

*Smile--*

**You're On CTA Camera!**



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## Art Tonner and Associates Photography

Chicago, Illinois

By Anit Leppiks

Smile -- you may be on CTA camera.

For whatever the CTA is doing, you can count on seeing a CTA photographer up front, shooting a pictorial record of the event.

The CTA lensmen need the creative flair of an Edward Steichen and the historic accuracy of a Matthew B. Brady as their range of assignments cuts from snapping Queen Elizabeth to portraying the still life of a rivet.

Regular assignments include developing 21,000 riding passes a year and photographing over 18,000 incident locations a year.

### All Kinds Of Pictures

Photographic Services also converts artwork into negatives for printing the CTA's maps, charts, reports, Transit News magazine, and Transitalk newsletter.

The department's daily fare consists of photographing the cracks and blisters on the paint job of a rapid transit car, depicting the raising of steel at one of the 'L' structures, and recording the vandalism done to new bus seats.

Art Tonner, supervisor of photographic services, says 25 per cent of his department's work is for the use of the Law and Claims Department.

Photos are used in the preparation of claims for purposes of evaluation and, when necessary, photos are used in court by CTA trial attorneys.

### All Kinds Of Feats

Tonner believes industrial photography is more diversified than any other type of photography.

"We're asked to go any place, at any time, to do any type of photography.

"We have a safety problem -- we're out on the tracks with 600 volts, we've been in the towers over the tracks, and in the subway tubes between stations."

He continues, "We do more odd jobs than anything else.

"Maybe one day you're shooting a crack in the third rail to show an engineering problem. It's not the type of picture you'd put in your family album."

It's quite a job for the seven man staff, each of whom may shoot as many as 25 locations a day.

### All Kinds Of Hours

In addition to keeping up a news photographer's pace, they also learn to adjust to doctor's hours.

That includes being called at 2 a.m. to get a shot.

Just a couple of weeks ago, Eric Blakely set his alarm clock for 1 a.m. in time for him to capture the 3 a.m. concreting of the tube at Clinton Street along the Congress-Milwaukee rapid transit route.

Tonner remembers being called away from an Easter dinner at a relative's home so that the CTA could have a picture of a bus accident.

Back in the studio, Tonner and his staff shoot quite a number of portraits.

While each photographer has his favorite photographic CTA employee, they agree women are the hardest to shoot.

"Women are never satisfied," says Michael Hoffert.

Of course, some of the photographer's subjects couldn't get less excited about having a picture taken.

Tonner was once assigned to take the standard portrait picture of a retiree.

After walking behind the man to adjust the lights, Tonner turned around to take the picture.

The man was sound asleep. He was 85 years old.

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On the cover, left to right, are photographers Bert Cadney, Rich Stanton, Carl Hansen, and Art Tonner. Also active in the photographic services unit are Eric Blakely, John Granahan, and Mike Hoffert.

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# The Ten Best Pictures of 1954-1975

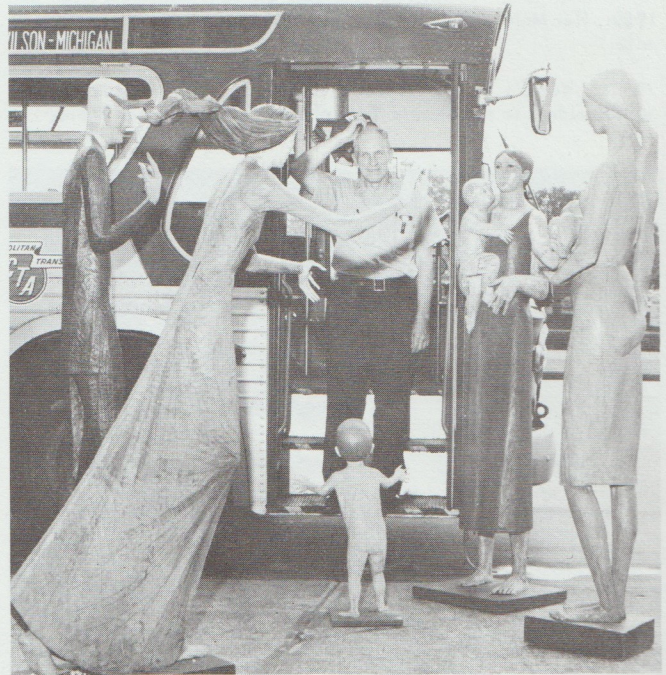
*As Selected by the Men Who Made Them  
(CTA's Photographic Services Unit)*



1958: The Green Hornet, last of the CTA streetcars, leaves Kinzie and Clark on its last southbound run. It was 5:30 in the morning, June 21.



1964: When Walter J. McCarter retired as general manager.



1965: The CTA takes all kinds of riders. This is the champion publicity shot -- for an art gallery on Michigan.



1970: Breakthrough. The Kennedy rapid transit route opens.

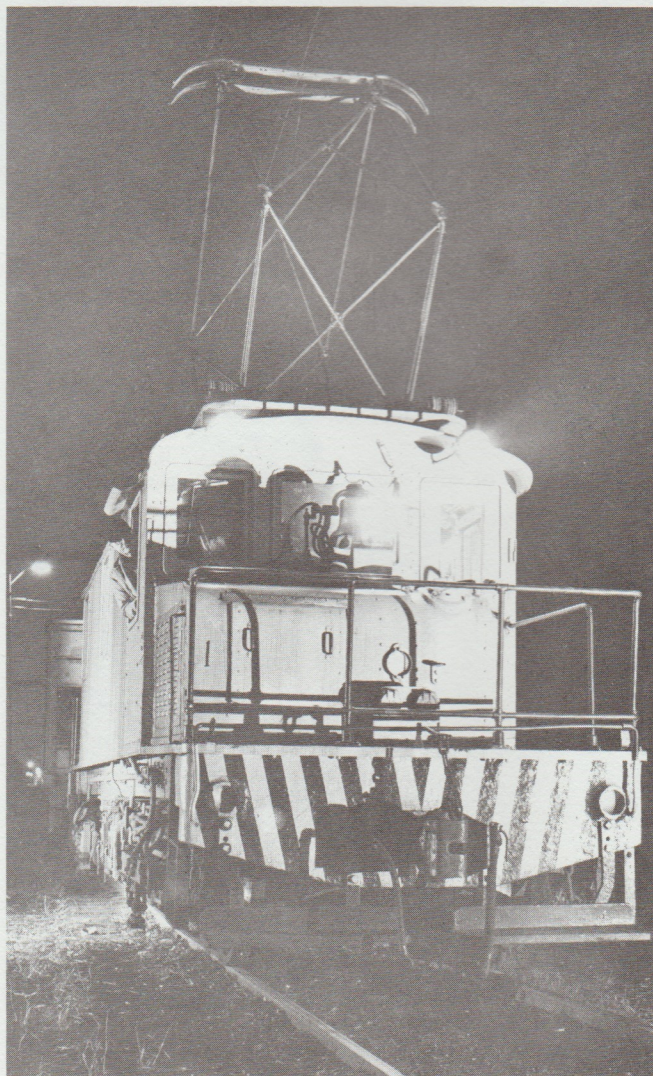


1959: Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, reigns on the "magnificent mile."

1954: World's record for bus chartering. 800 buses carried 38,400 riders to the Marian Year observance at Soldier Field.



1965: When the CTA was running nightly freight service for The Milwaukee Road.





1965: But could be in any year. One of Tonner's many attract-the-tourist shots. If you want to get lost, here's a good place to start.



1961: What a way to go! Judith Kasman, payroll clerk in Accounting, will remember that the date was April 8.

1963: The last ride for the No. 1 South Side Rapid Transit car. This picture was carried by the Chicago Daily News, full page width.



# First CTA Motorwoman's First Day

By Betty Edwards

WEATHERING THE storm was a delight for Miss Lena May Phillips on Friday, March 7, as she reported to work at the Chicago Transit Authority's 63rd and Ashland station amid slush and snow.

Although Miss Phillips had been working as a conductor for almost six months, her elevation to motorwoman presented a real challenge for her.

However, that morning, the constant snowfall presented an additional challenge for Miss Phillips, along with a surprise appearance of early morning television crews, radio and newspaper reporters, and photographers who were waiting for a celebrity.

Miss Phillips became a celebrity in her own right as she became the first motorwoman in Chicago's 82-year history of rapid transit operations.

In spite of the weather, the media turned out in full force to question Miss Phillips as she began to take her first solo run on the North-South route of the Howard-Englewood train run #708.

Scheduled to leave the station at 8:23½ a.m., Miss Phillips looked at the clock, in spite of reporters asking the common question "why did you decide to become a motorwoman?" and at 8 a.m. sharp picked up her train phone in a calm manner and began walking toward the door.

As she approached the door, a group of her male colleagues wished her well on her first jaunt down the tracks. Following right on her heels were a number of media representatives, who were making every effort possible to make Chicago's first motorwoman the "star of the day."

Upon entering the train she placed the train phone on the door, adjusted her equipment in the compartment and turned on the windshield wipers to clear the windows of the snow which was constantly falling.

At 8:23½ a.m. on the dot, Miss Phillips pulled the train out of the station and the passengers seeing all of the lights beaming began asking a public affairs staff representative, aboard the train, "what was going on?"

"We have our first motorwoman in the history of Chicago," replied the representative.

Concentrating intently on getting the hundreds of passengers to their destinations, Miss Phillips was quiet and appeared to be totally unaffected by the bright lights and reporters until she reached the end of the line at Howard Street on time at 9:15 a.m., where she alighted from the compartment. It was here that Miss Phillips smiled graciously for the cameramen and talked with reporters.

Miss Phillips, who holds a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, said she took her job last Sept. 20 as a con-



With gloves and controller key close by, Lena Phillips copies running time for the run she will work as CTA's first motorwoman.

ductor with CTA because it offered more opportunities financially than any other job offers she had upon completion of her schooling.

"I hope to move up in the company," Miss Phillips told the reporters.

One of the reporters turned to a male passenger and asked him how he felt about having a motorwoman. He replied, "I have no problems with it. As long as she is good and knows what she is doing, I think it is a good job for a woman." He ended by saying, "I really enjoyed my ride with her this morning."

Another passenger, a woman, commented, "She sure is a good motorwoman." Then she said, "I admire her for having enough nerve to get out and handle this big train."

Under the long-standing procedures, an operating employee for Chicago rapid transit service qualifies for three different jobs--conductor, motorman, and switchman or towerman.

For the third job classification, rapid transit employees have a choice between qualifying for a switchman or towerman. Miss Phillips selected the switchwoman, for which she is currently in the process of qualifying for.

After qualifying as a switchwoman, Miss Phillips for the next year will be on rotation for work as a conductor, motorwoman, or switchwoman.

Then, once the year of rotation is over, she will choose a permanent assignment from among three job classifications.

