section
R. Suta, Congress
R. H. Welter, North Section
D. Williams, South Section
T. H. Williams, 77th Street
F. H. Zimmerman, Rail District-No.



A. G. BOYLAN
45 Years



W. SUNDQUIST
45 Years



W. A. PINASCO
45 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

WITH COMBINED service totalling 302 years, the seven employees pictured here retired January 1 with 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.

BENJAMIN B. ALSTON, Traffic Checker, Operations Planning, Emp. 6-24-42
ANTONIO J. ARNIERI, Chief Clerk, Limits, Emp. 9-01-49
WILLIAM R. BARRON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-07-42
DORIS V. BARTHEN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-10-37
DOROTHY L. BARTHEN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 9-02-37
ARTHUR A. BASEDOW, Collector, North Avenue, Emp. 12-07-43
BENJAMIN BEACH, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 12-18-44
ARTHUR G. BOYLAN, Switchman, West Section, Emp. 8-08-29
JOHN BRANDICH, Operator, North Park, Emp. 6-04-36
WILLIAM J. BROPHY, Motorman, South Section, Emp. 6-02-42
WILLIAM F. BUCHNER, Supervisor, District "B", Emp. 7-15-37
ERNEST M. BUERGERMEIER, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-21-36
LENORE C. BURNS, Stenographer, Finance, Emp. 8-31-33
ANTHONY R. CANDELA, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 6-10-41
FRANK CARPINO, Chief Clerk, Kedzie, Emp. 12-01-42

MICHAEL CARUSO, Janitor, South Section, Emp. 8-29-45
JOSEPH M. CHAZINSKI, Street Collector, North Avenue, Emp. 8-25-42
ALBERT A. COLBY, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-14-36
BURDETTE L. COLLIER, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 8-17-45
DUDLEY D. CONEY, Collector, Archer, Emp. 1-14-44
LEONARD T. CZAJA, Box Puller, North Avenue, Emp. 10-05-36
STEVE C. CZERNIAK, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 2-27-46
CHARLES DeCOOK, Box Puller, North Park, Emp. 5-21-34
MORRIS DUKE, Car Serviceman, Wilson, Emp. 3-17-53
FRANK DVORAK, Box Puller, Archer, Emp. 7-03-43
THOMAS V. DWYER, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 8-08-42
ARTHUR W. EGGERT, Storeroom Supr., South Division, Emp. 10-17-33
JOSEPH L. FLEISCHMANN, Collector, Limits, Emp. 9-17-42
WILLIAM C. FLYNN, Supervisor, District "A", Emp. 8-18-41
ROBERT E. HANSEN, Operator, Limits, Emp. 5-02-42

GEORGE E. HANUS, Schedule Clerk, Operations Planning, Emp. 12-07-36
CARL A. HARTZOG, Shopman, Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-26-40
JAMES J. HILL, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-31-33
FRANK J. ILLICHMAN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-23-57
RICHARD E. JENNINGS, Box Puller, 77th Street, Emp. 7-22-46
ERWIN W. JESCHKE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-13-37
MARTHA M. JUGIN, Unit Clerk, South Shops, Emp. 3-11-53
WALTER JUGIN, Stock Clerk II, South Division, Emp. 11-04-42
FRED A. KAHLFELDT, Traffic Checker, Operations Planning, Emp. 5-06-41
BRUNO E. KAMIEN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 8-31-37
JOHN C. KECK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-02-42
JAMES G. KELLY, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-09-40
LeROY S. KETTERING, Clerk, Limits, Emp. 9-02-42
CHESTER F. KOCINSKI, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-01-42
ANDREW K. KOHLSTEDT, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 11-11-42

RITROVATO are going on diets trying to lose a total of 90 pounds which they wish they could give to **ERIN McMULLEN** whose resolution is to gain weight in '75. **CAM RENDER** and **CAROLE CONN** are going to quit smoking. And before we forget, our thanks go out to **Carole** for gathering the news in Marketing.

