

Somebody's Watching Our Performance



By Anit Leppiks

One of Watchman Lee's view of Chicago traffic. For pictures of Lee in action, see Pages 2 and 3.

The CTA has a new eye in the sky.

Not an orbiting satellite--but a working relationship with the Midwest's most modern traffic studio located high in the Skydeck of the world's tallest building, the Sears Tower.

The site is the new WBBM Newsradio 78 computer traffic control which monitors 270 miles of highway and 3,680 miles of street traffic, as well as 468 miles of commuter and rapid transit rail lines leading into Chicago. Broadcasting from the 103rd floor of the

Sears Tower, Gary Lee, traffic control director, has the best view of area expressways, arterial streets, railroads, rapid transit lines, and waterways.

The CTA is a partner in the program, feeding direct line information to Lee, who integrates it into his traffic reports every 10 minutes from 6-9 a.m. and in the afternoon, from 3-7 p.m.

WBBM opened its Skydeck control room May 19, following five years of broadcasting rush hour traffic conditions from its studios at 630 N. McClurg court,

with spotters stationed at various points across the city.

The new setup features a unique computer which can project how long it will take a motorist to get into town. The computer reads signals from sensitive reporting devices built into the pavement every half-mile along area expressways--over 1,000 electronic sensors in all.

Signals From Control Room

In addition, this computer is hooked up to three dozen police/fire, and rail monitors, enabling Lee to hear of news events as they happen.

He can then get a closeup look at the trouble spot by looking through his 25 powered binocular which has a viewing capacity of 15 miles.

Lee doublechecks all this information with a direct call to the transportation centers involved, such as the CTA. He estimates he makes 100 calls a morning for his 18 traffic checks.

Realizing the need for CTA to further its public service, CTA Public Affairs Manager Tom Buck assigned Bob Heinlein to the job of traffic spotter at the same time the media began to recognize mass transportation as the solution to the energy and environmental problems; almost two years ago.

With the opening of WBBM's Skydeck control, and the subsequent live coverage given by Lee, CTA's relationship with this radio station has taken on new

impact.

With Lee going on the air, now WBBM shows a new recognition of the importance of traffic reporting. Lee, in turn, is trying all the harder to get an up-to-the-minute picture just before he goes on the air, often checking with the CTA only 30 seconds before he makes his report. This means he can paint a true picture of just what traffic is like throughout Chicago.

"Then, when he reports the CTA is running on time, it's not only a nice reminder, it's the best advertising we could get," says Heinlein.

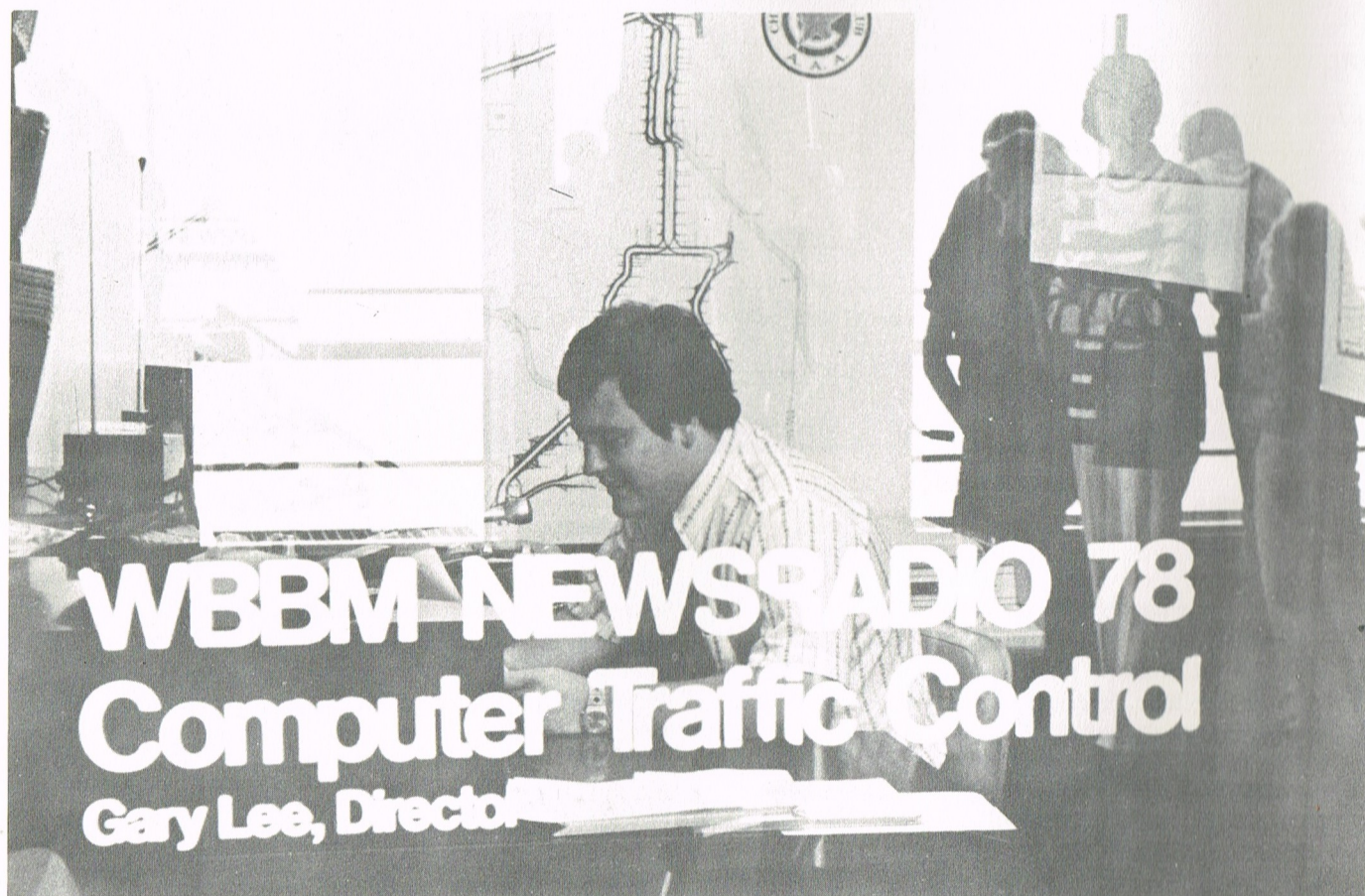
Stationed in Operations Control, Heinlein monitors communications from the more than 3,000 operating employees on duty throughout CTA's system during each rush hour.

These include calls to rail and bus controllers by telephone, CTA's two-way radio KSA-977, the bus monitor, trainphone, and intercom.

CTA's Roving Guard

He reports his information to radio stations WNIS, WIND, WLS, and WYEN as well as WBBM. In an emergency, that number may double as Heinlein will sometimes be asked to go live with the facts of how weather conditions are affecting the CTA or another sort of traffic tieup.

Heinlein constantly moves from the bus to the rail and power sections of Operations Control, listening for everything from a fire which might block up



streets to street light malfunctions.

He explains, "If a traffic light at a major intersection like Halsted and Madison goes black all four ways, that intersection is going to block up. Every guy should come up and stop, just as if a stop sign was there, then go across the intersection.

"Well, you do this at any busy intersection, and it's going to back up fast. But we've got two bus routes that go through there. So I get concerned about something like that and I'll pass the information on right away to the regular radio stations that call us.

"Maybe this will not alert our bus riders at all; they may be already on the bus, on their way in. But if 50 or 100 motorists hear this, and they avoid that intersection, our buses will go through there that much smoother," he said.

Heinlein says he is often asked for an analysis of CTA travel, particularly during times such as snowstorms when riders would be concerned about slowdowns, or when everybody seems to be heading downtown at the same time, like the first day of Christmas shopping or returning from a long holiday weekend.

"So you have to know the system--and you have to report intelligently. There's no use scaring away riders for a couple-minute delay which affects only one train, for example," he said.

Heinlein and Lee both believe in reaching the rider while he is still at home.

Lee says he puts special emphasis on public transportation early in the morning rush hour.

"Hopefully, people are listening as they're shaving or drinking their coffee, and we can give them the information they need then.

"It's important to get on that early; if the street conditions are extremely bad, for example, we would be advising people to take rapid transit rather than buses because the rapid transit would be getting through with much less difficulty."

Who's Blocking The Road?

In this case, Lee says he is just echoing what CTA personnel would advise.

"That's the type of thing we want to get on early so people can make their decision early as to what their routing is, what mode of transportation they should take, and how much time they should allow for their trip."

Of course weather isn't the only problem leading to a traffic jam. Nor is CTA always the first to know about it.

