

Management School Presents 285th Diploma

By Rick Willis

THE NECESSARY development of the Chicago Transit Authority's managerial manpower has been a major responsibility of the CTA's Personnel Development Section.

On May 1, another chapter in that responsibility came to a close as 34 employees graduated from the seventh and final class in a special management training program.

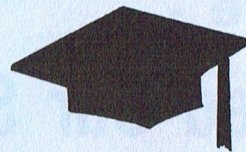
Since 1973, CTA's Management Institute I, a creation of Personnel Development, has striven to produce a managerial team that effectively meets the basic emotional job security needs of employees through motivational face-to-face communication.

Going To Top

The emphasis thus far has been at the middle management level. Future plans, however, call for emphasis on the development of upper and entry level management as well as the middle group, provided anticipated federal funding becomes available.

The Management Institute, under the direction of Stuart Maginnis, director of Personnel Development, was established in May, 1973. Since that time, 285 CTA employees have graduated from the program.

Feedback indicates that the ten-week intensive training has produced a management team that is developed, polished and refined with the latest techniques needed to properly administer to the needs of



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employees and to generate performance at the highest level of service to the general public.

The Management Institute, with its staff of field experienced instructors, all veteran CTA employees at the middle management level, has earned a reputation as an outstanding unit of the Personnel Development Section.

It's A CTA MBA

Instructors have utilized dynamic new inputs, coordination and career application feedback from trainees. During the course, a casual atmosphere was encouraged to make learning more enjoyable and to stimulate individual participation.

Role playing, typical case examples of management problems, and a variety of other instructional techniques were used to inspire participants to analyze and discuss individual problems, objectives, strategies, leadership styles and challenges.

While no amount of training can promise magical behavior change to all, most CTA Management Institute graduates have acquired substantial benefits and demonstrated a significant improvement in job performance.

Students are selected by their department managers, Maginnis says. He indicates that the same enrollment formulas will be utilized when school resumes, on an upgraded and expanded basis, this fall.

Editor's Note: We asked Rick Willis, editor of Transi-talk, to write this article on the Management Institute not only because he was in the May, 1975 graduating class himself, but also because of his enthusiastic first-hand endorsement of the program.



A member of the last graduating class, Bus Controller George Hatchett is congratulated by General Finance Manager Paul Kole. At left is General Administration Manager John Aurand. Behind, from left, are Mike Smith, Bob Desvignes and Ron Baker of Personnel Development.

Capital People - -

They Seed Our System With Money

By Anit Leppiks

It takes magic to turn dreams into reality.

If you translate magic into long hours, hard work, and money, the capital development group is the CTA's resident magician.

The 18 man staff is responsible for the money the CTA invests in its own properties--both getting capital and developing it. This includes a constant analysis to see that the CTA is getting its money's worth. And it takes a group at least this large to make this system work.

Whereas the general operations department is concerned with running the CTA on a daily basis, capital development makes sure there are buses and trains for the CTA to run.

Formed in 1971 as a two man department, capital development has--in just three years--performed a handful of major "miracles."

How To Spend \$74 Million

In the past, the CTA had to be crises oriented--it could only spend what it could raise through fares for urgent capital upkeep--about \$3 million annually. A direct result of this was a myopic condition that meant the CTA had to struggle just to survive today--there were few plans for tomorrow.

Now, however, the CTA is able to spend an average \$74 million a year for capital improvements.

Capital development gets the money from the federal government's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, which assists transportation companies throughout the country. Each grant UMTA funds is designated for special projects like the Phase I and Phase II programs which encompass everything from office equipment to track repair and station remodeling to the purchase of new buses.

Ronald Luczak, manager of the department, who spearheaded the backstage work on CTA's grant requests, drew a sharp picture of contrasts between the old and the new CTA.

"The new 77th Street Garage complex was a set of drawings in the 60's that just couldn't be budgeted. We put it into our program, and the drawings were sent back to the same consultant to be updated. Now employees at 77th Street have some of the best working conditions of any transit company in the country," says Luczak.

He continues, "Several other projects were on the books for years--the Desplaines rapid transit terminal was a temporary facility when it was put in, but the cash was never available to make it anything but temporary. Now we're doing something about making it permanent."

Here's The Secret

What is the secret of CTA's new funding formula?

Luczak reports it is all in the phrase, "What's the CTA worth?"

"We estimated about \$2 billion. Now consider that people from other cities are putting in much more than \$2 billion into their systems which aren't going to serve nearly as many people as the CTA does," he says.

"We felt that if you depreciated that amount over a 20 to 30 year cycle, you'd be making the same payment every year. So if you spread \$2 billion over a 20 or 30 year period, something between 70 and 100 million dollars should be invested every year to keep the system modern.

"That's what should be done, and what should have been done," says Luczak.

"We're catching up, because nobody put investments of such magnitude into the old CTA. So now we're channeling 70 to 100 million dollars a year into capital upkeep of the CTA."

Does this mean we'll be catching up for the next 20 years?

"Correct. Our program is designed so that by 1990, we'll be on a regular cycle and everything will be modern," Luczak answers.

How did CTA get the money cycle started?

The capital development manager explains that it started with a general recognition in the late 60's that dropping a few cents into the farebox would not feed an entire transit system--nor allow it to grow.

"Forty-five cents--or however much a rider pays in a reasonable fare--is not enough to provide 12,677 jobs, new buses and trains to displace worn out vehicles, and keep them safely on the tracks, much less return a reasonable amount for other capital renewal.

Along with this realization came a general public understanding that everybody needs an economical form of transportation--the transit independent as well as the daily commuter who would not get to work without a train or bus.

Luczak continues, "The thinking that transit is a utility was embodied in federal legislation creating UMTA in 1964 to provide assistance, maintenance, and guidance of mass transit systems."

A Productive Twosome

Luczak remembers CTA's capital development group--only two persons--started work on the Authority's first application in March, 1971, submitting it in September. UMTA approved the grant in De-

ember, providing \$83 million. The next year, 1972, UMTA gave the CTA another \$65 million.

Luczak says it was a tremendous relief when the money started coming.

"CTA employees started seeing tools and machinery almost immediately."

The Howard Street transportation office was one of the first to be redone at the suggestion of John Hill, a motorman.

Luczak recalls, "The office used to be up on top of a platform in a tower, and the trainmen's room was a shack off the end of the platform. We moved everyone into the old North Shore Station, newly renovated, at street level on Howard Street."

CTA's first major impact with the public was the arrival of 500 new buses in the fall of '72, only nine months after the grant paying for them was approved.

Furthermore, CTA built the new Kimball rapid transit station, replacing the one in use since 1907, and finished several other paid up capital work projects.

Luczak estimates such projects cost anywhere from \$8,000 up to \$300 million. And while such funding is now available, it takes a real grantsmanship to engineer the application and successful implementation of government funds.

Here Luczak leads.

The 36 year old manager has earned two separate professional degrees and has worked in a couple other professional capacities during the course of his involvement with capital development.

Luczak's first role was as an engineer, which sparked his interest in management.

"I figured law was the best transition--you learn more than in other graduate programs.

"So after I became a lawyer, I thought I better try and see what law in practice was."

Capitol Experience, Too

After a year, Luczak left the Food and Drug Administration to work for the Department of Transportation before joining the CTA in 1971.

He says his knowledge of the law and his understanding of government procedures in Washington, D.C., have proven indispensable in his CTA work.

"I treat most of the processes as an adversary process, which is directly legal.

"As our department visualizes it, CTA is our client and we have to prepare the same kind of technical brief as you do in the defense of a big case to make sure that as we submit our proposals, they don't give rise to more questions than they answer," he says.

Luczak uses his expertise in engineering to help doublecheck CTA requests from an engineer's point of view.

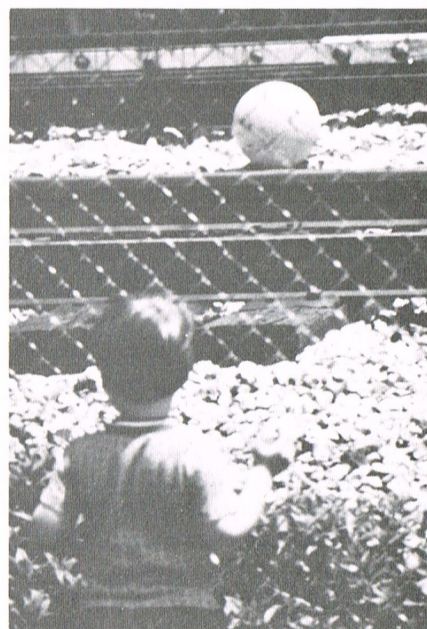
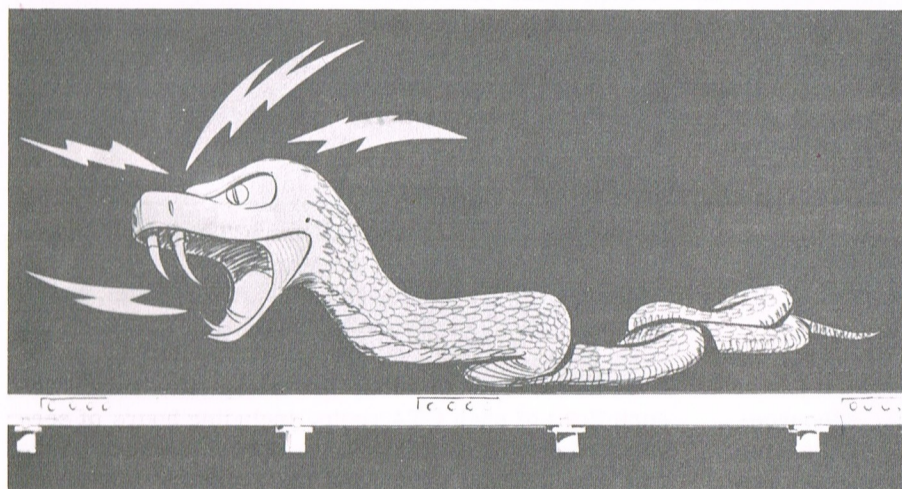
"As a systems analyst, you take an idea and go through an analytical process which consists of inventorying what's going on and analyzing it, making some projection, and evaluating your projections. It's an intellectual process that's fairly standard in engineering disciplines, legal disciplines, and philosophy.

Sometimes new capital development work involves Luczak in direct communication with the public.

Sesame Street

One such experience involved a three week crash program to explain the dangers of the newly installed third rail on the Evanston rapid transit route to Evanston schoolchildren. It was a task the Evanston school board called impossible because of the time element--there were only 15 days left before summer vacation.

"Ray Shea (Marketing) and I put together two slide shows patterned after 'Sesame (Continued Page 4)



Teaching Aid: Two scenes from the creative Capital Development slide film to instruct Evanston pupils on third rail precautions. In the appealing style of Sesame Street, the production employed both cartoons and live sequences, such as the forlorn youngster wondering about retrieving a ball.

Capital Development (Continued)

Street' to be presented in kindergarten through junior high school.