(Public Affairs) -

WILLIAM ROBINSON is all smiles these days as his son, **MALCOLM**, is nearing the end of his law studies at Ottawa university, Ottawa, Kan., where he also received a bachelor of arts degree in speech communication and drama. While attending law school, he also served as dean of men at the university. During the summer of 1974, **Malcolm** worked in the legal section for the U.S. Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Ind. Upon his graduation this spring, **Malcolm** will return to Chicago to await his admittance to the Illinois bar.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

That pro golfer in our midst, Operator **WILL CANDY**, has made the headlines again and you can read about his latest trophy on the sports pages of this issue of **TRANSIT NEWS**. I watched him play on the Division 241 golf day, and he is terrific... Operator **BURDETTE COLLIER** took his pension on Jan. 1 and moved to Davenport, Iowa. We all wish you and your wife the very best in your retirement... To all the operators having birthdays this month we extend our best wishes. To everyone celebrating wedding anniversaries, we wish you have many, many more... To all the operators on the sick list we wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job soon... Janitor **FRANCIS CARLIN**'s daughter was married on Nov. 30 and has taken the name of **McGILL**. The marriage took place at St. Viator's church, and the happy couple honeymooned in Orlando, Fla. Congratulations!

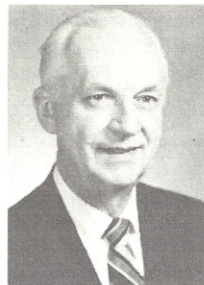
- Raymond Graham

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

In keeping with traditional making of new year's resolutions, let's make one of hearing more news from you... At the close of the year, we wish many good wishes for a speedy recovery to **HAROLD ENWRIGHT**, Stores, and **FRANK MAGUIRE**, Specifications. Frank hopes to be back with us shortly. That is some of the best news we can start the new year off with... **LEE DE SUTTER**, Purchasing, is planning to take her pension on Feb. 1. She will take all our best wishes with her down to sunny Florida... **ART EGGERT** and **WALTER JUJIN**, South Shops, retired and started the new year off as pensioners... **STAN HALL** is woebegone over the departure of **DON BUDOFF** from Storeroom 48. Don is now Superintendent of Storerooms, West. Don couldn't have started his new job off better. On his first day he got locked out of the storeroom... **DENNIS DRISLANE**, stock clerk I, West Shops, took a one-week vacation. **JOHN DUFFY**, stock clerk, West Shops, didn't want Dennis to be the only



C. DeCOOK
40 Years



S. F. MAILUCK
45 Years



L. C. BURNS
41 Years



A. W. EGGERT
41 Years

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69th Street, Emp. 11-11-42
EDWARD J. KRUSINSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 10-03-42
HARRIET P. KRYZAN, Comptometer Opr.,
Finance, Emp. 3-01-51
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Utility, Emp. 12-21-36
WILLIAM G. LARSEN, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 5-17-41
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Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-19-39
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Harlem, Emp. 10-20-44
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South Shops, Emp. 8-06-36
WALTER SUNDQUIST, Electrician "A",
South Shops, Emp. 11-13-29
ROY S. SWANSON, Claim & Legal Adjuster,
Claim, Emp. 9-25-39
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Personnel, Emp. 6-24-36
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Beverly, Emp. 8-14-41
ANTHONY J. WISNIEWSKI, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-13-41
WARREN G. WOOD, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-20-42
STEVE YERGOVICH,
Blacksmith/Welder Foreman,
Skokie Shop, Emp. 12-12-45

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

EDWARD W. BRODD, Asst. Sta. Supt.,
Limits, Emp. 1-9-36
MORRIS R. BURDA, Car Serviceman,
61st Street, Emp. 8-18-52
ROBERT D. EVARTS, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-22-47
DUBOIS L. SMITH, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 5-31-57

one gone, so he took his vacation, too. Only John took five weeks off to spend some time in sunny California... JOHN WILLIAMS, laborer, just came back from his Christmas vacation of one week... REBECCA COUSIN, Purchasing, took her two-week vacation for the holidays. We hope to hear about it (?)... We don't have any news from Storeroom 42. So we say "Hi" to let you know we know that you exist... J. T. HARTY, director of stores, spent some time down in Corpus Christi during Thanksgiving visiting his son, MIKE. While down there, he and his wife went fishing, and Mrs. Harty caught some fish showing the good form of a good fisherman... In closing we leave you one little thought--what stores employee got caught with his pants ripped? Well, not everyone can do that.