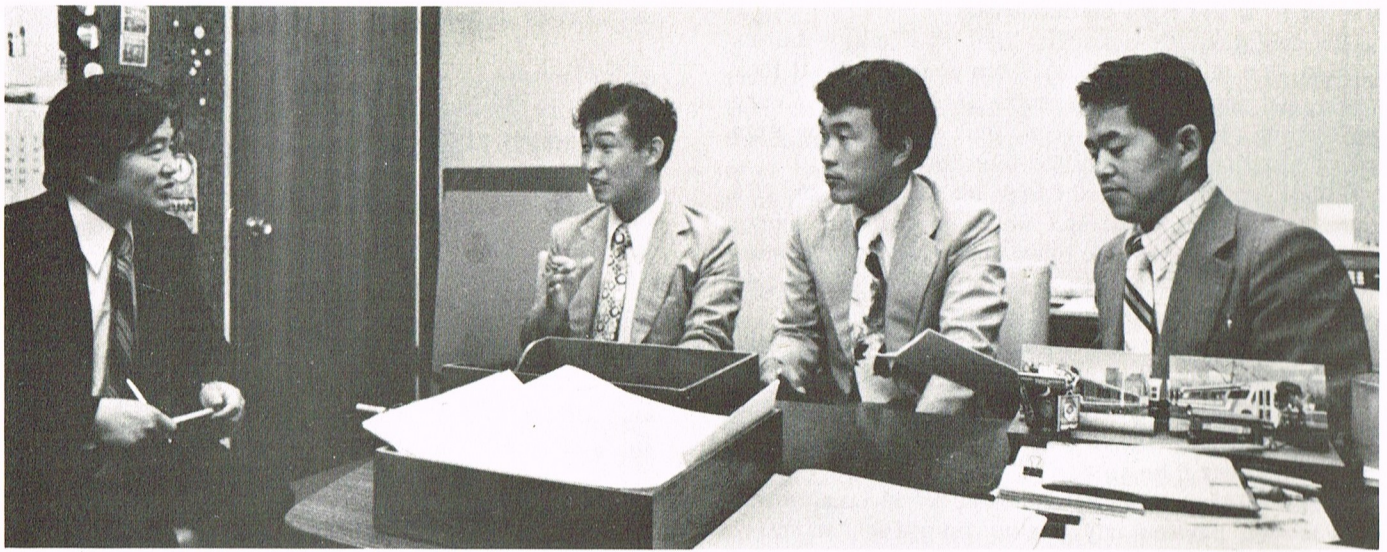
Lee remembers one afternoon recently when he spotted an expressway tieup while looking out of the Skydeck.

"There was a huge rock sitting in the middle of the Dan Ryan outbound, tying up two lanes of traffic at 18th street. It must have fallen off a truck. It looked like a boulder from some exotic excavation."

Lee's comment on the air?

"I don't know who it belongs to, it doesn't have a license plate."





A Korean Reports On Koreans Reporting

by Sok Pong Paek

Three highway road engineers from the Ministry of Construction, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) visited the CTA recently during a tour of the United States, studying highway maintenance and construction engineering.

A team of three men--Zae Cheon Hwang, Seung Pil Park and Dong Su Chung--were briefed by Les Racker of the CTA Control Center and Elsie Smith of the Travel Information Center as they toured their respective facilities.

During the briefing, Chung remarked that he was deeply impressed with CTA's rapid transit control system that enables operating executives to keep constantly aware of the position of all trains and to communicate instantly with trainmen.

Although Park's learning mission in the U.S. was entirely technical, he reported that the trip has also had great educational values in learning to communicate internationally on a more successful basis.

Park studied English during the first weeks of seventh grade up to the last months of college--a total of about ten years. He also attended private language

On reporting assignment for Public Affairs, Sok Pong Paek, left, clerk-typist in Tom Buck's office, interviews three distinguished Korean visitors: from left, Zae Cheon Hwang, Dong Su Chung, and Seung Pil Park.

institutes and, in addition, studied Traffic Engineering at the University of Strathclyde in England.

However, there is a peculiar gulf separating the Korean and the English languages, Park said. The grammatical systems are poles apart and there is little affinity between the words of the two tongues. Many idioms in English are really baffling. The use of articles and prepositions in Korean is esoteric and there are no Korean counterparts to relative pronouns.

In addition to such a linguistic barrier, there are considerable differences in the way of thinking reflected in conversation. The customs and cultural backgrounds are not the same.

Despite such differences, however, Park believes that there should not be such enormous difficulty in learning English as is usually encountered by Korean students. The crux of the problem seems to be the methods of teaching.

The most serious defect in his view, is the attempt to grasp the meaning of every English word, phrase and sentence through translation. At an English class, one hears word-for-word translations of the textbooks given by the teacher, which is silently noted down by the students.

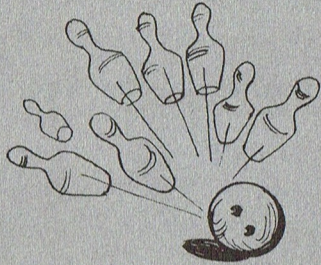
During his tour in America, Park has been learning to break away from the present obsolete methods of language teaching. Upon his return to Korea, he may organize a research and experimentation project.

Chung stated his impression that Chicago people are very loyal and hardworking. He especially noted the great contribution made by the women workers.

The three Korean visitors appreciated the personal escort services provided by Bill Baxa of Public Affairs.

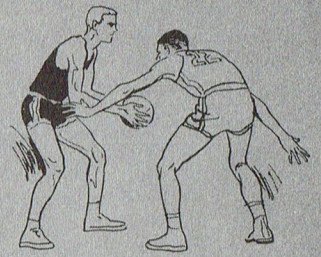
Later, Paek (background) accompanied the Koreans in visit to the Operations Control Center.





CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



69th Wins Tournament Playoffs

THE CTA softball league wound up on Sunday, Aug. 3, with one of the most dramatic finishes in tournament history.

After defeating 77th Street with a seventh inning surge, 69th Street entered the finals pitted against Kedzie who had soundly beaten the 308 Rail Runners.

Kedzie, runners-up for the championships in 1974, was determined this year to win it all. But it was not to be.

The game between 69th and Kedzie was close until the bottom of the sixth inning when 69th went ahead by a score of 6 to 4.

Kedzie in its half of the seventh inning put it all together to score six runs and lead by four runs, 10 to 6.

In the last of the seventh Lawrence Hale, pinch-hitting for Syl-

vester Morgan, singled. Tommy Little grounded to short forcing Hale at second base. Leslie Baughn doubled to left center with Little stopping at third. With runners at second and third, Lee Bobo singled, driving in Little and Baughn. The score now was 10 to 8 in favor of Kedzie. Joe Dixon, batting for Eddie Hollis, doubled sending Bobo to third. Paul Thomas ran for Dixon. Robert McNeal then singled scoring Bobo and Thomas to tie the score 10 to 10.

With the winning run on third and two outs, Kedzie called time to plot strategy. If they forced the game into extra innings, they had their heavy guns coming up.

But 69th's Leon Harris blooped a single to right field to score McNeal and win the playoff.



I wonder what play could have caused the pensive look on Vic Coleman, superintendent of 69th Street, and Fred King, manager of Human Relations.



A jubilant 69th Street team whoop it up after winning the CTA softball playoffs for 1975.



Kedzie's Ron McKnight awaits ball as Lee Bobo begins slide into third base. Mel Webb watches the play.



Check, Check, Check

Travel Patterns Are Brennan's Business

A CTA Profile by Arline Datu

Wide windows are a convenience to Brennan. He can see everyone who's riding.

Have you ever tried to guess the number of people inside a crowded room and then wondered how close your estimate was? If James Brennan were there, he could probably tell you--and pretty near accurately, too.

Counting people is his job or, that is, counting bus riders. Brennan is a CTA traffic checker. He's out there on the streets during early morning and late afternoon rush hours, counting the bus loads of people that run through a particular line.

Brennan is usually standing on a street corner, looking like an ordinary passenger. Only difference is, he won't get on. You can spot him right off--he's the one with pencil and paper in hand.

No Guess Work

The second that bus pulls up, he's busy counting. No guess work involved here. And, no padding of numbers! "You have to put down what's actually there," he emphasizes.

So, what happens to all the numbers he collects? Well, that there are just enough buses running at any one time throughout the year is no accident. At the height of rush hour, there are some 2,200 buses on the street and riders number in the hundred thousands.

But that's only if you're talking about a specific time of the year. It's an entirely different scene from season to season, week to week, even day to day.

So, Brennan, as one of 34 traffic checkers, is out on the streets almost every day. His tabulations are a sort of measuring stick for the Operations Planning Department which schedules the buses needed on the streets.

The most important checks are the ones taken before each change in season. Then, Brennan says, he's

assigned to rapid transit as well as bus lines.

Once these seasonal checks are taken, a new schedule for the buses and trains, the "picks", can be put into effect.

Brennan's been around long enough to know that ridership numbers change all the time, and in the 25 years he's been a checker, he's seen that and quite a few others besides.

Birthday Count Up

For one thing, he says, "It was a lot busier when I started out. There were a lot more buses, a lot more people riding."

One reason for the fewer riders, he explains, is the greater number of people driving cars today. "It's the young people who are driving cars. So, bus riders are generally older now. Your average rider is between 45-50 years."

One of Brennan's traffic check points is the corner of Addison and Cicero. He's there at 6 a.m. and stays until 9 a.m. Buses start coming every seven minutes, he says. Later on, it'll be every three.

"You have to take the count quickly, especially when the buses start to come fast and furious," says Brennan.

Can Be Confusing

He recalls a time when he'd have to keep track of five or six different lines, all coming down one street. "It was really hectic then. You'd have to be careful you didn't mix up the different lines," he explains.

Brennan's career as a checker has included assignments to the now vanished streetcar lines. He says they carried as many as 135 riders. Buses today carry a maximum load of about 95-105.



Copy checking? Brennan explains his tally trade to Arline, our Transit News reporter.

The huge picture windows on the newer buses, he adds, make it easier to count passengers. "I can see almost the entire inside of a bus."

Keeping tabs on bus passengers is, of course, strictly outdoor work. While the rain and cold can make it uncomfortable, Brennan says, "Generally, I like working outside. I've got a lot of liberty, a lot of freedom."

Although traffic checks are a pretty routine thing, no matter which corner he happens to be assigned to, there are a few a cut above the ordinary, he says.