At the time Miss Phillips became the first motorwoman, there were 14 other women conductors, five of whom were in training to join Miss Phillips as qualified motorwomen of rapid transit trains. Later that day, Mrs. Marilyn Jackson, the first woman conductor hired, qualified for the motorwoman position.

There are now 104 women serving as bus drivers and 210 women awaiting openings as bus drivers while 206 women are awaiting openings as conductors.

# Suggestion, Please—Warnstedt Has Weighed Hundreds Of Them

TRAVEL SUGGESTED ITSELF to Russ Warnstedt. Work around the house was suggested to him by Mrs. Warnstedt.

So he retired from the suggestion business--at 62. And CTA lost its champion evaluator of "hey, I gotta" ideas.

Warnstedt was employee suggestion coordinator at CTA and president of the Chicago chapter of the National Association of Suggestion Systems.

N.A.S.S. is an international organization of 227 companies dedicated to improving the worth, contributions, and benefits of employee suggestion systems.

In 1973, these firms processed 8,901,800 suggestions. Some companies, such as United Air Lines, have had so much success with employee suggestions that they have computerized their systems.

The CTA started its suggestion system in 1945. Warnstedt, who has been affiliated with the transit industry since 1936, joined the suggestion department in 1957.

In 18 years, he heard just about everything from employees who want to change the CTA.

"There was a foreman, James Forrestal, who thought we didn't spread salt on city streets the right way. So he gave us an idea of how we could do a better job.

"His idea worked so well that he was awarded \$2,000, a percentage of the money that his proposal saved the CTA," Warnstedt said.

Another employee, Nicholas K. Simonetti, suggested that instead of the CTA paying a company to rewind the stators (oil cooled alternators) for its buses, the CTA should do the job itself, at a 50 per cent saving. Warnstedt said Simonetti earned \$2,285 for his suggestion.

Simonetti's idea also was cited by Passenger Transport magazine as contributing to the entire transit industry.

However, not all suggestions are winners.

"A suggestion that coffee and rolls be served on the Evanston Express train fell flat when we couldn't interest anyone in running the concession," said Warnstedt.

Other unusual suggestions included a proposal that the CTA convert the 52nd Street garage into a gymnasium with sauna baths and a pool hall for the physical exercise of drivers on split shifts.

Warnstedt said, however, that most suggestions are practical improvements--"the kind you wonder why no one has thought of them before, such as a sign warning people of a swinging door that could hit them."

Mrs. Regina Daren of the CTA's medical department has set the record for getting her suggestions implemented.

Since 1971, Mrs. Daren has offered 101 suggestions.



One last stop before retiring -- Russ Warnstedt checks out the latest suggestion of CTA's No. 1 suggestor, Mrs. Regina Daren. The suggestion has saved many spilled papers and a few sore heads from the swinging door in Room 746.

"In that time, she has had 25 suggestions accepted. That's good no matter whether you're in private industry or public service," said Warnstedt.

He explained that for a suggestion to be adopted, it must first be reviewed by the coordinator's office before being sent to the appropriate department.

"If the suggestion is feasible as a technical improvement, it will have to undergo six months of testing. Otherwise, acceptable suggestions concerning office procedures are normally implemented within 60 days, which is standard in industry," he said.

Winners receive certificates plus a percentage of any savings resulting from the implementation of their suggestions.

Did Warnstedt ever offer any suggestions himself?

"Just a couple of ideas before I got the coordinator job," he said.

The best personal suggestion Warnstedt heard lately came from his wife, Ruth.

"She suggested I retire -- to get some work done around the house and do some traveling.

"I evaluated that quickly and put it to work right away. And you know, this time I'm going to be a winner," Warnstedt said.

## IDEAS PAY DIVIDENDS

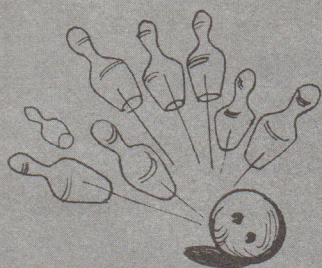
In these days when the stock market is so uncertain, you may wonder where you can get a decent return on investment.

One place where you can still get a fabulous return is right here at CTA. And you can't beat the cost -- nothing down and nothing to pay in 60 days. It's called CTA's Employee Suggestion Plan.

To qualify for up to \$10,000 all you need is an idea on how to improve CTA or make it more efficient. Next, fill out a CTA suggestion blank and mail it in the prepaid envelope. And don't forget to tear off and keep the stubs.

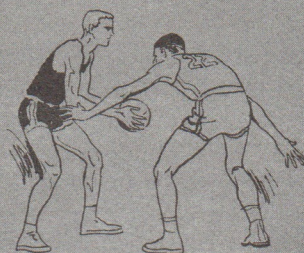
To follow the status of your idea, watch the suggestion bulletin board where you work. When your suggestion is adopted turn in the stub and collect your award.

It's as simple as one, two, three. So start counting.



# CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



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## Wolfan's Winter Warning For CTA Armchair QB's

By W. B. Wolfan

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THE TELEVISION tube represents many things to many people.

For the sports fan, it means a pleasant grandstand seat at every kind of athletic event. The result of this addiction to the tube has been the development in our society of a nation of Monday morning quarterbacks par excellence.

As one pro football coach commented sourly:

"The Monday morning experts know exactly what I should have done in that situation. But where were those guys when I needed them on third down and seven yesterday afternoon?"

There is a tendency among the TV quarterbacks to confuse professional and college abilities. A Unitas or Namath can move a team downfield in a matter of 20 or 30 seconds. However, completing those sideline passes to stop the clock isn't as simple as it seems. Pin point accuracy and split second timing come only after years of seasoning in both pro and collegiate ranks. Do not expect the freshman or sophomore quarterbacks to develop this talent in one season. NO WAY.

For instance, let's look back at that famous Notre Dame-Michigan State 10-10 tie game of 1966. Irish quarterback Terry Hanratty was hurt. A substitute quarterback was sent in as his replacement. He had very little game experience that season.

The score is tied, with only a few minutes left to

play in the final period. Notre Dame has possession deep in its own territory.

A source close to the Irish coach told this story to us (we are omitting his name for obvious reasons):

"Ara tells the kid to be careful. Call a few running plays to keep it on the ground until we get field position. Don't try anything fancy, and above all don't throw the ball because if Michigan State intercepts in comes that big barefoot Hawaiian placekicker and he can split the goal posts for a field goal from 50 yards out. That means we blow the ball game and the national championship.

"So the Irish play it safe, and the game ends in a tie. Everybody starts screaming. They charge the Irish were afraid to open up, unwilling to gamble on passes. The mail pours in. Most of it is very critical of the co-champions of college football.

"But remember this--a 3 point loss, 13 to 10, would have merited only a slight mention in the record books. Meanwhile Michigan State would have been posted in big black letters as No. 1 college football team. The fans only remember who WON or Lost, don't forget that.

"So which is preferable--a tie for the national championship or losing everything on a gamble and a second string quarterback? You tell me."

We couldn't agree more.

The Monday morning quarterbacks are quick to criticize, but playing football and second guessing have no relationship whatsoever.

The decisions are split second, the mistakes are plentiful and the old adage of "One day you're a hero and the next day you're a bum" is still as true as it ever was.

Television has brought sports into the home, but football is still a game of run, pass, block and tackle with Lady Luck leading the interference.

## NCAA AAU Tournament Plans Are Cancelled

IN OUR February issue we stated that the CTA Basketball League would enter a team in the NCAA-AAU regional basketball tournament playoffs. It is with deep regret that we must report that the league will be unable to participate this season.

Cost of outfitting a team is prohibitive, so for that reason the proposal has been delayed for a year.

Plans are now being formulated to enter a team in the regional tournament in the 1975-76 season and we are hopeful that the necessary funds will be available for participation, according to Thomas M. Stiglic, CTA representative for the sports program.

## Mart Bowlers Holding Their Own

THE MART bowling team is steadily holding its own in the City of Chicago, Bureau of Engineering Bowling League at Spencer's Bowl, Marina Towers.

Solidly established in the third place spot, they are fighting hard to catch the first place team, Operations, which is only nine games in front.

With nine more weeks of bowling, the Mart bowlers are determined to do their best to take it all and bring the first place trophy home to CTA.

## Archer Bandits Still Holding Bowling Lead

IT LOOKS like the Archer Bandits will be the ultimate winners in the race for the championship of the 77th Street Operators Bowling League.

Holding a four game lead over their nearest rival, the Pin Busters, they seem to have it all together with the steady bowling of T. Ireland, J. Motton, H. Hodge, H. Kemp, J. Coleman and L. C. Taylor.



The league leading Archer Bandits - - from left, standing: T. Ireland, J. Motton, H. Hodge and H. Kemp. Kneeling: J. Coleman and L. C. Taylor.

The race for the most improved bowler is really growing tight, but Walt Brown of the Baggers is still the leader, by one pin, over his teammate, Cornelius Mays. Following closely is Elvin Simpson of the Poppers who is only three pins back after rolling a 649 scratch series. This also puts Simpson in the lead for high series, with handicap, with a 694.

## 77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Archer Bandits	59	28	.678
Pin Busters	55	32	.632
Baggers	54½	32½	.630
George's Arco	53	34	.609
Clippers	48½	38½	.553
Late Comers	48	39	.552
Golden Arms	46	41	.528
Centurions	44	43	.506
Boozers	42	45	.482
Spartans	42	45	.482
Thunderballs	40	47	.460
Poppers	38	49	.437
Road Runners	34	53	.383
Toppers	34	53	.383
Tranquilizers	30	57	.336
Rotators	28	59	.314

## Grant Park Announces Activities For 1975

THE GRANT PARK Recreation Association, through which we stage many of our own CTA sports events, recently announced its activities schedule for 1975.

The program is open to anyone who wishes to participate. The schedule of activities is as follows:

April 18	Pinochle Tournament Continental Companies 55 E. Jackson Boulevard Employees Recreation Room Time: 7:00 P.M.
May	Bridge Tournament
June 3	Industrial Womens Softball
June 26	Tennis Instruction Classes Grant Park Tennis Courts Time: 5:30 P.M.
June 4 through August 6	Volleyball Clinic and Tournament - Grant Park Tennis Courts Time: 5:30 P.M.
August	Golf Tournament White Pines Country Club

For further information pertaining to the Grant Park recreation program, employees may contact John Eckel, CTA Datacenter, Extension 2335, General Office, or Bud Swift, Park District supervisor of physical activities, at 294-2307.

## Cab Signaling Program Moves Forward Fast

CAB SIGNALING--the new electronic safety system that controls both the spacing and speed of trains--has been completed on the heavily traveled North-South elevated route.

Meanwhile, the CTA is pressing forward with a \$12-million project for installing cab signaling by next January on three remaining rapid transit routes--Ravenswood, Evanston-Wilmette and the Skokie Swift.