- Priscilla Kamradt

NORTH AVENUE -

A great big HELLO to everyone... Our con-

gratulations to Chief Clerks BILL PINASCO and TONY ARNIERI and all the rest of the clerks and bus operators who took a well-deserved retirement on Jan. 1... The month of January finds District 'C' Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANDT and Area Superintendent BILL MOSER celebrating their birthdays. Assistant Superintendent JIM BROGAN and his wife, EVELYN, celebrated another wedding anniversary to go along with the many that they have already spent together... The combined office forces of North Avenue and Archer Garage can now breathe a sigh of relief. The suspense is over. On Monday, Dec. 30, CHRISTINE presented her husband, HELMUTH STANKEVICIUS, with an 8-pound 12-ounce baby girl who will answer to the name of LAURIE ANN. All three were doing fine when we talked to Laurie's mom and dad last night. All of us offer our most hearty congratulations to you. All right, fellows, the big event is over, so let's try to get some work done while we help them laugh at the man from the Internal Revenue Ser-

vice... Our sincere condolences to Chief Clerk RUSS GUNDERSON on the recent loss of his father... The hustle and bustle of the holidays found the path of most operators on a parallel--however, Operator THURMAN WRIGHT and his wife, SHIRLEY, became the proud parents of their fourth girl, TRACY, on Dec. 8... ALBERT LOWERY Jr., the son of Operator ALBERT LOWERY Sr., and his wife, VERLA, was graduated cum laude from the University of Arkansas, and was married to VELMA WILLIAMS, also a U of A alumna. He is now is training at the largest national bank in Pine Bluff, Ark. That's really what I call cramming a lot into a month... Now just a few words about your former North Avenue reporter BILL MIEDEMA. Bill will take his pension on Feb. 1 after more than 33 years with the CSL and CTA. During these years he made quite a name for himself as a driver, manager of North Avenue's baseball team, supervisor and bus transfer man. In addition to a lot of neighborhood social work, Bill also ran for pub-

lic office once but didn't quite make it. He represents a second generation of the Miedema family working for the company. His dad also put in over 30 years on the streetcars. Two of Bill's sons are still company employees: BILL at Forest Glen, and WAYNE here at North Avenue. Both are clerks in the repair section. During the Christmas holidays, Bill received scads of cards from a lot of his pensioner friends (far too many to mention in this small column). For these he is very thankful and hopes you will continue the practice. Also, send us any news you might like to see printed in YOUR column. To all of you Bill says, "Goodbye, good luck. It was nice knowing y'all." Good luck to you, Bill, be sure to keep in touch...See you all purty soon.

- Walter Elix & Aaron Pruitt

NORTH SECTION -

Kimball Clerk JIM DOHERTY had a week's vacation during the Christmas holidays. His son, JAMES MICHAEL, was home for the holidays having completed his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo...



James Doherty

Kimball Motorman CARL GESBECK became very ill while at work and had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital. Carl is now home and doing well. He was home in time for Christmas, and we hope that he will continue to improve...Agent FRANCES SMITH took her pension on Jan. 1 after 33 years of service and a farewell party was held for her by her fellow workers at Howard Street. We wish her a long and happy retirement...Agent AUDRA ANDERSON spent a one-week vacation seeing the sights in and around London, England. Audra said she had a wonderful time...Kimball Assistant Superintendent BILL ROONEY celebrated his birthday on Christmas Day. Bill claims he had 21 candles on his cake. It must be nice to be eternally young. He also had a vacation the last week in December...Agent MAUREEN DURKIN vacationed in Colorado and Las Vegas, and while she was in Vegas she ran into union board member and Kimball Motorman JOHN ANDERSON and his wife who also were on vacation. Seems no one is telling about how they did at the tables...North Side Collector S. KAULES and his wife also went to Vegas, but not to play the tables. They went looking for land for their retirement as it is such beautiful country. Retired Chief Collector GOLDBERG and his wife are residents out there, too...The North Side employees said a fond farewell to the Barthen twins, DORIS and DOROTHY, who took their pension on Jan. 1 after more than 37 years of service. We wish them both a long and happy retirement...Former North Side supervisor and now Rail Con-

troller HARRY HORN was in the Ravenswood hospital very ill. His wife, DOREEN, who works in Travel Information, will also become a patient soon as will two of their daughters...North Side Chief Clerk ANDY BIANCHINI recently sold his Chicago home and moved into his new home in Skokie in time for Christmas. From a "city slicker" to a "suburbanite" in one move. We wish them a lot of happiness in the new home...Our sincere sympathy to Agent MARIE PASS on the death of her mother. Marie has received so many kind letters and cards of sympathy that she asked me to express her appreciation here...Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent J. McLANE and his wife who celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on Dec. 24.

