

Big Umbrella Stand or, The Case Of The Lost You-Name-It

By Anit Leppiks

You find the doggondest things at the CTA lost and found.

Literally.

Items turned into any one of the CTA's ten rapid transit terminals and ten bus garages range from a dachshund to a doctor bag.

During 1974 alone, the CTA collected 2,170 pairs of gloves, 1,819 glasses, and 2,505 umbrellas. Purses were the most common item lost, the CTA found -- 3,247.

Other items common to CTA lost and found offices included CTA senior citizen passes, prayer books, keys, and portable radios.

More unusual lost articles included the often talked about but seldom seen bags of money, a live muskrat, and a 40-inch tall Congo drum. Also a baby carriage and the book, "Dracula."

Showers Bring Calls

While it is routine for a driver to pick up a book someone left on a bus seat, terminals such as Howard Street -- the radiating center for operating personnel who work as far south as 63rd Street, as far north as Wilmette, and as far west as Skokie -- take 30 to 40 calls a day for lost items. Those inquiries increase to 60 calls on a rainy day, when riders forget their umbrellas.

The agents taking these calls said people lose the most unusual items.

George Daubs, superintendent at the Forest Glen bus garage, talked about two purses found within two days of each other last year.

It was a clear sunny day when bus driver William White found a purse containing over \$300 on Milwaukee Avenue.

The next day, another driver, Edward Pinkowski, driving the same route as White, found a shopping bag full of rags and a small coin purse, containing over \$200.

Neither purse contained any identification.

International Incident

Another happy recovery involves a German tourist who left a camera bag containing a telephoto lens, tripod, and a shoebox full of exposed color film aboard one of the Congress-Milwaukee 'L' trains. When the bag was returned to

him in Germany, the delighted tourist sent a "thank you" letter to the CTA -- along with a check for the postage.

The 77th Street bus garage fed a parakeet ("Mike") for four years after it was found in a brown paper bag on a bus. No one ever called for the bird.

While it seems riders will lose and claim almost anything, which sex is more forgetful?

CTA agents agree it is women.

"Women tend to carry more -- handbags plus packages," explained Mike Veltri, superintendent of the Howard terminal.

Jim Walsh, superintendent of the Forest Park terminal, remembered a Roosevelt University student who lost her purse on the Lake Street 'L' train. The purse contained no identification; only an address book and school friends' pictures.

The purse was returned, but only after much hard work tracking down university students, through the pictures and the address book, to find the owner.

Two days later she left it on the 'L' again. But they were ready for her this time.

Case Lost, Almost

Of course, there are the "absent-minded professors" -- such as a North Side lawyer who leaves his briefcase aboard the Lake Street 'L' train about once a week. Luckily, it always has been returned, even though his loss could have cost the attorney a day in court.

Veltri explained that one night the lawyer asked a superintendent to unlock the lost and found office at 9 p.m. so he could get his briefcase in time for a court appearance the next morning.

Then there are things which you would think no one would ever lose -- such as a set of false teeth.

Angelo "Andy" Bianchini, chief clerk at the Howard terminal, remembered a man who came to the window one afternoon grumbling he lost his teeth.

"We had a set here and so we gave them to him, since his description seemed to fit.

"Next morning he (Continued Page 2)



Lost and Found (Continued)

was back, complaining toothlessly that we could keep our teeth -- they didn't fit!" said Bianchini.

What To Do When

Do all these losers help make CTA personnel more watchful of their own belongings? Definitely not.

"Well, I'll never carry a package. I'll stuff it into my pocket or I'll have it delivered," said Veltri.

Lexington and Concord Trains Celebrate April 19 'Shot'

Two more Spirit of '76 trains--the Lexington and the Concord--were placed in operation the weekend of April 18-19, to celebrate "the shot heard 'round the world." The Lexington, a one-car train, is on the Skokie Swift route. The Concord, also a single car, provides shuttle service on the Evanston-Wilmette rapid transit branch. The trains are named after the battles of April 19, 1775, which marked the start of the American Revolutionary War.

The sun was just above the horizon the morning of April 19, 1775, when a column of 600 to 800 British



For those of us whose pockets are not so roomy, Joseph Vodvarka, superintendent, administration, in the CTA's transportation support services, suggests a telephone call to the CTA -- 664-7200.

"Tell the operator what you lost, on which bus or rapid transit line you were traveling, the time, and date," he said.

"She will transfer you to the proper lost and found agent who will try to help retrieve your loss."

If you're lucky, as many hundreds are, the wayward article will be there waiting for you. If not -- you've learned a lesson.



regulars, on their way to seize military stores at Concord, approached 75 minutemen on the Lexington village green.

Realizing the big odds against them, Captain John Parker ordered his minutemen to disperse.

That was when someone -- no one knows who -- fired a shot.

The British troops began firing, and eight minutemen were killed and nine were injured.

For the British, the Lexington confrontation was the start of a nightmare trek to Concord, and then back to Boston, as minutemen from throughout the countryside kept up a barrage of sniper fire on the passing column of British regulars.

The British made it back, but the war was on.

southbound Jefferson Park train and discovered it was at the Racine Avenue station on the Eisenhower route.

"I wanted to go to the Loop and somehow had missed my stop," she said. "I quickly got off and discovered, to my horror, I had left my purse containing all my belongings on the train."

As the train pulled out of the station, she called to the conductor to please turn in her purse.

When she arrived at the Desplaines Avenue Terminal in Forest Park, her purse was waiting -- complete with savings and loan pass book for \$200 in deposits; \$36; a bus ticket to Valparaiso; her personal papers -- and her Sunday Super Transferpass.

Mrs. Hardesty learned of Daniels' identity when she went to see if it was at the lost and found. Daniels had filled out a report.

"I just had to telephone someone at the CTA to tell them about your super employees," she said.

Commendation Corner

Mrs. Virginia Hardesty of Valparaiso, Ind., thinks CTA conductors are super -- especially James Daniels. He helped Mrs. Hardesty get back her lost purse containing nearly \$300.

She telephoned the CTA to commend Daniels, 25, an employee since 1973.

Mrs. Hardesty, a domestic worker, said she enjoys using the CTA's Sunday Super Transferpass to sight-see in Chicago. One Sunday in March she was on a

Golden Words For Thousands Of Listeners

Tribute To Hogan Goes On Air

WITH ALMOST any retirement you naturally associate a gold watch, a savings bond, maybe a testimonial, and certainly a lot of handshaking.

Tom Hogan's retirement was no different.

He retired April 1 as superintendent of the Control Center. The party for him in the Center had all the usual fanfare -- except he never got a gold watch.

He got two testimonials though.

One was a bronze plaque mounted on walnut. It was admired and read by the more than 100 visitors who joined in on Hogan's sendoff.

The plaque read:

SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

PRESENTED TO

THOMAS P. HOGAN

In recognition of his 44 years
of outstanding leadership and devoted service

1931 — 1975

Chicago Transit Authority

The other testimonial couldn't be seen to be read -- and yet thousands heard it. It was broadcast on radios throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

Which explains the mysterious man with a tape recorder enjoying the festivities at the retirement party. He was Gary Lee, traffic reporter for WBBM News Radio 78.

Lee had learned to depend upon Hogan for factual information on the status of CTA's operations -- just as listeners depend upon Lee to learn if their bus or train is on time.

Lee's tribute to Hogan came every half hour at the end of each traffic report on the air during the evening rush hour on Monday, March 24.

And part of what his audience heard went like this:

"The name Tom Hogan may not sound familiar and that's understandable, because he is not a prominent person or a big newsmaker. But he is one of the most important people to the thousands of commuters who depend on the CTA...And Tom is retiring this week after 44 years."

Explaining why he started with the "L", Hogan said, "When I got out of high school I worked for a brokerage concern. I left school in '28, so of course '29 and '30 were not very good years in the brokerage business. My father was an old time conductor with the Rapid Transit, so he got me a job with the elevated in 1931."

Hogan continued, describing the computerized bus monitor which he saw come into play as one of many changes.

Lee added, "Despite these improvements keeping the trains and buses on time is no easy task...and anyone who rides them owes a bit of thanks to Tom Hogan and his co-workers."

It was a fitting climax for the career of Tom Hogan, who joined the CRT as a traffic checker on Jan. 20, 1931.

He later became a dispatchers clerk in 1936, train clerk in 1941, supervisor in 1951, line supervisor in 1956 and relief superintendent of the Control Center in 1967. Hogan became superintendent in January, 1971.

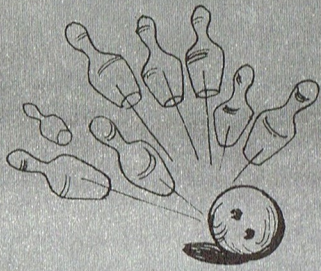
But, did he miss the gold watch? We think not.

Lee probably phrased it best when he said, "He's been living by the clock for 44 years, a gold watch is the last thing he needs now."



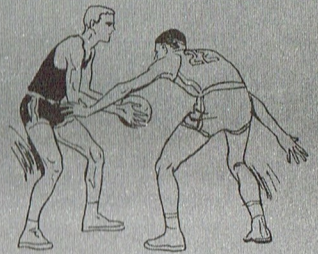
AT HIS retirement party, Tom Hogan is shown being interviewed by Gary Lee, WBBM Radio traffic reporter. At right, Hogan accepts one of many gifts--a portrait of himself--from Ralph Tracy, Service Director, as Lester Racker, Control Center area superintendent, looks on.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



Archer Bandits Are Bowling Champs

BY SCORING a big two-game win over the Baggers on April 11, the Archer Bandits cinched the championship of the 77th Street Operators Bowling League for the 1974-75 season.

With the season ending on April 25, three teams will battle it out for the second place spot: the Baggers, Pin Busters and George's Arco. Only two games separate these teams.

At a general meeting on April 13, election of officers for the 1975-76 season was held. Elected president for a third term was Calvin Pollard. Mike Kane was re-elected vice-president and Talmadge Ireland, treasurer. The new secretary is Frank Bailey and Luther Lee is sergeant at arms.