"We made five sets of everything, borrowed CTA instructors from Limits and Officer Friendly, and held several sessions in three or four schools a day. We covered every Evanston public school, several of the Catholic schools, and a few of the Wilmette schools.

"The Evanston third rail project, as we called it, was the most fun sort of assignment I've had," admits Luczak.

"In fact, the neighborhood kids still remember it," he says.

The presentation had to be good. Luczak's son, then four years old, was capital development's sharpest critic.

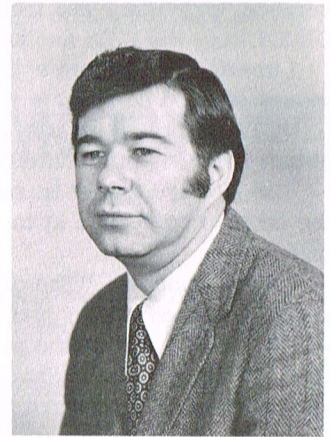
"He would criticize it and tell us what didn't make sense. He made sure we knew it by heart, too."

When Luczak's not presenting a project either to UMTA or the public, he plans for the future.

The planning department can plan fairly unconstrained, he says--they can think of the grandiose schemes. When their plan reaches capital development, it must be reduced and constrained by budget and by personnel.

"For instance planning would tell us what will happen in the region as far as population shifts--what

Ron Luczak - - He's the keeper of the key.



corridors--what areas of the city should have certain levels of service. Then it would be our job to program where the rails go, how much it will cost, where to locate stations, and where the money will come from.

"Programming means you take a concept and you apply resources to it. You come off with a step by step approach to exactly what you're going to do. It's no longer an idea, or a concept. It's a work program," explains Luczak.

All in all, Luczak is a man of all seasons--an executive who lives every day with the yesterday, today, and tomorrow of the CTA. And that takes a certain kind of magic.

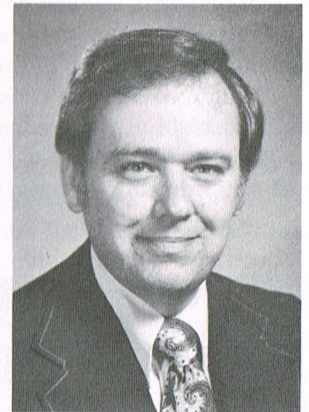
Name New 'Publisher' Of Transit News

CHARLES T. ZANIN, 39, Lombard, has been appointed Director of Administrative Services of the Chicago Transit Authority. This, in effect, makes Zanin the "publisher" of CTA Transit News since the magazine is printed internally.

Zanin heads the duplicating, office, photographic and stenographic services of CTA's Management Services Department. He succeeds Thor Haaning who recently retired.

Zanin was supervisor of office services for CF Industries, Inc., Chicago, before joining the CTA. Previously, Zanin was supervisor of mail, mechanical and printing services for the Atlantic Richfield Company in Chicago.

He and his wife, Jeanne, have two children.



Charles T. Zanin

New Route Map Off The Press

WITHIN TWO days after one public service announcement over WBBM Radio that CTA's new Route Map was available, 3,000 stamped long envelopes (as specified for requests) had been received at the Public Affairs Department.

Copies of the new map are also being distributed at 153 CTA locations, at the new WBBM traffic reporting station at the top of the Sears Tower, through

major institutions, and at the CTA's Information Booth on the 7th floor of the Mart.

The new CTA Route Map, printed in blue, has a picture of the Ben Franklin Spirit of '76 train on the cover.

Included with the map are complete written descriptions of each CTA route, including hours of service and a table of CTA fares. Graphics work on the map was a joint project of the graphics unit in the Operations Planning Department and the editing and design facilities of the Public Affairs Department.

Postage-paid envelopes are being required from the riding public to spare CTA the mailing costs. One hundred thousand copies have been printed.



CTA Sports News



MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

CTA Softball Season Opens With A 'Hit'

THE CTA Sports Program opened its 1975 softball season on May 25. The games are played each Sunday morning in Grant Park starting at 10 a.m. with 17 teams competing.

Actively supporting the sports program this year are two CTA executives--Manager of General Administration John Aurand, and Manager of Personnel Fred King.

The first and second place teams this year will enter the Chicago Park District Tournament of Champions and Industrial League Tournament. This gives the teams an added incentive in league competition.

The 1974 champs, Division 308, will have keen competition this year. With the entry of Howard Street and Kimball, Rapid Transit will have two extra entries into the league, thus breaking up the one team competing last year.

We are hoping that the family style outings will continue this year as they have in the past.



Attending the meeting in the Mart on May 6 for the upcoming CTA Sports Program softball league were the following. Seated, left to right: Agis Bray, Hubert Bankston, Ramiro Morales, Pete Gonzales, Joe Cook, Jackie Robinson and Joseph Coleman. Standing, left to right: John Eckel, Paul Thomas, John Hawkins, Mel Alexander, Rick Willis, William Robinson, Charles Patton, Manager of Personnel Fred King, Manager of General Administration John Aurand, Flenard Porter, Homer Reed, John Austin, Carl Johnson, Royal Reed and Tony Andrews.

Bowling Banquet A Gala Affair

THE 77TH Street Operators Bowling League held its annual bowling banquet on Friday, May 9, at Palisade Bowl, and it was a huge success.

Among the honored invited guests were: Carl Gibes, director of personnel, Transportation Department; Harry Reddrick, far south area superintendent; Vic Coleman, superintendent, 69th Street Garage, and James Pate, Division 241 treasurer.

League President Calvin Pollard wishes to thank all his officers and the members for making this annual event the finest ever.



Vic Coleman, superintendent of 69th Street Garage, and Transportation Director of Personnel Carl Gibes present the first place trophies to the champion Archer Bandits.



Division 241 Treasurer James Pate and Far South Area Superintendent Harry Reddrick present George's Arco with their second place trophies.

In the aftermath of the big snow that sent commuters crawling home the best way they could, bucking a driving wind that was piling up 12 inches of snow, we have heard many horror stories and many hero stories.

One of the hero stories which pleased us came from Mrs. Alberta Korshak, of 2540 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, who wrote: "I wish a little praise could be given to a CTA bus driver who drove bus number 8717—badge number 2518 on the Lincoln-Peterson line during the snow storm on April 2, 1975. About 35 women were on this bus for five hours, and this very kind man really worked his bus to get us home.

"His only concern was our safety and comfort.

"As Will Rogers would have said, he stands very tall in our eyes."

Mrs. Korshak, the driver about whom you wrote is 37-year-old Lawrence Morris, a five-year CTA veteran. He stands very tall in our eyesight, too.

We learned that Mr. Morris worked so hard shifting gears to get out of drifts that his hand was bleeding, but he kept going.

All of us tend to complain too often about the things that go wrong with the day-by-day services which we expect to be there when we want them. Maybe some complaining is good. It could result in better service.

However, we rarely go out of our way to commend those who go above and beyond their call to duty to provide us with service.

We here at Channel 7 thank you, Mrs. Korshak, for bringing this incident to our attention.

Also, we want to salute Lawrence Morris as one of the good guys the CTA employs, and a Chicagoan we can all be proud of.

The above editorial was telecast at various times between April 14 and 21, 1975.

EDITORIAL



WLS-TV regularly presents editorials on topics of public interest which are delivered by Vice President and General Manager, Lewis H. Erlicht. Your comments on these editorials are appreciated and the station welcomes requests for broadcast time from responsible representatives of contrasting views.

Con O'Dea, Editorial Director
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Among the blizzard of compliments to CTA personnel for special service during the April 2 snowstorm was this Channel 7 editorial. We thought you would like to see it in its entirety, just as it was announced to Chicago viewing area community leaders by WLS-TV management.

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Horse Racing Reminiscences

By W. B. Wolfan

ONE HUNDRED years ago a tiny colt named Aristides won the very first running of the spring madness known as the Kentucky Derby, the race of races on the American turf.

In the first week of May this year another colt, aptly named Foolish Pleasure, galloped home before 115,000 fans at Churchill to win the big one.

Racing is known as the sport of kings. The Kentucky Derby is the king of sports events--make no mistake about that. It is literally an institution, and box seats are handed down through generations. It isn't just a horse race--it's an international event.

The Show Is Short

What makes it that way is hard to figure. . thousands of people flocking to the Downs for exactly two minutes of thrills and a band playing "My Old Kentucky Home" accompanied by the tinkle of mint julep glasses. But they do it every year and in increasing numbers.

More than \$3 million is bet on this single race. They start betting Friday afternoon and continue until post time late Saturday. Recession or no recession, the bettors somehow come up with the green. You don't use master charge at the mutuel windows.

It was 1940 when we were gradually emerging from the depression, and I was making \$27.50 per week plus extras from corresponding for the Detroit Free Press. I was assigned to report the Kentucky Derby, by my home town Herald in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

That was the year that the late Col. E. R. Bradley, a legend in Kentucky, sent forth a three-year old colt named Bimelech in the big race. Bimelech was considered an absolute cinch in the Run for the Roses. But in racing, the horses still have to go around the track and cinches are only in the minds of the handicappers.

Field Was Small

The field was a small one that year compared to the cavalry charges in recent Derbies. As I recall, only seven horses ran.

The magic of Col. Bradley's name inspired Kentuckians to flock to the mutuel windows in droves. And they did for Bimelech who went to the post at 2-5 odds, 40 cents to the dollar.

Considering my very limited expense account I wagered very modestly, believe me, during the long day of racing.

And basically my betting had contributed to the

improvement of the breed, not my pocketbook, because I did not have a single winner all day. So when the Derby came up, I briefly considered betting each horse in the race--a way in which I would collect something, no matter what.

But for some reason I didn't follow my hunch. Besides, if Bimelech won, I'd get \$2.80 back for \$14, the cost of betting all seven horses in the race. So I selected a couple of others, made two \$2 bets and sat back to watch the big race.

Up From The Rear

Bimelech got off well and led most of the way. It seemed like the Kentucky folks were already clicking glasses to another Col. Bradley Derby winner and collecting at the windows. But the mile and a quarter is a long way around and things do happen.

As the crowd cheered Bimelech, I saw a horse moving up from far back and hugging the rail. It was No. 7, a rank outsider.

A hushed silence engulfed the many thousands packed into the infield and the stands as that charging longshot took direct aim at the leader, Bimelech, and the oncoming colt passed the 2-5 favorite by slipping through a hole on the inside to cross the finish line in front by two lengths. The longshot was Mrs. Ethel Mars' Gallahadion. His odds were 35-1. . a payoff of \$72.80 for each \$2 bet. As the mutuels flashed on the board the Bluegrass country's hardboots went into deep mourning. So did I because had I bet every horse in the race, I would have collected a bundle. As for the horses I played chances are they're still chasing Gallahadion, one of the major upset winners in all Kentucky Derby history.

Seats Up Top

A year later popular Frank Menke, the public relations chief of Churchill Downs, advised me that I was being accredited to the Derby press box for the 1941 race. Frank liked small town reporters, and apparently figured they merited the same attention as the Bob Considines, Henry McLemores and Grantland Rice. Anyway, I had my press box seat in that select company.