One of them is the corner of Halsted and Roosevelt--right around Maxwell Street. Brennan likes to watch the odd assortment of "merchants" getting off the bus with their "collection of wares."

"They're a bunch of characters, and they carry all sorts of stuff. Some are really loaded down with things hanging from their arms, packed on their backs. . . . I've only been on that corner three times, but every time I'm there, I see something different," says Brennan.

He's been all over Chicago, conducting checks. But if Brennan had his choice, he says, he'd prefer a point with a nice coffee shop on the corner.

All-Time High Suggestion Award!

THE LARGEST employee suggestion award in CTA's history--\$3,565--has been won by Frank Montefalco, machinist at our West Shops. Montefalco used scrap metals, which would otherwise be wasted, to invent a portable hoist threader that saves the CTA more than \$24,000 a year in maintenance costs.

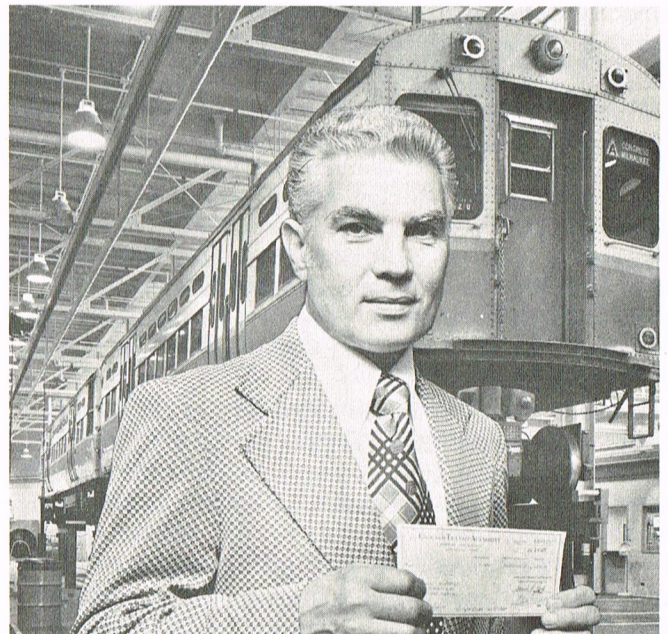
Maintenance work on CTA rapid transit cars is performed at 12 locations throughout the Chicago area. Coupled two-car units weighing 24 tons are raised on sections of rail for undercarriage work. At three of the maintenance locations, car hoists are operated with four electric driven screw type jacks. The under-the-floor jack screws for the hoists are 10 feet long and weigh 500 pounds each.

Previously, whenever threads on a jack screw had to be refaced (which is frequently, due to the weight of the cars) the entire hoist had to be dismantled over the weekend while the jack screw was transported to West Shops, resurfaced, and returned. This avoided interruption of the weekday maintenance schedule. Montefalco reasoned that substantial labor costs could be eliminated, and shipping delays prevented, if there were some way to do the rethreading work at the hoist.

The portable rethreader is easy to carry, weighing only 25 pounds.

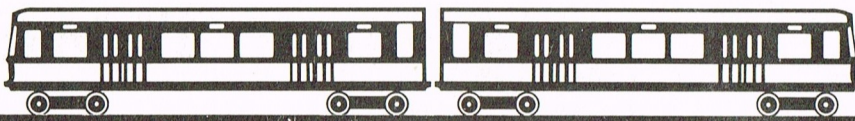
The \$3,565 award is based on a percentage of the estimated reduction in costs to the CTA.

The check was officially presented to Montefalco by John Aurand, manager of General Administration.



With check for \$3565 in hand, Frank Montefalco stands before car hoist that he reduced maintenance costs for--by \$24,000.

Before joining CTA, Montefalco worked with a Chicago area electronics company. He attended Wright Junior college and completed courses in computer programming at Washburne Trade school. The Montefalcos have three sons.



Time out

with Anit Leppiks

Our new column about things to do in the Chicago area

● **THE ADLER PLANETARIUM**, thru Aug. Sky show focuses on the stars and portrays the legends of the constellations, vistas of other worlds, and unusual scientific discoveries. 1300 S. Lake Shore, \$1, children 50¢, seniors and members free. 294-4624

● **ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO**--Steuben: Seventy Years of American Glassmaking, Sept. 13-Oct. 26, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. Edward Munch, an exhibit of lithographs, woodcuts and etchings commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants in America, Sept. 11 continuing, Galleries 108 & 108A. American Institute of Architects Awards Exhibition, Sept. 13-Oct. 5, Lacy Armour Gallery. Selected Landscape Prints, One Hundred Views of Famous Places of Edo (Tokyo), Sept. 19-Nov. 16, Gallery 114. Margaret Fisher, drawings and watercolors by the Chicago artist, Sept. 24 continuing, Gallery 107. Photographs by Charles Traub, Chicago artist, thru Sept. 7, Gallery 106. Prints of Summer Resorts, late eighteenth and early nineteenth century scenes of Japanese life, thru Sept. 14, Gallery 114. Primitive Art Masterworks, including African, Oceanic, Pre-Columbian, and American Indian Art, thru Oct. 5, Morton Wing. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat; 10-5; Thurs, 10-8:30 (free); Sun & Labor Day, 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50. Students, children, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500

● **"BEGINNER'S LUCK"** with Bob Crane, thru Sept. 8, Drury Lane East Theatre, McCormick Place. From \$3. 791-6200

● **BIKE TOUR** of Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park, Sept. 7 at 2 from Unity Temple, Lake & Kenilworth, Oak Park. Ticket entitles you to discount for interior tour of Wright's own house and studio. Bring your own bike. \$2.

Hyde Park/Kenwood by bicycle Sept. 14, 28, at 2 from Harper Court, 52nd & Harper. Bring your own bike. \$2.

Riverside by bicycle Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, at 2 provides view of 19th century houses and homes by Frank Lloyd Wright. Begins at library, Burling Rd. across from railroad depot, Riverside. Bring your own bike. \$2. Tours by Chicago School of Architecture Foundation. 326-1393

● **JERRY BUTLER** pop concert Aug. 27 at 6:45. Admission includes the racing. Sportsman's Park, 33rd and Laramie, Cicero. \$2. 242-1121

● **GEORGE CARLIN** in concert Aug. 28-31. Mill Run Theatre, Golf and Milwaukee, Niles. \$7.50. 298-2170

● **"DARK TREASURES"**, four one act plays by Tennessee Williams, weekends thru Aug. The Drama Shelter, 2020 N. Halsted. \$3.50; students \$2.50. 549-6020

● **DEER PATH ART LEAGUE FESTIVAL**, Aug. 31, Sept. 1 from 11-6. Graphics, paintings, sculpture and crafts. Market Square, Lake Forest.

● **"DON'T PLAY US CHEAP"** (black musical comedy) with Melvin Van Peebles thru Aug., Shubert Theatre, 22 W. Monroe. From \$6.50. CE 6-8240

● **ENDGAME** (apocalyptic drama) thru Aug. The San Quentin Drama Workshop at Victory Gardens Theatre I, 3730 N. Clark. From \$3.50. 549-5788

● **FILM CENTER OF THE ART INSTITUTE**, Pepe LeMoko, Julien Duvivier, 1937, Aug. 29 at 5:30, 7. Michigan at Adams. \$1.25. 443-3737

● **FREE STREET THEATRE**, Aug. 29 at noon. A workshop at the South Chicago Neighborhood House, 8458 S. Mackinaw. Workshop Aug. 29 at 7 at South Chicago Urban Progress Ctr., 9231 S. Houston. 822-0460

● **CHARLES GRUNNER** thru Aug. Copper wheel engraved glass. American Society of Artists, 700 N. Michigan. 751-2500

● **"HAY FEVER"** Aug. 26-30 at 8:30. Fullerton Pavilion in Lincoln Park, Fullerton and the Outer Drive. 294-2493

● **"A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC"**, Aug. 22, 23, 29, 30, Sept. 5, 6, 12, 13 at 8:30. Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport. From \$2. 622-5159 or 622-0954

● **LOGAN SQUARE LIBRARY FILMS** (documentary), Aug. 27 at 2. "Pride and Prejudice" and "Night at the Peking Opera." Logan Square Branch Library, 3255 W. Altgeld. BE 5-5295

● **MEET THE ARTIST** Sept. 6 from 10-4. Painters Byron Wrigley, Tom Trausch, and Betty Odmark will be on hand during a day long reception. American Society of Artists, 700 N. Michigan. 751-2500

● **MOLIERE'S "THE DOCTOR IN SPITE OF HIMSELF"**, Aug. 28-31 at 8:30, Court Theatre, U of C, 5706 S. University. From \$3. 753-3581

● **MOLIERE'S "THE MISANTHROPE"** thru Aug. The Fortune Theatre at Christ Church, Cora and Henry, Des Plaines. From \$2.50. 631-8209 or 827-6932

● "THE NEARLYWEDS" comedy with Ann B. Davis, thru Sept. 28, Pheasant Run Playhouse, Rte. 64, St. Charles. Dinner-theatre combination from \$7.70. 261-7943 or 584-1454

● OAKBROOK FINE ARTS PROMENADE, Aug. 30, 10-6; Aug. 31, 11-6, Mall, Oakbrook Ctr., Rte. 83 and Cermak, Oakbrook.