The bowling banquet will be held on May 9 at Palisades Bowl beginning at 9 p.m. Trophies and prize money will be awarded at that time. President Pollard is asking that everyone attend. The dinner begins promptly at the scheduled time.

77TH STREET OPERATORS BOWLING LEAGUE

Teams	W	L	Pct.
Archer Bandits	70	29	.707
Pin Busters	62	37	.626
Baggers	60 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$.607
George's Arco	60	39	.606
Late Comers	54	45	.545
Clippers	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$.544
Golden Arms	52	47	.525
Centurions	51	48	.515
Boozers	50	49	.510
Spartans	47	52	.475
Thunderballs	46	53	.465
Poppers	41	58	.414
Road Runners	40	59	.404
Toppers	39	60	.384
Rotators	34	65	.343
Tranquilizers	32	67	.323

Grant Park Golf Tournament Planned

THE GRANT Park Recreation Association, the organization through which our summer softball league is staged, will hold its annual "Golf Outing" on Wednesday, May 16, at Cog Hill Country Club, Lemont, Ill.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$8.50, and if you wish to attend the dinner following there will be an additional fee of \$7.00.

Entry blanks for the tournament are available by contacting Mel Alexander on Extension 811 in the Mart. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Basketball Championship To Archer Station

FOR THE second year in a row, the Archer Station cagers are the champions of the CTA Sports Program basketball league.

In the final game with Kedzie Station on April 4, Archer trailed the half and a loss would have created a three-way tie for first place. Coach Bankston gave his men a pep talk at the intermission, and it did the trick.

In the second half Captain John Reynolds who had scored only 6 points in the first half, came back to score 16 points which was enough to pull in front, win the game and the championship.

North Side 'L' and 69th Street Station each with a 13-2 record, finished in a tie for runner-up position.

Due to the length of the season, the league was unable to schedule a playoff as they have in the past. It was decided at the beginning of the campaign that the team winding up in first place would be declared the champions for 1974-75.

The Sports Committee would like to extend a very special thank you to each player, captain, coach and manager for a very exciting season. And to Coach Hubert Bankston of Archer, our congratulations to you and your fine team.

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In This Corner . . .
Champions, Yesterday and Today
 By W. B. Wolfan
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COMPARISONS IN sports are odious primarily because there is no way to specifically prove any conclusion. But it is a fascinating pastime just the same.

Let's look at two title fights--38 years apart.

The first one--The Time, June 1937; The Place, Comiskey Park; The Principals, Joe Louis and Jim Braddock--for the heavyweight championship.

The second one--The Time, March 1975; The Place, Cleveland Coliseum; The Principals, Muhammed Ali (nee Cassius Clay) and Chuck Wepner--for the heavyweight championship of the world.

I saw Louis win the title from Braddock and also covered Braddock's training camp, I suppose that gives me an edge over those who never saw Joe fight.

My candid opinion of both men is that Muhammed Ali ranks as one of the best, but not in a class with Louis.

Now for my reasons--in the first place a heavyweight like Chuck Wepner would never have lasted three rounds against Louis.

Joe made mincemeat of that kind of opposition, and didn't waste time.

Fighters with any chance against Louis had to get on their bicycle and stay out of range of that lethal punching power.

Billy Conn did exactly that for nearly 13 rounds,



JACK DEMPSEY, world heavyweight champion and the one many experts rate as the greatest of modern times, as he looked during the peak days of his boxing career. Others rate Joe Louis, Detroit's famed Brown Bomber, as a champion on a par with Dempsey. It's a matter of opinion. (Photo Courtesy CHICAGO TRIBUNE)

and Conn was a superb boxer. His handlers told Conn to stay away from Joe, and stay away he did while piling up points with his left jab. Conn followed instructions until the roof fell in the 13th. His early lead was meaningless with Conn out cold on the canvas. Conn was ahead on points for 12 rounds of the classic battle.

Louis won the title from Braddock in Chicago after Braddock had beaten Max Baer for the championship in one of the biggest boxing upsets of all time. No one could afford to clown with the cagy Braddock, and Baer did with disastrous results.

But in the fight with Louis, Braddock was up against a machine. He absorbed murderous punishment before Louis mercifully ended the bout by knockout in the sixth round.

I was among the writers polled in advance of the Louis-Braddock title bout and picked Braddock to win by decision. I was warned about the Bomber's ability but didn't listen.

Fighters of the caliber of Chuck Wepner do not belong in a championship bout. He's a club fighter, nothing more. It's true, however, that the greatest of champions have their off nights, and perhaps Ali had a bad one against Wepner. But bad night or not, he should have been able to stop his opponent in the early rounds.

Louis at his peak was perhaps one of the finest heavyweights of all time--certainly one of the greatest. A few years ago I talked with Jack Sharkey, the ex-Boston gub who held the heavyweight title, and the only man to fight both Jack Dempsey and Louis. Sharkey rated Dempsey the greatest and Louis right behind the Manassa Mauler. He had faced both men in the ring and that qualified him to express his opinion. What a fight that would have been if Dempsey and Louis had come along the same time. Each with devastating punching power and the killer instinct inherent in both men.

Ever since the retreat from the golden age of sports, there isn't any doubt that boxing has led the way in a rush toward over-commercialization. The Ali-Wepner bout is an example of the money craze.

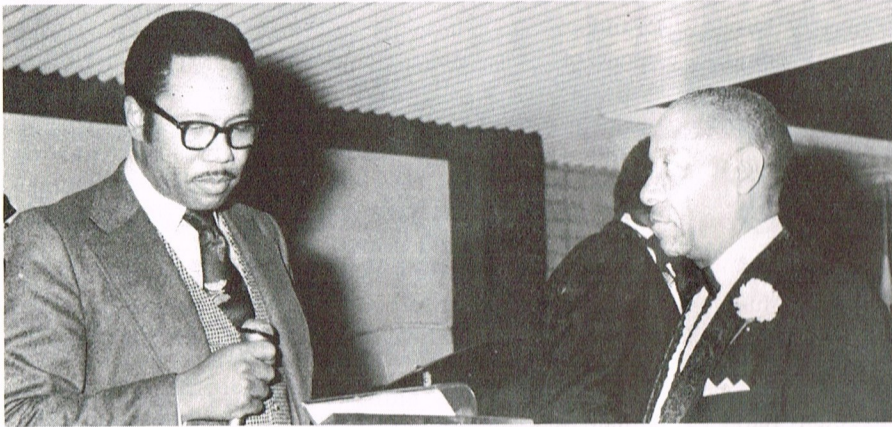
Today the commercial interests call the timeouts in the pro football games, so the announcer can get in his licks for the sponsor. The closed circuit people show fights featuring athletes like Wepner who wouldn't have been able to draw 500 people into the Garden in the Mike Jacobs' era.

The hungry fighter, the athlete who chose sports as his main interest in life--they're long gone. Today's athlete is a million dollar business man.

Nostalgic comparisons of ring champions must take a backseat to the ultimate conclusion--that as long as the suffering public is willing to fork over the buck, the Chuck Wepners will earn more than they would have been paid for a Garden preliminary bout. Meanwhile old timers pine for yesterday--when boxing was boxing--and Henry Armstrong held three world championships, all at one time.

Club **77** Retirees From Noted CTA Garage Honor Their Own

By Betty Edwards



Plato Bibbs, right, the first Black hired in CTA operations (as a surface line worker), listens to Area Superintendent Harold Reddick as he reads the inscription on plaque presented to Bibbs by the "Men of 77th" during their recent dinner party held in honor of the 1974 retirees from 77th Street. Bibbs, the "Jackie Robinson of CTA," started with the old Chicago Surface Lines in 1942 and retired in 1973. At the time of his retirement he was a supervisor. The more than 300 CTA employees, their mates and friends gave Bibbs a standing ovation as he approached the podium to receive his award.

RETIREMENT PARTY or homecoming, whatever you want to call it--it is a real tribute to CTA esprit de corps when the workers from a CTA department or garage want to get together with former associates to renew old times --and to welcome the latest group of members to their own retirement club.

Such was the case recently at a restaurant on the South Side.

"The Men of 77th," a group of bus operators and superintendents at the CTA's 77th Street Station, rolled out the red carpet for some of their former co-workers who retired last year.



All together once again were the 1974 retirees from the CTA's 77th Street Station who were honored during a dinner party held at the Club Allegro. From left to right are Joseph Dwartz, Benjamin Beach, Tony Williams, Arthur Habich, Leonard Brezek, Plato Bibbs, William Flynn and Roby McKay. All of the men were presented with plaques for their years of outstanding service with CTA.

It was quite an event. Distinguished guests from the Regional Transportation Authority and the Department of Public Works were present.

There was dancing after dinner to music of Lucius Bell and his Eight Notes.

Also on hand with wives to congratulate the retirees were new CTA Manager of Personnel Fred King; Carl Gibes, director of personnel in the Transportation Department; George Riley, director of support services in Transportation; Frank Vitek, assistant superintendent at 77th; J. C. White, assistant area superintendent, far south, and others named in captions.



Enjoying an evening filled with tributes to the 1974 retirees from the CTA's 77th Street Station, from left to right, are Frank Wsol, station superintendent, 77th Street; Marshall Suloway, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, City of Chicago; Mrs. Frederick G. King and her husband who is Manager of Personnel.



Making a cross-country trip for the event of the year was Johnny Knerr, left, who retired last year from 77th Street as station superintendent. Knerr and his wife are now living in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Here he is shown with Leonard Brezek whose career with CTA began in January, 1947. He retired in February as a traffic supervisor.



Transportation was the topic of conversation as the James Kems and Marshall Suloways took time out during the first annual retirement dinner sponsored by the "Men of 77th." From left to right are Mrs. Kemp; Suloway, who is Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, City of Chicago; Kemp, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) board member who has been named liaison to the CTA from RTA; and Mrs. Suloway. Suloway was named to the Chicago Transit Board by Mayor Richard J. Daley to fill the vacancy created when Milton Pikarsky was elected chairman of the RTA.