Thus I saw the 1941 Derby, won by the one and only Whirlaway in record time, from the twin spires of the Downs. All the writers there autographed a special tribute to Col. Matt Winn, the man who founded the Derby. That plaque still hangs in the Churchill Downs press box today.

Whirlaway and Citation of the Calumet Farm were the greatest horses I've ever seen. Old Bushy Tail (Whirlaway) would lay back until the stretch, then would roar past the rest of the field like a cyclone. He did it that way in the Derby and won by eight lengths.

Even Calumet Trainer Ben Jones would hedge when asked which was the best of the two. Both won the Triple Crown, and Citation in his three-year old year beat older horses to establish his claim to top rank.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BEVERLY -

Superintendents H. BRAUN and F. ZEIGER wish to thank the operators for less complaints and more commendations. Coffee and doughnuts were served. Thanks to the Beverly credit union for the doughnuts. Let's show our appreciation by joining the credit union. VIRGIL TRIMMER, JACK THOMPSON and IRV WEILER are always ready to help you with your financial problems. Instructor CLARENCE HEILBRONNER would like to have you concentrate more and be a defensive driver. Accident reports are no fun to make out no matter whose fault it is. Professional drivers go year after year without an accident. Read the signs around the depot and you can do it. After you have an accident you know how you could have avoided it, but then it's too late. Let's win the next safety quarterly award and show the other depots we are the best professional drivers in the



John & Mary Healy

CTA...At the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 22, JOHN J. and MARY HEALY were joined by family and friends. Mass was said at St. John Fisher church and a reception followed at the Rose-

wood Inn in Blue Island. John retired as a bus operator in 1966 after 39 years' service...Operator JOSHUA OVERTON is a beauty culture teacher and will help you with your hair problems. If you are ready to pull it out over financial problems, see the credit union first...The college boys will be coming in for summer vacations, so let's make it a little easier and help them in the depot...Welcome to all the new men and our two female operators, SHIRLEY LUCAS and GAIL HARRIMAN. I hope I have the pleasure of meeting you on Kedzie Avenue. Maybe you will be lucky and be my follower...We express our deepest sympathy to the following families whose loved ones have gone to their eternal reward: Pensioner ART MURPHY, former supervisor at Beverly; Operator ROY GOEBIG in the loss of his son, CHARLES; Operator RALPH WHITAKER in the passing of his wife, and Operator CLARENCE COWAN in the loss of his sister. Roy and Ralph would like to thank all the operators and garage men who contributed in their time of sorrow...Pensioner TOM HUGHES, 85 years old and a former executive board member at 77th Street, passed away. Tom and your scribe attended the Notre Dame retreat many times in the past years. Reverend Michael Foran of Notre Dame

wishes to thank the operators who remember their families and friends with daily masses at the Fatima House. Don't forget the "Big Retreat" in August. Everyone is welcome...Garage news--we wish a speedy recovery to Repairman WILBERT SUTTON who is recuperating with a broken ankle, and to Repairman FRANK MICE-TICH who is still on the sick list...We express our sincere sympathy to Serviceman DAVID WOODS in the loss of his father... If I had a beard like Acting Foreman MATT MANTIA, I would go in the movies or maybe to Cuba and replace Fidel Castro... These two handsome young men are SHAUN and SHANE HAMBERLIN, the nephews of Operator AZ GARVIN. They would like to follow in the footsteps of their favorite



Shaun & Shane Hamberlin

uncle in transportation--Shane wants to be a bus driver and Shaun wants to be a pilot. We wish them both the fulfillment of their dreams...This is the last column from your scribe, TOM DANIELS, who takes his pension June 1 after 33 years of service. Just like an old baseball player, it's time to hang up the spikes and look forward to the golden years. Thanks to all my co-workers who have helped me, the operators, the wonderful men in the garages, and the many bosses whom I worked with. We all look forward to retirement, but it is hard to give up something which has been a part of your life for so many years. To our pensioners living in Florida, the LAYTONS, ERICKSONS, DAVISES and the ZESCHS, I hope to see you some day. Good luck, good health and goodbye to everyone, I've gone fishing.

- Tom Daniels & Amos Foster

ARCHER -

The St. Joseph Branch of the Little Flower Society is seeking new members in Divisions 241 and 308. Please check with your board member and join this worthwhile organization...DAVID HINMAN was appointed relief superintendent for Archer and 52nd Street stations. Also appointed

as relief superintendent at Archer was B. HENDERSON. Congratulations to both of these gentlemen...Pensioner EARL LARSON visited the station and was looking great after his recent illness. Pensioner DANIEL E. COUGHLIN also visited the station with his grandsons. Pensioner W. H. LIND, now living in Minnesota, visited the station the other day. Mr. Lind retired in 1964 and will be 76 in September. If some of his buddies wish to write him, his address is Box 224, RFD 1, Grey Eagle, Minn. 10544. He would like to hear from you...Hey, just in case Clerk ART LUBKE didn't get a chance to show you that picture of his two-year old granddaughter, MELISSA ANNE, here it is for all to see. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DALE



Melissa Ann Berns

BERNS...Wedding bells have hit our station again. The lucky ones were GEORGE and EMILY HAMPER who were married on March 8. Congratulations to them and many happy days...The system pick has brought about a few changes. Some of our good friends have changed stations and we wish to extend them a bon voyage. We welcome all the operators transferring to Archer and hope your stay will be a pleasant one...Birthday greetings to all the operators born in April: J. G. ARENDT, C. S. BROWN Jr., E. BARRY, J. L. CARSON, J. E. COLEMAN, K. D. DUCREE, U. GRIFFIN, B. HALL, W. HARRIS, E. HEMP-HILL, M. HILL, I. HOLDEN, T. IRELAND, O. L. JOHNSON, R. NOBLES, J. NUNN, W. MCKINNEY, L. L. MILLER, N. MOORE Jr., A. PRUITT, A. PAIGE, R. ROBINSON, M. L. SAWYER, J. L. SCOTT, J. J. SMOK, D. STUKENBERG, S. E. SZARAFINS, N. TANNER, L. TILLMAN, G. E. TAYLOR and W. C. WALKER...On Sunday, June 29, the annual family picnic for Archer sta-

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Congratulations! June Graduates in CTA Families



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tion will be held at Green Lake Woods, 159th and Torrence. We are looking forward to seeing you there...Superintendents JOHN LYNCH, JOHN PETROSIUS, MACK PORTER and the operators at Archer wish to extend their congratulations to the basketball and bowling teams for the beautiful job in winning first place in their leagues. Thanks for making Archer No. 1...I wish to apologize to JOHN McCREA and HENRY KOHLER for getting their job titles wrong. ..If you need help see your credit union, they will be happy to help you. Your credit committee is JAMES JACKSON Jr., THOMAS McLARNEY, FRANK SCHMITZ, ANTHONY LOMBARDO and KENNETH

McDONALD...Area Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER is now a proud grandfather. So proud that we had a hard time convincing him to relinquish one of the many pictures of his four-month old grandson, STEPHEN



Stephen William Labahn

WILLIAM LABAHN, so we could put it in our column. Stephen is the son of KATHY LABAHN, who formerly worked in the Maintenance Department for CTA...One last thought--take care of your job and it will take care of you.

- Owen Rosendave

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) - My partner, DONALD HAWKINS, and I send our "welcome to the club" greetings to our two colleagues, ROBERT ARNOLD and RICHARD H. BUSHBAUM, who recently became the signal maintainers for wayside equipment on the new in-cab signal system on the north main line. The Hawk and I maintain the same equipment on the south main line, so it is nice to have a

couple of good guys over there we can exchange information with...JOHN LONG was off the job for a few days due to a minor mishap. Another one of those fast moving switches which outsmarted another maintainer. We are glad to report that it was only a scratch, and the only thing that hurt John was facing his partner and his pride. ..Signal Draftsman BIRNEST HICKS was one of the guest speakers at the Gillespie Upper Grade Center's sixth annual career conference. This annual community project is centered around motivating each child to achieve his highest potential, provide career information and try to effect a lower dropout rate at the high school level.

NEW PENSIONERS

LEROY ARRASMITH, Supervisor, District D, Emp. 4-30-42
JAMES BELL, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 9-23-40
LONNIE BRIGHAM, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 4-23-45
MATHIAS BROST, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-11-36
THOMAS BROWN, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 2-28-57
LEO CZASZEWICZ, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-17-42
ANTHONY DOMINICK, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 12-26-44
DANIEL HANRAHAN, Laborer, South Shops, Emp. 8-4-36
SVERRE JOHNSON, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-22-40
JEROME KOWALSKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-11-42
JOSEPH MANION, Janitor, North Park, Emp. 7-24-41
LOUIS MARKOWITZ, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 6-8-44

Birnest provided career information toward the electrical field, stressing the importance of higher education. We commend Birnest in giving of himself to help young students look toward the future. He felt the students enjoyed the lectures and were stimulated by the question and answer sessions. Keep up the good work...PERCY ERVES has been on and off the job for the past several weeks suffering with tonsillitis. He finally decided to "end it all" by having the little things removed. Glad to see you back, Percy...FRANK (Basement) BONK is now back to work after being off sick for awhile. Glad to see you back, Bonk...JACK PILIP is in Florida on a

ANTON T. MOKSTAD, Sergeant, Security, Emp. 11-9-36
KATHLEEN O'DONNELL, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 2-15-51
WILLIAM PFEIFFER, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 4-15-46
GEORGE H. ROSS, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 3-5-51
THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY, Box Puller, Archer, Emp. 9-15-37
MELVIN SCHEINER, Mail Clerk, Management Services, Emp. 8-7-45
FRANK A. SOBZAK, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 11-24-47
CHARLES WESLEY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 2-23-49
THADDEUS WODARSKI, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-17-36

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JOHN BIENIEK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-26-43
WHITTED HART Jr., Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 7-25-55
AARON HINTON, Trackman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 3-31-48
ALFRED KALISZ, Bus Serviceman, North Park, Emp. 4-9-51



REGINALD BRYANT
Earlie Bryant
North Avenue



CINDY BUDZISZ
Jerry Budzisz
North Park



FRANK BUDZISZ
Jerry Budzisz
North Park



GARY CASTROGIOVANNI
Ron Castrogiovanni
Engineering



RONALD CHORAK
Daniel Chorak
TABEC



CRAIG COX
Melvin Cox
77th Street



CATHERINE CULKIN
Terry Culkin
South Shops



VALENCIA DAVIS
Archie B. Davis
69th Street



ALLISON DeBONNETT JR.
Allison DeBonnett Sr.
77th Street



MANOLA DE LUNA
Arthur De Luna
North Avenue



MIKE ECKEL
John Eckel
Datacenter



MICHAEL ELLIS
Frenchie Ellis
South Section



ELLEN EVANS
Caesar Evans
77th Street



BRIAN FACZEK
Mitch Faczek
Skokie Shop

much-needed vacation. We will have much to talk about when he returns...Hey, fellows, remember that little bonus that goes with each vacation? The bonus is getting back home safely. So take care and let us know of your vacation travel so we can put it in our column.