● CHICAGO ELECTRIC ODYSSEY, unique seven-screen, multi-media entertainment showing Chicago's past, present and future: The Chicago Fire, helicopter-sky line views, fire works, tourist spots, landmarks. 1608 N. Wells. Adults \$2, children \$1.50. Group rates. 266-0045

● MARY MEIROSE OPPENHEIM thru Aug. 29. Women in Myth and Reality. Oils, acrylics and silk-screens. Mon-Fri 9-4:30. LaPetite Galerie, Levy Community Ctr., 1700 Maple, Evanston. 869-0727

● "THE PHANTOM SWORD'S REVENGE" (swash-buckler) thru Aug. Travel Light Theatre Co. at TH Pardiggles, 3510 N. Broadway. Wed-Sun at 8. \$2.50. 787-6170

● POET AND THE RENT thru Aug. St. Nicholas Theatre Co., Jane Addams Theatre, 3212 N. Broadway. Adults \$2, children \$1.50. 549-1631

● FIRST ANNUAL PULLMAN ART FAIR, Sept. 7, 10-dusk. Fine arts, crafts, jewelry, and sculpture. Hotel Florence, ½ mile W of Calumet Expressway at 111th and Cottage Grove. 785-8181

● OPERATION PUSH EXPO, Sept. 24-28, from 10-10. Over 600 exhibits, Exhibit Hall. Adults \$2, children 50¢. Shows nightly from \$4. Arena. International Amphitheatre, W. 43rd and S. Halsted. For information, call Operation PUSH, Gurnell Sims, 373-7900.

● "THE ROBBER BRIDEGROOM" (country folk musical) Aug. 26-30. The City - Center Acting Company, Murray Theatre, Ravinia Park, Highland Park. 273-3500 or 432-1236 from northern suburbs

● AIR SCULPTURE thru Aug. Wind and air-related pieces, Illinois Center Plaza, Wacker E of Michigan. 644-1610

● SCULPTURE FOR A NEW ERA, sculpture from 30 midwestern artists, thru Sept. 30. Lobby and plazas of the Federal Plaza, Jackson between Clark and Dearborn. Sponsored by Art In Public Places, the Bicentennial Commission and GSA.

★SECOND CITY treats its audience to a CTA bus ride in its new revue, "Once More, With Fooling." The "Happy Driver" scene is based on CTA bus driver Cleven Wardlow. Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sun at 9; Fri, Sat at 8:30, 11. 1616 N. Wells. From \$3.25. Reservations. 337-3992

● SIGNATURE GALLERIES, Feminine Subjects in 19th Century Painting, thru Sept. 11. 320 S. Michigan. 341-0636

● THE SINGLE FILE, Aug. 29-30, Polly & Co. open stage on Wed with Mike Dunbar. No cover or minimum. 934 W. Webster. 549-1176

● "SPOON RIVER AND BEYOND" with Elizabeth Barry, thru Aug. Gallery Theatre East Inn, 206 E.

ACTION TIME

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Q. Who the heck was Hercules Mulligan? I recently saw a CTA Bicentennial bus dedicated to this man, but I've looked all through the library without finding a trace of him.
BICENTENNIAL BUFF



A. Hercules Mulligan, a tailor, was an undercover man for George Washington. According to the American Irish Historical Society, Mulligan was known in Revolutionary days as "the fashionable clothier" in New York, and he allegedly wormed vital war information from his English patrons—officers and civilians—which proved invaluable to Washington. In fact, a number of kidnaping attempts of prominent American leaders, Washington included, were foiled through the clothier's tips. Benedict Arnold, after his treason, charged the Irish patriot with espionage, but Mulligan cleverly destroyed any evidence. That same shrewdness evidently is the reason why not many people ever heard of him. He was, after all, an undercover man.

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Superior. Thurs-Sat at 8:30. Dinner-theatre combination from \$6.25. DE 7-9482

● "SUNSHINE BOYS" (Neil Simon comedy) with Harold Gary and Lou Gilbert, opens Aug. 26, Forum Theatre, 5620 S. Harlem, Summit. From \$5. 496-3000

● "SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH" with Irene Worth and Christopher Walken, Aug. 27-Sept. 21. Academy Festival Theatre at Barat College, Lake Forest, \$7.75. 234-6750

● THREE WOMEN with Roberta Maguire, Sandy Lipton and Cynthia Baker Johnson, thru Aug. Victory Gardens Theatre II, 3730 N. Clark. From \$3.50. 549-5788

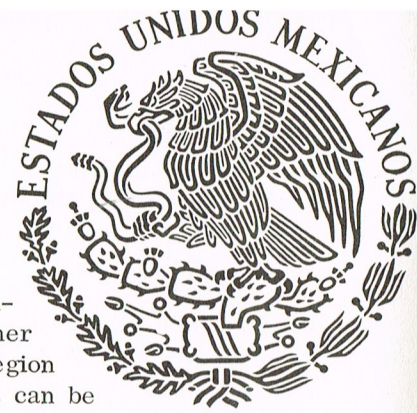
● VIDEO ART thru Aug. International exhibit with video environments and tapes. Museum of Contemporary Art, 237 E. Ontario. Adults \$1; children 50¢. 943-7755

● NANCY WILSON guest stars with the Spinners Sept. 4-7, the Mill Run Theatre, Golf Rd. and Milwaukee, Niles. From \$7.50. 298-2170

● PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING, Sept. 6, 20 at 8:30. Arena, International Amphitheatre, W. 43rd and S. Halsted. From \$3. 927-5580

CTA, International

It's Mexico Month In September



By Elda Leal

ON SEPTEMBER 15, Mexico will be celebrating the 165th anniversary of its independence from Spain. In Chicago the Mexican Civic Society is actively preparing some of the main events to celebrate this anniversary. Among them are a banquet-dance at the Conrad Hilton hotel on Sept. 12, where a representative of the President of Mexico will be crowning the queen of the Mexican festivities who will lead the parade on State street the following day. The parade, from Wacker drive to Van Buren, is scheduled to start at 1 pm.

Also, on Sept. 15, starting at 8 pm there will be mariachi bands, singers and folkloric dancers performing at the bandshell in Grant Park to commemorate the actual anniversary date of Mexican independence which began on Sept. 15, 1810, at 11 pm when Don Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a Catholic priest, rang the bells of his church in Dolores Hidalgo, Guanajuato, to call the townspeople to start the war against the Spaniards.

The Mexican-American community in Chicago is presently estimated at 750,000. Some people might ask why are there so many Mexicans, not only in Chicago but throughout the country. If we review the history of Mexico and the United States, we find that, in 1820, Mexico permitted many Americans to settle in Texas which was then part of the Mexican territory. A few years later, however, some Texans and Americans decided to revolt against the Mexican government to make Texas independent. They fought the battle of San Jacinto, which they won to establish the Republic of Texas. Mexico refused to recognize Texas and shortly thereafter, the Mexican war erupted (1846-1848).

Mexico was a poor and weak country at that time and lost the war. Mexico not only had to recognize the independence of Texas but also, through the Treaty of Guadalupe, gave up a vast territory comprising California, Nevada, Utah, most of Arizona and parts of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico. Mexico received \$15 million for this land and in 1854, through the Gadsden Purchase, also received \$10 million for what is now southern Arizona and New Mexico.

Many Mexicans were born and had lived in the states that were turned over to the United States. They remained there for life for they could not recognize any other place as their land. Their descendants are now throughout the U.S.

Mexico is often called the land of contrasts. You can find the lowest level of poverty or richest man-

sions and fancy, plush buildings and hotels. The weather might be pleasant in one region and, a few miles away, it can be just too hot to stand it for any number of days. The country, however, has many attractions for the tourist. Many go to admire the scenery, enjoy the beaches, bullfights, food, and so on. Most of the tourists seem greatly attracted to the Indian culture, ruins, and pyramids.

The most happy season of the year is Christmas. Most Mexicans are very emotional and with very strong family ties. Friends, neighbors, grandparents, brothers and sisters get together to pray, sing and exchange gifts.

The "Posadas" were my favorite time. This period starts Dec. 16. In a "Posada," a group of people, mostly children, carry on their shoulders a Nativity Set. Candles in hand, they go singing, knocking on doors, asking in the name of the Virgin Mary and Joseph to be allowed to remain for the night. They are purposely refused in some places until they finally reach the pre-arranged place where they are permitted to stay. The group prays, sings and finally comes the expected moment for the children--breaking the "Pinata" that will be stuffed with candies and other goodies when they will try to get as many as possible.

The same is repeated every day until Dec. 24. That night housewives are busy cooking tamales and stuffing turkeys or whatever they can afford. The family goes together to hear midnight mass. Children go to bed promptly after returning from church to wait for the overnight arrival of Santa Claus.

The Mexican community in Chicago is concentrated in three areas: Pilsen, Little Village, and South Chicago. Within the last few years, active leaders have accomplished great improvements in jobs, housing and particularly education. There are many places throughout these communities teaching English, GED and citizenship courses, to improve the social and educational level of its residents. These classes are usually free.