The CTA Chef

Spaghetti and meatballs don't have to come from a can to be quick and convenient.

Mary Boski, Secretarial Assistant, General Operations Division, makes a spaghetti

sauce, which, if not eaten in one serving, will freeze easily.

Most important, says Ms. Boski, is that her recipe is authentic. Germane to Ricigliano, a small mountain village southeast of Naples, Italy, Sauce Italiene is a likely candidate for the twice weekly pasta feasts many Italian families still observe.

Furthermore, the recipe has a number of optional additions that let you choose your own taste.

Sauce Italiene (8-10 servings)

Note: At least two different meats (browned first) must be used to give the sauce flavor.

Saute: 1 small onion (sliced)
1 clove garlic (or 1 teaspoon dry garlic powder or $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon dry minced garlic)

Add: 1 small can tomato paste plus 1 can water using paste can
2 small cans (or 1 large can) tomato sauce
1 large can tomato puree plus 1 can water using puree can
2 tablespoons basil
2 tablespoons parsley flakes
2 teaspoons salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon fennel seed (if no Italian sausage is used but if pork neck bones are used)
1 tablespoon olive oil (if no pork or stewing chicken is used)

Simmer with meat 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Sauce Italiene is a basic sauce to be used with pastas such as fettuccine, lasagne, and manicotti, to name a few. In this version, Tuscany meatballs and Italian sausage are served with spaghetti. Top with parsley and sprinkle with grated ricotta cheese.



If sauce needs to be thinned, use water that pasta is cooked in.

Meats to cook in sauce (use any two):

- 1 pound beef (meat balls, neck bones)
- 6 to 8 pork neck bones
- Small chicken (stewing has more flavor)
- 6 to 8 lamb neck bones
- 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound Italian sausage

Meat Balls (Origin: Tuscany)

- 1 pound ground beef (or $\frac{1}{2}$ pound ground beef and $\frac{1}{2}$ pound ground pork)
- 2 slices soft bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons grated Romano or Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon oregano
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 egg (well-beaten)
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion

Shape into 1" balls. Brown in 2 tablespoons olive oil (spoon out fat as it collects) or broil meat balls until brown. Add to sauce.

To accompany her main course, Ms. Boski makes a tossed salad. Ingredients include any kind of lettuce, such as romaine or endive lettuce, a sliced marinated artichoke heart, black pitted olives, any kind of canned vegetable, including pickled baby beets, and avocado. Dress with vinegar and oil and sprinkle with fontina cheese.

Serve with warm Italian bread and a full bodied wine.

For dessert, Ms. Boski recommends an Elmer's Sundae, a chocolate walnut sauce poured over a scoop of vanilla ice cream. The sauce hardens so that it is like eating an ice cream bar, only much richer.

Straining the spaghetti.



Visit With
Dr. Mosny

Tooth Decay And Gum Disease

Transit News *Family Fare*

Editor's Note: With a new dental insurance plan in effect for CTA employees wishing to take advantage of it, we thought dental care would be a logical subject for Dr. Mosny to write about.

DENTAL CARIES and gum disease should be the concern of both the family physician and the dentist. Some systemic diseases such as diabetes increase the breakdown of dental structures and thereby increase an individual's susceptibility.

The dentist plays a major role in dental care, but for prevention, each person must assume the primary responsibility by brushing, flossing and following recommended diets. The dentist mainly treats the end result of poor oral hygiene and practice.

An important point to remember is that 50 per cent of us become toothless by the age of 65 and this could have been prevented. An understanding of the development of tooth decay and gum disease will help us to prevent the disease processes.

Dental Caries (Cavities)

Tooth decay is the most common dental problem and is the result of a combination of factors which destroy the tooth enamel. The initial and most important factor is plaque formation. Plaque is a sticky colorless film which forms on the teeth and originally comes from the saliva. Bacteria grow in this plaque, using sugar and food particles as nutrients.

Acid formation is a result of bacterial activity. The plaque hastens decay by holding the acid against the tooth for long periods of time.

The susceptibility of the tooth enamel to decay determines the rapidity with which this will occur.

Gum Disease

Pyorrhea also begins with plaque formation along the gum margins. Eventually, calcium salts from the saliva mineralize and a calculus of stony consistency results. Bacterial activity produces a variety of by-products which lead to gum inflammation and destruction. Finally, degeneration of the supportive structures of the teeth occur. In addition, the hard calcified plaque acts as a mechanical irritant during chewing or brushing and thereby causes local irritation and bleeding of the gums.

Eventually, the gum separates from the tooth and results in the formation of pockets adjacent to the teeth. These serve as collecting areas for food debris and infection causing the gum disease to progress more rapidly. With destruction of the supportive structures of the teeth, the tooth becomes loosened and finally falls out.

Prevention

Good oral hygiene by proper brushing and flossing will prevent plaque formation and acid production which cause tooth decay and pyorrhea. Avoidance of sugars is also important.

Brushing - A properly used manual toothbrush is recommended. Select a soft nylon toothbrush with rounded bristles and a head that fits comfortably in your mouth. Vertical stroking of the teeth and the gum margins in a direction away from the gums is recommended. All surfaces must be brushed thoroughly.

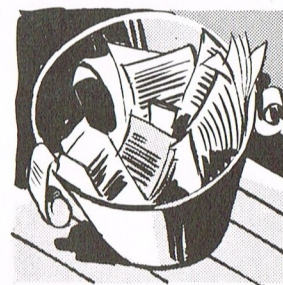
Flossing - In order to remove plaque and food debris from between the teeth, dental floss should be used at least once a day.

Nutrition - Avoid processed sugars and food containing such sugars both at meal-time and as snacks. The amount of sugar is not the im- (Continued Page 11)

THE FAMILY LAWYER

Waste Basket Evidence

Detectives suspected that Murray, staying in a downtown hotel, was involved in illicit gambling. One evening they checked the contents of his waste basket after it had been removed from the room by a maid. Sure enough, they found telltale numbers slips.



When the case came to court, Murray's lawyer objected to this evidence on grounds of "unreasonable search and seizure." He pointed out that the detectives had no warrant to search the waste basket.

But the court found the evidence admissible and Murray guilty.

"Once the discarded items were outside of the room," said the court, "they were in the public domain."

As a rule, the constitutional protection against unreasonable search and seizure does not apply to articles that have been abandoned. This is true even though they were abandoned under the pressure of pursuit.

In another case a speeding motorist, noticing a police car following him, tossed a package of narcotics out the window into an open field.

Police retrieved the package. And again, a court ruled that the evidence was valid. The court said the man had clearly abandoned possession of the package before the police picked it up.

But there must also be an intent-to-abandon. Another man, sitting in a taxi, dropped a box of pills on the floor when a policeman walked up. Here too the officer seized the box.

In these circumstances, however, a court decided later that the box could not be used as evidence. The court said that although it had been laid aside momentarily, it was still within the man's reach—still, for all practical purposes, within his possession.

"An occupied taxicab," observed the judge, "is not to be compared with an open field."

An American Bar Association public service feature by Will Bernard.

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AT HIS retirement party, Thor Haaning was surrounded by Administrative Services staffers who contribute to production of Transit News. From left, John Gritis, Adele Monson, Thor, Joan Fitzgerald and Art Tonner.

Transit News 'Publisher' Retires

TRANSIT NEWS lost one of its foremost supporters April 1 when Thor Haaning retired.

As a loyal reader? After overseeing the production of more than 70 million magazine pages now he should be able to scan a single copy at a more leisurely pace.

For the benefit of his knowledge, experience, and willingness to help, however, his absence will be felt dearly by the entire magazine staff. Haaning has been the "publisher" of Transit News since January 1962.

He inherited the job when CTA management was forced to cut costs and cancel engraving and printing contracts.

Printing and collating has since been done in CTA's own print shop located in the Merchandise Mart.

In the capacity of director of administrative services, Haaning managed the Duplicating Services Unit as well as the Photographic Services Unit.

The latter takes all CTA photographs and also processes negatives for the offset printing process used by Transit News.

A skilled photographer himself, Haaning took many of the pictures used to adorn front covers of Transit News.

Needless to say, countless others learned to depend upon Haaning too. His 39 years of service produced many friends within CTA, as was evidenced by the nearly 200 fellow workers who honored him at a luncheon or contributed to his retirement gift.

Haaning started on the rapid transit as a station watchman on New Year's Eve in 1935. After ten years as a trainman he transferred to the General Office as a photographer in 1948.

Placed in charge of CTA's reproduction services in 1961, Haaning was appointed director of administrative services last April.

Well - -

Hello, Dollies!

CTA's switchboard girls are doll lovers.

Eva Marcin, who's been on the CTA phone for 14 years, has been collecting dolls for 20. They are dressed in authentic national costumes from 19 countries and 11 states.

One is an egg carton doll from Pennsylvania. Her biggest doll, from Hawaii, is nine inches tall. Her smallest doll (five inches high) is made of blue and white seashells from Florida.

"I never played with dolls when I was a kid," Mrs. Marcin says, "but I do talk to them now, especially when I dust them."

Maybe there's something about a switchboard that causes the urge to collect something besides rings. Our head switchboard operator, Menetta Ferrari, collects clowns, continuing a hobby begun by her late husband.



Eva Marcin's doll collection has almost as many nationalities as the U.N. Here's a closeup on Eva and a sample of the variety. Below, Menetta Ferrari with some of her clowns, oils and sculpture.



Dawes!

That's The Spirit in Evanston



Dawes is a big name in Evanston.

The Charles G. Dawes home, on Sheridan Road, is the headquarters of the Evanston Historical Society.

Charles G. Dawes was Vice President of the United States from 1924 to 1929 in the administration of President Calvin Coolidge.

His great grandfather, William Dawes, was one of the lesser celebrated heroes of America's War for Independence.