Completion of work on these three remaining routes will mean that the CTA's entire 192 miles of rapid transit tracks will be protected by safe and reliable signaling.

### Insures Train Spacing

An accelerated program for installing cab signaling on the North-South 'L' route, as well as on the three remaining routes, was instituted last summer at the direction of Milton Pikarsky, then CTA Chairman and now Chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority.

Cab signaling protection is accomplished by car-carried equipment and by track wayside equipment which work together to keep trains safely apart and to restrict trains to posted speed limits, particularly at curves and switches.

The motorman's cab of each train is equipped with two visual indicators--namely, three-color (red, yellow and green) signals and a speedometer which displays allowable speed in addition to actual speed.

### Sounds An Alarm

A beep-beep-beep sound on the lead car of a train is the audible alarm alerting the motorman to a command reduction in speed. The system is designed to stop automatically any train approaching another train or if a motorman fails to adhere to a speed limit.

The system determines the position of each train, and relays that information to wayside "logic" equipment (a series of relays which produces a command signal), which in turn transmits control information to an approaching train by sending coded electrical pulses through the running rail.

The approaching train receives

this coded instruction from the running rail, and passes it through "logic" equipment to give the motorman visual and audio commands. The motorman receives data on his actual speed as well as allowable speed, and is required to bring his train to allowable speed within  $2\frac{1}{2}$  seconds or the train will be brought to an emergency stop.

### Watches Speed, Too

The car-borne equipment constantly observes the train speed and its compliance to fixed reduced speeds which may be in effect at certain curves.

The State and Dearborn street subways have always been protected with a traditional and highly reliable system of wayside signals with train stop trips. This traditional system also is used for the rapid transit route in the Eisenhower expressway. The subway and elevated route to Logan Square has partly the traditional system and partly cab signaling.

The Lake street elevated route was the first to get the electronic cab signaling system in 1967. It has also been in use on the Dan Ryan rapid transit route since its opening in September, 1969, and the Kennedy subway and median strip route completed in February, 1970, as an extension to the Logan Square route.

## Service anniversaries in March

### 40 years

B. A. Jauman, Electrical Maint.

### 35 years

C. DeWine, North Section  
R. M. Hartney, South Section  
J. F. Sanhamel, North Park

### 30 years

E. Banks, Beverly  
E. L. Brzeczek, Forest Glen  
F. A. Gardner, Skokie Shop  
J. J. Lacki, Electrical Maint.  
M. E. Turner, Beverly  
W. Walcott, 77th Street

### 25 years

A. T. Anthony, Skokie Shop  
J. H. Austin, Vehicle Maint.-TABEC  
J. R. Barber, District D  
M. L. Coari, Accounting  
G. E. Drey, South Shops  
H. T. Dukes, South Section  
J. Hennelly, Wilson Maint. Terminal  
A. Hodowanic, Skokie Shop  
A. J. Joe, 69th Street  
H. J. Kohler, Instruction-77th Street  
W. M. Larsen, South Shops  
J. W. Matthews, South Section  
S. J. Milazzo, Foster Maint. Terminal  
C. A. Myers, Harlem Maint. Terminal  
A. N. Rakestraw, South Section  
L. B. Ross, Instruction-77th Street  
P. J. Sabadosa, 54th Maint. Terminal  
P. J. Shackley, North Section  
M. Walker, Accounting  
J. J. Wirth, Plant Maint.  
H. L. Woods, Utility  
G. Wright, Accounting  
J. A. Zdunek, Skokie Shop

# THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ARCHER -

Again I appeal to the operators at Archer. Please, donate a pint of blood to the Chicagoland Blood Center. There is a great need for it. Who knows, the life you save may be your own. Give...We wish speedy recoveries to Superintendent JOHN LYNCH and Pensioner EARL LARSEN, both convalescing from recent illnesses. Hope you are up and about by the time we go to press...It was nice seeing Pensioners L. BARNES and B. NELSON. They are enjoying their retirements to the fullest. Pensioner MIKE ROVELLA was in the station visiting some of the operators and was sporting a handlebar moustache...I would like to wish ISHAN D. HANLEY, Jan. 27, DEWITT COLEMAN, Feb. 27, and WILLIAM WALKER, Feb. 23, a belated happy birthday. Sorry I was late getting it in, fellows. Happy birthday to Superintendent MACK PORTER, March 30. A very happy birthday to GERALDINE, the wife of Operator JOSEPH DUCREE, who was ?? on March 24...Our belated sympathy is extended to the family of the late FLORIAN KOZICKI, and to Pensioner PAUL REID in the passing of his wife...Congratulations to JOHN MCCREA who was promoted to assistant instructor of the South Side. Welcome to Archer Line Instructor HENRY KOHLER...I wish to thank ERNEST HILL, ROBERT HOLMES and TYLER PHILPOTT for inviting me to the 14th annual meeting of the 52nd Street credit union. Other guests were Division 241 President JOHN F. O'BRIEN and Treasurer JAMES A. PATE...Congratulations to Pensioner and Mrs. MICHAEL ROVELLA who will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on April 27...I can't report what you don't give me--those anniversaries, birthdays, and pictures will help. Thanks.

- Owen Hosendoue

## CTA SECURITY -

The Polish Prince, MICHAEL TAD MAZURKIEWICZ, the new son of JO and CHET MAZURKIEWICZ, arrived weighing 8 pounds and was 19 inches long. Congratulations and best wishes on your new bundle of blue...The JIM LaFOLLETES are the proud parents of a baby girl named NATALIE MARIE weighing in at 7 pounds. Congratulations to both of you...Good luck to MARGUERITE LONGO who is now the secretary to E. M. JORDAN, manager of CTA Security. PAUL WALLACE has been appointed to the staff of Mr. Jordan. Holding a bachelor of arts degree in criminal justice, Paul will shortly receive a master of arts degree in the administration of

criminal justice. Paul has been with the Security Department for 12 years and has, through his affiliation with the University of Illinois as a research associate in the criminal justice department, done extensive research in the area of urban mass transit security.

- Pat Flynn

## DATACENTER -

We would like to welcome our new members of the Datacenter staff: PAUL ROZEK, ARTURO BACA-ARUS, WALTER FRIEDER and DONNA GRIFF of our Operations Section; LEON BRUDNICKI of our Data Base Section, and KRISTINE HANLON of our Administrative Section...Our congratulations to VIC JOHNSON who was promoted to unit supervisor of stores procedures. We will miss Vic, but wish him much success in his new position...We would also like to congratulate TOM WODARSKI and MARY ANN BANDUR who were promoted last month. Tom is our new supervisor of GE-415, I/O control and program maintenance. Mary Ann is a member of our professional staff in her new position as senior programmer I. Both deserve the recognition and promotion due to their past efforts in behalf of CTA...Congratulations to J. PAUL INDA and his wife, SHIRLEY, on the birth of a baby girl, MICHELE AWMA, on Dec. 4. Paul is director of the data base and technical support area...Our thanks to JANE MCGUAN for assisting your reporter in gathering the news for Datacenter.

- Evelyn Leu

## BEVERLY -

Superintendents H. BRAUN and F. ZEIGER have launched an all-out safety campaign to reduce accidents. The quotation signs posted in the depot are very good, so let's wake up and get back into first place. We can do it if we all work together. Instructor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER says all we have to do is create a "buffer zone" around our bus, especially on Michigan avenue where most of our accidents occur. The coffee and rolls will taste good, so let's give our passengers a safe, smooth ride...Clerk BILL GOURNOE is leaving us to go to 77th Street Garage. Sorry to see you go, Bill, as good clerks are hard to replace...ATEF MORRAR is our new clerk and is from Palestine. Atef is trying to get our oil prices down... Clerk ISIAH THOMAS is in training and will try to get the bus drivers out of the depot on time... We wish a speedy recovery to Operator

JOHN MAHONEY's wife; to Operator CARL PEPLOW in Mercy hospital, and to my Co-reporter AMOS FOSTER who is on the sick list...We express our sincere sympathy to Operator CHARLIE MATHEWS in the loss of his wife...We finally heard from the voice of the pits and have some garage news. We tip our hat to our new garage foreman, a smiling Irishman by the name of JIM GLYNN. Jim is doing a fine job of keeping our buses rolling and will try to place some new buses on Kedzie avenue. The spirit of cooperation is needed, and the operators can do their part by signing in defective buses so another operator will not pull it back out. Street calls not only aggravate the driver, but disrupt service and cause our passengers to complain. We know Jim will do his part along with his fine crew, so let's do ours...DOUG HEALY has retired and we wish him good health in his golden years... Get well wishes go to F. MICETICH who is still on the sick list...TOM CANNING is on a liquid diet, but can't get down to tie his shoe laces.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

## ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

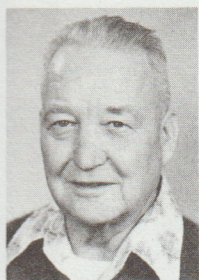
Pensioner PETE (Van Dyke) FARBER dropped in for a visit. He looks great and sends his regards to all his old friends... BOB BOSCHERT and JOHN ANGEL were both vacationing in Florida at the same time. I didn't hear of any unusual occurrences down there...Sorry to have neglected my reporting duties by forgetting that HOWIE GOBERNATZ has been on the sick list since Jan. 13. I talked to Howie the other day and he hopes to be back to work in a couple of weeks...Local No. 9, IBEW, held its annual old-timers dinner on Jan. 31 and it must have been a record crowd that night. The dinner was corned beef and cabbage with ample liquid refreshments to go with it. I know that I ate my share of Harrington's delicious corned

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AMONG THOSE retiring March 1 was JACK R. WILSON who had 41 years of service with CTA and CSL.