- Tina Henke

PLANT MAINTENANCE -

CRAIG K. PETERSON, the son of Mr. and Mrs. KENNETH PETERSON, ironworker foreman, was selected honorman of his naval company. This selection is based on individual performance of duty in all phases of basic training, including leadership, initiative, military bearing, sportsmanship, response to orders, general cleanliness, qualifications of a good shipmate and high overall scholastic standing. It is a high honor for him to be selected from among the large group of young men for this award. A certificate of honor was presented to him during the recruit graduation ceremony held on Dec. 13. Congratulations, Craig...Anyone interested in how to overcome the high cost of sugar? Just talk to GENE REID; he has the best solution...Mr. and Mrs. NICK CINQUEPALMI celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on Nov. 16. Congratulations and many, many more happy and healthy years together, Nick and CARMELLA. Also, Nick and Carmella became grandparents on Dec. 13 when little DEANNA CRIMMINS was born weighing 7 pounds. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. S.R. CRIMMINS...On Nov. 13 BILL KENNY, ironworker, celebrated his (?) birthday. If you should ask Bill how he celebrated his day, I don't think he would be able to tell you. Take it from us, Bill, you had a good time. Happy birthday...JEFFREY DE VON ANDERSON was born on Dec. 18 weighing 6 pounds, an early Christmas present for his proud parents, Mr. and Mrs. WALTER ANDERSON, laborer...We would like to wish ANNIE LOVE lots of luck and a fond adieu. Annie left West shops for the Insurance Department in the Mart. Our loss is their gain. We will miss you "little one"...DANIEL SEMINERIO, laborer, retired on Dec. 1 after more than 33 years of service. Our best wishes go with you, Dan, for many, many happy and healthy years of pensioned life...E.P. WADE, ironworker general foreman, also retired on Jan. 1 after more than 43 years of service. The ironworkers feted Mr. Wade with a beautiful party and pre-

sented him with a rifle and chain saw which will get good use in the North Woods where they will now reside. To you and Mrs. Wade we wish the best of everything with many, many healthy and happy years...They say that they are cheaper by the dozen, and PATRICK CALKINS, plumber, can attest to that when his wife presented him with their 12th child, a boy named TIMOTHY who was born on Nov. 29. I still say babies are wonderful. Congratulations to you both...This is a special thanks for a job well done by the men involved in the track 3 changeover on Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1, considering the weather the men were up against. Congratulations, men, and thank you...This might get a chuckle--A foreman and his assistant were on their way to one of our stations to check on a job, and when they arrived they were unable to find a place to park. They proceeded to the section allotted for the "park and kiss" passengers where they found a place to park. The assistant foreman turned his head, looked at his foreman and then puckered up his lips. They won't tell me what the foreman said or did, but I can guess.

- Jennie Scott

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Pensioner L.C. DUTTON stopped in to pay us a visit and looks very good...GEORGE HANUS, schedule clerk, retired on Jan. 1 after 38 years of service. FRED KAHLFELDT and BEN ALSTON, traffic checkers, also retired on Jan. 1, Fred after 33 years of service and Ben after 32 years. Happy retirement to all...The Schedule Department was blessed with many Christmas season birthdays. Best wishes to KAY BATINA, ED REILLY, JOE SABOL and WALTER THOMAS. Walter and his wife took the train to Denver where they spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and family in their new home.

(Routes & Systems) -

LAWANDA REDDING who had been hospitalized and spent a few weeks at home recuperating has now returned to work. Welcome back, Lawanda...This laughing little cuddlesome bundle is COLLEEN O'DOWD, the four-month-old daughter of FRANK and ROSEMARIE O'DOWD. Colleen's proud dad is a transit planner for Routes and Systems...RICHARD BRAZDA spent Christmas and part of the New Year in South America and Mexico, while DAVE PHILLIPS spent his holiday on the East Coast...MIKE GROVAK helped to run a church basketball tournament for 39 teams from nine different states over the week-



Colleen O'Dowd

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

IGNACIO APONTE, 44, North Park
Emp. 12-20-69, Died 12-28-74
DANIEL BALANDIS, 58, Maintenance,
Emp. 7-29-48, Died 11-25-74
JAMES BRISTER, 28, North Section,
Emp. 12-06-68, Died 11-13-74
JOHN J. BURKE, 83, 77th Street,
Emp. 6-13-19, Died 11-07-74
HOWARD CLARK, 51, Law & Claims,
Emp. 2-16-48, Died 12-22-74
PATRICK F. COLLINS, 73, South Section,
Emp. 10-19-28, Died 11-15-74
GEORGE DELTOVA, 90, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 5-12-20, Died 12-03-74
ALVOIS DUMONT, 76, North Section,
Emp. 12-19-24, Died 9-13-74
DENIS P. FOLEY, 73, Archer,
Emp. 9-01-42, Died 11-10-74
HARRY D. FOLEY, 75, Security,
Emp. 5-16-23, Died 11-03-74
CHRIST GAGICH, 84, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 5-04-14, Died 11-07-74
THOMAS H. HARTNETT, 73, Devon,
Emp. 4-07-25, Died 11-10-74
WILLIAM J. HAWKEN, 81, 77th Street,
Emp. 11-17-25, Died 11-17-74