- *Tommie Lowery*

CTA SECURITY -

On March 8 your reporter, PAT FLYNN, and BOB WASSON became Mr. and Mrs. Bob is a bus serviceman at the 77th Street Garage and I am a stenographer in the Security Department.

- *Pat Wasson*



Pat & Bob Wasson

FOREST GLEN -

Hi! I'm still trying to get a little news out to all of you. At the present time I am back at work, but working out of North Avenue. I do expect to be transferred back to the old home station soon...Seems like Operator LEROY NELSON decided to have some time off, being that the weather was sort of bad, so he broke his ankle. What a way to stay home. Nelson also celebrated the three A's--his 21st anniversary with the company, his birthday (39?), and his 36th wedding anniversary to lovely Mrs. Nelson...Also on the sick list is GLEN McCANN. He also has a broken ankle. I saw him at the club, and Glen had two lovely young ladies driving him around. What a life...Our fine young clerk, MOSELEY, states that in the near future Mrs. Moseley is going to present him with their

first child. The very best to both of you... I received a card from Pensioner WALLY REICH, the old Harlem Avenue kid. He is doing fine and says hello to all...We were all sorry to hear that Pensioner JOHN W. SUSRALSKI passed away in March. Many thanks, Mrs. Susralski, for your lovely letter. May God bless you...A little bird stopped by the station and informed me that Big GEORGE FUENTES, formerly an operator out of the Glen, and now a supervisor, was spotted on the stage at Madonna High school. We understand that after his performance was over, he received a wire offering him an acting contract. Well, some have it and others don't--but in this case George is loaded with talent. Good luck in the acting field (ha ha)...Supervisor LEROY ARRASMITH retired on May 1 after 33 years of service, and his friends got together and had coffee and rolls in the back room for him. We all wish you the very best in the years to come, and may God bless you always...Also retiring on May 1 were JOHN BIENIEK with 31 years of service, NATHAN BROST with 39 years of service, S. F. JOHNSON with 34 years of service, J. R. KOWALSKI with 32 years of service, and T. J. WODARSKI with 38 years of service. May all of you have many happy years of retired life...We extend a warm welcome to our new chief clerk, RUSSELL GUNDERSON. We all wish you the very best, Russell...Sorry to hear that J. COBURN's mother is ill at this time. Here's wishing her a very rapid recovery and a return well and hearty to her family...JIM HAGERTY of the Forest Glen credit union is a busy man these days. As his vacation draws near, he says it looks like a "honey do" one. His beautiful wife is now setting up his work schedule around the house. Don't worry, Jim, many of us will be in the same boat this year...JOHN HALL, our paymaster, retired on April 1 after more than 39 years of service. Your smiling face will

be greatly missed, John, but our best wishes for a long and healthy pensioned life go with you...Operator MACK HILLEY expects to go fishing with old WILBUR this summer and says he can outfish me anytime. He's planning on using the hill billy system. That must be his secret weapon. Pensioner FRANK ENGELTHALER suffered a broken shoulder recently. He says this happened when things were looking rosy as he had a little job and was quite happy with it. We hope by the time you read this, Frank, you will be back in the pink. Thanks for the call, you sure gave me quite a lift...JACK MORNAR, one of our fine clerks, is getting younger day by day. He says credit goes to his lovely wife as she keeps him in tip-top shape...Clerk GRANT MOSELEY says that married life is really great. He has been married about eight months and states it gets better every day. Of course his young bride, BERNADETTE, is a shining star in his life...Operator PIPER says he will have two of his children getting married this year. SUSAN is to be married in June, and RICHARD in August. The old boy is gaining another son and daughter...The Forest Glen credit union bowling team is well on its way into first place under the guidance of C. PANTOS. The other members of the team are: JOHN MAHNKE and his son, JACK, AL PLODZIN and AL POLOWCZYK. We welcome all the new drivers to Forest Glen on the system pick. Remember, men, we have quite a driving record, so help us stay on top.

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

KEDZIE -

Summertime is about here, and children will be playing in the streets and running out from between parked cars, so extreme alertness should be exercised. Our great city will also have many visitors who will



JIM FACZEK
Mitch Faczek
Skokie Shop



JOE FACZEK
Mitch Faczek
Skokie Shop



DAVID FUHRMAN
Robert Fuhrman
South Shops



MICHELLE GRAJEK
Rich Grajek
South Shops



DANIEL GREENE
Grant W. Greene
Skokie Shop



BEATRICE GRIFFIN
George Griffin
Operations Planning



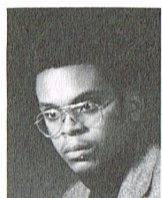
JOHN GUINEE JR.
John Guinee Sr.
69th Street



TIM HAGEN
Roy Hagen
South Shops



TOM HAGEN
Roy Hagen
South Shops



NORMAN HAIRSTON
William Hairston
77th Street



DAVID HARTFORD III
David Hartford II
Archer



DONNA HATCHETT
George Hatchett
Control Center



DARLENE HAWKINS
Donald Hawkins
Signal Division



ELLEN HENNECKE
Ernest Hennecke
Beverly

be asking questions on how to get to many different points of interest and what buses to take. Your courtesy would be appreciated by giving them the proper directions. It will tend to make a good image for all our operators...

Congratulations to Operators ANTHONY DOMINICK and LOUIS MARKOVITZ who took their pensions on May 1. Your reporter has worked the State-liner route with them for a number of years. Louis was Tony's leader in the a.m. when they retired. Now you both can do everything you wanted to do as you will have the time to do it. I know Tony can take care of his garden and catch up on some painting. Loads of luck to you both, and may you have many years of health and happiness... Operator R. STEELE bought a mini-house camper for his family. It has everything in it and he can hardly wait for his vacation to take it out on the road. Loads of luck to you... Congratulations to Operator JOHN BLAIR and his lovely wife who became grandparents on April 21 when their daughter and son-in-law, PATRICIA and ED PIONTEK, became the proud parents of a baby girl named CHRISTINE MARIE weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces... Operator W. RUSNICK called JOHN FRUGO, retired Kedzie station superintendent, who says he is doing fine and sends his regards to all at Kedzie... Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator BERNARD COOPER who passed away on April 17; to Operator JOHN VIOLLT in the death of his father, and to the family of Pensioner THOMAS CONLEY who passed away on April 8... To everyone having a birthday this month, we wish a happy birthday, and to all who are celebrating wedding an-



Dominick & Markovitz

niversaries, here's wishing you many, many more... Don't forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

At the time of this writing, softball is just getting underway and it looks like we are going to have a pretty good team this season. I said the same thing about our basketball team, and we all know what happened to them. Maybe if more of us came out on Sunday mornings this summer our team may do better... Hey, I ran into my retired leader, ROBERT BENSON, and he looks great. He told me that there is a club for all retired personnel of CTA, and they meet once a month. The club is called "King Casey" and they will be playing baseball this summer. Boy, those will be some games... I will be looking forward to receiving your vacation news. Let me have it, I can handle all I can get. If you don't see me, please leave it with the clerk.

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

Good news from GENE FREGETTO, specifications engineer, whose wife had a bouncing baby girl, KATHRYN ANN. At 7 pounds 9 ounces and 19½ inches, she was born at Lutheran General hospital in Des Plaines on Feb. 28... The Specifications Section moved and is now located in the old Internal Auditing area... GEORGE ADAMS, director of specifications, took a three-week vacation west to sunny California. He got stuck in the snow in Denver... JIM QUALLS, Stores, took a one-week "honey-do" vacation... RODMAN DAUGHTERY, specifications, is happy and proud to announce that his youngest son has been selected for the lead part of Oliver in

"Oliver Twist" now being performed at Evanston Township... J. T. HARTY had a surprise visit from his oldest son for lunch when he had a two-hour stopover at O'Hare Airport. It was quite a pleasant surprise... HELEN TOTH spent a one-week vacation in and around the Chicagoland area... A big "HI" is extended to EDNA WALKER, stenographer to the director of purchasing, FRANK JOHNSON... JOHN MARASOVICH, Storeroom 60, and his wife, LILLIAN, spent five days in Las Vegas and then went to San Diego, Cal., and had three wonderful days with MIKE KORZEN and his wife, EVI, and visited Sea World. Before he left, he also spent time with ED BRUCKNER. Mike and Ed send best wishes to everyone... DON MILES laid everyone out with his professional approach to the foul line. Good Friday at the bowling alley turned out pretty nice for some of the clerks in the Stores Department. T. G. (Termite) COLLIER, Storeroom 7, took high game honors with a 204 and high average for four games of 167. B. HOLTAM, Storeroom 59, was second with an average of 156 for four games. However, old man JOHN CRUSOE was not to be outdone as he picked up a 3-7-10 split, and VICTOR GRIFFIN, the junior of the group, picked up a 5-10 split. Other bowlers and "wise crackers" were: DAVE MURRAY, W. GRIFFIN, RALPH PODGORSKI, BOB MURRAY, GREEN, SAM ELLIS, and RALPH LOUIS from the Insurance Department. They are looking forward to another outing soon... Glad to see JOHN SIEBERT, Storeroom 51, off the sick list. John came back 35 pounds lighter and really looks terrific... Rumor has it that two of our stock clerk I's will be getting engaged shortly. Which one will be first?... Yours truly was proud and very happy to be a bridesmaid to her sister, DONNA, on her wedding day. She was married in Glenview on April 26, and was 26 years old on April 29. 'Tis the



ELAINE HENRY
Edward Henry
Safety



EDWARD HIGNS
John Higns
Security



DAVID HINMAN
Dave Hinman
52nd Street



KAREN HINMAN
Dave Hinman
52nd Street



LINDA HOWARD
Raymond Howard
Beverly



MICHAEL IGNACEK
Edward Ignacek
Archer



SANDRA IRELAND
Talmadge Ireland Jr.
Archer



MARY ELLEN IRWIN
Joe Irwin
South Shops



DEREK D. JAMES
John W. James
77th Street



STEVEN JAMES
John James
77th Street



KEITH JONES
William Jones
69th Street



ANCIL KERSH
F. D. Kersh Jr.
77th Street



KENNETH KERSH
F. D. Kersh Jr.
77th Street



PATRICIA KNIGHT
Bill Knight
North Park

season for love and wedding bells. Let's hear more from you...Oh, by the way, Storeroom 42 says "HI!" No news is good news. Only thing, we need news to keep this column going.