## NEW PENSIONERS

GEORGE BENSHISH, Audit Clerk III, Internal Auditing, Emp. 4-22-37  
HAROLD F. BURDA, Valuation Tech. II, Property Acctg., Emp. 2-2-37  
HAROLD D. COFFEY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-4-36  
MELBOURNE W. DASHER, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 1-25-46  
LEONARD F. DUPONT, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-27-45  
HAROLD F. FORSTER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-27-42  
SIMON H. GOLDMAN, Janitor, North Park, Emp. 2-2-44  
CHESTER KRAJEWSKI, Operator, Archer, Emp. 11-26-45  
HOWARD L. LOWING, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 8-19-36  
EDWARD A. MANNION, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 11-29-43  
LEROY J. MARTENS, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 9-8-36  
GEORGE T. MARTIN, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 6-27-44  
PEDRO PALOMAR, Trackman I, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 3-24-47  
EINAR G. PARSON, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 4-21-42  
HARRY R. POCES, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 9-20-29  
ARTHUR S. RUDD, Rental Agent, Real Estate, Emp. 12-19-50  
RUSSELL T. WARNSTEDT, Sugg. Coord., Personnel, Emp. 11-17-36  
JACK R. WILSON, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 2-28-34  
ADAM ZASIMOWICH, Money Handler, Transportation, Emp. 9-25-42

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

GORDON S. BITTOURNA, Lineman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 5-28-42  
LEMUEL F. COOK, Janitor, Limits, Emp. 1-15-49  
LEON M. MINOR, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 4-14-53  
JULIO RIVERA, Bus Serviceman, 52nd Street, Emp. 10-13-53

beef. The dinner was held at the Plumbers Hall to honor the old timers that had retired during the past year. Among the old timers I saw personally were BILL WATERS, CHICON, GABAUER and SCHU-

MACHER. There were many more I didn't see, and I apologize for not mentioning them here...JIM NASTI, the father of JOE NASTI, has undergone heart surgery, and as yet we have no progress report...LISA CZURYLO, the baby daughter of RON CZURYLO, was in the hospital for a short while, but we are glad to report that all is well now...ANTHONY ENGLISH, the son of FRANK ENGLISH, was also in the hospital but is now home and doing nicely...WALLY DROBENA is home with a sick finger. He tangled with a switch box and came off second best...It is with a sad heart that I report this last news item. On March 5 we received a call that GORDON (Mike) BITTOURNA passed away in his sleep. Mike had been off since last July and had started disability pension on March 1. Our sincere condolences to his family. 73

- Ben Nielson

### (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

JIMMY NESBIT recently played host to some of his out-of-town relatives. As part of the in-town sights, they spent an evening at the Playboy Club. Everything was going fine, but Jimmy had to top it off by dancing with one of the Playboy bunnies. You are too old for that stuff, Jim...EDDIE MCCLINTON was seen at the Auto Show in McCormick Place having his picture taken standing next to a Thunderbird. Ed is shopping around for his first car, and requests any valuable information or deals from his friends. Ed wants to contribute his share to the President's WIN program and our sagging economy, so hurry with your information. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness, Ed...Is there an electrician in the house? You better believe it. The maintainers housed at 61st Street is full of electricians. The talent in that broken down shanty is unbelievable. DAVE BATTERSON has built a color TV set which is now working in his living room. Dave said, in his modest way, that the project took knowledge, time and patience. Come on, Dave, time and knowledge we will go along with--but patience? ..LEON WILSON was absent from the job for a few days due to a minor illness and we're glad to have him back on the job. A pat on the back is in order for Leon--it took three guys to replace him...I recently heard from CHARLES A. BUTTS, retired signal engineer and former head of the signal department. I understand he is now spending his winters in Florida and his summers at his home in Libertyville, Ill. It is always nice to hear from you Charlie, please keep in touch...Signal Helper MICHAEL PEDERSOLI has money in hand and said he will buy either a boat or a recreational vehicle. Michael is a sportsman at heart. When he isn't hunting or fishing, he is dreaming about it or tearing through sports magazines. Any day now, his wife will tell him how to spend that fist full of money...C. L. WIKSTEN, formerly with the CTA signal division, was

recently hospitalized with a bronchial ailment. Lenny, all the fellows send their best wishes for a speedy recovery...BILL (The Gypsy) BAKER was busy as ever when I checked with him recently. His doctor said keeping active was good for him. Come home early some evenings, Bill, your wife wants to talk to you sometime...FRANK BONK became seriously ill with a stomach ailment, and for awhile his condition looked bleak. He collapsed at home and was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery. At the time of this writing, he said he was weak but recuperating nicely...Signal Foreman VIC ZASTERA has returned from a two-week vacation in Phoenix, Ariz., and two weeks in Hot Springs, Ark. I don't know what he did or who he saw in Phoenix (I was afraid to ask) but I do know he is big enough and old enough to do whatever he wants--as he keeps going back every year. In Hot Springs he hit the main attraction there--horse racing at Oak Lawn Park. Vic ushers in the season down there as he is a horse racing fan of many years...At this time I must express my sincere thanks and appreciation to my partner, DONALD HAWKINS. He has been a great help to me in getting this column together and even writes a story or two now and then. If you really want to know which stories he writes, as opposed to the ones I write, his are the only ones that make any sense. I don't know what I would do without him, but as soon as I can, I will find out.

- Tommie Lowery

### FOREST GLEN -

So sorry, fellows. Yours truly is still out on the sick list and is unable to gather much news...Our profound sympathy is extended to Mrs. PAT HOFF, the widow of Supervisor EDWARD HOFF, and to Mrs. PEARL EVARTS, the widow of Retired Operator BOB EVARTS, in the loss of their husbands...Men, please bear with me during my time off. Please mail any news you have to me, WILBUR, at 5048 N. Mobile, Chicago, 60630. Thanks.

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

### GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance & Pensions) -

Condolences were expressed to JIM BURKLOW in the death of his mother, MARY, who was buried in her hometown in Kentucky...On behalf of PATRICIA HOFF and her family, we would like to thank all employees and pensioners who shared in her sorrow in the death of her husband, EDWARD, supervisor in District D...The welcome mat was extended to MAUREEN PALMER who transferred from Marketing.

### (Medical) -

Dr. STEPHEN MOSNY and his wife flew to Boston to enjoy a two-week vacation with

their daughter, KAREN, and son-in-law, as well as seeing their new granddaughter and grandson, STEVE.

#### (Treasury) -

JOHNNY POPE vacationed in Florida for three weeks and is sporting a beautiful tan. ..The welcome mat was extended to ALLEN SABOL, turnstile collector, who formerly worked as a ticket agent. His father is JOSEPH SABOL of Schedules. Allen replaced MARK FITZGERALD who transferred to Stores Department, South Shops.

#### (Administrative Services) -

Congratulations were in order for ADELE MONSON who became Mrs. EDWIN MONSON on Jan. 24...JOAN FITZGERALD, her mother, niece and nephew flew to sunny Florida to visit Disney World and had a marvelous time.

#### (Personnel) -

STU MAGINNIS, director of Personnel Development, is happy to announce the addition of four training coordinators to the section in recent weeks. The best part of all, says Stu, is that they all come from CTA. BARBARA COLWELL and PATRICK MCINERNEY from the Transportation Department, MIKE LESNIAK from Plant Maintenance, and RICHARD TRAVERSA from Vehicle Maintenance... The first phase of Personnel Development's "Bus Operator Brainstorming Session" is coming to an end. The survey dealt with possible courses of action available to our operators in dangerous situations. If you have any comment or if we missed you the first time around, jot down your "brainstorms" and send them to Personnel Development, Room 752...It was with great happiness that PAT DUNEK told us of the marriage of her brother, JIM, to LINDA on March 8. For them it is a ready-made family, with Jim's two sons and Linda's daughter. After having four nephews for a long, long time, Pat says it will indeed be great to welcome a niece into the fold... ART HUBACZ's son, ARTY, is leaving for three years of sea duty aboard the U.S. Navy destroyer H. Lang. Arty's wife and son will live in San Diego, Cal., while he is gone...JOSEPHINE FELDMAN would like to extend her sincerest thanks to all her friends and co-workers for their kindness and thoughtfulness while she was recuperating from her accident. Josephine is back to work now and getting along just fine.

#### (Marketing) -

DICK GILL, director, marketing research & planning, and his lovely wife, LAURA, hosted a get-together for everyone in marketing research on Feb. 22. A fun time was had by all, especially watching Dick "toying" with a car parked in his parking space. We'll all have to get together again for an apartment warming when they move in April.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neunauer

#### LIMITS -

Greetings, fellows! I guess you are saying it's about time you saw something in print from me. Well, I'm sorry about missing last month's edition, but I'll try and make them all from now on. So on with the news...First of all, congratulations to GEORGE VOGT of the repair department on his retirement Jan. 1 after more than 23 years of service. Your knowledge of bus assignments will be missed, but all the fellows wish you many long and happy, healthy years of pensioned life...Our sincere condolences are extended to Operator R. FLEMING in the death of his father; to Superintendent J. HENDERSON in the death of his father-in-law; to Operator E. CARAVETTA in the passing of his mother; also to the family of Operator GEORGE VLASS who passed away. George was well liked around the station and will really be missed...On the pleasant side of things, I had the pleasure of meeting the grandmother of Operator McDANIEL of our credit union, who is 96 years young. She was a very delightful person to talk to. ..Speaking of delightful things, most of our lady drivers will be staying with us on the new system pick. How about that!..Well, if any of you fellows have any news, let me know and I'll make sure that it gets into our column. I'll try not to miss anymore editions...Don't forget, save a little each payday in our credit union.

- Charles Turner

#### KEDZIE -

To all the operators leaving Kedzie on the system pick we wish you well at your new garage. To all the operators coming to Kedzie from other garages, we welcome you...Congratulations to C.D. WAGGONER, the son of Operator C. WAGGONER, who was married to Miss MARY LOU SCHROEDER on Feb. 15 at Grace Lutheran church in Lombard, Ill. The happy couple honeymooned in Florida... Congratulations to HARVEY BEY, assistant treasurer of Kedzie credit union, who was elected president of the West Side Chapter of the Illinois Credit Union League, which consists of 58 credit unions. His job is to help them with all new operating material. With the league chapter meeting once a month for program planning and communication seminars, it sure keeps Harvey busy... Congratulations to Operator GUY DiMEO and his lovely wife, DORA, who became grandparents for the second time when their daughter-in-law, JANET, and son, FRED, had an addition to the family, a baby girl named AMY JEAN born Feb. 19 at St. Anne hospital weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces. ..The Kedzie credit union held their annual meeting on Saturday, March 1, at Lorraine Hall, 2801 S. Hamlin. The meeting was just great; reports were read and voted on, and election of officers was held. The food was delicious and everything was just fine...Operator RICHARDSON's wife is now

home from the hospital after undergoing surgery on her eyes. They also recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations...Loader R. ROSE and his lovely wife celebrated 34 years of marital bliss on March 9...Retired Superintendent M. HARRINGTON got his St. Patrick day gift early -- a new 1975 Cadillac. Here's wishing you loads of luck and fun with your new car...Pensioner WILLIAM LARSEN was really surprised on Feb. 1 when some of his friends held a retirement party in his honor. His lovely wife, JO, did a good job keeping it from him. Their daughter and son-in-law and their children came in from Washington, D.C., for the occasion. This was more than Bill expected. The food was superb and the drinks flowed like water. Bill wishes to thank all who were there...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Pensioner BURT COLLIER who recently passed away; to Operator DICKERSON in the passing of his mother, PERNELLA DICKERSON, in Little Rock, Ark., and to Operator HARVEY BEY and his wife, NAOMI, in the passing of her uncle, O. BLAYLOCK, in Toledo, Ohio... To everyone celebrating birthdays this month, happy birthday; to those having anniversaries, we wish you many, many more, and to everyone on the sick book, here's wishing you a speedy recovery.