JOSEPH E. HOMANN, 80, Devon,
Emp. 1-17-17, Died 11-13-74
LADDIE A. KIERY, 78, West Section,
Emp. 10-16-16, Died 11-22-74
ALEXANDER KOMIS, 57, South Section,
Emp. 3-23-59, Died 11-22-74
ALEX KOUNCKIE, 68, Archer,
Emp. 8-19-49, Died 11-30-74
JOSEPH LAMB, 58, Plant Maint.,
Emp. 10-12-48, Died 12-21-74
JAMES C. LUDWICK, 69, West Section,
Emp. 3-28-24, Died 11-05-74
DOUGLAS MARKEWYCH, 20, North Park,
Emp. 3-6-74, Died 12-2-74
RICHARD W. MEISNER, 70, South Section,
Emp. 8-13-36, Died 11-05-74
LOUIS F. MILHOUSEN, 84, Way & Struct.,
Emp. 9-15-13, Died 11-23-74
EDMUND J. MULVANEY, 77, North Sect.,
Emp. 2-17-42, Died 11-27-74
WALTER O'CONNELL, 64, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 7-7-42, Died 12-6-74
WALTER J. O'CONNOR, 67, North Avenue,
Emp. 4-17-47, Died 11-01-74
WILLIAM H. OLSON, 65, District B,
Emp. 4-01-42, Died 11-20-74

JAMES OOSTMAN, 64, South Shop,
Emp. 12-29-44, Died 11-18-74
PETER PIECYK, 78, West Shop,
Emp. 8-10-42, Died 11-29-74
JOHN J. PRENDIVILLE, 79, West Section,
Emp. 9-02-24, Died 11-15-74
MATHEW A. RAUGAS, 84, Division,
Emp. 2-24-26, Died 11-15-74
PATRICK J. ROBINSON, 61, Archer,
Emp. 8-17-36, Died 11-27-74
CHRISTIE C. ROSE, 86, North Section,
Emp. 1-10-20, Died 11-06-74
HAROLD W. SHURTLEFF, 71, West Sect.,
Emp. 1-18-26, Died 11-02-74
GEORGE SLATE, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-22-38, Died 11-09-74
FRANK SWAIN, 63, Skokie Shop,
Emp. 4-14-34, Died 11-19-74
SALVATORE TRIPPIEDI, 81, Way & Struc.,
Emp. 5-17-29, Died 11-12-74
FRANK J. WASINSKI, 65, Archer,
Emp. 1-04-46, Died 11-26-74
EARL WATSON, 48, 69th Street,
Emp. 7-6-51, Died 11-28-74
PATRICK J. WOOLLEY, 75, Kedzie,
Emp. 1-14-36, Died 11-11-74

end before Christmas. He also missed the last-second free throw which would have given his team the men's consolation championship. Better practice your shooting some more, Mike.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paczkowski

SKOKIE SHOPS -

We are happy to announce that with this issue of the Transit News, the Skokie Shop office will have its own reporter, MARY HENDRICKSON. So any news you would like to have printed in the magazine, please feel free to bring it to Mary. She will do her best to make sure that it gets into the magazine each month...We have so many new people at the Skokie Office who have never really been welcomed via the magazine. So, a hearty welcome to all of you...Congratulations are in order for BEA SUSMAN who was promoted to unit supervisor of office procedure and budget at Skokie Shop...We're very happy to welcome TONY PORCARO, terminals, back to work after many weeks of illness. Stay off that sick list, Tony, you were really missed...Our prodigal son, LARRY MONAGHAN, finally returned to the fold at Skokie after almost a year at Springfield Shop...Our deepest sympathy to the family of WALLY O'CONNELL who passed away in December. Wally was a fine man and will be missed by all of us here at Skokie...All the men in the Control Department want to wish GEORGE ARENDT a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. Hurry back, George...The welcome mat is out for FRED NEWMAN, electrical apprentice, who trans-

ferred from North Park Garage. Fred is now working in the motor line...Congratulations to CARL HARTZOG, shopman; ED MAY, electrical worker; and STEVE YERGOVICH, blacksmith foreman, who retired on Jan. 1. Good luck, fellows, and have a happy and healthy pensioned life.