In fact, Dawes finished the ride Paul Revere started through the Massachusetts Bay Colony countryside to warn villagers and farmers that "the British are coming."

Says George Krambles, originator of the CTA's Bicentennial Spirit of '76 fleet: "As a patriot on horseback on the eve of the battle of Lexington and Concord, William Dawes has never been given equal billing. He had no Henry Wadsworth Longfellow for a press agent."

So, what's more natural than to remedy this by naming the first '76er on the Evanston-Wilmette elevated branch the William Dawes. The train went into operation on March 20.

William Dawes, who was a humorous shoemaker, is credited with having been more effective in getting past British guards at checkpoints on the night of April 18, 1775, for his ride to Lexington. Often posing as an intoxicated peddler, Dawes had won the friendship of the guards.

Dawes also was conspicuous for wearing cloth-covered buttons when brass buttons were in vogue. He hid gold coins inside the buttons to smuggle them for the Revolutionary cause. Among other exploits, he also smuggled two cannons out of Boston.

While favoring the William Dawes for the Evanston service, the CTA has not overlooked Revere in its Spirit of '76 program. The Paul Revere train began operating recently on the Skokie Swift route.

Teeth (Continued)

portant factor but it is the frequency with which it is used. Each exposure to sweets will produce 20 to 30 minutes of acid production. Sugar by itself does not cause tooth decay but when combined with poor oral hygiene it becomes a vital factor. There is some evidence that protein, Vitamin C and Vitamin A have a protective influence in gum disease.

Good oral hygiene from a diet standpoint includes liberal use of raw fruit and vegetables, unsweetened

juices, diet drinks, milk and tomato juice. Peanut butter is a good snack food.

Flouridation - Flouride helps tooth enamel resist tooth decay. The most practical way of providing it is by adding it to a community's water supply.

Dental Care - Plaque removal, surgical removal of damaged gums, correction of abnormal biting occlusions, replacement of missing teeth by partial bridge work and use of space maintaining techniques are all procedures which a dentist will utilize to arrest tooth decay and gum disease.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

Congratulations to Dispatcher and Mrs. WILLIAM TAYLOR on their 39th wedding anniversary, and to Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH FREEMAN on their 43rd wedding anniversary...Our wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to LARRY HEARD, the son of C. HEARD, who broke his arm; to GEORGE KUBIN who is convalescing from his illness; to GRANT JONES who is convalescing from his accident, and to Collector CHARLES JONES who is recovering from his operation. Operator D. E. STUKENBERG has returned to work after being off for five months...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to Operator MARTIN McMAHON in the passing of his mother; to Operator E. L. SANDIFER in the passing of his father, and to the family of Retired Supervisor ARTHUR MURPHY who passed away...Good luck to CHESTER KRAJEWSKI who took his pension March 1, and to W. A. (Pickles) WEINMAN who retired April 1. Enjoy your retirements, gents, and the best of everything to you...Spring is here, so please watch for children playing and riding their bikes...ERNEST P. PHELPS has transferred to the Schedule Department as a traffic checker. Good luck in your new assignment...Our basketball team is hotter than a depot stove in January with a 9-1 win-loss record. Coach H. BANKSTON is very happy with the team performance. Keep up the good work, gents, we are proud of you. Can't forget the bowling team -- they are out there every Friday night keeping Archer Station on top. Thanks, again, we appreciate what you are doing for Archer...AUSTION WOOLFOLK, president of the credit union, wishes to thank the members for attending the 37th annual meeting that was held at McKinley Fieldhouse on March 16. After reading the annual report, there were discussions on how to improve the service of the credit union by the members. It was a great day for everyone, and we hope to see you there next year. Guests were Retired Superintendent MYLES and BEA HARRINGTON, ROBERT QUETSCHKE of the Mart, Area Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER, Assistant Superintendent JOHN PETROSIUS and JOE STEWART of Archer. Also JOHN F. O'BRIEN, president of Division 241; Mr. and Mrs. JAMES A. PATE, treasurer of Division 241; JOHN F. TIFFY, secretary of Division 241; ROBERT HOLMES, and Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST HILL, president of 52nd Street credit union. We can't forget Pensioner FRANK SUMMERS who was looking great. The following gentlemen were elected to the board of directors: President AUSTION WOOLFOLK; Vice

President FRED OLSEN; Treasurers BRUNO KAMIEN and JOSEPH KUBICKI; Directors JOHN KOCHER, WALTER ZELIS and FRED BACKE. Save with your credit union.

- Owen Hosendave

CTA SECURITY -

The new face in the office is that of TERRY SWEENEY who transferred to us from the Maintenance Department. Nice to have you aboard, Terry, and hope you enjoy your stay here...Your scribe is now in possession of a new name and roommate. I was married on March 8 to BOBWASSON who works out of the 77th Street Depot. We spent our honeymoon at Disney World in Florida, and it was absolutely fantastic...A warm welcome is also extended to JACK DONOHUE and JACK SHEEHY who transferred to our department from Special Investigations.

- Pat Wasson

DATACENTER -

VIC JOHNSON and his family just returned from their fly/drive trip to California--San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. The next home he buys, says Vic, will be in Monterey. Wonder if the Monterey Transit Authority has an opening...JIM GRIFFIN tells of his recent elbow-rubbing with Sammy--Davis Jr. that is. Jim was on the Stateliner 149 last week when Sammy Davis jumped on and began to entertain the passengers. Talk about cheap entertainment...Would you believe that MARY GRACE CASTRO edged Zsa Zsa Gabor into a Ginniss corner. Mary Grace and her fiancé were choosing tuxedos when Zsa Zsa arrived to fit her "darling" husband. Both women chose the same tuxedo. What taste.

- Evelyn Leu

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

Super cop ROBERT ALBRECHT is off to California on a one-week vacation. I don't know how anyone could cram a vacation, all the way to the West Coast, into one week. Bob would be the first to try it...A number of our promising signal helpers were recently promoted to journeymen. They are: ART COLI, JOE ROMBOUT, ELIJAH WILSON and HOWARD YOUNG. Being signal maintainers now, these men are taking on more interesting responsibility. Congratulations, fellows...PAT STAUDT is back on the job after being off for a month recuperating from a back ail-

ment. CHARLIE SEMON filled in as foreman of the gang and kept things running smoothly in Pat's absence. Charlie gave me a "no comment" on filling in for Pat. I guess he figured there must be better things to write about...Did I say anything about FRANK BONK who is still off sick? You know he had an operation to correct a stomach disorder. Just don't you worry, he is eating well and often. There is still a lot of Bonk left there...We regretfully report the death of ELIZABETH BARTA, the mother of Signalman RICHARD GAVRYS. We offer our deepest sympathy in your hour of sorrow and trust that our prayers will help strengthen you in your time of need...Back at work and glad of it, is ART LOWDER. He was off work for a long time with a broken leg. Glad to see you back, Art...Want to know what happened to Retired Signal Maintainer CLARENCE ZAKE on the night of the corned beef and cabbage dinner? Clarence told me he just didn't feel up to it, and just wanted to spend a quiet evening at home with his wife. Nothing wrong with that. Clarence attends this affair regularly, but was noticeably missing that night...Signal Maintainer FRANK HALPER, who has had much success in his bid to stop smoking by attending a stop smoking clinic, is now entering into another area of concern. The same non-profit organization that sponsored the stop smoking clinic is now sponsoring a type of program that deals with the care of the heart called "Heart Beat." The program is affiliated with a hospital and is highly recommended by Frank and his wife, DOROTHY. A physical and information gathered by an interviewer is the determining factor whether you are heading toward an eventual heart failure or heart trouble in later years..."Get well soon" is what all the guys here are saying to CLYDE YOUNT who was hospitalized but is now up and on his feet. That's the way to do it, Clyde...Retired Signal Foreman PATRICK J. DOYLE and his wife were guests recently at a stockholders

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JOINING THE ranks of the retired on April 1 were the three employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



J. A. JANKAUSKIS
48 Years



J. R. CHRISTOI
45 Years



J. G. DUNDOVICH
45 Years

LOCK. Our condolences are also extended to Mrs. F. BARNES in the death of her husband, Operator FRED BARNES, who passed away on March 18...To everyone having a birthday or anniversary in the month of April, we send our best wishes for many, many more...To all the operators on the sick list, we wish you well and a speedy recovery. Hope to see you all back to work real soon...Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday...To all the operators who made the "Employee of the Year" list, congratulations. Let's make the list really grow.

- Raymond Graham

NEW PENSIONERS

JOSEPH BOBKO, Carpenter A, South Shops, Emp. 7-6-48
WILLIAM BRACH, Carpenter, Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-1-45
JOSEPH CHRISTOI, Elec. Worker A, Building Maintenance, Emp. 8-20-29
AUSTIN CRAYCRAFT, Serv. Truck Chauff., Utility, Emp. 9-6-35
JOHN DUNDOVICH, Electrical Worker, Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-20-30
THOMAS DUNNE, Pers. Investigation, Special Investigations, Emp. 5-13-46
DON EDWARDS, Line Truck Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 7-6-39
BEATRICE FRANKE, Invoice Clerk II, Accounting, Emp. 9-17-51
THOMAS GRIFFIN, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-18-37
THOR HAANING, Director, Administrative Services, Emp. 12-31-35
JOHN HALL, Operator, North Park, Emp. 1-10-36
CHARLES HAYNES, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 2-24-48
THOMAS P. HOGAN, District Supt., Control Center, Emp. 1-20-31
JOSEPH JANKAUSKIS, Painter A, South Shops, Emp. 3-11-27
JOHN KLIMA, Service Truck Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 7-29-41