- Raymond Graham

#### LOOP -

Congratulations are in order for Agent JOHN BAKER and his wife on the birth of their first child, pretty little SHANNON LYNN, on Saturday, Feb. 8 weighing an even 6 pounds. John is popping his buttons with pride and says he can use some overtime work now...Congratulations to Agent ELEANOR HASBROUCK who was a \$500 winner in the Illinois Grand Slam lottery. We are all so happy for her...Congratulations to MARY ANN HUNT who is now an assignment agent...A pat on the back to "Mac" McPHEE who is doing a great job as extra assignment agent. We know Mac has a given name, but can't find anyone who knows it...We are very sad to be losing four of our favorite agents on the Kennedy Line: CHARLES LACHNER will be taking his pension on April 1; BETTY RUSSO will also leave on April 1 and head for her retirement home in Florida; BILL PFIEFFER will retire on May 1 and he too plans to spend his retirement days in Florida, and DAVE GRAFMAN will retire on May 1 although his plans for the future are not definite at this time. We will miss all of you and hope you will keep in touch... MONICA LAMPKE is not ready to leave us yet, but she has made arrangements to start building her retirement home in Holiday, Fla., where she will be a neighbor of former agent DOROTHY ADLER. Monica just returned from a two-week vacation there and is mighty impatient about making it her permanent abode...Welcome back

to CECILIA ROPA who is back in the central assignment office as chief clerk... OPAL WOZNIAK returned to work for a short while, but we guess she was not quite ready as we heard she is back in the sick book again. Hurry and get well!..SAM STIPATI celebrated his 12th anniversary with CTA on Feb. 23. Hope you enjoyed your free day...MARY STANCZYK has signed out of the sick book and is back on the job. Welcome back!..DOROTHY PARKER is back in good form and has asked me to thank everyone for the cards and calls she received while she was recovering from her accident...Pensioner GRACE MOUNTS and her husband are vacationing in Florida at this writing...MARGE and SAM STIPATI had a one-week vacation in Florida and hated to return to our cold city...SHEILA MURPHY spent two weeks in Florida where she visited former agent AGGIE CARLSON and had a wonderful time...Pensioner MARGE WHITE wrote from Ireland to say that she enjoyed her recent visit to our city and has asked us to express her grateful thanks to her CTA friends for the hospitality they extended to her in their homes...Retired agent and former Loop Co-reporter MILDRED DOYLE and her hubby, DAN, are getting ready to travel again. Yes, Florida is their destination...Your reporter could sure use some help from all you nice people. It's not easy gathering news when working a midnight trick. Drop off any news items you have at Irving Park on the Kennedy and I'll get them when I come on duty...Hey, we're moving! Moving to a new column in Transit News. Starting next month ZITA DOUBLIN and I will be co-reporters of the new West Section column for agents. All West Siders are invited to send news items to us. We hope to see many more names in print...Keep smiling!

- Mary Wixted

#### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Get well wishes are sent to JOHN SIEBERT, South Shops, who underwent surgery. Hurry and get well, John...Glad to see GRANVILLE CHEATHAM and ROBERT HOLTAM, South Shops, are off the sick list and rarin' to go...Congratulations to DAVE MURRAY on his promotion to stock clerk II. Happy to have him back out South...Everyone out South would like to extend congratulations to JACK HARTY and ED TOBIN on their recent promotions. We're really proud of our bosses...Welcome back to GEORGE LINDEN, who is now off the sick list. Glad to have you back at Storeroom 42. George is also happy to announce that he became a proud grandfather for the second time when a bouncing baby girl, KIMBERLY LYNNE, was born on Feb. 9 weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces. Mrs. ALLEN LINDEN, the mother, was the former LYNNE KLOPPE who worked as a typist for the Stores Department and also in the Insurance Department.

..NICK LACORCIA, Stores, North, announced he is the happy grandfather of a little boy, DOMINIC JOSEPH, born on Feb. 15 weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. This makes Nick a proud grandfather for the fourth time...VINCENT (Chuck) SCIMECA has returned to work after undergoing an operation. Glad to see you back and well...Mrs. HELEN SLATTERY, Storeroom 42, and her husband spent a weekend touring Door County in Wisconsin watching the snowmobilers...ANN GARRITY, Stores, went to South Carolina where she visited her aunt and saw cousins she doesn't see very often. She says that part of the country is absolutely beautiful...IRENE PETERSON, Stores, went on vacation in sunny Florida for a week and visited LEE DeSUTTER who retired earlier this year...FRANK MAGUIRE, specifications engineer, reports he was a loser as usual after his annual trip to Las Vegas. His next trip was to Palm Springs, Cal., for ten days which began on March 11...FRANK JOHNSON, Purchasing, took a vacation to Florida where he visited Cape Canaveral, Disney World, and reports that the weather was 70 degrees there while we were suffering with zero weather...A big welcome goes out to IRMA PRYOR, typist in the Stores Department. Glad to have you aboard. At the same time we say goodbye to DIANE WEIR who transferred to another department...Another big hello is sent out to BOB CASSIDY, material handling specialist, Stores...Congratulations to REBECCA COUSIN who is now in the contracts section as principal contract clerk. Also to AL MARTIN who was promoted to supervisor of purchasing contract negotiations...HAROLD ENWRIGHT paid us a visit and he is looking much better. Keep it up, Harold...Last of all, we have some sad news to report. Pensioners JOHN DUNNE and AUGUST BIEVERS passed away. Our sincere condolences to their families.

- Priscilla Kamradt

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

First we would like to say happy birthday and extend anniversary greetings to everyone celebrating in the month of March. Janitor ORA MILLER celebrated 14 years with the company on Feb. 20. CHARLES SNYDER celebrated 39 years with the company on Feb. 7. He only looks about 39 himself. Congratulations to both of these fine gentlemen...DOROTHY PARKER had a week's vacation which she spent at home...MONICA LAMPKE had a two-week vacation...BETTY RUSSO will be taking her pension on April 1 after 28 years of service. Her last day was March 12. We all wish you good luck and good health in your retirement years. Please keep in touch...SAM and MARGE STIPATI vacationed in Florida for a week while we were suffering with near zero weather here. Marge said it wasn't too warm

there...Superintendent ART RABEN and his wife are planning a three-week vacation to Sao Paulo, Brazil, where they will visit with their daughter and son-in-law who reside there. This is their first trip to South America and we wish them a safe and enjoyable trip...ELEANOR HASBROUCK won \$500 in the Grand Slam lottery and enjoyed a week's vacation. Congratulations, Eleanor...Janitor MIGUEL COLON is the proud father of a baby boy named ANTONIO, weighing 8 pounds. Mother and baby are doing fine...Janitor JUAN MONGE and his wife, CARMEN, are expecting a baby in June. After the arrival of this baby, Juan will have to add another room onto the house as this will make number three for them...Motorman RON SENO wishes to thank all his friends for their kindness after fire destroyed their home. Ron and his family are staying with their in-laws while waiting to move into the new home they are buying...There is a new ping pong table at Jefferson Park. You will have to let me know who the champion player is...MARY STANCZYK was off for awhile with a bad case of the flu which almost hospitalized her. She is now back at work and we were glad to see her...Question: What agent dragged her sore bones into Jefferson Park after a weekend of skiing for the first time? Besides all the bruises, she didn't know she had so many places on her body that could hurt all at the same time...We would like to welcome Agent RICHARD KANE and all the other new agents to our section...It's soon to be No. 51 for the Prazaks, so let's get things in the proper order and report their 50th anniversary first--last May 10. FRANK and LILLIAN PRAZAK were mar-



Frank and Lillian Prazak - 1924 and 1974

ried in 1924 and were feted at a golden anniversary celebration by three members of the original wedding party, their son's family, and many guests. Frank worked on the West Section as a conductor for 43 years and retired in 1967...See you next month under a different heading. A new West Section column for agents will be written by MARY WIXTED and myself. It's your column, so write us care of Jefferson Park with your news items.

- Zita Dublin

#### NORTH AVENUE -

On this my maiden solo column, I am without literary or moral support from my

friend and former co-reporter, WALTER BLIX. Walter is on the sick list at this writing, and I, along with his many other friends, wish him a very speedy recovery. ..Operator HOLLIS LEWIS is back to work after a brief illness...Many happy returns of the day to Repairman JOHN RUDDLE who celebrated his birthday on Feb. 27. MARIANNE, the daughter of the Ruddles, entered the Felician Convent the latter part of January. Many thanks, John, for your contributions to the column...Repairman HENRY JARECKI and his wife were surprised with a visit from Pensioner GEORGE HAHN of Arkansas on their 40th wedding anniversary, Feb. 9...Congratulations are in order for Former Repairman ROBERT COSTLEY who made a very high score on the CTA Security exam...The welcome mat is out for all the new employees at our station; to name a few, RICHARD MEYERS and WILLIAM ARSENEAU from North Park and Limits, respectively. ..Our moments of commiseration are for Pensioner JOHN (Ducky) O'DONNELL in the death of his father; Repairman RICHARD CREAL and his wife in the death of his mother-in-law, and the family of FRED HANSON, retired supervisor...Operator JULIUS TEDESCHI is sporting a nice tan after a long stay in the sunshine of Florida. The Tedeschis went along with Pensioner PETER DOWDALL and his wife, BERNICE...Last month we stated that Pensioner AXEL WINDFELD and his wife, ZORA, were vacationing in Spain. The first name should have been VIGGO. Axel is the name of his late brother. Sorry about that...Keep the news coming and I shall see you in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

#### OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Congratulations to NICK ZAHN who was promoted to schedule clerk...Happy to see DOROTHY ETSCHIED back to work after being on disability due to illness. We are glad to have you back, Dorothy...BERNIE KINCANNON, who was hospitalized after suffering a heart attack, is coming along well...We are very proud of the Mart basketball team. GEORGE WEST, Schedule Department, got the team together, and RICHARD MITCHELL is the coach. However, you have to do a lot better than two wins and five losses...We welcome MARTIN ARDAM to the Schedule Department. He comes from Transportation...Happy Easter to all.