- Pat Hannett

SOUTH SECTION -

Lots of news, so I better start right in...Conductor WILL INTOE was one real happy guy when he was appointed clerk on Dec. 8...Motorman GORDON BUTLER was elected Worshipful Master of Hiram Lodge No. 14, F. & A.M., Prince Hall Affiliation, Masonic Temple Illinois jurisdiction, on Dec. 3 and installed on Dec. 29. Congratulations, Gordon, we all know how thrilled you must be...The South Siders were sure happy to see their co-workers back working and off the sick list: Conductors WILBERT CONNER, DOUGLAS WILLIAMS and JAMES LAWRENCE, Clerk WILL INTOE, and Supervisor THOMAS STAPLES...You should see Retired Assistant Station Superintendent JOE TVRDIK. He came up to Chicago for the holidays from Oakland, Ark., and visited Ashland and he looks like a million bucks. He loves Arkansas, and of course you know he would rather fish than eat. He gets all the fishing in he wants and usually guides strangers to the good places to fish in his spare time...Hello to our newly-hired employees: Conductors JOHN BURDETTE, TYRONE JOHNSON and JESSE MAMON...Agent JUANITA ROSEBAR, who was in the hos-

pital recently for an operation on a broken right ankle, wishes to thank all her friends for the beautiful cards and wonderful thoughts while she was ill. She is still on the sick list at this writing...Retired Superintendent of Agents and Janitors LEO BIEN and his wonderful wife, ANN, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a wedding mass at St. Bernadette's Parish...Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN, who is on the sick list, is now home from the hospital at this writing, but has to go back again soon for some more corrective surgery. Hope you'll soon be back working, Neil. All your co-workers miss you...Superintendent of Janitors BOBROESING and his wife, ALICE, took a lovely winter vacation cruise to Mexico, stopping off at Tampico and in Guatemala and then spent a few days in New Orleans living it up. They say cruises are very restful...Heard that Retired Clerk JOE O'CONNOR decided to move from his home in Holiday, Fla., to Tucson, Ariz., to live with his two sisters. Here's hoping your health improves each day, Joe...Our hearts go out to Clerk JOHN MULLIGAN whose father passed away in Louisville, Ky., and to Conductor DONALD BRADSHAW whose brother passed away...Our Pensioned Agents' Club held their Christmas party on Dec. 8 at Sharko's restaurant and all those present really had a super time. The food was good as usual and we had a grab bag which was really enjoyable. Talked to all the pensioners, and boy were they looking good for themselves: Retired Agents CATHERINE "Kitty" COLLINS, HAZEL DUNN, MAE DRISCOLL and HELEN SHANNON, Retired Towerman LEONARD DEGROOT and PAT-

RICK HICKEY, Retired Special Services Representative JOHN BURNS, and Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN. I saw Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA and his lovely wife for the first time in ages and Tom is doing great and they both looked wonderful. Our Director of Support Services GEORGE and Mrs. RILEY also attended and really helped make the party a success. Three cheers to our two lovely Retired Assignment Agents, LULU HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT, for arranging for these wonderful parties they give every year...Here come some more passenger commendations. Leading the field is Conductor HERBERT DILLARD who receives commendations by the carload for his politeness, neatness and clear station announcements. Also commended was Conductor LYN FLOWERS for his excellent and polite announcements, Conductor DELORES QUINN for her nice attitude to her riders, and to Conductor FRANK EDWARDS for his alertness and quick action which prevented a serious situation on his train... Retired Agent RUTH LOVELL is having the time of her life. She had two pension celebrations. First her daughter gave her a surprise party with her family and grandchildren there. Then a few of her friends-- Former Agent JEAN GUSTAFSON, Retired Agent HELEN SHANNON, Agents IRENE HUERTA and RITA HEINZE, and Assignment Agent LILLIAN CULLINAN held a surprise party for her at Governors Table Restaurant. For the holidays Ruth went to Colorado Springs to be with her other daughter and her family. She wrote us a card saying that they were practically snowed in, but she was getting a good rest...Just heard that Retired Conductor ALFRED GREENAWALT who lived in North Carolina, passed away recently, as did Retired Agents MAE MURGATROYD and CATHERINE ROTUNDO. May they rest in peace...Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA and his wife celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Dec. 1 and Retired Conductor JERRY HANAFIN and his wife celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on the same date. The O'Haras who live real close to Retired Towerman LEONARD DEGROOT, had a surprise party given for them by Leonard's son and family in Westchester. The DeGroot family gave them a plaque commemorating their 40th anniversary. Congratulations to the O'Haras and the Hanafins...West Section Yard Foreman ROBERT ADLER, who was injured on the job has finally returned to work and is glad to be back...JOHN O'CONNOR, who works in the Carpenter Shop, and the son of the late Station Superintendent MICHAEL O'CONNOR, told us that his mother, ALICE O'CONNOR, who lives in Tucson, Ariz., is in the hospital. Hope that 1975 will be a better year for all the O'Connor family...We've had three of our men at Ashland take their pensions on Jan. 1: Motorman WILLIAM BROPHY, Switchman EDWARD McGUIRE and Janitor MICHAEL CARUSO. More details will be