- Priscilla Kamradt

NORTH AVENUE -

Cake frosting and candle blowing were in order for JEAN LACRIOLA, the wife of Assistant Superintendent MIKE LACRIOLA, as she celebrated her birthday in April...Our former station superintendent and now Near South Area superintendent, WILLIAM MOSER, was presented with his number one grandson, STEPHEN WILLIAM LABAHN...In 1958 at age six, TOMI GRIESENBAUER and her dad appeared on these pages at the controls of the first train to operate on the Congress line. The same scene was repeated in 1970 when the Kennedy opened. On April 10 Tomi presented a grandson, JAMES ERIK, to her father, who by the way is our own switchboard operator, WALTER BLIX...Operator EARL HOBSON has just returned from Jackson, Miss., for a family reunion which was the first held since 1958...Repairman RONALD FILARSKI and his wife, ROBYN ANN, were presented with an 8 pound 13 ounce daughter on April 10...Our visitor during the month was Pensioner BERNY PEARSON...April 25 marked the first decade of married life for Operator ALICE DRAKE and her husband, EDDIE...In our column last month we reported the death of Supervisor E. BURKETT's father-in-law. Please allow us to correct that to read Supervisor H. BURKETH's father-in-law...Operators ROBERT DARROW and EDWARD NEUMANN are back to work after a brief illness...Retired Superintendent ED BRODD is in Ravenswood hospital and doing fine at the time of this writing...The broad elated smile on the face of Operator EARLIE

BRYANT is due to the graduation cum laude of his son, REGINALD, from Roosevelt Upper Grade Center...A story was promised to you in the last column and here goes. Among the new operators reporting to North Avenue during the month of October 1974 was Operator THELMA YOUNG. Operator WILLIE JOHNSON cast his eyes upon Thelma and cupid went to work immediately resulting in the formal engagement of Willie and Thelma in March of this year. Tentative plans call for the wedding in September. The best of everything to these two operators, and we do believe that this is the first time in the history of the CTA that two operators have become engaged to marry. The truth really is stranger than fiction...Keep the news coming, and keep your eyes on this column. Who knows what revelations may be made to enlighten and entertain you... See you in print next time.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

The Little Flower communion breakfast service was held on Sunday, April 20, at Mt. Carmel Learning Center. North Park was again well represented with a large turnout of pensioners and their wives participating...With the coming of the college students, your help and consideration will be appreciated by the instruction force. The hiring of these young fellows makes summer vacations possible for most of us, so let's give them a hand...Operator LOWELL (Lefty) BRUBACH and his wife, MADELYNN, vacationed in Miami, Fla. Lowell enjoyed playing several rounds of golf with Former Operator LARRY FOREMAN, who is now a captain on the Miami police force. A stopover in Clearwater to visit the Brubach's brother-in-law, Mr. TED VARNICH, was also a must... Pensioner LOUIS NELSON, the strawberry

king of Brodhead, Wis., spent a month's vacation visiting friends around the State of Arizona where he may be looking for a future home site...Operator ED ZIENTARA and his wife, ROSE, enjoyed a winter vacation in sunny Arizona. Ed came home with glowing reports on the Chicago Cubs who were going through their spring training sessions in Scottsdale...Pensioner JOE GOLDBERG writes from New Orleans, La., that after a year of retirement life he has taken a part-time job at the Pontchartrain hotel where he is doing security work...Congratulations to the 159 operators who were awarded "Employee of the Year" cards for their outstanding safety and work records... Pensioner BEN GEACH, who still resides at 1510 Highland, Chicago, is hale and hearty and sends his regards to his many friends...BETTY O'NAN, the wife of Operator STERLING O'NAN, was hospitalized at Edgewater hospital for major surgery. At this writing she is recovering satisfactorily... JOSEPH DAUGIRD Jr., the son of Instructor JOE DAUGIRD, was married on Saturday, April 5, to Miss CHERI GEORGE at St. Edward's Catholic church. The reception, attended by 70 guests, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN O'CALLAGHAN in Wilmette...Sanitary Engineer JOE MANION retired on May 1, and his smiling and cheerful expressions will be missed at North Park...Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 27, for the candidate of your choice. Bring your plastic membership card with your current month paid-up working card. Officers of Division 241 will be elected for three-year terms.

Repair Department Chit-Chat: DOROTHY COUGHLIN, the wife of Assistant Foreman JOE COUGHLIN, was hospitalized at Resurrection hospital for observation...Stock Clerk MEL McDONALD is to be commended for his untiring task of ordering parts to keep North Park's fleet of buses



MIKE KOPINSKI
Joseph Kopinski
South Shops



PAULA KOPINSKI
Joseph Kopinski
South Shops



PATRICK KOZIOL
Frank Koziol
North Park



GARY KUJAWA
Norman Kujawa
South Shops



JANET LACEY
George Lacey
South Shops



LORI LACHER
Harry Lacher
South Shops



MARY LAICA
George Laica
Internal Auditing



JAIME LEAL
Elda Leal
Public Affairs



BEVERLY LEWIS
Winmon Lewis Jr.
South Shops



VERNON LINK
Melvin Link
North Park



SUSAN LOFTON
John Oddo
Signal Division



ANITA LOWERY
Tommie Lowery
Signal Division



LYDIA LOWERY
Tommie Lowery
Signal Division



ROGER MAHNKE
John Mahnke
Forest Glen

rolling...Enjoying spring vacations at this writing are: PAUL SCHREVES, ROBERT JOHNSON, RAY LEONHART, PAT DALEY, FRANK FULTON, JOHN FILARSKI and NILS BIALEK...The welcome mat is extended to Repairman J. PEMBERTON, and Servicemen MICHAEL KASMAN, JOE WEBER, TOM IRWIN and S. GRAF...Repairman FRANK CIONE retired on April 30 after 44 years of service. Frank was honored with a party and received several gifts from his fellow workers...Clerk HARRY (Swede) ENRIGHT went on disability pension May 1, and our wishes go to Harry for good health in the future... Pensioners LEN TROZANOWSKI and MIKE MELOWSKI were recent visitors at the garage and were happy to exchange views with their old buddies...Our sympathy is extended to Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR in the loss of his mother, Mrs. O'CONNOR, in her native Ireland.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Routes & Systems) -

FRANK MISEK, director of routes & systems, took a very exciting trip out west, driving through the rain, sleet, snow, dust, sand, and anything else nature could provide. In spite of it all, he and Mrs. Misek had a wonderful time. They visited with many former CTA friends including HARRY POLLAND, CLYDE NORTH, ELLIOTT HIRSCH, HERMAN ANDERS and FRED KINDERMAN, all of whom want to be remembered to their very close friends here at CTA.

(Passenger Controls) -

ROD SKOCZ left May 19 for two weeks of active duty with the navy reserve in Denver, Colo...STEVE and DIANE WOLGEMUTH had open house for their friends to show the "before" look of their 100 year old house. Steve who has started ripping

out plaster, walls and the plumbing, can use all the help he can get. Belated birthday wishes to Rod and Steve...JOAN HARRISON spent a week at Grand Cayman Island in the British West Indies. Joan enjoyed scuba diving for the first time and had a nice sun tan plus a red nose.

- Kay Batina & Betty Paczkowski

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

Hear ye! Hear ye! Paul Revere never made it to Concord with the news 200 years ago, but unlike Paul Revere, we aim to get through with the news by deadline no matter what. So here we go again, trying to get an article together in spite of the fact that we seem to have a lot of Paul Reveres, both in the office and out in the shop, who are not getting through with the news to your reporters. As a result our column is somewhat on the sparse side this month. Your co-reporter, MARY HENDRICKSON, has been on vacation for two weeks, but she has kept in touch in order to meet the deadline...Words cannot express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of CALVIN VALENTINO, carpenter, who passed away on April 18. To his dear wife, IRENE, and his son, DOUGLAS, and daughter-in-law, MARY, may God bless all of you...Springtime is vacation time for a lot of people at Skokie, what with everyone trying to use up last year's vacation. BEA SUSMAN, unit supervisor, had a two-week vacation away from the office in March, and has three more to go which she'll finish up in May. BOB WINTHER, superintendent of Skokie Shop, got away from it all for two weeks. JAMES PANKONEN, superintendent of rail vehicle maintenance, flew to Washington, D.C., for a week's vacation. PAUL VENTICINQUE and LARRY MONAGHAN, unit supervisors, will take turns finishing up their vacations, too. ED BLICHARZ, Production

Supply Control, was also away for a week's vacation...While we are on the subject of vacations, BILL BUERGER, motor line, and his lovely wife, SHIRLEY, will be spending two weeks on vacation in May, island hopping in Hawaii. To both of you, we all hope you do have a great time... Congratulations to TOM TORREY, motor line, and his wife, KATHY, who recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary. Tom and Kathy are the proud parents of three fine sons, PAUL, 9, GARY, 6, and SHAUN, 3 years old...By the time you read this, GRANT GREENE, machine shop, should be well on the road to complete recovery from his recent surgery...Well, folks, that is all for this issue. Hope you all can supply us with a lot more news next month. See you then.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

(TABEC) -

Hello, Hello, Hello! It has been a long time in coming, but we have finally made it--getting ourselves into print...Some of the "extracurricular" activities that have been going on with us outside of school are these: JIMMY MORALES has recently returned from an expedition in sunny Texas where he reported catching over 100 large mouth bass in five days. JENNIFER, his one-year old, doesn't believe him either... We are all wondering what DAN CHORAK is going to be eating while HEIDE and the family are off to Cologne, Germany. Dan wanted to go along, but who's going to pay for all that air fare?...KEN POLAN spent a week at DARLENE's favorite hobby. You guessed it--remodeling! The question is: Will the Polan family be able to enjoy their new heating system in time for America's Bicentennial celebration?... CHARLES TOWNSEND will be offering "bump" instructions this summer. Register early... HELEN CAROLLO, TABEC's only and best secretary, misses her T-Bird. She



DAVID MAIDEN
Dave Maiden
South Shops



CARL MALY
Gordon Maly
TABEC



CINDY MARIE MARKOS
Joseph Markos
Jefferson Park



DEBRA LYNN MARSHALL
William C. Johnson
52nd Street



BRADY MASON III
Brady Mason II
69th Street



GAIL McLANE
James McLane
North Section



SUSAN MILELLO
Joseph Milello
Forest Glen



CHERYL MILLER
William Miller
South Shops



JANIS MITCHELL
John Mitchell
South Section



JOHN MONGE
Juan Monge
Jefferson Park



CALVIN MORGAN
Davell Morgan
North Park



VANESSA MORGAN
Davell Morgan
North Park



SUE MORRELL
George Morrell
South Shops



PHILLIP MORRIS
Ardis Morris
61st Street

said, "The Datsun is too easy on gas.".. WILLIE (Argument) WONG and his family will be spending the first week of June in Florida bothering Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Goofy at Disney World. Maybe they can offer Willie a deal he can't refuse...We are all going to miss GORDON MALY while he is on vacation--or will we? ..Congratulations to our newest addition, DAVE WILSON.