CARL J. LACHNER, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 2-13-43
THOMAS LYONS, Motorman, North Section, Emp. 1-27-43
EDWARD MERK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-8-44
SALVATORE MILAZZO, Car Repairman, Foster Maint. Terminal, Emp. 3-9-50
JOHN MILLER, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-10-42
CHARLES O'CONNOR, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-5-65
FRANK PASCHE, Chief Clerk, North Avenue, Emp. 9-23-35
ELIZABETH RUSSO, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 3-13-47
ELEANOR SHALLBETTER, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 8-15-64
CLARENCE SPINDLER, Trackman I, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 11-28-45
GEORGE SULLIVAN, Box Puller, Kedzie, Emp. 3-30-42
WILBERT WEINMAN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-10-40

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

CORNELIUS JONES, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 2-24-49
LARRY MANter Sr., Collector, Limits, Emp. 12-13-56
NEIL SULLIVAN, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 11-14-45
SAMUEL TRICHE, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 7-6-44

GENERAL OFFICE -

DAVE BARROWMAN, retired since 1964, died in March in Loretta, Wis. He worked in Accident Prevention...JOHN BLUM has joined Public Safety and MARIO McMANUS has joined Personnel Development, both as graduate trainees. Welcome aboard...JO FELDMAN has asked us to be sure and extend her thanks for the thoughtfulness of the CTA people during her time away from work recuperating...MIKE SMITH has left Personnel Development and returned to South Shops. We all wish him well...DENNIS MURPHY, Marketing, just returned from a two-week trip in the West driving his new car. He came back sporting a beard...We were sure glad to see AILEEN MADDEN back in Executive after a lengthy rest. Welcome back...In the Medical Department, we wish the best of birthday greetings to HARRY SOREGHEN who will be older on April 25 and EARL BOYD who is getting to look younger April 16... Among those taking retirements recently in the Mart was GEORGE BENSISH, audit clerk III in Internal Auditing, who is shown accepting a gift from Comptroller SAMUEL P. MILLER (left). George had over 37 years with CTA, the last 11 of which were in the General Office. Before that George was a bus operator at Forest Glen.



Miller & Bensish

meeting and dinner given by the Metropolitan "L" federal credit union. They had so much fun they were still chuckling about it several days later when I talked to them. It seems it wasn't just the dancing that kept them out until midnight, but many of their old friends they met. Seated at their table were: JOHN CURRY, Illinois director of credit unions, who was also the guest speaker; Retired Signal Maintainer FRANK GUAGENTI and his wife, LOUISE; Mrs. MAE GRIFFITHS, the 80-year old mother of PATRICK GRIFFITHS, and Mr. MCCARTHY of the Lake Street credit union.

- Tommie Lowery

KEDZIE -

Superintendents R. K. KEAG and E. WHITE want to congratulate all the operators on their improved accident record. Kedzie came in second for the past quarter, and coffee was enjoyed by all the men, courtesy of management, and the rolls were furnished by your credit union. Let's strive a little harder and be No. 1...Operator GEORGE SULLIVAN took his pension on April 1 after 33 years of service. George can now sit in his rocking chair and just enjoy life at its best...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mrs. NAOMI BEY, the wife of Operator HARVEY BEY, in the death of her mother, Mrs. ADDIE BLAY-

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

LIMITS -

There's not much news for this issue for as fate would have it, I've been off sick as some of you must know. But now I'm back and looking for all those news items...Well the basketball team didn't do as good as I promised, but maybe we will have better luck next year. Maybe a few of the taller fellows at the station could do it for us...Speaking of doing it all, it's softball time again, and maybe we can make up for the basketball team. Want to hear something

funny--I will be playing softball this summer so we just have to win...Speaking of winning, you can't lose by retaining our present board member, R. GOLDMAN, when election time rolls around. He has done a lot, keeping us informed as to what is happening within the company and at the station, so let's get out and vote for him... Well, it's vacation time again so get those news items in to me so I can mention them in our column. You can leave them with the clerk or give them to me.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Our vacationers for this month are DAGMAR McNAMARA who enjoyed a trip to Jackson and Natchez, Miss., and New Orleans; ED THORNE who enjoyed a week in Florida and the Bahamas, and LINDA LUNDBERG and MAGGIE POKATILOFF who enjoyed a short vacation around the Chicago area...The welcome mat is out to our new typists in the Stores section, BARBARA NEELAND and ELLEN MUNYER. VICTOR JOHNSON Jr. is also a new face in our department. Vic was formerly in Stores, transferred to Data-center and is now back in Stores. Nice having you back, Vic...That big smile that ANN JOBARIS is wearing is a "grandma for the first time" smile. Ann has even taken a week's vacation to spoil her little granddaughter, SOJIA...We also welcome back ROBERT MURRY who was promoted to stock clerk II in our South Shops location. Bob was also a former Stores employee who has come back home...We were very sorry to hear that Pensioner FRED LOITZ, former order control clerk, passed away in March...A word to all our sections--we can't print news if we don't get any. How about some news, please.

- Priscilla Kamradt

NORTH AVENUE -

As we bid farewell to March, the spectacular, unpredictable, changeable month, we also bid adieu to the caravan of operators that left North Avenue on the system pick. Among them our man of the "rackets," Operator BEN FLENNAGH, the tennis star. And, while we are on the farewells, the very best to Operators EDWARD A. MANNION, HAROLD F. FORSTER and EINAR G. PARSON who inked their names to the list of retirees March 1...On March 31, FRANK PASCHE, our most efficient chief clerk, brought to a close continuous service that started at the old Armitage Barn in 1935. Frank has made no commitments as to his plans as a pensioner, but we wish him a happy and relaxed life of which he is most deserving...It was an 8 pound baby girl named JENNIFER ANN for Repairman KEVIN J. HALLEN and his wife, GRETCHEN...Our visitors during the month were ex-operators CURTIS JAMES

and DAVELL MORGAN, now working in different categories with the company, and Pensioner TONY GLOPPE...ANN TEDESCHI, the wife of Operator JULIUS TED-ESCHI, added another rung in the ladder of life as she celebrated her birthday on March 23...Our deepest sympathy is extended to Assistant Superintendent ARTHUR TABEL in the death of his father-in-law; Operator K. STOLZ in the death of his mother, and Supervisor EARL BURKETT in the death of his father-in-law... While taking in a few days of relaxation, Supervisor WILLIAM REYNOLDS visited his good friend, JOHN ROLAND, at the Amalgamated Transit Union headquarters in Washington, D.C. Reynolds took an extended tour of the nation's capital to see just how the federal government really clicks...A hearty welcome is extended to the new operators that are coming to North Avenue as their choice on the system pick...I now give you a sneak preview of a suspense story that may be a first in the annals of CTA romances. Be sure and watch this column next month and get the entire story...In the finance circles, Operator KENNETH METTLER, treasurer of the credit union, and his staff were banging away on the calculators and adding and posting machines as the month ended. They are paying dividends for the first time on a quarterly basis...My old sidekick, WALTER BLIX, is still on the sick list. Here's hoping you will be out and on the go by the time this is in print, Walter.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT and his wife, ANNE, enjoyed a week's vacation in Las Vegas. They saw a number of shows and were guests at Johnny Carson's opening night at Caesar's Palace. Harold must have been quite lucky as he is now driving a new '75 Pontiac Catalina... Operator HAROLD BASON and his wife, NORA, enjoyed a ten-day cruise to the Caribbean Islands with a week's stay in Florida...Operator CLARENCE (Butch) VAN MIDDLESWORTH has his charter boat, the "Debtor's Prison", all set for the Lake Michigan fishing season. The boat is equipped with electronic fish finders and all poles and tackle are furnished. For information phone (312) 539-6657... Operator JOHN HALL retired on March 31 and CTA's finest paymaster will be missed. John, a very personable man, has been working Western Avenue for years. We at North Park wish him many years of pleasure in his retirement...Pensioner FRED HERMAN received a pin from Resurrection hospital for 500 hours of volunteer service, and a beautiful photograph of him appeared in the Lerner newspapers... Pensioner WILLIAM SEIFERT who is living in South Gate, Cal., recently donated a prickly pear tree, age five years, that he started from a seed in Chicago, to the South Gate Park

District. Bill and his wife, MIN, recently became great-grandparents for the second time.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Happy birthday to DOROTHY ETSCHIED, April 1. Congratulations and here's hoping you celebrate many more...We welcome MOSES JOYCE, THEODORE MANUEL, CHARLES MYERS, ALTON NORRIS and EARNEST PHELPS to the department as traffic checkers...We extend our deepest sympathy to ED JOYCE in the death of his wife, VICKIE...The Mart basketball team had a fairly decent year considering the problems we had in recruiting a team and the fact that we had never played together before. The contributing factor for this is the outstanding play of guard ANDREW BISHOP, who is in the management trainee program; forward TOM O'BRIEN, who is a traffic checker in the Schedules, and center-forward ELBERT LANE, who is a principle application analyst for Data-center. With more practice and maybe a little more luck I think we will have an outstanding team next year. Other players on the present team are: JAMES TERRY, CHANCE HANEY, ROBERT SPOONER and JOE MILBROOK, all of Schedules; RALPH LOUIS, Insurance Department; TONY ANDREWS, Electrical Engineering; TOM RYAN, Maintenance, West Shops, and NORRIS FRANKLIN and JACKIE ROBINSON of the Transportation Department. The player coaches for this year were JOHN DORSEY and RICKARD MITCHELL of Schedules. The player manager was GEORGE W. WEST.

(Routes & Systems) -

We welcome EVELYN MARTIN into the department as a clerk-typist. Evelyn's husband, DAVID, is a station superintendent at the Dan Ryan Terminal...A little pink bundle of joy came to the home of ROXANN and HOWARD BENN. Charming little MICHELLE LISA made her debut at Weiss Memorial hospital on March 7 weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces. Babies usually have little shirts with Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck, but Michelle has one with a train on it--from her father, of course. Howard has had some sleepless nights, but that comes with being a father...Some of our fellow workers are keeping in shape by playing volleyball every week: LINDA GRYSBECK, DICK BRAZDA, BOB VANCE and FRANK O'DOWD...HANK WILSON and his beautiful wife recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary by spending an evening on the town.