Most of the schools in these areas provide bilingual education which is proving to be beneficial particularly for those children who recently arrived from Mexico or whose parents and the people they associate with speak Spanish only. Through this program not only the parent-child communication has improved, but it would seem that it has increased their self-esteem knowing that their native language is accepted and that they are able to communicate in either language without losing their identity.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

Operator JOHN and Mrs. MADELYN MUS-SER celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on July 28. Congratulations and best wishes for them in the years to come. They are pictured in Florida with their son, JIM, and their grandsons. By the way,



The Mussers

John could be an unsung hero and he gives the credit to the phones in the buses. On June 25 he was in service on Archer avenue when he noticed smoke coming from a service station. John stopped the bus and called the dispatcher to ask for the fire department. A man was burned -- who knows, John may have helped to save his life. On Aug. 7 John will celebrate his 34th year with CSL and CTA...Operator JOHN and FRANCES CHERNAK will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on Aug. 11. Congratulations to John and Frances and may you have many more beautiful years...Belated happy birthday to KENNETH McDONALD, ANTHONY JONES, J. H. WASHINGTON -- sorry I didn't get them in time...Now for some vacation news. Operator A. WOOLFOLK with his wife and son motored to Louisiana and points south. JOHN MCGARVEY jetted to Hawaii for ten days of rest. Hey, that can't be everything--drop me a note and let me know where you went too...Congratulations are in order for two fine gentlemen: Operator JOSEPH FREEMAN who retired Aug. 1 after 24 years of service and Operator CHESTER PIELUSZYSKI who will retire Sept. 1 with 32½ years of service with CSL and CTA. Enjoy your pensions gentlemen, and nothing but the best is wished for you...Collector ERNEST TURNER has returned to work after being off ill for three months. It's good to have you back, Ernest...Guess who is living it up in Ireland? None other than Instructor ROY and Mrs. WILSON. They are visiting her father. I wonder what stories he will bring back to the fellows...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to H. BANKSTON, whose brother passed away...A speedy recovery to Operator ROY WOOL-

FOLK, who is convalescing at home after surgery. Don't forget to give me the news--no news is bad news for me.

- Owen Hosendoue

BEVERLY -

Hello, CTA world. Long time no see, but I have a good excuse. I've been ill four months this year, but as you can see I'm back on the job now. Just had a wonderful vacation in Atlanta and Miami. I also became a granddad again, AMOS FOSTER Jr. and his wife, PEPITA, brought CTA Driver No. 3 on the scene July 14. Amos III weighed in at 6 pounds 3 ounces. And speaking of proud parents, you should see JIM GLYNN's eyes light up when he speaks of his daughter, MARY. She graduated from St. Mary of Nazareth Nursing School and will attend Southern Illinois university where she will work for her bachelor of science degree...Operator AL SHANK was vacationing and caught five nice walleyes, one 4½ pounds in center. Al is shown with grandson, MIKE, holding catch caught on Cass Lake, Minn. ..SCOTTY (Big One) has lost 40 pounds and is still losing. He says he is going to get streamlined and take RUTH away from me. I told him as long as he is taking, don't forget the house note and \$8,000 doctor bill, car note, child support and me...BANKS, SCROGGINS and MAHONEY were having their usual free-for-all with words and as soon as I walked in they all jumped on me. Fortunately for me, JIM BAKER was around. He rescued me and we went out. He was signed up with a new bus and someone stole it--guess who? See you next month.



Mike and Al

- Amos Foster

DATACENTER -

Our vacationers made out-of-state trips to all points of the compass. TOM WODARSKI went east to Kings Island, Ohio; both LORRIE RILEY and JANE MCGUAN went south to New Orleans; MARGE HELGESEN went west to California, and for GERRY BLAIR, it was north to Canada...There's been a new addition to the JOE GINGRAS family -- Sparky, a three-month old "Hines". That brings the Gingras' tax deductions to nine...Just returning from the "better late than never" honeymoon is

MARY GRACE CASTRO CASTILLO. The Castillos enjoyed every costly moment of their Las Vegas trip...TOM BOLDT and his family just moved into their new four-bedroom home. The yard measures 100' by 150' and is equipped with a swimming pool. It's perfect for parties. Do you think the Boldts can catch the hint? Congratulations!

- Jane McGuan

ELECTRICAL (Chicago Avenue) -

BILL PARKS is back to work after a two-month sojourn at home. JIM GIBBONS has been off for a considerable time now due to the removal of a disc in his spine. I saw him at a pension party and he looks fine, but it takes a long time for the old bones to knit...It was about 7 p.m. when I arrived at the Marina Towers restaurant, and it was a good thing I arrived when I did. The fellows started coming in groups of twos and threes and soon the bar was overflowing. It turned out to be a good crowd for the retirement banquet of NICK BRINDL, DEL TOSH and FRED LUNDIE. The picturesque riverside view was enhanced by fine food, a tasty libation and pleasant companionship. Del Tosh's son, ERROL, watched his dad get the business. NICK BRINDL Jr. was present to back up his dad. Not that the elder Nick needed it. Pensioners present were: TOM HENRY via Greyhound from Minnesota; L. B. FARBER, F. JONES, S. LUKAS, HANK GABAUER, C. SCHUMAKER and W. OLSON. IBEW Local No. 9 was represented by President F. HINCE and Executive Board Member ED McKENNY. The Utility Department was represented by OLLIE JOHNSON, CLIFFORD JACOBS and CHARLIE FERRANTE. From the Signal Department came TED SZEWC and DANNY WATERS. This banquet was hosted by the 311 Banquet Club and sponsored by the many fellows who contributed by donations and attendance. Our thanks to you all for

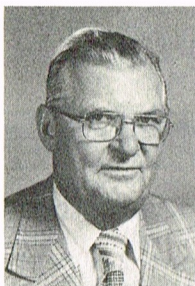
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JOINING THE ranks of the retired on August 1 was **RICHARD DORGAN**, Sub Unit Supervisor, Electrical Department, who had 49 years of service with CSL and CTA.



NEW PENSIONERS

GEORGE BACHELDER Jr., Operator, Archer, Emp. 4-30-42
LEONARD BAEUCHLER, Operator, North Park, Emp. 5-19-53
ALOIS BRANDSTETTER, Laborer, Building Maint., Emp. 5-19-47
WILLIAM COONEY, Adjuster, Claims Law, Emp. 12-7-36
RICHARD DORGAN, Sub Unit Supervisor, Substation Operation, Electrical, Emp. 5-7-26
JOE FREEMAN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 8-14-51
PAUL GURAK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-25-57
HARRIET GURGEL, Wrapper, South Shops, Emp. 1-13-58
FREDERICK LOEBBAKA, Operator, Howard Street, Emp. 7-26-44
JOHN MARSALA, Iron Worker Helper, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 5-24-41
JAMES McMENAMIN, Box Puller, North Park, Emp. 1-30-54
SAM MONTROSE, File Clerk, Transportation, Emp. 1-29-48
JOHN PARKS, Security Officer I, Security, Emp. 8-1-47
ANTHONY RAIMONDI, Laborer, Building Maintenance, Emp. 5-9-42
JAMES RICHARDSON, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 11-9-36
IRVING ROSS, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 9-29-69
STANLEY RYCZEK, Painter, Building Maintenance, Emp. 9-18-59
EARL SAENGER, Box Puller, 69th Street, Emp. 3-8-48
ARTHUR STAHL, Stock Clerk I, Stores-South, Emp. 3-31-43
HENRY TAYLOR, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-25-46
WILLIAM VIGUS, Engr. Asst., Graphics, Engineering, Emp. 8-14-41

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

MORRIS BURDA, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 8-18-52
RAYMOND DESMORE, Motorman, Douglas, Emp. 12-31-45
FRANCIS MICETICH, Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 3-24-63
CARL PELOW, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 10-16-45

making this a great occasion. I hope the retirees had a good time. I know I did... **WALTER OLSON**, retired power supervisor, and his wife, **SYLVIA**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary some months ago. Sylvia must be taking good care of Walter because he sure looks good. ..**ROSE McANDREWS**, the mother of our own **TERRY McANDREWS**, retired July 1. She is known as Rose of Rockwell (Ravenswood that is) and was well known by her many friends, employees and passengers alike, for her pleasant personality. She always wishes you a nice day. So, Rose, we wish you a nice retirement with many, many nice days...**BILL SHEAHAN** and part of his family took off for Denver where they picked up more of the clan. After a night's rest it was on to Las Vegas to pick up another clansman, **TOM**. Tom is an air force cadet who was serving three weeks' training with the enlisted men. Well, anyway, after four days of high living the Sheahan clan took off for California. It was a much easier trip to California because **BILL** said his wallet was lighter. Los Angeles and San Francisco were the areas **Bill** and his family visited for the rest of their vacation...**ED DEVLIN** and his family spent a few days at Six Flags in and around the St. Louis area...By this time **DON GIERHAHN** and his wife are back from a brief interlude to Nordic Hills. 73

- Ben Nielsen

(Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

"I came back." From vacation, that is. Now all you other guys out there still on vacation enjoying yourselves ought to do the same. We have work here to be done. Lots of it. I took only a small portion of my family with me this time -- my wife, **LENNIE**, and our three-year-old daughter, **ROBIN**. For something rewardingly different, I later picked up my parents who are not so young, and we all went to Hot Springs National Park for a most enjoyable time. The only problem we ran into was with the three-year-old at one of the hot water drinking fountains. She kept insisting that we give her cold water...Signal Maintainer **EDDIE McCLINTON**, who often works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, was injured recently as he stepped from a train while on a trouble call. This was a close one for **Mack** as his fall brought him in contact with the third rail. He is expected to be back at work soon. So hurry back, Ed, these other guys are afraid of the dark...**EARL BELL** chose a beautiful way to get away from the noise and pollution on the Dan Ryan; by taking his wife, **JUANITA**, and daughter, **ANGELA**, on a trip southward to Florida. They visited Nashville, Tenn., Silver Springs, Fla., with swimming and relaxing in Miami Beach. Angela, who is ten, enjoyed the car ride and touring new cities, but her heart was set on seeing Disney World. Earl said the vacation was quite expensive but most enjoyable...Con-

gratulations are in order for Signal Maintainer **LEON WILSON** and his wife, **SUSAN**, on the happy arrival of **PETER DANN**, 8 pounds 2 ounces of love and joy. I think Leon was over-exaggerating when he said Peter had already mastered the track circuit but if this is true, this kid is a lot smarter than his dad...Regretfully we report the death of **JOPSEH P. FEELEY**, financial secretary of IBEW Local No. 9. Mr. Feeley, who has been a member of the local since 1948, has also been its financial secretary for seven years. He will be missed by all...Signal Maintainer **DENNIS DOBBYN** was recently visited by his sister, Mrs. **MAY CHELLEW** from Hong Kong. Mrs. Chellew who was accompanied by three of her children was gladly received by the Dobbys who had not seen her since 1962. Expecting to arrive back to her home in Hong Kong about January 1976, Mrs. Chellew will visit other relatives along the way in Ireland, England, and Tokoroa, New Zealand...**HENRY MURRY** is off sick. We wish him a speedy recovery...I talked to Big **DAN MORIARTY** this morning. He is back on the job now after being in the hospital sick for awhile. Lots of luck to you, Dan...Even though it took them 12 months to do it, we are happy to report that more of the guys joined the "one year older club" this month. Congratulations and happy birthday to these signal maintainers: **ROGER COMER**, July 22; **JOHN KOEPKE**, July 3; **NORM MILLIES**, July 4, and **DAN MORIARTY**, July 8. There, now, that was not hard to do, was it?...**JOHN WOUFFE**, apparently not being able to find anything better to do during his vacation, decided to go and build a house; a summer cottage or something like that. Good luck!