- George Greco

(South Shops) -

Congratulations to TOM SMITH on the recent engagement of his daughter, DEBBIE. Debbie works at the Mart in Criminal Law and Traffic. Her fiancé, JIM BLANCHARD, works in the Mart in Capital Development as a procedure analyst. The wedding date is set for July 10, 1976. RON CATANZARO, Far North Area, will be best man. Good luck and much happiness to Deb and Jim...A warm welcome back to work goes out to MAUREEN HOULIHAN. Maureen has been off for two months due to foot surgery. We are all glad to see her back. Just keep healthy, Maureen...RICH JUVINALL is the proud owner of a 1975 Chevy Monza. He waited a long time, and it was well worth it, so he says...DON TARNOWSKI was married on May 4 to DONNA MORENO. I know I just announced their engagement, but things happen very quickly these days. They will move into their home on May 10. Good luck...ART BEAUCHAMP and his wife, BESS, just returned from their vacation. They went to Brenlie Mt., Ala., and to St. Louis, Mo. It was a little shaky crossing the St. Louis "Arc", as the winds were 40 to 50 miles an hour. Art commented that he had "a heck of a good time," and that is what a vacation is for...EDDY and IRENE EVANS celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on April 22 by taking a trip to Hawaii. They both had a fantastic time and said it was a

trip of a lifetime. Congratulations...The welcome mat is extended to ZAVEN S. GUIDIGUIAN to South Shops. Zaven is a methods and standards engineer...Congratulations to CHARLIE GRECO who became a grandfather again. CHARLES GRECO Jr. and his wife, LINDA, are proud of their new son, GEORGE ROBERT. George weighed 7½ pounds and measured 19 inches. He was born April 6. Charlie should also be congratulated on his recent promotion from technician IV to technician V. DON TARNOWSKI was promoted from technician I to technician IV. Congratulations to both of you...There will be two new

faces in Technical Services soon: they are JACK MURRAY from the shops who will be a technician III, and JOHN A. LIPKA who will be a technician I. John also happens to be the son of JOHN F. LIPKA, unit supervisor in Technical Services. Congratulations, fellows, and welcome... Everybody is practicing for the South Shops golf outing this year. The annual event will be held on June 28, weather permitting, that is.

Congratulations go out to ED and SHIRLEY MESIKEN on their 25th wedding anniversary. On March 29 a surprise party

Service anniversaries in May

40 years

W. Heffernan,
Track & Structures



35 years

R. A. Hodgetts, Engineering
W. Kreutzer, Skokie Shop
R. O. Stach, Transportation

30 years

D. V. Andriacchi, 69th Street
J. R. Cirillo, Buildings & Grounds
F. J. Gibasiewicz, Forest Glen
S. M. Stromblad, 77th Street

25 years

G. M. Andersen, Technical Services
J. N. Baker, Beverly
L. R. Both, North Park
N. A. Costantino, Forest Glen
J. Jackson, Archer
R. Jackson, Track & Structures
W. J. Kanady, 69th Street
J. J. Labellarte, 61st Maint. Terminal
J. F. Lipka, Technical Services
F. J. Maguire, Materials Management
L. J. Maher, North Section
T. McPartlan, Maint. Material Control
W. L. Rakauskis, Utility
D. M. Ryan, Electrical
M. A. Tassone, Beverly
N. P. Triffon, District B



JOANN MUSCARELLO
Sal Muscarello
North Park



DANNY NALLY
Patrick Nally
South Shops



GREGORY NYZAK
Dorothy Nyczak
Payroll Acctg.



KELLY ANN O'CONNOR
M. F. O'Connor
South Shops



KIMBERLY O'NEILL
Judith O'Neill
North Section



MICHAEL O'NEILL
Judith O'Neill
North Section



TIMOTHY OSWALD
Norman Oswald
Operations Planning



MARK PACZKOWSKI
Betty Paczkowski
Operations Planning



GAIL PIETROWSKI
John Pietrowski
Jefferson Park



DONNA POWELL
Donald Powell
South Shops



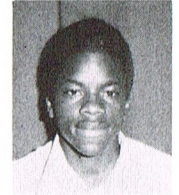
AUBREY J. PRINCE
Robert Prince
Douglas Terminal



MONICA PUTHAMANA
Joseph Puthamana
Skokie Shop



TONI RANDALL
Daniel Randall
52nd Street



DELBERT REED
Homer Reed
North Park

was given by their six children and a total of 85 people turned out to celebrate. Our prayers go out for Ed's mother who is in the hospital recuperating with a broken hip...BOB and COLLEEN FUHRMAN wish to thank all their friends and co-workers for their prayers in their daughter's illness...MAX and ELIZABETH TEPPER gave their daughter, SUSAN's, hand in marriage to FRED LOCKE at St. Dennis church on April 5. Fred and Susan plan to live in Green Bay, Wis...BILL MILLER is \$500 richer after winning a recent Grand Slam lottery...Machinist HENRY MILIEWSKI will celebrate his 35th service anniversary this month...Mechanic RAYMOND KRAUSE proudly reports that his son, RAYMOND, will receive his master of science degree in education.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

The 13th annual retirement party was held Friday, May 16, at the VFW hall in Berwyn to honor the following retirees: PEDRO PALOMAR, trackman; E. P. WADE, general foreman, ironworkers; JOE CHRISTOI, electrician; SALVATORE LaMARCA, laborer; AUDREY C. PETERSON, secretary; LOUIS W. WEISSGERBER, carpenter; FRED PETRINO, chief clerk; DANIEL SEMINERIO, laborer; JOSEPH MILOS, plumber; ANTHONY SUNZERI, trackman; JOSEPH MATRISCIANO, tinner; ART MALMQUIST, superintendent, track; PAUL MILKEVITCH, painter; CLARENCE SPINDLER, trackman; BARNEY HOLTANE, ironworker inspector, and AARON HINTON, trackman...A word of cheer to all our shut-ins, get well quick, we miss your smiling faces...Received letters from Pensioners E. P. WADE, former general foreman of ironworkers, and BARNEY HOLTANE, former ironworker inspector. Mr. Wade is enjoying his north woods with

gusto, and Mr. Holtane is in Florida enjoying mainly golf. Both agree there is nothing like the life of a retiree...PAUL (Mr. Jones) ANDERSON, chief clerk of mechanical maintenance, paid us a visit. It was good to see Paul looking good and with the same old charm. Come back again soon, Paul.

- Jennie Scott

WEST SECTION -

Lucky GEORGE JERREL of the road department is sunning in Florida on his vacation, as is Superintendent of Janitors ROBERT ROESING. Assignment Agent JERRY LOMAX vacationed in New Orleans for two weeks where she visited with her father. Jerry said she acted like a real vacationer, she stayed in a hotel for the two weeks and had an enjoyable time...ELEANOR HASBROUGH was hospitalized again for surgery and is still off sick as of this writing. . . Pensioner GRACE MOUNTS is now home from the hospital and doing fine...I guess the girls are here to stay--a new restroom is being built for our female rapid transit conductors and motorwomen at 54th on the Douglas line...Need help with your spring cleaning? JUANITA EDEN handles a paint brush like a real pro. MARY VIDAS can attest to this as Juanita did a fine job on her bathroom. Juanita, I would like to be the first one to put in my bid for your help...CAROL BOWMAN is all tuckered out just thinking about spring cleaning. Right now the big decision is what color she should paint her walls...If you want to know where to find all the good food bargains, check with LEONARD LACHOWICZ. He checks all the newspaper ads and is a coupon clipper from way back...VIRGINIA OJER likes to move around, so she has been working the extra board for five years. Can anyone top this? ..Something new has been added to LINDA

TAPINS' family. Would you believe a friendly boa constrictor? They now have a dog, cat, gerbil, a parakeet and are babysitting for a friend's parrot. Lots of luck, Linda, and are you sure the boa is friendly?...If you want to see Agent Supervisor TOM SHERA's eyes light up, ask him about the apple of his eye, his daughter JENNIFER...Agent PEGGY WASHINGTON gave birth to an 8 pound 2 ounce baby boy on April 11, and Agent MARTHA MORRIS had a baby girl. Agent WILFREDO SOTO's wife presented him with a 5 pound 2 ounce baby boy on March 24. This is their first child and he was named MICHAEL. . . JULIE MATTRAN and her husband are awaiting the birth of their fifth grandchild...Now that spring is here, plant some green in the credit union and watch it grow. Speaking of the credit union, the people who missed the Metropolitan "L" annual dinner missed a really great time. There were many dignitaries from Division 308 and other credit unions, and also many guests too numerous to mention. Everyone really had a great time...Superintendent ART RAVEN and his wife have returned from their trip to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and says it was very nice. Art also said he can't wait to go back for another visit. . . Congratulations to SUE MATTHEWS who was promoted to assistant superintendent of agents, and also to C. ROPA, C. FLORENCE, E. FOSTER, J. SEYMOUR, R. HAWKINS and E. BELT who recently became agent sub-unit supervisors...Agent JOHN BURGESS said he is getting himself engaged on June 5 to Miss JUNE BRAXTON. John also told us he is leaving us to become a bus driver. Lots of luck, John, in your engagement and bus driving...Happy birthday to AGGIE NOONE and Janitor ORA MILLER...On May 21 coffee and rolls were served at Jefferson Park for winning the Interstation Safety Contest for the first quarter. Congratulations and keep up the good work...In



CYDNE RETTIG
Mary Rettig
Datacenter



ROBERTO RIVERA
Domingo Rivera
Jefferson Park



LaTANYA ROYSTER
Leodis Royster
Forest Glen



HOLSEY SAMPSON JR.
Holsey Sampson Sr.
Howard Street



KEVIN C. SAUER
Charles Sauer
North Park



FRANK SHERIDAN
John Sheridan
Storeroom 7



TERRY SIMMONS
Fred Simmons
South Shops



ARNESE SMITH
William Smith
77th Street



DELONIA SMITH
William Smith
77th Street



CHARLES STARR
Charlie Starr
South Shops



ROBIN STERN
Leo Stern
North Park



BARRY STOCKLING
Samuel Stockling
69th Street



WINNEFRED STONE
Walter Stone
Planning/Programs



PAUL SUTKOWSKI
Ted Sutkowski
South Shops

closing we would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of R. KLU-CZYNSKI who passed away in April, and to the family of JOHN CAROLAN whose mother also passed away in April.