(Passenger Controls) -

NEAL St. JOHN recently transferred to our department from Limits where he was a serviceman and is now a junior draftsman...Lots of luck (and they need it) to STEVE and DIANE WOLGEMUTH who are buying an old house in Riverside. The

house dates back to about 1865. It was owned by David Gage, who at that time was treasurer of the City of Chicago. Mr. Gage owned a horse farm and a race track which is part of Riverside. Steve and Diane are planning to restore the exterior to what it was in the "good old days." At least Steve won't have to worry where his vacation time will be spent.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paczkowski

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

My apologies for missing the last two months of news, but the flu bug got to me the first month and vacation took care of the second month...Mr. and Mrs. NICK GALLO are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, RAPHAELA, born on Jan. 2 weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces. This makes three daughters for the Gallos. Raphaela was the first baby born in the New Year at Park Ridge hospital and was presented many gifts...The West Shops credit union held their annual dinner in the shops cafeteria. We had quite a crowd and the food, as usual, was delicious thanks to TONY SPARK and his wife, JUANITA...HARRY PAOLICCHI and his wife finally got to see their first grandson even though he was a few months old. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. GREENWOOD, and the baby is named MATHEW...A belated happy birthday to T. J. STAUNTON who was 41 years old on Feb. 19...A happy birthday also to JOSEPH CHRISTOI, but I can't tell you his age...I would like to wish a happy birthday to all of you who have celebrated one since the first of the year. Here's wishing you many, many more...To the shut-ins--a word of cheer--get well and get back to us, we miss you...A happy 38th wedding anniversary to Pensioner E. P. WADE and his lovely wife, VI, who celebrated on March 16. Mr. Wade retired on Jan. 1 and is hibernating in the North Woods...Our deepest sympathy is extended to ROCKY FERRARA and his family in the loss of his wife and mother...This is a short report of news, so please bring me your news bits anytime. I always like to hear from you.

- Jennie Scott

SOUTH SECTION -

Spring has finally sprung and here's your summertime gal who is sure happy about it...Conductor ALAN DEVER won \$15,000 recently in the Millionaire's Drawing of the lottery and it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. He is so thrilled over winning the money. He tried another job as trackman with the Maintenance Department, but transferred back to us as conductor and we're sure glad to have him back...Also, hello to newly hired employee STEVEN FLOWERS...Agent IRENE HUERTA got away from it all recently by going up to Michigan for a nice weekend...One of my favorite people whom I used to work with

at 61st Street office years ago (I won't say how many years), former office employee BERNARD TRANDEL, passed away recently. He was one great guy...Just the other Sunday we had another first on the South Section: We had an all-woman crew on the Jackson Park Line -- Motorwoman LENA PHILLIPS and Conductor FRANKIE SUMMERS, and they did a splendid job...The passenger commendations keep flowing in: Conductor ANTHONY EDWARDS was commended for helping to re-unite a lost boy with his parents; Conductor DOUGLAS WILLIAMS was commended for returning a woman's purse which she left on the train; Conductor CULLIS FLINN was commended for exceptional courtesy in assisting a woman passenger with travel information, and Conductor KNOX REEVES received his second commendation in a matter of a couple of weeks for his clear and well pronounced announcements... On March 22 I attended the Metropolitan "L" Federal Credit Union meeting and dinner at Nielsen's restaurant at Harlem and North Avenues and everyone had a super time. The buffet dinner was just delicious and they even had dancing afterwards. Saw so many people I hadn't seen for awhile, it was like old home week. I was with KATE and JOHN BURNS, former president of Division 308, and my boss, Superintendent STAN CHRIST and his wife, RUTH. The president of our credit union, CHARLES SPEARS, also attended with his wife, SARAH. Thanks to President HOUSTON WASHINGTON who works on the South Section, Secretary JOHN CAROLAN, Agent DOROTHY PARKER and all the other board members and committeemen at the Metropolitan Credit Union for putting on such a wonderful party...Back to their posts and off the sick list and we're sure glad to see them are: Yard Foreman JOSEPH PUGH, Conductors WALTER LOFTLIN and JOSEPH C. MARTIN, and Motorman JOE RAYBURN...Pensioned Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT got away from our winter weather by going down to Hot Springs, Ark., and tried the baths enjoying them and the warmer weather...This is really a success story. Motorman HERMAN DUKES and his wife, MARIE, are to be congratulated for bringing up such wonderful children. They have six--two boys and four girls--and Herman has

worked very hard to send them all to college. PATRICIA ANN got her B.A. in 1968 from Roosevelt university, an M.A. in 1973, and now is pursuing her Ph.D. in administration supervision at Roosevelt. PAMELA was graduated from the Academy of Our Lady High School and now attends DePaul uni-

versity where she is working on her bachelor of arts degree. SHIRLEY has a B.A. from the University of Illinois, an M.A. from DePaul and is now pursuing another degree in administration supervision at DePaul university...Going on a disability pension April 1 is Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN who has been on the sick list for six months. Hope your health gets better and better so you can come back to us soon. Mrs. Sullivan had been ill recently, too, but she's OK now. Also retiring is Agent CORNELIUS JONES who also had been sick for quite a few months. Hope you regain your health real soon...We lost two more of our pensioners to Heaven: Retired shop office employee at 61st Street, CLARENCE BIRMINGHAM, and one of our favorite retired agents, CATHERINE COLLINS. Our condolences to their families...On Sunday, March 23, hubby RON and I attended the Lake Street "L" Federal Credit Union meeting and party at Johnnie Weigelt's hall and we sure had a good time. That weekend was our weekend for credit union dinners. I won a \$5 door prize and was I happy. They had a lovely buffet dinner. Boy did I eat that weekend. Saw many people from the West Section we haven't seen in many a moon. Sat with Superintendent of Forest Park Station JAMES WALSH and his wife, JO, and Director of Support Services GEORGE and Mrs. RILEY. Our hats are off to President LEONARD KUKOWINSKI and Secretary JOHN MCCARTHY and all the other directors and committeemen for showing us such a good time...Former Agent HELEN LAFAIRE, the wife of Switchman RAYMOND LAFAIRE, called me when she was up from their farm in Lutesville, Mo., visiting her husband. She said she just loves it down there and they have cows and a horse. She and her son and daughter-in-law have a store and gasoline station, too. Ray is just waiting to go on pension and join her... Conductor PETER FLYNN transferred to janitor in the Maintenance Department on Feb. 12. Good luck on your new job.

- Verna Hartney

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

Greetings! Spring is here officially, but you wouldn't believe it. At this writing



Patricia Ann -- Pamela -- Shirley and Herman Dukes

there is snow on the ground. Cheer up, summer will soon be here and most of you will be hitting the roads to get away from it all. Please let your reporters know what your vacation plans are so we can share your experiences with everyone... Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Superintendent JAMES PANKONEN in the loss of his father... In last month's magazine, I mentioned that RAY BRZECZEK, terminal clerk, vacationed in Hawaii, but I couldn't remember his granddaughter's name. I found out her name when Ray returned and it's NATALIE. Natalie, we heard you had a great time in Hawaii... Can't forget to mention that the owner of that friendly, smiling face that comes to visit Skokie Shop occasionally belongs to DOM NICOSIA. . . MAUREEN DONLEY stopped in to see us during her Easter break from school. It was so nice seeing her again... Time is marching closer and closer to June 14 when KATHY GRAY-BIEL and JOHN HRUBY, production supply control, will take the big step... Words cannot express our deep sympathy to TOM CARRERA, axle department, in the loss of his wife, JILL... When new men transfer to Skokie Shop from other departments we welcome them cordially and hope they will enjoy working with us. By the same token, when our men transfer elsewhere we are sorry to see them leave us. WALTER BROZEK, control department, is leaving us to go to West Shops; STANLEY WARCHOL, control department, is transferring to the Signal Department, and DON ANGELL, laborer, decided to become a CTA policeman. To each of you we wish the very best of luck in your new jobs... To JOHN DUNDOVICH, motor line, who joined the ranks of the men of leisure on April 1, we all extend our very best wishes for a very healthy and happy retirement... To all you men who are baseball fans and do like a night out with the boys--Friday, July 11, is the night and the game will be in Milwaukee, Wis., at the County Stadium, the White Sox against the Brewers. The bus leaves Skokie Shop at 5 p.m., so why not plan on going. Oh, just noticed in re-reading the ball game notice, it states that your wife or girlfriend is welcome too. Boys, that means one or the other, not both, unless, of course, you want a bit more excitement than usual... Well that's about it for this month, folks. See you all next month in the magazine, providing you supply us with a bit more news than you did this month.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

(South Shops) -

Our deepest sympathy is extended to JIM PANKONEN and his family in the death of his father, ADOLPH R. PANKONEN Jr... RICH JUVINALL and JEFF SAPINSKI spent a weekend skiing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I am happy to say they both returned without any broken bones,

as I had anticipated... Welcome back to PAT STERLING who has been working downtown. I should say PAT JONES, since Pat was married Dec. 14, 1974, to EMIL JONES Jr., a state representative. I want to congratulate both of them and wish them much happiness... We wish BILL VANDER-VEST, Limits, and THEARS JUDKINS, Kedzie, both a speedy recovery from their illness... Congratulations to DON F. TAR-NOWSKI, Technical Services, on his engagement to DONNA M. MARINO. A spring wedding is being planned. Don also just purchased a home in Burbank, Ill. We all wish Don and Donna the best of everything and much happiness in their new home... The annual credit union dinner-dance and meeting was held March 22 at Gleneagles Country Club. The main course was prime rib, which everyone enjoyed. It also turned out to be an engagement party for JOHN JANKUS' son, JIM, who presented his future wife, SUSAN ARENS, with a ring. Good luck to Jim and Susan... Welcome back to JIM LAMONT from his recent vacation in Hawaii. Jim and his wife spent two weeks there lolling in the sun and touring. Jim's wife commented, "this was the first time that we didn't run out of things to do on a two-week vacation."