- Kay Batina & Betty Pazkowski

#### NORTH PARK -

A date for the election of officers of Division 241 will be announced soon. A large turnout of active and pensioned members will be appreciated to vote for the candidates of your choice...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER spent two weeks in Belen,

N.M., visiting his daughter and son-in-law, LYNN and ROBERT WILLARD. Len's next stop was for three weeks at Phoenix, Ariz., where he stayed with his brother, EDWARD, and his wife, ELEANOR. They enjoyed several rounds of golf and a few visits to the races...Operator JAMES DOLAN and his wife, RITA, vacationed in and around Clearwater, Fla., where they stayed at the home of his brother-in-law, ANDY MCGAUHN. Also on the agenda were visits with Pensioners JOE EIFFES, JOHN MAHONEY and JOE RYAN. The Dolans enjoyed several fish dinners fresh from the Gulf of Mexico...Congratulations to L. A. ISAACSON who was appointed supervisor in the Transportation Department on his birthday, Jan. 16...Received a nice note from Pensioner WILLIS SNODGRASS and his wife, EVELYN, whose address is: 5091 Flamingo Circle, Huntington Beach, Cal. 92649. They extend an invitation to anyone in the area to stop by for a visit...Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his son-in-law, BERNARD WOLLWINE, are the operators of the Tucker Hollow boat dock and marina on Lake Bull Shoals in Arkansas. The mailing address is Route 4, Harrison, Ark. 72601, or phone (501)436-5564. The trout and bass fishing are excellent with everything available for the fisherman...The medical bus is stationed at North Park for the months of March and April. Dr. BOLES PIERZYNSKI and Medical Examiner HARRY SOREGHEN are to be commended for their part in the examinations. The two gentlemen would like to take this opportunity to thank the personnel at North Park for their cooperation and promptness...The Evanston bus operators extend their thanks to Supervisor PETER O'SULLIVAN for his fine efficiency on his assignment in Evanston. Peter's next goal is to engage Assistant Superintendent DON GILLIGAN in their regular golfing matches, where Don holds a decided edge...Operator CHARLES SAUER and his wife, JEAN, had parts in a play held at Eugene Park fieldhouse named "Once In A Lifetime," a comedy by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. Charles was appointed organist at the Humboldt Park Methodist church where English and Spanish services are held. Our best wishes to Charles on his versatility...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON, who is an elder at St. Peter's church in Schaumburg, will serve at the baptism of Area Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER's grandson. A reception will follow with the family attending...At this writing Operator DALE PETERS has undergone eye surgery at a hospital in Boston, Mass., and our prayers are with Dale for a rapid recovery...Sanitary Engineer SY GOLDMAN began pensioned life as of March 1. He will be at home in Columbus, Ind. Sy expects to do considerable gardening in his leisure time...Pensioner GARRETT FOY, who has been hospitalized at various times this past winter, is now back to normal and is busy with his gardening activities in Ja-

sonville, Ind., where he lives...Operator GENE SCHIAZZA is an active American Legion member donating his free time at the Downey hospital for veterans. Any reading material such as books and magazines would make life a bit more bearable for the vets. Contact Gene at 724-6766...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator PAUL KLUG in the loss of his son, GERALD; to Pensioner EDWARD NEWTON in the loss of his wife, FRANCES, and to the family of Operator LEVY RICHARDSON...The annual St. Joseph spring mass and communion breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 20, with a time and place to be announced at a later date.

- Melvin Horning

#### SKOKIE SHOPS -

There's a new member in our Grandfathers Club -- TONY PORCARO -- supervisor of rail vehicle terminals. He made his debut into the club on Feb. 5 when his daughter and son-in-law, ARLENE and PETER BARKER, presented Tony and his wife, DOROTHY, with their first grandchild, a 6 pound 2 ounce baby boy who will answer to the name of KYLE CHRISTOPHER. Of course we can't forget Uncle JERRY PORCARO, laborer, Skokie Shop, who smiles from ear to ear when he talks about his new nephew...Another grandfather, PAUL VENTICINQUE, general foreman, is an old hand at bouncing grandchildren on his knee. Grandson No. 2 was presented to him by his daughter, MARIA, and her husband, MIKE DeCORE, Harlem Terminal. MICHAEL ANTHONY was born on Feb. 16 and tipped the scale at 7 pounds 3 ounces. Granddaughter No. 2, BRIDGET ANN, is the new baby daughter of MARTIN and DEBBIE VENTICINQUE, and her birth weight was 7 pounds 1 ounce when she arrived on Feb. 21. Martin also works at Harlem Terminal. So, to all you happy parents and grandparents, loads of happiness for years to come...TONY SHALLMOSER, Kimball Terminal, has been holding down the fort for RAY BRZECZEK, terminal clerk at Skokie Shop, while Ray is enjoying the sunshine and ocean breezes in Hawaii with his wife, BETTY, and their daughter, PHYLLIS, and granddaughter...The welcome mat was rolled out for RICHARD FELDMANN, motor line, and JIMMY WILLIAMS, truck shop, who finally returned to Skokie Shop after a long stretch of working at Springfield Shop...To WALLY WIDINSKI, axle department, and LEO KREMER, motor line, we extend our best wishes for a very speedy recovery. A hearty welcome back to JOHN DJONLICH, truck shop, who was absent from work recovering from surgery...DENNY WINNICK, truck shop, and LEON WELLNER, motor line, had a bet going during the month of February to see who could lose the most weight. To make a long story short, Denny was the winner. Congratulations, Denny...That's about all we have for you this

month, but keep us posted so we can continue to be represented in the Transit News each month.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

#### SOUTH SECTION -

Lots of news this time, so let's go...It's wonderful to be able to report this item-- Switchman RAYMOND LaFAIRE's parents, Retired Switchman GEORGE and MARGARET LaFAIRE, celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary and were interviewed on Channel 7 on Feb. 28 by reporter Rosemary Gulley. He's 94 and has been on pension 28 years. She is 91. They were also honored with a testimonial in the City Council chambers with Mayor Daley and all the council members. The LaFaires have eight children, 27 grandchildren, and 47 great-grandchildren. Rosemary Gulley asked George how they were able to stay married that long and he said that when they had a quarrel he would just walk out. She said that today people just don't try hard enough to make their marriage work. They live in Chicago, but usually spend the winter in Florida. This year they didn't go as they both had the flu. Congratulations on your anniversary, George and Margaret...Conductor RICK MOORHE was happier than happy when he told us about the birth of his second boy, FRANK, born Jan. 25. Congratulations to the happy Moorhes. ... "Hi" to our newly-hired conductors: WAYNE SHEPPARD, REGINALD JOHNSON, MARVIN KELSEY, BRAMONDE WILLIAMS and JAMES SAPPINGTON... Chief Collector GEORGE DeYOUNG was very proud of his two sons, MARK and TODD, when their boy scout troop in Alsip won the scout contest among 26 other troops for excellency in safety aid... Motorman TONY JAGLA and his wife have been traveling again. This winter they went back to Hawaii. They said that's one of their favorite vacation spots, with the lovely weather and beautiful beaches when all the bikini-clad gals were sunning. Hawaii is really living, Tony said... We welcome Janitor CLARENCE HALBERT to Ashland Avenue... Along with happiness we always have sadness; that I guess is life. Two of our pensioners passed away: Retired Conductor EDWARD REIDY who lived in Florida, and Retired Agent BLOYCE SPARKS. Our sincere condolences to their families. .. Back to their posts and off the sick list are Motorman HENRY HARRIS, EDWARD MEANS and FRED GREGORY... Motorman HERMAN DUKES was commended by Superintendent STAN CHRIST for stopping his train in time before striking a man who had jumped onto the track at 55th Street... Received a card from PHAROAH (Mother-in-Law) CAIN who went down to New Orleans to see the Mardi Gras. Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife, who live in New Orleans, joined Pharoah in the celebration... Retired Agent RUTH LOVELL called to thank the co-

workers who sent her a beautiful plant when she returned from Colorado where she visited her daughter. She would also like to thank them for the many pension cards and calls... Motorman JOSEPH GRIF-FIN is on the sick list at this writing in Hines hospital, Maywood, Ill. Supervisor THOMAS KILL and Retired Yard Foreman JOHN LEMKE went up to see him. Joe says hello to all his co-workers and he would like to hear from them. He is in room 922-E, bed 32. You can check with 95th Street Terminal or me to find out if he's still there or at home... Conductor ALAN DEVER was jumping up and down with joy when he heard that he was in the millionaire's drawing of the Illinois lottery. He is assured of winning \$1,500. Everyone is happy for him. Alan transferred on Feb. 17 to the Maintenance Department as a trackman. Good luck on your new job... Our employees are really in the news. In the Sunday Tribune on Feb. 9, they had a big article and pictures of Conductor MARILYN JACKSON breaking in as a motorwoman. The article also had comments by Instructor MYRON WOODS on the training of women conductors and motorwomen. "Women are easier to train than men because they try harder 'cause they don't want anybody to say they can't handle the job," said Myron... My hubby, RON, and myself were invited and attended the North Side 'L' Federal Credit Union meeting and party at Johnnie Weigelt's hall. Also present were our South Side 'L' Credit Union president, CHARLES SPEARS and his wife, and EARL JONES, treasurer, and Earl's son and daughter-in-law. We sure had a good time. A buffet luncheon was served which was delicious. We saw and talked to many of our friends we haven't seen in a long time, and are now working on other sections. Talked to Treasurer HAL STAATS, who is on pension, and he looks good. Met and talked to former Transit News reporter from the West Section GRACE MOUNTS, now on pension, and her husband. She said she had been sick but is feeling good now. Our hats are off to Hal Staats, President HUGH HEGARTY and MAE CRONIN, who worked in the credit union, and all the officers for putting on such a nice affair... Our first woman conductor to qualify as motorwoman was LENA PHILLIPS. Congratulations to you, Lena, on doing such a good job and being the first... Received a letter from Retired Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER and his missus who live in Venice, Fla. Fred has lost about 30 pounds and is very slim and tan from riding his bike and swimming in the Gulf. They have had lots of company visiting them so they keep very busy... Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Our South Side 'L' Federal Credit Union will hold its annual meeting and party on Sunday, April 6, at Roberts motel, 333 E. 63rd Street, Room 501, at 1 p.m. Please try to attend and meet your credit union board of directors and all the committeemen, new and old, including me. A nice

buffet luncheon will be served. We want to get to know all the members and members-to-be personally. So if you have any problems you can contact any of us... Another New Orleans vacationer was Clerk ED GREEN who rode the train down to visit his mom who lives there... On the sick list at this writing are: Conductor WALTER LOFTLIN and Motorman JOE RAYBURN. Hope you two will be back to work shortly. .. Also heard that Retired Towerman PAT-RICK HICKEY is ill and was in the hospital for three weeks but is now home recuperating. Hope you rapidly regain your health, Pat... We are sure proud of our men who made the new supervisor's training school: Motormen LEON FEAGINS, DAVID CURRIN, WILLIE SMITH and NATHANIAL MOORE, and Switchmen CLEVELAND JACKSON and BERNARD TOWNSEND... Received a letter from Retired Conductor PAUL DUCAR and his wife, SADIE, from Lompoc, Cal. They are glad they decided to settle there, and said the weather there is perfect. They spent the holidays in Dallas, Texas, with their daughter and her family. They have had lots of relatives and friends visiting them, too, as they enjoy having lots of company. They have been traveling all over the State of California seeing all the sights. Our pensioners sure know how to live... An added footnote -- as of March 1, the South Side 'L' credit union will be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. So if you have any business or questions on other days, please contact one of the board members or committeemen and they will see that your message gets to our treasurer, EARL JONES.