- Mary Wixted & Zita Doullin

SOUTH SECTION -

Happy summertime to all!..We welcome Assistant Superintendent DAVID MARTIN, 95th, back to the South Section from a short stint at the General Office...Everyone is to be complimented on their fine performance during the spring snowstorm, April 2 and 3, in keeping our trains rolling. ..Conductor JOE DOYLE and his family drove to Dallas, Texas, for a spring vacation which was very enjoyable...Hi to newly hired Conductors CLINTON CLARK and RENA SAMMON... Conductor NEIL SULLIVAN who recently went on disability retirement, wishes to thank everyone for their token of remembrance sent to him. He said to tell everyone, "God bless you all"...Back from the sick list are: Clerk WILL INTOE, Motorman LARRY GENOUS and Conductor JESSE MAMON...We were shocked and saddened to hear that Retired Yard Foreman WALLACE BROWN passed away recently in Riverside, Mich...Receiving passenger commendations recently were: Conductor LARRY BELIN for his clear manner in calling stations and connecting bus lines; Motorman ASHLEY ELDRIDGE and Conductor ANTHONY GAGE were commended by the Control Center for their assistance during a fire, and Motorman WILLARD DOUGLAS and Conductor ELBERT HARRIS were commended by a supervisor for putting a man on their train who was walking the tracks. ..Had a nice visit on the phone with Pensioner LAWSON DELVIN, former chief clerk, North Section, who wishes to say

hello to everybody. About two years ago he was in an auto accident which layed him up with a broken leg and other injuries. He's just starting to get out and around now...The South Side "L" Federal credit union annual meeting and party was a howling success. It was held at the Roberts motel on April 6 and a huge crowd attended. After the meeting, at which I had to give a speech for the supervisory committee of which I am a member, a lovely buffet luncheon was served. Visitors from the other credit unions attended: Treasurer JOHN McCARTY and Committeeman LOU PAYNE of the Lake Street credit union; President HOUSTON WASHINGTON of the Metropolitan credit union, and President HUGH HEGARTY (also Secretary of Division 308) of the North Side credit union. We were also honored with the attendance of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE RILEY, Director, Support Services, Transportation Department; Superintendent and Mrs. STAN CHRIST; Assistant Superintendents ARDIS MORRIS and DAVID CURRY, and Forest Park Superintendent and Mrs. JAMES WALSH. From Division 308 were President and Mrs. LEONARD BEATTY, Assistant Treasurer GEORGE KARRISON, and South Section Board Member WILFORD SPEARS. Also the 77th Street credit union was in attendance. Our hats are off to President CHARLES SPEARS and Treasurer EARL JONES and all the board of directors and committeemen for such a good meeting and party. Our pensioners came out in force: Retired Assignment Agent LULU HAMANN, Retired Towerman PATRICK HICKEY (who is on the board of directors) and his Missus, LEONARD DeGROOT, Retired Motorman MARCUS WALKER and his Missus, Retired Janitor LENZY BATTLE, Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA and his lovely wife, and Retired Conductor PHAROAH (Mother-in-law) CAIN and his wife. We

couldn't possibly name everyone that was there, but it was a lovely crowd. Now, everyone, let's make our credit union grow and grow--only you can do this. Put a little something in the share side for a rainy day. Oh, I can't forget Area Superintendent HARRY REDDRICK who we were so glad to see at our affair. Thanks to our bartender, Switchman DAVID SHEPHERD (also a committeeman), for handling the bar so well...Conductor JOHN KALTSAS and his lovely wife celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary recently and commemorated the occasion at the Diana restaurant and the Grecian Isles restaurant. They even had to go up on stage and do a Greek dance when the restaurants found out it was their anniversary...Another note of sadness: ALICE O'CONNOR, the widow of Superintendent MICHAEL O'CONNOR, who lived in Tucson, Ariz., passed away recently... Still in the hospital at this writing are: Motorman JOSEPH GRIF-FIN, who is in Hines hospital, and Retired Motorman WILLIAM BROPHY who had an operation in St. Francis hospital. Let's pray for a speedy recovery for both of them...Yard Foreman JOHN MITCHELL is so very proud of his 17 year old daughter, JANIS, who will graduate from Unity High school. She is the recipient of a general assembly and Illinois state scholarship to Eastern Illinois university in Charleston... The Agents Pension Club held their spring party on April 20 at Sharko's restaurant and we all had a good time. Their chicken is delicious. In attendance were many pensioners: Retired Motorman JERRY HANAFIN, Retired Towermen PATRICK HICKEY and LEONARD DeGROOT, Retired Agents HAZEL DUNN and HELEN SHANNON, and Retired Former President of Division 308 JOHN BURNS. We don't know how they do it, but the president of the club, Retired Assignment Agent LULU HAMANN, and the sec-



LARRY SZABELSKI
William Szabelski
South Shops



ROGER SZAFRANSKI
Peter Szafranski
69th Street



MARGARET TASSONE
Mike Tassone
Beverly



REGINA TAYLOR
Otis Taylor
West Section



THOMAS TOKARCZYK
Edward Tokarczyk
Security



WAYNE TUCEK
Leonard Tucek
South Shops



MARTHA VALDEZ
Arturo Valdez
North Park



ROCHELLE WALTER
William Walter
69th Street



JACKQUELYN WILLIAMS
John Williams
Storeroom 20



YOCHEETA WILLIAMS
Naamon Williams
Beverly



RODNEY WILLIS
Richard Willis
Personnel



ANTHONY WILSON
Henry Wilson
Operations Planning



ANGELA WINDHAM
Andrew Windham
77th Street



DEBRA YOUNG
Edward Young
69th Street

retary, Retired Assignment Agent ROSE HEIDENBLUT, do a bang-up job every time they have one of these parties. Leonard DeGroot told us at the party that he helped win the championship in the Oak Lawn senior citizen's bowling league with a 264-604 series. He will be 72 years old the end of May, and he still swims, bowls and dances. Isn't that wonderful...The ROBERT ROESINGS, superintendent of janitors, just returned from a spring vacation in Clearwater, Fla., where they visited his mother. They also went to Disney World which they said is some place, and everyone should try to see it...Clerk JAMES CAREY was busting the buttons off his vest when he told us about his daughter, JAN, who takes ballet lessons and won first place in a contest recently...Retired Work Train Motorman DOMINIC CESARE and his Missus have gone to Hollywood, Fla., to spend a month in the new home they just purchased. They plan to live in Florida in the winter months and spend their summers up here. Now that's what we call the good life...Assistant station superintendent at 95th, FRENCHIE ELLIS, is so proud of his wife, JOAN, who was initiated into the Honor Society and will be graduating from Olive Harvey college in June. She'll then enter Chicago State university...The first annual basketball benefit was held on Wednesday, April 23, at St. Anselm's gymnasium. The South Section basketball team played a game against our superintendents, supervisors, instructors and area superintendents, and the South Section team won. They had a crowd of about 250 people in attendance. It was a benefit to start up a South Section CTA Pension Club. Isn't that a wonderful idea. Our South Siders always think about their co-workers and what they can do for them. We are all a real close unit.

- Verna Hartney

TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -

The Utility Department is now located at 3515 W. Maypole...The first group to retire from our new location were AUSTIN CRAYCRAFT with 39 years service, DON EDWARDS with 36 years, and JACK KLIMA with 34 years. Almost 110 years of experience disappeared at one time. A little get-together was held for them and on hand to wish them well were Pensioners WALTER JOHNSON, MATT STIGLIC, ALBERT SCHMIDT, JULIUS KUTA and LARRY LINDNER...We extend the welcome mat to WALTER ANDERSON from Maintenance, EXCELL BUCKNER from Kedzie, and RONALD BLISS from Beverly...HOWARD SURRETT and his lovely wife had a nice vacation in the San Francisco area, while O. W. JOHNSON and his wife vacationed in sunny Florida...ED KENNEDY and his wife vacationed at Winter Haven, Fla., where Ed was checking out the Boston Red Sox. His son, JOHN, is a manager for one of Boston's minor league teams...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of LEONARD GALLE who passed away.

(Service) -

We're well into 1975 now, but Central District Supervisor C. ERRICO MILLER just can't forget what a year '74 was for his family. His wife, TRUDY, was graduated from Governor's State college in June with a master's degree in language art. Then on Dec. 13 REYNALDO JOSE was born to Errico and Trudy. They also have an 11 year old daughter, CHIQUITA MARIA.



Reynaldo Jose Miller

- Colette Szczepanek

52ND STREET -

Now that the baseball season has opened, it would be nice for us to go out and see the Sox and Cubs play once in a while. Also make an effort to go out and root for our 52nd Street softball team. Your support and interest can make a big difference in how the team plays...We hear that CONNIE PEOPLES, one of our former operators, is again hospitalized. Here's wishing him a speedy recovery...Our congratulations to OSCAR JOHNSON and WILLIAM THOMPSON on their promotions... Our sincere condolences to JACKIE DILLON and his family in the loss of his beloved wife, RUTH...We're glad to see EUGENE CANNON back on the job and hope he is fully recovered...Birthday greetings to W. E. BROWN, B. CLARK, W. HOLLAND, R. B. HOLMES, M. D. HUNTER, W. A. MACK, F. W. OWENS, R. RILEY, M. SAMPSON and W. TINSEY Jr...It's the 35th wedding anniversary for the PHILPOTTS. Mrs. Philpott has been ill for some time and we wish her a rapid recovery... Instructor SMITH has been awfully busy lately. Come on, fellows, get on the ball and straighten everything out. Put your station back on top where it belongs...Wonder why PAGE is always beckoning POTTS to the checker board? Chief Clerk ARNOLD HILLSTROM plays a good game of checkers...We really hope that Clerk BILL RUDDLE enjoys his vacation... HERBERT ROHLEN and his lovely wife spent their vacation in Honolulu...It was a pleasure to see VERDELL NELSON and JAMES RIVERS drop around for a visit. Wonder when CHARLES O'KANE and ALVIN DAVIS will drop in on us?...Is BYRON DEAN losing weight? Ask him...Join the credit union and save regularly and borrow wisely. Your savings today will mean more in the future. All members are requested to inform the treasurers of any change of address. Applications for vacation loans should be

placed well in advance due to the heavy volume. E. T. JONES and "Sarge" GARMONY found the annual credit union league convention very interesting...DONALD REYNOLDS is a real cool one. He can handle any assigned run...Wonder when MORGAN SMITH will come back to the boulevard? ROCKMORE seems to be in the groove again...Be alert; be careful; be cooperative; be courteous; and be thankful in having a good paying job. We all know the economy of today, so count your blessings and protect your job. THINK about it!...Attend our monthly union meetings.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

Operator CHARLES A. HAYNES took his pension on April 1 and JESSE DANIELS had a send-off for Charlie at his home. About 50 guests filed in and out to wish a good guy the best. Actually, Charlie is quite a bit heavier already...BOB GREEN's car was stolen and found, but it cost him \$22 for storage. He got mad and bought a "new" old '67 Buick instead. Bob had GEORGE (Draw Bar) HOLLAND and his Mrs. over one evening, and George cleaned up all of Bob's old Canadian Ace beer. George is coming along great after his second eye surgery...It is really something to hear our two paymasters, L. DAKE and J. MALLOY, talk over the high finances of their jobs...What a pick we had with V. CHAMBERS picking four day buses on Western, GUS MELANDER picked like a "casey" on Western, and W. HOWE and R. WILLIAMS picked day buses on Friday and moved in on the round table in the mornings. Even GENE HOWE picked a late straight...I wonder if Operator L. McALISTER ever picked up that milk and diapers?..Superintendent VIC COLEMAN was off sick for the first time in 30 years. ..Operator KELLY is on the sick list, too. To all you fellows on the sick list we wish you a speedy and complete recovery...Superintendent SWANSON says that after 31 years of service, he will take his pension on June 1 and go down to Brooksville in Central Florida...Everyone was glad to see H. MEANS and C. GRAY having coffee together. It seems that Gray gave Means his run back on 63rd...On March 28 OZIE DAVIS was re-elected election commissioner of Division 241 for a three-year term. He had a vote total of 1,638...With vacations starting again, I wish all of you a happy and enjoyable time and hope you let me know about it. Especially HARVEY BROCK of the repair department, who is now going to play Indian with the new bow and arrow set and see if he can shoot a few carp. Sorry, Harvey, fish don't fly... From the repair department, we all wish Pensioner DAN (Tonto) LEMERY, who is hospitalized in Arkansas, a speedy recovery...Pensioners LEO GLOMBICKI and MIKE MORAN are really enjoying their retirement life...On the sick list at this

time are CLARENCE REESE Jr., JOE JANECKO, BILLY WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS and PETER LEE. To all we wish a very speedy recovery...ROBERT BARNEY and KENNY MIKALSKI are on vacation at this time. Here's hoping they have a nice time...We all wish FRANK ANDREK the best of luck on his transfer to the rapid transit...We all welcome CHARLIE ROBINSON back from military service.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahorn