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

First I'd like to thank "Chappie", our fine terminal board man, for his wonderful job of repainting and lettering our Transit News box. He sure brightened it up. Now you can't miss it, so there's no excuse for not giving me news about yourself or your family...On May 3 **ROY PICKARTZ** was married to lovely **JUDY** of our CTA Insurance Department. By now they are getting pretty well settled in their new home. See, fellows, how all our departments work together. Hope you two are very happy and enjoy many happy years. By the way, Roy celebrated his birthday June 25 while on the honeymoon...Box Puller **CHESTER BACHARA** and his wife, **EUGENIA**, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary May 20. Chester wishes to say hello to all his friends and says it's really great being back at Forest Glen...**RICHARD CRABB**, the son of Operator **RUPERT CRABB**, is now driving for the summer months. He may like it well enough to just stay on. Rupert and his wife attended a double wedding July 26 when his

two nieces were married at St. George Greek Orthodox church. Their son, Richard, did the singing.

...JOHN JOYCE, foreman of the bus repairs, visited the Ozarks. Fishing wasn't too hot, but he did get plenty of rest. Well, you sure look good John. Must have been a fine vacation. Speaking of John, his daughter, KATY, graduated in June and is now at



Katy Joyce

Presbyterian-St. Lukes hospital...Collector JOHN PLANTHABER, along with his lovely wife and daughter drove to Florida for three weeks. Now the old boy will sure need a rest after that trip. John says it was a change and he does love driving...Operator AL (Sweetlips) PLODZIN and his Mrs. went to the East Coast to visit friends and family...S. MIKA of the Repair Department is a grandfather for the first time. He sure is proud. By the way, he has a daughter working in the Mart...Operator BOB LEMKE announced that his daughter, LINDA MARIE, is to be married to DONALD TRIPICCNIO Oct. 18. Lemke now has 28 years of service with the CTA. ...Operator ART WHITFIELD and his lovely wife, GRACE, celebrated 20 years of happiness July 9. Did anyone notice the mustache Art is sporting? If it keeps up it will reach from ear to ear but it looks very nice on him...T. J. BASGALL is back after a short stay in the hospital and is looking for anyone interested in buying a rubber donut slightly used, but in very good condition...JIM HAGERTY and the Mrs. are going south for a few weeks for a well-earned vacation...Operator JOSEPH M. WILSON tells us his daughter, CAROL A. WILSON, was married to MARK HAMILTON July 19 at St. Francis Borgia church. The reception was at the Golden Flame. The honeymoon was in Hawaii...Operator FRANK LIPINSKI just became a grandfather for the third time, and he's quite proud too. The baby girl was born July 6, but at the time Frank just couldn't think of her name. Be careful now, Frank, age is getting to you. His son-in-law is serving in the air force...Clerk JACK MOREAU says when his wife calls, the whole switchboard lights up. Jack, the Mrs. must have quite a bit of spark...Clerk SAM GIRARD sure starts your day off with a smile. I can't imagine where he gets his little jokes, but you can see he keeps our chief clerk working. I suppose RUSS GUNDERSON heard 'em all, so he stays away...Speaking of clerks, TOM HEALY on the p.m. shift has a real Irish smile for all. He's a fine young gentleman...Operator MITCHELL SZALWA and the Mrs. took off for California, driving and taking in all the sights...Retired Operator TONY RESZOTKO paid us a visit. He looks very well and wishes to say hello

to all his old buddies. He and the Mrs. are planning to fly out west for several weeks for their wedding anniversary of 38 years...Operator WEIL is taking in the City of New York. He just can't stay away from the large cities...Recently a former CTA bus operator and his wife, WALTER and ISABELLE BAKER, were the house guests of Night Superintendent JAMES BROGAN and his wife, EVELYN. The visitors are now living in South Gate, Cal. ...Operator BOB BAKER says his lovely 19-year-old daughter who entered the army for three years was home in July for two weeks, then reported to Ft. Sill, Okla., for assigned duties. By the way, Bob and his wife, JOAN, have been married 27 years...Board Member DELCONTE is getting around on crutches after an injury to his ankle. Were you getting in shape for the football season?...Supervisor G. O. HAND's wife suffered a knee injury this summer. I suppose from chasing the old boy around the house too fast...Operator CHRIS PANTOS' beautiful daughter, KATHY, was married July 5 to BRUCE BRUNS. I've seen a few weddings, but have to admit Kathy was the most beautiful bride I've ever seen and of course Bruce helped to put the gleam in her eyes. Mr. Bruns, those top hats and tails were out of this world...Received a letter from Supervisor WILLIE DUREN who went on disability and is now living in Florence, Ala. He had his kidneys replaced with plastic. Willie says hello to all and also states what a good job you all are doing. He also said what a fine company we have to work for; you never know how well off you are until you have to leave. Duren says drop him a line at 2709 Terrace Place, Florence, Ala. 35630. Good luck, Willie, from your friends.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Administrative Services) - JOHN and ROSEMARY GRITIS celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 29. At the dinner in their honor at Nielsen's restaurant were their five children and seven grandchildren.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

KEDZIE -

I'm sorry for not having an article in our last issue. I just didn't have any news to write about. I'm always looking for news, so please fill me in on your vacations or your fishing trips...Superintendent R. KEAG would like to see our accident record improve. Our Instruction Department will answer any questions you might have on how to improve your driving habits...Your reporter's niece, THERESA ANN VITACCO, and EUGENE STEPNIK were married on July 13. Theresa Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. SOL VITACCO. Sol is a retired operator from Limits Garage. The happy couple had their re-

Service anniversaries in August

30 years

A. L. Bell, South Section
M. Borek, Forest Glen
R. Carpenter, North Park
M. Clemente, District C
A. P. DiBenedetto, Utility
R. C. Gaess, North Avenue
T. R. Govan, 52nd Street
J. P. Gubbins, Stores-Central
F. P. Hahn, 77th Street
R. J. Horoszko, North Avenue
E. Jasek, Forest Glen
G. Karras, Forest Glen
R. LaFaire, South Section
W. Z. Mavrinac, Track & Structures
J. J. Mayer, Skokie Shop
W. Montoye, Buildings & Grounds
L. R. Mueller, North Park
A. J. Pinelli, Travel Information
J. N. Reding, North Park
S. F. Sadowski, North Avenue
H. J. Semon, Buildings & Grounds
E. W. Slamp, Utility
J. Sobieski, 52nd Street
L. F. Stroud, Archer
A. J. Swoope Jr., Harlem Maint. Term.
M. Tricoci, Travel Information
J. R. Turek, North Avenue
G. Vanderflute, Skokie Shop
W. A. Wangero, Utility
C. Weyer, Instruction-North Ave.
E. J. Whiting, Electrical
E. J. Witek, North Avenue
G. Wright, South Shops
J. P. Zalud, Electrical

25 years

J. M. Bagdzis, South Shops
R. J. Bieniasz, Equip. Engineering
M. P. Connolly, Skokie Shop
J. C. Garrity, Limits
Z. S. Kopczynski, Forest Park
C. J. Majerowicz, Bldgs. & Grounds
J. J. Mauro, Buildings & Grounds
B. McBride, 69th Street
R. Michalski, Buildings & Grounds
W. B. Plair, Buildings & Grounds
J. V. Tunzi Jr., Transportation
J. L. Williams, Electrical

ception at the Golden Eagle on Milwaukee avenue in Niles. Everyone had a good time, including ADAM FIORITO of Maintenance Instruction and JOE FIORITO, foreman of the Tire Center at Archer Garage...The Kedzie baseball team is doing well under the management of CURTIS COLEMAN. Those of you who

can make some of these games, please come out and cheer them on...Our deepest sympathy to the following operators and their families in their great losses. Retired Operator G. WILLIAMS, whose wife, BERNICE, was laid to rest June 13 at St. Casimir cemetery. Also to Operator R. LUCAS, whose son was drowned at summer camp in Louisiana...Supervisor ED WHITE and his wife had a baby girl at Michael Reese hospital. ELIZABETH MARIE weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces. Supervisor White was formerly out of Kedzie, and now is in District C...Operator LEON BROWN is still on the sick list. Operator C. JAMES broke his arm. To them and others on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery. Hope to see you back on the job soon... Don't forget your credit union. Save a little each payday and watch your happiness grow.