forthcoming in the next issue, along with their pictures...Agent FANNIE WILLIAMS was in the hospital recently, but is now back working and all her co-workers are glad to see her...Received a call from LOIS MEISNER, the daughter of deceased Station Superintendent RICHARD MEISNER, about her mother, LOUISE MEISNER. She had been in the hospital at the time of her husband's death, but was home and doing fine and fell and broke her hip and is back in the hospital again. We pray for her quick recovery...It's just wonderful to hear some good news in this day and age and to find out that our CTAers have hearts of gold. Conductor DELORES QUINN had a fire in her apartment building and she lost everything but what she was wearing, and she wishes to thank everyone from the bottom of her heart for seeing her thru this terrible ordeal by their generosity in taking up a little collection for her. When the chips are down, our CTAers have big hearts for their co-workers...Guess who is a grandpa for the first time--Assistant Superintendent ARDIS MORRIS. His son, Agent ARDIS MORRIS, and his wife, Loop Agent BETTY, had a baby girl on Christmas day named TIMITRA NICOLE. Grandpa was beaming from ear to ear when he told us.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

Congratulations to MAX and ELIZABETH TEPPER who recently celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary. Here's wishing them many, many more happy years together... JAMES R. BLAIR, the son of RONALD BLAIR, Area 336, was graduated from Chicago State university with a degree in business administration. Congratulations!

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

69TH STREET -

News certainly is getting hard to come by. Please, fellows, drop me a line and let me know what's up and happening. My box is on the wall by the clerk's window...That great big navy retiree, M.R. GULLEY, became a supervisor on Oct. 22. To him and all the newly-made supervisors, we extend our best wishes...We have had so many operators take pensions, it makes the trainroom seem empty. Fellows like STANLEY LUKASIK, FRANK MASLAN, TONY VANDENBURG and HOWIE SANGER. Please drop us a line, even a wet fish line would be great...MIKE BARRIS is now a loader, and we all hope he enjoys good health in his new job...We heard that Retired Superintendent LOGAY won first prize for his homemade dill pickles at a county fair in Princeton, Ill...HANSEL SMITH recently celebrated his 19th wedding anniversary. Congratulations and here's wishing you and your lovely wife many

more... Our board member, HARRY BLAKE, and his lovely wife, ZADA, celebrated 23 years of wedded bliss on Dec. 26. Congratulations and best wishes for many, many more...I had Pensioner J.A. FERGUSON on my bus, and he is now 93 years old. He retired in 1942...God bless you all.

From the repair department we extend best wishes and many years of health and happiness to all our friends and their families who are retiring: JOHN PAVELEC, STANLEY KOWALZYK, FRANK KAPLAN, STEVE CZERNIAK, and ANDY KOHLSTEDT...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of JOE LAMB, our senior electrician, who recently passed away... Some of the pensioners who came to visit us during the Christmas holidays were LEO HIMEL, MATT BASSO, CHARLIE THOMA, ED TIERNEY, LUKE MORLEY, PADDY FITZGERALD and CHESTER LEWANDOWSKI. From Texas we received a card from HARRY MINOGUE who said he is feeling much better after a recent illness. To them all we wish many more years of healthy retired life...To those on vacation, we wish you a good time: JIMMIE LEE, R. DICKERSON, N. THOMAS, RALPH GRAGIDO, JIM CASEY and FRANK ANDREK...Our sincere condolences to our head electrician, JOHN GALVIN, on the loss of his mother-in-law... We wish a speedy recovery to Pensioner DAN (Tonto) LEMERY who has been ill down in his Arkansas home.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