Upholstery Shop Foreman JOHN KURGAN and his wife, GRACE, recently vacationed in Mesa, Ariz. Some of their time was spent planning and participating in a surprise 50th wedding anniversary for his in-laws, MIKE and GRACE RUBEY. Mike is now residing in Mesa since his retirement eight years ago. John reports that Mike and Grace are a picture of health and happiness... Welder MAURICE O'CONNOR tells me that his son, DENNIS, is now serving on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. Dennis is in his first year in the Navy and is now stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii... Congratulations go out to FRANK and JOAN KLEIN on the arrival of their first child. Frank was beaming with pride when he told me his son weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces at birth and that his wife was doing just fine... Welder WILLIAM SHAUGNESSY became a grandfather for the fourth and fifth time last month. His new granddaughters are KELLY MARIE and AMY ANN. Bill also celebrated 30 years of service on April 26. Nice going, Bill. . . HOWARD BURRO's son-in-law, WILLIAM BAILEY, earned high scoring honors in the Midwest Conference and made All-American senior... Congratulations to HARRY POCES on his retirement as a mechanic March 1. We wish you the best of health in your years of leisure... We'll close on a sad note this month in reporting the death of BETTY WALDMANN, the beloved wife of Retired Machinist WILLIAM WALDMANN. Our deepest sympathy is also extended to Machinist FRANK SOBZAK in the death of his sister, MARIE RODGERS.

- Jeanne Dicht & Lawrence Bernas

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

As of this issue WIXTED and DOUBLIN will combine their efforts as co-reporters to bring you the news concerning West Section employees. We will be extremely grateful to all of you who help us out. We really need your news, especially from the Douglas, Congress and Lake Street lines. Send your news through your own terminal clerk to us via the clerk at Jefferson Park. Thank you!.. After nine years of dedicated service as a Transit News reporter, MILDRED DOYLE has decided to relinquish the job to your reporters. Being on disability for several months now, it has not been easy for her to gather news. We give her a big "A" for effort and a very sincere thank you for a job well done... ED MACHADO ran his brand new motorcycle into a tree. The bike looks none the worse from the incident. Sorry we can't say the same for Ed. He is hobbling about on a couple of badly bruised and banged up knees... ALFRED WILLIAMS is giving his new Mercury Cougar a real workout. He traveled to Nashville, Tenn., for a week-end. Then he headed for St. Louis and Indianapolis on following weekends. Now he is planning a weekend jaunt to Ontario, Canada... Retired Janitor HAROLD SOUTH, who has been ill, is feeling better and would like to hear from his CTA friends... Belated birthday greetings to DOROTHY PARKER (March 14), MINNIE DIKEMAN (March 17), and ED SANDERS (March 10). Many happy returns... We are sorry to report that Mrs. DAVID GRAFMAN entered Edgewater hospital on March 14 for heart surgery. Our best wishes are for her complete and rapid recovery... Nine-year old MONATIQUE, the daughter of CAROL BOWMAN, marched as a drum majorette in the St. Patrick's day parade as a member of St. Columbanus school band. Mom was right up in front of the crowd beaming with pride as the group marched by... ROSE PATELLARO of the Douglas line celebrated her sixth company anniversary on March 19. HELEN GUTH celebrated 12 years with the company on March 30... Congratulations are in order for Agent Supervisor SIDNEY TURNER and our lovely assignment agent, the former PAULA DILLINGHAM, who became Mr. and Mrs. on March 1. The ceremony was performed by Sidney's mother, who is a minister. Good luck and many happy years together are wished the newlyweds. ..GLADYS RUEDIGER had one week off in March. She and her husband drove to Wisconsin for one day and just relaxed at home the rest of the time... HELEN CHRISTNER took off for a two-week vacation in Florida where she will visit her dad. Hope the Florida sun will ease the aches, pains and bruises that Helen acquired while learning to ski. She certainly had her ups and downs... On March 11 FRED FRIEB had his 29th anniversary with CTA. We deliberately omitted the word celebrated because on that day Fred went to St. Francis hospital in Evanston to have surgery on his

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

WALTER AHERN, 68, South Section,
Emp. 12-3-28, Died 2-19-75
AUGUST BIEVEER, 71, South Division,
Emp. 10-4-28, Died 2-26-75
JOHN BLOMBERG, 80, Engineering,
Emp. 6-17-30, Died 2-8-75
THOMAS BROWN, 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-24-37, Died 2-16-75
FRANK BURGARI, 62, Archer,
Emp. 7-4-37, Died 2-14-75
ANTHONY CATANZARO, 77, North Ave.,
Emp. 4-23-29, Died 2-13-75
BERNARD CHROMCZAK, 57, West Sect.,
Emp. 10-20-42, Died 2-1-75
STANLEY CIBULA, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 6-14-43, Died 2-7-75
BURDETTE COLLIER, 63, Kedzie,
Emp. 8-17-45, Died 2-26-75
ANTONIO CROCCO, 93, West Section,
Emp. 5-28-18, Died 2-25-75
FRED DECKER, 85, 69th Street,
Emp. 9-28-18, Died 2-3-75
FRED DIMALINE, 87, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 6-1-26, Died 2-4-75

JOHN DUNNE, 66, South Division,
Emp. 11-12-45, Died 2-28-75
ROBERT EVARTS, 59, Forest Glen,
Emp. 2-21-47, Died 2-4-75
LOUIS FLAMM, 68, 69th Street,
Emp. 2-8-51, Died 2-7-75
HARRY FREEMAN, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-12-23, Died 2-3-75
JAMES GROUNDWATER, 88, 77th Street,
Emp. 12-13-06, Died 2-14-75
FREDERICK HANSEN, 77, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-19-26, Died 2-7-75
AUGUSTUS MCGILL, 88, Loop,
Emp. 7-28-44, Died 2-13-75
MARIAN MOYLAN, 87, North Section,
Emp. 6-9-32, Died 2-25-75
FRANCIS JUSZYNSKI, 74, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-24-29, Died 2-11-75
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, 64, Forest Glen,
Emp. 6-27-42, Died 2-11-75
JOHN O'CONNELL, 68, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-11-36, Died 2-5-75

MICHAEL O'CONNELL, 90, Building,
Emp. 3-16-26, Died 2-21-75
JOSEPH PAGANO, 61, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-20-69, Died 3-24-75
EDWARD READY, 71, South Section,
Emp. 4-9-25, Died 2-19-75
MOLLIE SHIELDS, 79, West Section,
Emp. 2-24-37, Died 2-16-75
JOHN SHORT, 80, North Avenue,
Emp. 12-3-28, Died 1-9-75
HAROLD SIEBERT, 71, West Section,
Emp. 3-27-29, Died 2-26-75
JOHN SOBIESKI, 56, 52nd Street,
Emp. 8-14-45, Died 3-21-75
BLOYCE SPARKS, 73, West Section,
Emp. 11-26-40, Died 2-3-75
JOSEPH SWIONTKOWSKI, 84, North Ave.,
Emp. 8-13-18, Died 2-17-75
MARY TRACEY, 81, West Section,
Emp. 11-17-22, Died 2-26-75
PAUL P. YANKUS, 88, Armitage,
Emp. 5-18-20, Died 2-21-75
AUGUST E. ZIMMERMAN, 83, Armitage,
Emp. 11-22-27, Died 1-20-75

right hand to remove an excess growth of cartilage between his fingers. With his hand all bandaged up, Fred made a special trip to see me and announce the birth of his fourth grandchild, GLEN ALLAN MERIL. He arrived at Northwest hospital on March 15 weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces. Fred was grinning from ear to ear as he said, now I have two girls and two boys to play with. Congratulations to mom, dad and the proud grandparents and welcome baby Glen. . . Speaking of babies, Clerk GENE BIESZKI, Congress, became a proud father for the fifth time on March 7. This baby was a beautiful bonus as it was ten years since the birth of their last child. The beautiful baby girl has been named LYNN JOSEPHINE. Gene predicts there may be problems with the family pet, an 85-pound black Doberman puppy(?) who he feels may resent taking second place to the new addition. Poor Gene, he does have a problem. Congratulations, anyway! . . . ELEANOR HASBROUCK returned from her three-day trip to Las Vegas. She says she left her luck behind in Chicago but nonetheless, she had a great time. . . On March 16 LINDA TAPINS and her husband celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. Many happy returns. . . Happy anniversary to JOHN ZUPKO who was at his new job in the Maintenance Department one year in March. . . Also celebrating a first year anniversary are our original group of agent supervisors. Congratulations to the newly qualified group of agent supervisors, among them CECYLIA ROPA who is certainly moving around lately. We wish her and the others the very best of luck in their new positions. . . A former agent and Transit News reporter, GRACE MOUNTS, checked into Northwest hospital on March 26. She is having eye surgery and would

like to hear from all her friends. . . JOHN MATUSZEWSKI had time off due to an ear infection, but is back now and feeling fine. BILL PFEIFFER is off as we write this. We hope he bounces back very soon. . . Please one and all send us some news, we need your help to write a worthwhile column. . . Keep smiling!