77TH STREET -

Well, it's spring again and our young graduates are in full bloom. Operator CAESAR O. EVANS and his wife, MARY, are among the first of the many proud parents willing to share the accomplishments of their lovely daughters, ELLEN and ALINER EVANS. Operator MELVIN COX is equally proud of his son, CRAIG. Your reporter and Mrs. DeBONNETT joined these operators in celebrating because our son, ALLISON Jr., was gradu-

ated from Kohn Elementary school. Congratulations to all the parents and graduates...I'm happy to report that J. J. KERSH Jr. and F. D. KERSH Jr. received "Employee of the Year" awards. What happened to IRVIN KERSH? The news of the Kersheshes doesn't stop there. It seems FRED KERSH and his wife, CHARLENE, were the guests of Mrs. EDDIE SIBLEY, along with B. REED and his wife. They celebrated a surprise birthday party in honor of EDDIE SIBLEY...Happy birthday to Operator ROBERT WILLIAMS. He informed this reporter his birthday was on May 1, but payday was May 2, so May 2 is the day he celebrated...I appreciate all the news items given to me each month, but in order to give exposure to a larger faction of my fellow operators, I would like for everyone with special happenings to deposit the news items in our Transit News mailbox. Thanks for your cooperation...Support our Local 241. Remember, we are Local 241...See you next time.

- Allison De Bonnett

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

GEORGE ALTON, 76, Kedzie, Emp. 10-20-21, Died 1-19-75
GLENN BAKER, 71, Campaign Area, Emp. 4-26-26, Died 2-22-75
DAVID BARROWMAN, 74, Training, Emp. 5-9-22, Died 3-28-75
GORDON BITTOURNA, 60, Electrical, Emp. 5-28-42, Died 3-5-75
PATRICK BRADY, 68, Limits, Emp. 10-16-29, Died 3-8-75
WALLACE BROWN, 66, South Section, Emp. 4-8-46, Died 3-27-75
CATHERINE COLLINS, 84, South Section, Emp. 10-11-33, Died 3-7-75
BERNARD COOPER, 50, Kedzie, Emp. 10-18-51, Died 4-16-75
WILLIAM EGGERT, 79, Devon, Emp. 2-27-23, Died 3-16-75
HART FISHER, 88, Medical, Emp. 10-15-13, Died 3-11-75
HARTFORD GALBRAITH, 82, No. Section, Emp. 12-18-18, Died 1-8-75
HEBERT HEIDEN, 63, Treasury, Emp. 8-26-37, Died 3-4-75
GUSTAVUS HELLMUTH, 90, Law, Emp. 1-1-23, Died 3-5-75
GEORGE JEFFERSON, 35, South Section, Emp. 12-29-64, Died 4-27-75
ROBERT KLACZYNSKI, 50, West Section, Emp. 4-3-67, Died 4-1-75
PETER KOCHAN, 78, South Shops, Emp. 10-2-42, Died 3-12-75
ARTHUR KUSTER, 85, Purchasing, Emp. 12-9-09, Died 3-26-75
ROBERT LISS, 73, Construction & Maint., Emp. 5-28-27, Died 3-1-75
DANIEL LAWLOR, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 3-24-43, Died 3-11-75
EUGENE LAWSON, 83, Utility, Emp. 3-1-20, Died 3-13-75

WILLIAM LEE, 80, Kimball, Emp. 10-23-12, Died 3-7-75
FRED LOITZ, 68, Stores, Emp. 12-13-26, Died 3-10-75
EDWARD LUTTRELL, 79, Shops & Equip., Emp. 1-3-24, Died 3-9-75
JOSEPH McCLOWRY, 74, South Shops, Emp. 12-13-44, Died 3-5-75
JOSEPH METHE, 70, West Section, Emp. 3-31-20, Died 3-6-75
JOSEPH MINEO, 74, Engineering, Emp. 6-24-28, Died 3-6-75
ARTHUR MURPHY, 71, District A, Emp. 3-5-45, Died 3-5-75
FRANK ORMINS, 65, 77th Street, Emp. 9-9-22, Died 3-18-75
STEVE PAULOV, 62, Archer, Emp. 4-2-42, Died 3-7-75
FRANK PAVEL, 85, 69th Street, Emp. 11-23-16, Died 3-3-75
PATRICK REYNOLDS, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 8-12-13, Died 2-16-75
CHARLES RZEPKA, 80, Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-23-16, Died 3-23-75
AUGUST SCHAMPER, 82, Devon, Emp. 8-6-26, Died 3-5-75
CARL SCHOENBAUM, 68, 77th Street, Emp. 6-3-44, Died 3-16-75
JOHN SHTUKAS, 86, 69th Street, Emp. 6-12-17, Died 2-20-75
JOHN SUSRALSKI, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-7-23, Died 3-6-75
LAWRENCE THIERRY, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 3-21-23, Died 3-6-75
IMMANUEL THOMSEN, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 3-21-12, Died 3-20-75
CALVIN VALENTINO, 49, Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-9-46, Died 4-18-75
JOSEPH WERNER, 78, Schedules, Emp. 4-15-21, Died 3-18-75

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Sample Other Cultures Through Their Events

By Elda Leal

Editor's Note: We have asked Elda Leal to assume editorship of this monthly international page to give all CTAers better appreciation of our cosmopolitan makeup. Mrs. Leal will welcome contributions regarding the upcoming events of all ethnic groups -- Poles, Pakistanis, Koreans, Chileans, whatever. Remember publishing "lead times", please, and tell us two months in advance!

TRAVELING AND learning about the customs and places of other people different from our own background can be educational and interesting.

It is our hope, therefore, to start a kind of "journey around the world" through the experiences, memories and knowledge of our fellow co-workers at CTA.

I am enthused with this idea because, not only will it be enlightening but hopefully, it will create an even more harmonious environment during our working days.

Each month we will report the most important ethnic events and holiday celebrations including some in the United States.

Following are some events for the month of June: June 13 - For many Catholics, this is a day to be remembered by attending mass--St. Anthony of Padua.

This date brings back sweet memories when I was a "Senorita" of only 16, with a head full of silly ideas and a believer of a custom of those years.

Every June 13, young girls and single women would try to collect 13 pennies from friends and neighbors which they would place in a corner of their rooms, next to an upside-down picture of St. Anthony. Some of them even lit candles to make the offering more solemn.

A few prayers and 24 hours later the meager amount was deposited in a nearby church and suppos-

edly, your luck would automatically change for the better--you would meet the perfect boy of your dreams and would fall in love and be happy forever!

Wishful thinking, but I must confess that I "followed the crowd" and tried it once. Big disappointment.. for the following few weeks I met the most unappealing guys and decided to be more realistic--this was no way to find a boyfriend.

Should anyone like to try this, I would suggest being kinder to St. Anthony by placing him in a more comfortable position and offering a dollar instead of pennies (prices have gone up since). Wherever he may be, I'm sure he would be happier for your generosity to the church. And who knows--he may try even harder for you.

June 14 - Marks the tenth anniversary of a custom initiated by a group of active Puerto Rican community leaders who wanted Chicago residents to acknowledge their presence, unity and accomplishments.

Practically lost in our big metropolis, the Puerto Rican community was struggling and determined to get ahead, with a different culture and language as tremendous obstacles to overcome in their adopted country. However, they were ready to meet the challenge.

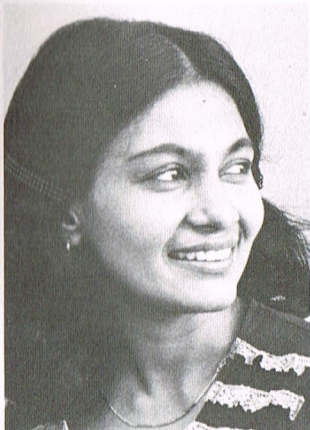
Through the last few decades the Puerto Ricans have advanced in many areas. Puerto Rico became a Commonwealth government on July 25, 1952; they seem to be finding a place in the society they belong to, and in important political positions.

Most Puerto Ricans are hard-working people. They love music and to be surrounded by many friends. Family ties are very strong. It's not rare to see grandparents living with their married sons and daughters. Older people are highly respected and treated with loving consideration.

This year Ramon Valdez--his friends call him "Monchito"--chairman of the "Parada Portorriquena", will bring to Chicago once again one of the most colorful and well organized parades of all seen on State street. It will start at 1 p.m. from Wacker drive to Van Buren.

Thousands of people are expected to come and watch la Parada Portorriquena. CTA employees are welcome to join the celebration with some of their co-workers participating in this annual, happy Puerto Rican event.

June 29 - Also a big celebration for the Puerto Rican community. It's St. John the Baptist day, whom they consider their patron saint. It is also celebrated with great joy back on the beautiful and sunny island of Puerto Rico.



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what's news

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CTA's transfer has gone on a diet to fight inflation. The smaller size transfer will reduce CTA's consumption of paper by about 20 per cent -- for a total annual saving in paper of approximately 70 tons. And, in money, \$22,000.

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The Loop elevated structure is something else that has been losing weight. The loss is fairly impressive -- 615 tons. Parts that haven't been used for years -- such as barricaded stairways and pedestrian bridges -- have been removed. The steel is being sold as scrap.

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The CTA and the City of Chicago have assisted the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle in developing an Urban Systems Laboratory program which has just been funded to the extent of \$390,000 by the federal government. The school is the only one in the mid-west to receive a grant of this size. Richard M. Michaels, lab director, says four research projects will be conducted. These are (1) decision-making information storage for transit officials (2) analysis of travel demands in small areas within the city (3) what maximizes and hampers the attractiveness of public transportation to the user and (4) provision of information to public officials who must make decisions about transit policy. Both RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky and CTA Board-designate Marshall Suloway, Commissioner of Public Works, are on the advisory committee for the program.

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Yankee Doodle mini-bus, a new CTA Spirit of '76 creation, made its debut in a Loyalty Day (Veterans of Foreign Wars) parade in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood. The bus was originally built in 1967 as a mechanical training project for Explorer Scouts on the South Side. The mini-bus, which can pull three trailers of 18 passengers with its six horsepower engine, is expected to appear at other events during the Bicentennial years. The familiar Yankee Doodle tune is attributed to a British surgeon named Shuck-berg who, the story goes, wrote the song to ridicule provincial troops besieging Boston in 1775. The bus is shown being driven by Operator LeBlanc LeDree of Limits Garage.



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