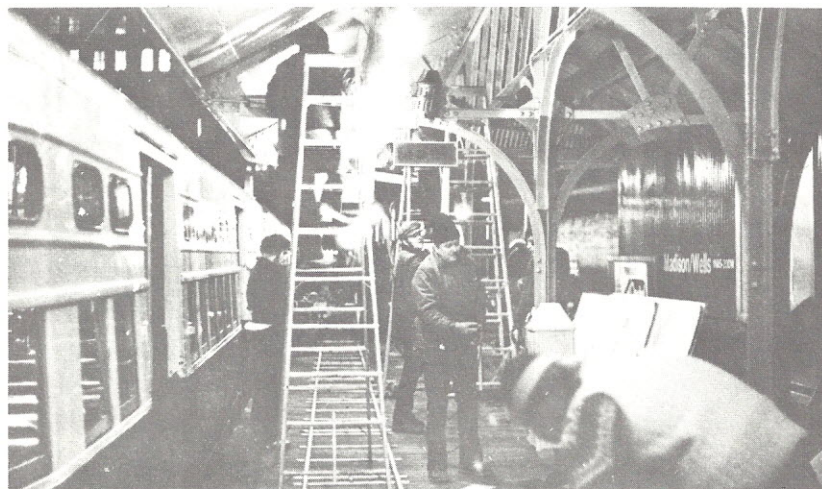
77TH STREET -

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my fellow operators for the coming year a soft seat and a dry street...Congratulations to Operator JAMES B. MILLER and his wife, LEVAUGHN, who are now the proud parents of a handsome baby boy, JAMES LEVAUGHN, born on Dec. 12... Congratulations are also in order to Mrs. ALLISON DeBONNETT who has survived 15 years of marriage to your reporter. Take a bow, honey...The sick list has claimed two of our fellow operators: C. JOHNSON who is confined to the Veterans hospital, and HERSCHEL HARRIS who is home convalescing with a broken foot. We would like to wish them both a speedy recovery and a quick return to work...Our smiling, happy-go-lucky supervisor, WILLIE FLYNN, has joined the ranks of the retired on Jan. 1 after more than 33 years of service. He will now become the "chief TV soap opera watcher." Good luck and good health, Willie, and if you should ever get lonely, stop around and visit on the 3:30 a.m. pullouts...Support our board members, E. GRESHAM and A. BUTLER.

- Allison De Bonnett

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SURVEYING A CAREER: How does the CTA's Co-op Trainee Program look in action. Here's one way. George Grimes, a Civil Engineering student from the University of Illinois (Champaign), assists a crew in surveying the tracks on the North-South route. The survey is preliminary to repairs. Actually, what George is really surveying is a career in surveying. It's a work semester in his college studies, designed to carry out some of the things he has just been learning in the classroom. After satisfactorily completing the Co-op program, it is possible for a student to remain with the CTA in the Graduate Training Program.



HOW "MAHOGANY" IS GROWN: Elaborate stage setting and property management took place at the Madison and Wells rapid transit station just to make two short sequences for the feature film, "Mahogany." CTA's own "director", Robert Heinlein of Public Affairs, called the signals for the most effective use of CTA properties, just as he has in numerous other instances. Top, the movie company electricians brighten up our rapid transit cars, Klieg-style, so that the highlights and shadows will look just right on the screen. They brought along their own supplementary power supply. Center, more rigging of lights on the outside platform where Diana Ross, as a Chicago model doubling as a school teacher, escorts a group of youngsters on a campaign of political literature distribution. In lower photo, the film crew constructs its own rail line in order that a traveling camera can follow the school kids through the cars.

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Seen On The Train



For less than five minutes in two sequences of Dutch-based Nikor's coming feature film production, "Mahogany," Diana Ross makes the two transit appearances shown above. Yet, staging and shooting at CTA's Madison and Wells elevated station consumed a cold pre-Christmas evening from 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. -- and some of the preparation is shown on our new "Window" page immediately inside this back cover. Not picturable are the many hours of research, legalities, and arrangements required from CTA's Public Affairs (co-ordinating department), Law and Claims, Insurance, General Operations, Maintenance, Technical Services, Rail Vehicle Maintenance, Transportation, Rail Service, and Group Sales (Charter) before shooting can begin.

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