- Mary Wixted & Zita Dublin

69TH STREET -

Our new No. 1 man at 69th, BILL DONAHUE, and his sidekick, "Scotty" HIGGINS, have laid down the law at the round table and want everyone to shape up and clean up. . . We welcome all the new men to 69th and want you to know our men are all first class -- from Superintendent VIC COLEMAN to Bus Placer CHARLIE WILLIAMS. . . If by chance we have women breaking in at this reading, we say welcome aboard. . . Retired Superintendent ERNIE TOCCI and his wife were on my bus one day and they sure look great. . . DAVE MCGOWAN, retired box puller, had the cataracts removed from his eyes. He is well pleased because he can now see how big the collar is on the beer he gets at Retired Operator BERT PARKER's place on West 55th Street. . . Retired Operators JOSEPH MATHIS and HOWARD SANGER went ice fishing up around Hayward, Wis., and got snowed in. They had a clean deck of cards and plenty of liquid refreshments to tide them over till the plows came. . . Operator BILL WALTERS said that Retired Operator WALLY HORTON was on his bus and says hello to all his pals. He works part time at a funeral parlor, if anyone is interested. The fellows on Marquette say that they haven't seen Wally since HANK

RISCH took his pension. . . My deepest apology to Operator E. MULVANEY and JOHN MORNAR for mentioning that they had retired. Actually they are only taking life easy. Ed says that T. MULVEY just can't spell or he would be a Mulvaney. . . M. MOORE is a great operator but he just can't pass up those peanuts at the elevated. . . Operator O. STAMPLEY just can't resist a taffy apple and never will share it. . . It was always fun to watch R. McNEAL serenade GOLDIE at Burger King when he sang and demonstrated how it takes two hands to handle a whopper. . . R. C. STEVENS, former operator, is now No. 4 clerk at Kedzie. . . Mr. 59th, Operator ART PORTER, and his wife vacationed out west riding the trolleys and taking boat rides in San Francisco. They also took in Los Angeles, Palm Springs, Las Vegas and Hoover Dam. . . TONY VANDERBURG says he will finally make the move to Florida in April but would be back in June. He will live at 157 N. Rustic Lane, Jensen Beach, Fla. 33457. . . WILLIE GUTHRIE's wife is now recovering after a serious operation. . . Can you imagine that the one table to get poor service at the credit union dinner was the instructor's. Picture one platter of chicken and beef for BIRMINGHAM, JOHNSON, ROSS, FULLER, O'DONNELL and Supervisor "Nick the Greek" and four of their wives. O'Donnell opened up a can of beans when he got home. . . I understand our No. 1 man, DONAHUE, has joined the long list for line instructors now that the word is out that we are getting women operators at 69th. . . The instructors are asking us all to slow down as it is the safest way to drive. . . Hey! That new equipment is on the way. . . Our deepest sympathy to the family of former operator and collector CARL SHOENBAUM

who passed away...Let's all drive safely and don't forget to drop the news into my box just east of the clerk's window...God bless.

Repair Department News: We heard from more pensioners this month: PADDY FITZGERALD, PAT McNICKOLAS, JOHN KILMARTIN and TOM LEHAND. All are doing well on retirement...We offer our sincere sympathy to BOB STEWART and his family in the loss of his mother recently...BILL TOOMEY, HARVEY BROCK, and CLAUDE FIZER are getting their fishing gear ready for the long hot summer. Here's hoping they will make superior fishermen.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

52ND STREET -

Our hopes and prayers are for LYDELL SMITH and JOHN SOBIESKI whose illnesses are very serious. A note of good cheer would bring them great encouragement. We also wish a speedy recovery to HERBERT N. PROFFIT Jr. and JACK SMITH and all the others who are on the sick list. ..Good luck to all our friends who left us on the system pick, and we hope that you will remember us at 52nd Street. Wonder who JIMMIE MOORE will pick on now that his buddy, GEORGE STEPTOE, is going to Beverly. And to think that BATUPS is leaving 43rd Street to work at 69th Street is unbelievable. Too bad all our girls couldn't stay with us, but we hope they will return in the future. A hearty welcome is extended to all our newcomers. We hope for your cooperation in making a good record for 52nd, as well as for yourselves. ..The most active person I know is our former board member and past 2nd vice president of Division 241, ERNEST A. HILL. Besides faithfully serving our credit union as president and governor, he is deeply involved in the activities of his church and the Society of the Little Flower. He and his lovely wife, LILLY, are truly humane and very nice people to know. But how many in the system don't know Ernie?...DRIVE DEFENSIVELY! The warm weather is surely welcomed, but BEWARE of bicycle riders, pedestrians, the little children and the "hot-rodders." Superintendent WILLIAM SCHWEITZER will appreciate your alertness. Let's do our best and win the safety award for him as he is one of the best bosses in the system. We can also be proud of our clerks--HILLSTROM, RANDALL, RUDDLE and PAGE. Instructors WILLIAMS and SMITH are counting on us to do a good job in avoiding accidents, so don't fail them... Join your credit union and start a savings program. Each account is insured up to \$40,000, and when savings increase, the credit union can render more service. Any loan in the aggregate amount of \$5,000 or more now requires approval of a statement of insurability. For additional in-

formation see Treasurers PHILPOTT or POTTS. Due to an unexpected heavy demand for vacation loans, the board of directors asks that such requests be placed one month in advance of the vacation period. Your cooperation is duly expected...WILLIAM BETTISON and his family are really enjoying their new home...ALBERT WILLS is always threatening to "punch you in the mouth." You can hear his mouth if none other--ask HOOKS and HUDSON...Wonder why we haven't heard any talk about our softball team? HENRY, RILEY, DIAL, BARTON, REYNOLDS, JONES and all the rest of you guys--what gives? May be that SWAIN has the answer. Get those bats in action, fellows...Hey, PORTER, start the motor and get those Sox back in town...Board Member BOB HOLMES is really doing a good job and would like to see more of us at the union meetings. He certainly deserves our support.

- John L. Hudson

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. If you have noticed some of your fellow operators arriving early on payday, it may be to catch a glimpse of some of our female operators in their civilian attire. Operator LINDA BROOKS has really acquired a fan club... The first annual retirement dinner for retired 77th Street personnel was held Sat-

urday, April 5. It was sponsored by the men of 77th Street...The Wheelers Social and Charity Club is staging its post-Easter affair on Saturday, April 12, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Chicago hotel. I know it will be a swinging affair, in keeping with the Wheeler tradition of fine entertainment...Hats off to Miss DENISE E. GRESHAM, the daughter of Board Member ELCOSIE GRESHAM, who will receive her bachelors degree from Northeastern college next month. Her mother and dad are very proud of the fact that she has made the dean's list for the past year and a half. Congratulations!.. The 77th Street credit union held its annual banquet for members and their dates at the fabulous Rosewood Inn. The affair was a huge success and a good time was had by all. President WALTER N. KIN-NISH and his fellow officers can be proud of their efforts and well executed planning. ..The March wind blew in a couple of Aries birthdays, that of CLIFFORD AYERS, better known as ANTIONNE, and your Transit News reporter...Our sincere condolences are extended to Supervisor H. BURKETH and his family in the death of his father-in-law, JOHN E. MASON...Support our Local 241 board members, ELCOSIE GRESHAM and ANDREW BUTLER. Attend union meetings whenever possible... So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett

Service anniversaries in April

40 years

M. A. Welsh,
Corporate Law



B. A. Jauman,
Electrical Maint.



R. J. Blau,
Vehicle Maint.

35 years

V. C. Howe, South Shops
H. S. Milewski, South Shops

30 years

L. Belin, South Section
E. J. Brach, North Park
L. Brigham, 52nd Street
D. D. Fasano, Skokie Shop
F. W. Koziol, North Park
W. F. Shaughnessy, South Shops
A. Thomas, 52nd Street

25 years

D. M. Allen, 52nd Street
M. Cumberlander, Utility
M. J. Fabian, Skokie Shop
C. J. Frassico, Forest Glen
E. A. Irwin, North Section
A. J. Lawson, Claims Law
P. J. O'Sullivan, District D
M. Porter Jr., Archer
E. J. Smith, South Section
A. Sonju, Forest Glen
T. M. Szewc, Electrical Maint.
R. E. Williams, Electrical Maint.

cta window



AN IOWA SALUTE: Back home in Waterloo, Iowa, Anita Curtis, superintendent of employment, receives the employe achievement and recognition award of the Brotherhood Council. The presentation was made at the annual dinner for Black History Week in the community. Also attending the ceremonies was John Aurand, manager of general administration, who received a key to the city, awarded to CTA for its forward-looking personnel policies.



NEW SUBURBAN SERVICE: Village President Edward Bluthard cut a ribbon signalling the start of Chicago Transit Authority bus service in the Village of Schiller Park on Monday, April 7.

Schiller Park became the twentieth nearby suburb to be served directly by CTA.

For riders within the Village of Schiller Park, the new bus service features a 25-cent adult fare as a result of a subsidy program provided by the Schiller Park Village government.

The service in Schiller Park is being provided by extending the No. 80A West Irving Park bus route.

The bus service operates west from Cumberland in Irving Park to 25th avenue, north in 25th avenue to Lawrence avenue, east in Lawrence avenue to River road, south in River road to Irving Park and then east in Irving Park.

For trips into Chicago, the regular CTA fare of 45 cents plus 10 cents for a transfer is charged. Children, students and senior citizens ride at the reduced rate of 20 cents on the entire route.

what's news

First 'Super' Agent

Sue Matthews is the first female to be named assistant superintendent of agents at CTA. She started with the company in 1969 as a ticket agent. She is a student in art history at Roosevelt University and will receive her degree in June.



- CTA -

The Anthony Wayne train on the Ravenswood rapid transit route and the Patrick Henry on the North-South route are the newest vehicles in CTA's Spirit of '76 fleet in commemoration of the country's Bicentennial.

- CTA -

Chicago's spring blizzard of April 2, largest snowstorm of the year, brought the importance of public transportation to the attention of the entire community. Train service was augmented to take care of thousands of riders who could not move on the highways. Operating personnel were acclaimed in media and in public comment for their outstanding performance in the emergency. Bulletins on riding conditions and services were broadcast and telecast throughout the night and well into the next day as the result of a system established by Public Affairs and Operations Control. The CTA Travel Information Center successfully answered a record 20,546 telephone inquiries in the two-day storm and clean-up period.

- CTA -

Schiller Park becomes the 20th nearby suburb to be served directly by CTA. The No. 80A W. Irving Park bus route has been extended into the village. As a result of funding by the village government an in-Schiller Park fare of 25 cents was arranged.

- CTA -

Recent official visitors to CTA include:

Dr. Gunther Heidecke, President of the Administrative District, Cologne, Germany.

Students, Wheaton-Warrenville High school.

Students, Beacon Christian High school, St. Catherine, Ontario, Canada.

Mr. Francis Mak, Assistant Commissioner Public Works, Singapore.

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