- Raymond Graham

LIMITS -

Greetings, your on the case reporter here. ..Just a few weeks ago I was talking to ED PUNTIL about his upcoming vacation to Poland. Well, I just got a postcard from Ed and his lovely wife, HARRIET, and it's all go for the 34-day tour of their homeland. Man, that really sounds great. I can't wait until he gets back to hear all about it...Our softball team has really gone down the old drain, and that's being nice about it. I could say something else but I don't think it would be printed. Better luck next year, gang...A get well goes out to our men on the sick list: B. H. SMITH, J. R. VIZCARRUNDO, W. M. THOMPSON, A. SPARKS, R. L. FLEMING, LYDIA LEWIS, R. GOSHA, D. S. FINOCCHIO, S. POSNER and A. J. CANOVA...You people on vacation, don't forget to let me know where you went. You can find me on run 144 wearing badge 9509, or just leave a note with the clerk...Happy birthday to BILL GOSS, who at the age of 90 is really enjoying retirement. Bill retired from the Motor Coach in 1951 after 32 years out of Rosemont, Ravenswood and Keeler Garages. Watching TV, yard work and playing with his seven great-grandchildren keeps him occupied. Bill would enjoy hearing from some of his old Motor Coach buddies. Write him at 1333 W. School street, Chicago, IL 60657.



Bill Goss

- Charles Turner

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

DENNIS KUHN of South Shops and BILL ROMAN of Materials Management are beaming with pride. Both fellas became

proud fathers of sons. And by coincidence, they both named their sons MICHAEL... Congratulations to MARK FITZPATRICK, Storeroom 32, and TOM MARASOVICH, Storeroom 57, on their recent engagements...Get well wishes are extended to GEORGE CROFOOT, Storeroom 57, and AUBERT MUIRHEID, Storeroom 60. Hope to see their smiling faces real soon... We're happy to report that ANN GARRITY and ANN JOBARIS are recuperating from recent illnesses, and will return to work shortly. Their co-workers in Materials Management wish them a very speedy recovery...It would certainly be a shame if we neglected to congratulate TINA RODRIGUEZ' son, JUAN. Juan was graduated from grade school in June and presently he's attending the Technological Institute in Monterey, Mexico. In September, he will attend Holy Trinity High school... 'Twas vacation time for RITA KRUEGER. Rita described her vacation spent in Traverse City, Mich., as heavenly--and she had the opportunity of meeting President Ford...PATRICIA REED in Specifications Department spent her vacation resting in the shade while DORIS WINFREY and spouse took a tour of the sunny south--Florida and Mississippi. My co-reporter, JAMES RILEY, is really champing at the bit today. He's leaving for a two-week vacation and hopes to spend some time in Toronto, Montreal, and New York City. Have a ball, James--you deserve a break! ..ANDY CUNNINGHAM of Storeroom 61 spent two weeks in San Francisco, Calif., with the national guard. Half the time he marched with the guard but the other half he spent in the movies. What were the names of the movies you saw Andy?..The welcome mat is out in Specifications for the new spec engineers, STANLEY MEEKA and STANLEY BATHELT. Happy to have ya...And last but not least, the people out in the South Shops are glad to see JIM WHITTLEY back. And they wish to extend a "happy retirement" to JOHN SPRINGER and ART STAHL--they'll certainly be missed... Calling Storeroom 20, 43 and Skokie Shop--we want you in the news. Drop us a line or two.

- Delores Duff

NORTH AVENUE -

First, we roll out the old welcome mat to the new operators who have come to North Avenue Garage during the past month... Best of luck to Operator EARL THOMPSON who has changed his status to that of collector...We offer our congratulations to Repairman DON BALL and his wife, SHARON, on the birth of their son on Friday, June 13. It was also Don's anniversary date of employment. The Balls also have a daughter, SHEILA, age 3...Operator RICH PYTLEWICZ, his wife, LINDA, and their 1½-year-old son, MARK, all joined in the celebration of a newborn to the Pytlewicz family, STACY LYNN...Op-

erator HARLOW (Fritz) MOELLER and his wife took a short vacation to Iowa. Upon returning, Moeller was hospitalized, operated on, and was off for six weeks. We are glad to report that Moeller is back on the job again...On July 28 as the big bird ascended into the clouds headed for Winnipeg, Canada, our own operator, HOLLIS LEWIS, was among the many vacationers. Hollis has promised us pictures of some of his many activities while in Canada. Time will tell... This reporter and his wife, IONE, have just returned from a vacation in the Inglewood-Los Angeles area. The WILLIAMS, THOMPSONS, PEREZ, CHACHERE, and GREENHOUSE families truly made this vacation one of the best that this reporter has had. Thanks to all of you... Keep the news coming and you will see your name in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Your Credit Union officials, JOHN O'BRIEN, DALE PETERS, JERRY BUDZISZ and CHARLES SAUER, wish to announce a 7 per cent dividend on July 1 on all shares and savings accounts. Send or bring your passbooks in to be updated as soon as possible...The instruction force would like to take this opportunity to thank the line instructors and others for their time and effort training the summer students who are enabling us to enjoy summer vacations... Chief Clerk JERRY BLAKE and his wife, SHIRLEY, enjoyed a week's vacation in South Amboy, N.J., where Jerry's daughter, Mrs. CAROL WALLIS, and her family live... Operator LOWELL (Lefty) BRUBACK played his usual excellent round of golf and had the good fortune to defeat Clerk ART COOPER in the annual Division 241 golf outing held at Cog Hill Golf club on Friday, July 11...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON and his family enjoyed a visit at the Air Force Museum in Columbus, Ohio, where Alex had many memories from World War II. Before leaving on vacation Alex had his home in Schaumburg sided and was very impressive as the boss of the job...Superintendent LOUIS MUELLER and his family enjoyed their vacation at their country estate in Lake Delavan, Wisc. Louis, an accomplished water skier, was kept busy instructing members of the family on the fine arts of this sport...Operator GUS JONES and his son, DAVID, vacationed at Memphis, Tenn., and throughout Arkansas. A visit with Gus' uncle, FEDDIX GREGORY, and aunt, HARRIET MORRIS, was also enjoyed...Operator BUCKY WALTERS and his wife, DORCAS, had a week's vacation in North Carolina where they attended the National Wildlife Conference held in the Great Smoky Mountains...Operator LE ROY CARR and his wife, LOUISE, visited their son, TOM, and his wife, STEPHENIE, and children, MAIA and TRENT, who reside in North Glenn, Colo. Also on the agenda was a trip to

Adopts Korean Orphan

It's not every 15-year-old girl who decides to adopt a Korean orphan. But that's exactly what Michelle O'Connell, daughter of District A Superintendent Eddie O'Connell, decided to do.

She initiated the "Little Sister" program at Elizabeth Seton High School in Dolton and enlisted the help of her fellow students



to sponsor an 8-year-old orphan girl in Korea. The students raised enough money to provide her with housing, food, and clothing for one year.

For her role in this project, Michelle won the community's Service to Mankind Award, sponsored by the Dolton-South Holland Junior Woman's club. She is also the recipient of her school's Spirit Award.

Helping others is an ongoing concern for Michelle. While in school, she tutors children with speech problems as well as privately tutoring a 12-year-old mentally retarded girl. She's volunteered this summer to teach music to handicapped children at Echo School in South Holland.

Michelle's one other interest is music. She plays French horn and piano and plans a career as an entertainer. Her earnings, she says, would go toward helping other people.

While her father is proud of her, his one complaint is that Michelle's activities keep her away from home. "I hardly ever get to see her," he says.

Santa Fe, N.M., to check on some property the Carrs own...Mrs. ELSIE LINK, the wife of Assistant Superintendent MELVIN LINK, her daughter, IRENE, and aunt, ELIZABETH GROTH, attended the 25th anniversary celebration for Mrs. Link's sister, AUDREY LIESE and her husband, Reverend ROBERT LIESE in Ashway, R.I. Guests and friends enjoyed a renewal of vows and an evening of happiness...Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHAT and his wife,

ANNE, and Pensioner HENRY SCHRAMM and his wife, ELIZABETH, enjoyed two weeks in Forsyth, Mo., where they stayed at the home of Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN. Visits with Pensioners ART MUIR, ROY LEMKE and WILLARD GILL were also enjoyed. Also on the agenda was a stop at Harry Truman's birthplace in Lamar, Mo...Clerk RODERICK AUSTIN underwent surgery at Illinois Masonic hospital and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily. Congratulations are extended to Rod on his receiving his Illinois Real Estate Certificate from I.R.E.M...Pensioner RAY SIMON has purchased a home and will be leaving the Chicago area. Ray's new address will be: 4442 E. 6th Street, Tucson, Ariz. 85711. Our best to Ray as he will be right at home with all the CTA families in the area...Box Puller DALE PETERS and his wife, SUE, became grandparents for the first time when their daughter, Mrs. PATRICIA ANN PARENTI, gave birth to a daughter named KATHERINE SUE, born on July 8 at St. Joseph hospital weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces...Operator GUS JONES and his wife, JUNE MARIE, became grandparents for the second time when their daughter, Ms. JUNE MARIE JONES, gave birth to a daughter named JANELLE MONIET, born July 10 at Billings hospital weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces...Operator EARLING CARLSON began pensioned life on July 1 after 41 years of service. One of North Park's quiet and efficient operators, the best to Mr. Carlson in his golden years...Operator LEN BAEUCHLER with a combined total of 34 years of service with CTA, retired Aug. 1. Len, who has been one of Skokie's most popular operators, will spend his time remodeling his home and then his plans may be in Arizona...Our sympathy and condolences to Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI in the loss of his father, JOHN DERENGOWSKI.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Our heartfelt thanks to the repair department for their efforts in behalf of the fine job they are doing on our equipment...Congratulations are extended to Repairman EDWARD PALA who was elected board member for the North Side of Division 241...Repairman ROBERT KAPLAN was injured while off duty and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily...The welcome mat is extended to Repairman GEORGE SERGOT and Servicemen JOHN HOLLAND and TOM JACOBS...Engine Blower ROBERT KRAMER has left North Park for a new position at Skokie Shop...Scheduleman EDWARD OLENDER and his friends went coho fishing on Operator CLARENCE VAN MIDDELSWORTH's boat, "The Debtors Prison". A limit of five coho each was caught and a fine fish fry was enjoyed by all...On vacations at this writing are: Foreman PHIL O'CONNOR, Day Instructor GENE BRACH, PM Instructor ROBERT MILLER, ALEX FRITZLER, RAY LEONHART, PAUL SCHREVES, ROBERT VAN