- Verna Hartney

#### SOUTH SHOPS -

This column just has to start with news of Timekeeper ELAINE MCGREGORY winning \$100,000 in the Grand Slam lottery drawing on Friday, March 7. With all the excitement the office will never be the same again. Congratulations, Elaine! .. We extend our sympathy to GLENN ROSS in the death of his mother, EDITH, who passed away on Feb. 27... The South Shops won the safety award for the last quarter of 1974. Certificates good for \$10 were given to 19 of the men. Let's keep up the good work... Even the mini-bus is undergoing some changes. It has been painted and given a title, "0,1776 - Yankee Doodle." You can't say it isn't patriotic now... Good luck to HARRY POCES, Area 342, on his March 1 retirement. Harry has been off sick for a long while. We wish him much happiness and luck in his pensioned life... If you see JIM FELTZ with a smile on his face, it's only because of his new position. Jim is now a charter and record clerk. Congrats, Jim... Congratulations to DENNY ROHE on becoming a "daddy" for the second time when little GLENN ROBERT was born on March 1. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces

and measured 20 inches long. Glenn's mom, MARY, is formerly of the South Shops office. Glenn also made this scribe, JEANNE DIEHL, an aunt for the fourth time.

The shop news is that Sheet Metal Worker PATRICK NALLY and his wife, KATHLEEN, recently returned from a two-week vacation in Las Vegas. Pat says he lost quite a bit of money one evening on just one roll of the dice, and has been looking for some overtime ever since his return... Carpenter MAX KUCHAN gave his daughter, NANCY's, hand in marriage Feb. 8. The lucky guy is GEORGE URBAN and they were married at St. Gaul's Catholic church. . . Brake Department Foreman RUDY GOODE tells me that the Dyer, Ind., Little League Association is waking up after its winter nap and is starting to recruit players for their upcoming season... FRANK MAY is starting an all-girls softball league this summer. The girls will range in age from 9 to 17 years. Any fathers whose daughters might be interested and who live in Frank's neck of the woods should contact him in the Brake Department...Best wishes to get well go out to Machinists FRANK SOBZAK and JOSEPH SIRVID. Hopefully both will be out of the hospital by the time this article is published...Mr. and Mrs. JERRY MORIARTY recently vacationed in Hawaii. Jerry's son makes his home there and gave his parents the royal Hawaiian treatment during their two-week stay...To commemorate their 25th wedding anniversary, Machinist HOWARD BURRIS and his wife, GLADYS (who works at the Mart in Employment Placement), recently vacationed in Southern California and Mexico. Their vacation served a dual purpose when they visited their daughter and son-in-law in Los Angeles. Howard tells me that he is strictly a Budweiser man after tasting that Coor's beer out there...A big hearty welcome goes out to Electrical Apprentice JOSEPH BINKINS, formerly of Wilson Avenue. Welcome aboard, Joe.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

#### 52ND STREET -

Operator LARRY GENTRY has paid his last active dues. He retired on Feb. 1 with 30 years of service. Larry was given a nice send-off by his co-workers, and a big thanks goes to LAWRENCE PAGE for seeing that his leaving was not without notice. . . Former 52nd Street Receiver ERNIE POTENBERG is enjoying his long-awaited visit to Florida. We understand that his stay will be for about three months...Our newest sanitary engineer is JOHN BISHOP. He was No. 4 on our seniority list, and is fast learning the art of housekeeping. Here's hoping he can pick 52nd Street when the time comes...It was nice to see that some of our ladies (lady operators mind you) were able to stay at

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

BENJAMIN B. ALSTON, 62, Schedules, Emp. 6-24-42, Died 1-12-75  
VINCENT W. BELSKIS, 72, 69th Street, Emp. 11-24-25, Died 1-4-75  
CHESTER M. BIRD, 64, 77th Street, Emp. 7-15-37, Died 1-19-75  
ALEXANDER J. BISSING, 65, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-17-45, Died 1-30-75  
GEORGE R. BRYAN, 74, Schedules, Emp. 9-21-23, Died 1-18-75  
FREDERICK BUCKMAN, 89, Way & Struct., Emp. 9-25-11, Died 1-11-75  
JOSEPH CARNEY, 76, District A, Emp. 10-18-22, Died 1-16-75  
FRANK CIEZADLO, 83, West Shops, Emp. 4-16-20, Died 1-31-75  
THOMAS CONNELL, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 5-10-23, Died 1-26-75  
JOSEPH DUGO, 65, Engineering, Emp. 7-10-25, Died 1-20-75  
JOHN FAHEY, 76, South Section, Emp. 12-31-24, Died 1-20-75  
LEONARD GALLE, 60, Utility, Emp. 5-22-45, Died 1-13-75  
JOSEPH GASSER, 86, South Shops, Emp. 9-9-11, Died 1-31-75  
CORNELIUS GROEN, 84, Kimball, Emp. 11-1-44, Died 1-31-75  
ERNEST HAMILTON, 63, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-7-46, Died 1-10-75  
ISAAC HARRIS, 65, Engineering, Emp. 5-26-48, Died 1-17-75  
LEROY HASLAM, 57, Forest Park, Emp. 1-2-45, Died 1-20-75  
HAROLD JOHNSON, 74, West Section, Emp. 4-18-44, Died 1-18-75  
MICHAEL KEANE, 72, North Section, Emp. 1-9-28, Died 12-22-74  
MARIE KRAUSMAN, 82, Transportation, Emp. 5-14-20, Died 1-2-75  
FRANK KRPAL, 75, South Shops, Emp. 11-12-23, Died 1-10-75  
ERIC LAUSCH, 77, Stores, Emp. 9-8-19, Died 12-4-74  
RAYMOND MATERN, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-15-23, Died 1-23-75

JOHN McTIGUE, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 12-16-24, Died 12-25-74  
GEORGE MILLER, 72, Lawndale, Emp. 9-9-25, Died 1-25-75  
WILLIAM MURRAY, 75, Const. & Maint., Emp. 10-15-20, Died 1-16-75  
JOHN NEFELD, 87, 69th Street, Emp. 10-6-26, Died 1-24-75  
ARTHUR NELSON, 85, North Avenue, Emp. 9-28-21, Died 11-27-74  
JOHN O'DONNELL, 90, Kedzie, Emp. 11-10-25, Died 2-2-75  
FRANCIS PHILBIN, 86, Kedzie, Emp. 12-23-19, Died 1-19-75  
ALBERT POLENDER, 78, North Section, Emp. 7-18-44, Died 1-31-75  
LEROY RICHARDSON, 26, North Park, Emp. 8-11-62, Died 2-10-75  
CLAIR M. RODDEWIG, 71, Transit Board, Emp. 9-3-70, Died 2-23-75  
MYRON ROUBINEK, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 3-13-17, Died 1-6-75  
JOHN SOUTHWORTH, 80, Wilson Term., Emp. 4-4-24, Died 1-18-75  
MELVIN STOKES, 40, 77th Street, Emp. 4-14-60, Died 3-8-75  
JOHN STRAKA, 55, West Shops, Emp. 5-22-46, Died 1-4-75  
MILES STRICKLIN, 76, West Section, Emp. 6-7-26, Died 12-12-74  
DANIEL SULLIVAN, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 1-11-27, Died 1-28-75  
PATRICK SULLIVAN, 74, North Park, Emp. 6-24-29, Died 1-17-75  
HELGE SYVERTSEN, 94, Armitage, Emp. 7-24-19, Died 1-1-75  
GEORGE TOMS, 51, West Shops, Emp. 8-25-49, Died 1-21-75  
JOHN TURANO, 89, Way & Structures, Emp. 4-17-24, Died 1-24-75  
GEORGE VLASS, 53, Limits, Emp. 10-5-53, Died 2-17-75  
PATRICK WALSH, 86, Devon, Emp. 9-18-19, Died 12-30-74  
AXEL WENNERBERG, 72, North Section, Emp. 3-15-26, Died 12-30-74

52nd on the system pick, even though we lost some of our old timers. Operator STEPTOE went to Beverly as did Operator THEUSE who is a short timer; and Operators ALLEN and BATUPS went to 69th Street...At this writing our former station superintendent, JOHN LYNCH, is confined to Hinsdale hospital. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery and seeing you back on the job...Our credit union annual meeting was held on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Jubilee C.M.E. Temple church and was well attended although inclement weather prevailed. An estimated crowd of 85 was on hand and it shows that we do have interest in our credit union. Reports were given by ERNEST A. HILL, president; TYLER M. PHILPOTT, treasurer; ALVIN POTTS, assistant treasurer; ROBERT B. HOLMES, chairman of the credit committee, and

FRED B. POWELL, chairman of the supervisory committee. All reports were unanimously approved, especially the treasurer's report on the continued growth and progress made in the past year. Officers and members alike are to be congratulated for a job well done. The nominating committee consisted of DELORES WALKER, DUANE DOOLEY and WILLIAM A. MACK. Alvin Potts and Fred Powell were nominated and elected to serve on the board of directors for a four-year term. LAFAYETTE D. GARMONY was nominated and elected to serve as a member of the credit committee for four years. Prizes were awarded and refreshments were enjoyed by all. Among the honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. JAMES PATE, financial secretary-treasurer of Division 241; JOHN O'BRIEN, president, Division 241;

Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY BEY; OWEN HOSSENDORF and CHARLES WESLEY. It was gratifying to see Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES O'KANE and GERALDINE DAVIS at this affair. Each share account is now insured up to the maximum \$40,000, so increase your savings. All shares on record as of Dec. 31 earned a 6% dividend. You may increase your savings by contacting Philpott or Potts. The more you save, the more you earn. EUGENE T. JONES and "Sarge" Garmony will be our delegates to the Illinois Credit Union League annual convention on April 18 and 19. Some of our officials will also attend the Southwest Chicago Chapter Conference on March 13. ..Did WILL TAYLOR pick up Indiana again?...JIMMIE MOORE was seen with three empty shopping bags, and that started GEORGE STEPTOE to wondering...Attend your monthly union meetings and support our board members.

- John L. Hudson

#### 69TH STREET -

Our morning bus sign-in man, CHARLIE WILLIAMS, went to Memphis, Tenn., for a visit and caught enough catfish to put HARVEY BROCK to shame. When he came back Instructor O'DONNELL gave him a "Golden Tool" because he worked according to the "Golden Rule."..Sure wish that my good friend B. DONAHUE would see the light and have Scotty HIGGINS set up the rectangular table and not the round table...Someone has been filling my mail box with garbage instead of news. Thanks a lot, fellows...Who else but J. MURNANE would try to work his vacation...Has anyone seen a 1970 Chevrolet Impala, black and gold? H. SMITH had his stolen from in front of his home with almost a full tank of gas...One of my biggest helpers in writing this news is MEL ALEXANDER, editorial assistant of the Transit News. Did you know that Mel formerly worked at 69th for over 11 years before going to the Mart?...Instructor MAURICE O'DONNELL and his lovely wife, DOROTHY, celebrated 33 years of marital bliss on March 17. Their son also celebrated nine years of marriage on the same day and has four beautiful children...Is the rumor true that Pensioner HANK RISCH and WALLY were seen streaking through Marquette Park? Hank's too fat, so I don't believe it...I hear that SAM THOMAS and COLUMBUS GRAY went fishing in Wisconsin and caught about 300 pounds of white bass. They did leave a few, and are now holding fishing classes on Monday and Friday...MICHAEL J. GUTHRIE, the son of Instructor and Mrs. WILLIE GUTHRIE, will graduate from Harvard Law School on May 20. Willie has four other children in college: CHERYL and JOSEPH are attending Howard university in Washington, D.C.; CARLTON is attending the University of Pennsylvania graduate school, and CYNTHIA is at Spellman college in Atlanta, Ga. Congratula-

tions to all these wonderful people, especially mom and dad...FRED STAWINSKI moved his whole bar to Florida when he retired. His address is: 4208 W. Oakdale avenue, Holiday Lake Estates, Holiday, Fla. 33589...Also down Florida way was Pensioner JOE DAVIDSON who visited the Everglades National Park. May you and your wife travel forever in good health...I still don't know why Operator MONROE of 59th Street fame insists on calling Sarge EDWARDS, "Granny."..A personal friend of mine, CHARLES A. HAYNES, is planning to take his pension on April 1 after more than 27 years of service. Here's wishing you the best of health and happiness, Charlie. . . JOHN O'NEILL, the brother-in-law of Operator MITTLER, passed away after a long illness. To their loved ones we at 69th Street extend our deepest sympathy...MARC DAVISON, the son of Operator LATHIA DAVISON, was injured in an automobile accident. We all hope and pray that everything is alright now...Last but not least, our No. 1 seniority man, JACK WILSON, took his pension on March 1 after 41 years of service. May the good Lord give you 41 more years of good health and happiness, Jack.

From the repair department we hear that Pensioner FRANK WALSH paid a visit and really looks good after being retired for 18 years. Also paying a visit were Pensioners C. THOMA, BILL LORENZEN and RAY SCHEID who are doing well...HAROLD COFFEY, the 77th Street bus transfer man, took his pension on March 1 after 39 years of service. To Harold and Mrs. Coffey we wish to extend them many happy and healthy years of retired life...We all were glad to see JOE JANECKO back to work after his recent accident. And to JOE VOLPE we wish him a speedy recovery and a quick return to work...To those on vacation, JOHN VINE, H. LEWIS and CHARLIE WILLIAMS, here's hoping you have a wonderful time and a safe return. Charlie is where the sun shines always, the deep south...We were very happy to have PETE SZAFRANSKI return to us, and sorry to see BILL LAMBERT leave. Good luck to both of you...Congratulations to RALPH GRAGIDO and his wife who recently celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. We wish them many more years of happy marital bliss. Ralph is the night garage instructor here at 69th Street.

- Art Bussing & Jimmy Ahorn

#### 77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. I see the ladies have made themselves at home at 77th. I have never seen my fellow operators look sharper or more alert. I hope the ladies won't start hanging any curtains...From behind the cage I hear that Superintendent WILLIAM WHITENHILL is on vacation for three weeks. We know he is roaming... Chief Clerk ED KRAUSE was off for three

weeks, spending much of the time in Pittsburgh...Clerk CARL SMITH was off for two weeks loafing. Well, not the whole two weeks--just about two weeks...RALPH BELLAMY is sporting a new car. Where did you get all the money, Ralph?...After six weeks, RALPH BACHERRIELLO is back from North Avenue. Bah!..Nice to see Clerk FISHER back to work after a brief illness. He says he is happy to be alive...It was nice to see TIM HALL sitting in as temporary superintendent after being away for awhile...With the system pick coming up it seems as though we will be losing some of our lady operators...We're happy to see Mrs. COLEMAN back to work after her unfortunate experience...Well, the hunting season is coming to an end, and no one seems to have had much luck except M. PALMER and C. HENDRIX. Either they're putting us on, or they know the choice hunting spots and won't tell anyone. Well the fishing season isn't too far off, so we'll test their skills then...I would like to thank Clerk LAMBERT without whose cooperation the above item would not have been possible...Kudos to Operator



Charles E. Lowery

CHARLES E. LOWERY, a 2nd Lieutenant in the Avalon Park Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, Squadron 15, Illinois Wing, who was presented the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety award. Congratulations, Charles, and keep up the good work... Congratulations to

Operator KARL FLEMING upon his recent marriage to the former Miss DORIS VANCE. I would also like to thank them for the wedding reception invitation, and I regret deeply my absence at that affair... I'm very glad to see that Operator HENRY CHAMBERS finally made clerk...Operator BOOKER BYERS is doing everything possible to see that the up-coming marriage of his daughter, ELLEN, will be a very magnificent occasion...Operator JOHNNY WINSTON attracts a crowd everywhere he goes. Could it be the Mark IV?...I know I speak for all of my fellow operators when I express my deepest sympathy to Operator W. TOLBERT and his family in the loss of his father, WILLIAM TOLBERT Sr. ..I understand that there will soon be an election of union representatives and officials. I would like to say as a fellow operator and brother of Local 241, that there haven't been two harder working officials in the system than our board members at 77th Street, E. GRESHAM and A. BUTLER. I think they have earned our trust and deserve our support...How about three cheers for Operator JOHN CHANDLER who celebrated his (?) birthday on Feb. 27...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

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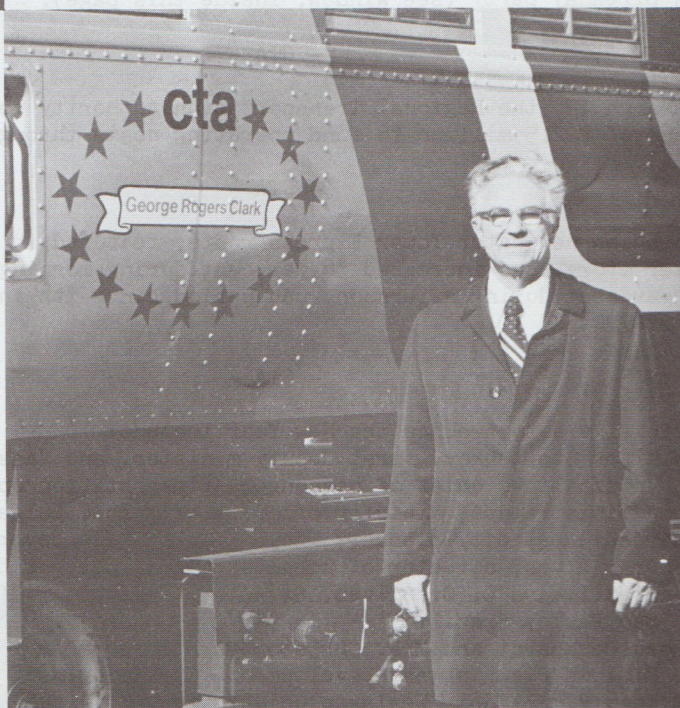
**THE BRITISH ARE HERE, PAUL REVERE!** Mrs. Doreen Killenger of Leister, England (in tweed coat), and members of the Mitchell Portugal family of Glenview and the George Portugal family of Columbus, Ohio, wait at the Skokie Swift's Dempster Street terminal for the Paul Revere Bicentennial train after its Feb. 22 dedication. The Portugals are brothers. Mrs. Killenger is Mitchell Portugal's mother-in-law and was visiting him, as were members of the George Portugal family. So the group trooped down to the terminal to ride with Revere. Mitchell is to Mrs. Killenger's right.



**ONCE A CTAer, ALWAYS A CTAer:** Here, Fred Feinendegen, 75, of 8105 N. Elmore Ave., Niles, a 40-year CTA employee when he retired in 1965, visits the inaugural run of the Paul Revere Bicentennial train Feb. 22. He talks with Motorman James D. Carroll at the Skokie Swift's Dempster Street terminal. The train is running on the Skokie Swift route.

**NAMESAKES --** George Rogers Clark, another Spirit of '76 vehicle, makes its debut on the West-Northwest route, and one of CTA's favorite pioneers, George Clark (too), is there for the launching. Our Clark retired on New Year's Day, 1974, after a 35 year career with CTA. He started as a test engineer, wound up his service with five years as Superintendent of Shops and Equipment. During his career, Clark served as chairman of the mechanical division administrative committee of the American Transit Association.

**THE \$100,000 LOOK!** This is how it is when you suddenly come into a hundred grand. Grand! Elaine C. McGregory, timekeeper at South Shops, has just checked her Grand Slam ticket (Friday, March 5, right after lunch) and found she had the \$100,000 number. Within minutes, the news had spread throughout the system. Within an hour, the media were at South Shops for interviews. Elaine and her husband's biggest plan for the money is a new home in Crete.



## what's news

Two "firsts" in the history of CTA's North-South rapid transit route are featured on pages of this Transit News. After 82 years of service, terminal-to-terminal signal protection became effective for the first time on Feb. 20 (see Cab Signaling-page 10) and the first motorwoman soloed March 7 (see story on debut-page 6).



New to the North-South -- cab signaling and motorwomen, too.

- CTA -

New heroes and heroines of the War for Independence period are riding the CTA routes this month as the result of Spirit of '76 vehicle christenings. Benjamin Rush is one, Alexander Hamilton is another. George Rogers Clark had an appropriate visitor for its birthday party (see Window, inside this page).

- CTA -

On March 13, the Regional Transportation Authority voted CTA a grant of \$22.5 million to fund operating costs through March 31.

- CTA -

Riding on new Water Tower Express route, featured in last month's cover story, has increased 36 per cent during morning rush period, 20 per cent during afternoon rush period since its inauguration Jan. 27.

- CTA -

Official visitors since the New Year include:

Nikifor Stoitchkov, first deputy minister, and Vassilev Nedyelko Vrpdzhaliev, chief of passenger transportation operations administration, Ministry of Transportation, Bulgaria.

Hiroshi Abe, city planner, Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

F.V.A. Alves, director of urban services, City of Diadema, Brazil, and L. C. Silvan, director, department of operations, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Ross Burkhardt and Mrs. Christopher Maloney, Mayor's Office of Midtown Planning and Development, New York, N.Y.

Students, Illinois Wesleyan university.

Students, Chicago Metro Center.

Students, Grand Valley State college, Grand Rapids, Mich.

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