DER MEIR, ROBERT JOHNSON, CLEO EVANS, JOE LOCKHART, CHARLES SCHAFFNI, HOWARD HALVERSON, BOB LORENTZ, PAT DALEY, TOM CHIVANO, MAX TSUCHIVA and GENE DRIZEWICKI...Stock Clerk MELVIN McDONALD spent his vacation on an Indian reservation near Niagara Falls and we will all be looking forward to seeing Mel's headdress when he gets back...PM Foreman GUST HENNELLY and his family are enjoying a trip back home to Ireland to visit and renew acquaintances with family again.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

JOE BILLIS and his family drove to Florida and came back with a beautiful tan...FRANK CORBETT painted and performed other chores around the house...DAVID JACOBS was busy with his many house and garden chores...GEORGE WEST and his family took a trip to six southern states to put mileage on his new Chrysler with the sun roof...JOE SABOL at this writing is in St. Joseph's hospital and ED JOYCE is in Resurrection hospital. We wish them both a speedy recovery...Sympathy of the department is extended to FRANK PATTERSON, traffic checker, in the death of his mother...We welcome MARIO McMANUS, trainee, to the department.

(Routes & Systems) -

We welcome our summer employee, MARY BETH O'CONNOR, who will be with us only a short time but who has already made her presence felt especially with the male co-workers. Mary is in her third year of law school...The stork was really busy during the months of June and July a long time ago. Birthdaying are LOU REDDING, CHARLIE DROZDA, HARVEY MCCLINTON, BOB VANCE and LINDA GRYSBECK...Give a loud cheer to the Engineering softball team to which TOM PRENDERGAST (left field), FRANK O'DOWD (short-stop), MIKE GROVAK (second base) and HARRY HIRSCH (second base) belong. These gallant and daring, truly noble men have won only one of seven games, and that one by forfeit. It happened this way: our team was losing 26 to 3 and somehow the other team felt impelled to use an illegal player. What a way to win a game. Hey, guys, enough is enough. Start winning on your own merit...EVELYN MARTIN has been with us for four months and there has been speculation that she has toothpicks for legs since she has never worn a dress. But guess what? She broke her rule of thumb and wore a dress--believe it or not folks, she really does have legs and not bad looking legs either...Some strange and powerful force has been influencing the female employees. JILL LINNE has frosted her hair. JOAN HARRISON and GRACE IACONO had their hair cut. But the puzzling aspect of this situation is that

there has not been a new male addition to cause such a disturbance. Well, girls, who's next?

(Passenger Controls) -

Our get well wishes go to FRANK IACONO of South Shops, the husband of GRACE IACONO, who is recuperating after surgery. ..JOAN HARRISON and STEVE WOLGEMUTH recently served on jury duty. Although they didn't send anyone to the chair, they caught up on their reading...DAVID SIKICH, a cousin of our NEIL St. JOHN, won the \$300,000 Illinois State lottery. But how long will it last? Neil is already making plans for the next poker game and what he will do with all the money he wins from his cousin.

- Kay Batina & Linda Grybeck

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

If they were giving prizes for magazine columns with loads of news--we wouldn't even come close to winning the booby prize--as we have very little news this month. But, we'll do our best with what we have, so here goes... We reported last month that ED BLICHARZ and GEORGE MICHAUD, both of Production Supply Control, were on the sick list. At this writing they are still home. In the meantime, RAY BRZECZEK, terminal clerk, was added to our sick list, and Ray, too, is recuperating from surgery. To all of you, we hope it won't be too much longer when you all will be back among the healthy ones at Skokie Shop...Vacation time is in full swing, but this month we haven't received too many reports as to who is going where. As they return we'll try to fill you in on how they spent their vacations. GENE RYMKE and JOHN SOPRYCH of Technical Services have been away on vacations. We didn't hear what Gene's plans were before he left and at this writing he is still away. John was pushing a paint brush some of the time, fixing up the homestead...GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, and his wife, FRANCES, are very proud to announce the arrival of their 18th grandchild, CHRISTOPHER JOHN PERRY, who arrived on July 10 and weighed in at 9 pounds 11 ounces. Congratulations to the happy parents and grandparents...Now for some golf news. For the first time, the Skokie Shop golfers came out on top in the South Shops golf outing on June 28 at the Old Oak Country club. Skokie took first, second and third place prizes, with handicaps. JOHN ZDUNEK, upholsterer, shot a 66 and won a four-slice toaster. JIMMY OLSEN, machinist, shot a 67 and won a pocket calculator. GARY WILSON, electrical worker, shot a 68 and won a hedge trimmer. The other golf winners are LARRY VANDERHORST, upholsterer; MARIO ZIOCCHI, carpenter; TED LESNIAK, electrical worker; RALPH KEMPE, truck shop foreman; GENE (Smokey) SILICANI, shopman; FRANK KLINEC, machinist, and GEORGE

MILLONAS. All the golfers would like to congratulate JOHN JANKUS and his committee for the wonderful outing and dinner, and sincerely hope they can attend next year's outing...The Twin Lakes Country club, in Twin Lakes, Wisc., was the scene of a golf match and the participants were Electrical Workers JIM ARNOUX, LARRY VANDERHORST, PAT HARNETT and Carpenter DICK WILSON. Jim and Pat won the match easily and they both want to thank JOHN BEHOF for the great tips he gave them in order for them to beat Dick and Larry. If there is anyone who is willing to take these two winners on get in touch with Jim Arnoux...Sorry, but this is it for this month and, unless you tell us what you'd like published in the magazine, we have no idea what's going on. So, how about socking us with a lot more news next month. See you then.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

(South Shops) -

Let's start off the shop news this month by talking about the vacations some of us were on this summer. Electrician BILL ROHE and his family spent a few weeks in Southern California on his "freebie" vacation. Bill stayed at his daughter's house in Torrance. DAVE MAIDEN and his family were out camping on the East Coast and visited New York, Philadelphia, Washington and Boston. They also toured the Football Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. ROY EVANS was out deep sea fishing off Dare Cove in the Atlantic Ocean. Roy reports that the fishing was just great and he saw no signs of the "great white shark," NICK SIMONETTI is back after a few weeks in Florida. TONY POLICH spent his vacation in Northern Wisconsin. JOE FRANCHI was up in Thunder Bay, Canada. BOB NORD vacationed in California. BILL RAFFERTY had his annual honey-do vacation in Westchester...Get well wishes go out to Mechanics BILL TETK, MIKE ROCHE, PAUL BROTT, GEORGE GEIS and GEORGE HAYES Jr...We are very sorry to hear that ROGER MULVIHILL's father-in-law, MAX WISE, passed away recently. ..CHARLIE BAREISHIS became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter gave birth to his grandson, SEAN ALEXANDER MCGILL, who weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces...MAX and LORETTA KUCHAN are the proud grandparents of LISA LAUREN who weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces at birth...Get well wishes and a speedy recovery go out to FRANK IACONO, PETER RACZON and "Pepsi-Cola", STANLEY PSZCZOLA. Hurry back to work fellows...A big welcome back to CAROLINE GULJAS of the Print Shop after her recent illness...MICHAEL VUJNOVICH, the son of Machinist TOM VUJNOVICH, won his letter in swimming from Schurz High school and he was also the recipient of the coaches most valuable player award...In closing, if you value your life please don't ask JAKE WEBER what a matador is.

I don't know what's going on out here in the South Shops office, but there are sure a lot of pregnant people. I would like to congratulate DENISE and RICH COX on their becoming parents in the winter months. Also ED SHIELDS of the Production/Supply Office, his wife is also expecting in December. There might be more, but not at this time. Who's next?...GAIL HATHAWAY says the rumor that is spreading around the shops is false. What is the rumor anyway, Gail?...CHUCK LIEDTKE really did a number on his car. It seems a truck got in his way. Crunch!..RICH JUVINALL is attempting to grow a moustache. Good luck, Rich, it still looks like you have a dirty lip though...JIM HAWORTH just returned from vacation. He and his family spent a week relaxing in the back yard by their huge pool with everything imaginable on it. Jim described it as being uneventful, but I don't know...BILL HAWORTH also returned from his vacation. With his family he went to Delevan, Wisc., for some water skiing and outdoor fun...Congratulations to GEORGE HAENISCH on becoming the father of a baby boy. Also his wife, ARLENE. GEORGE Jr. was born July 11 and weighed in at 9 pounds 11 ounces...JIM FORRESTAL's son, FRANK, received his masters in journalism. He is now working on his law degree. Good going, Frank, keep it up and who knows, maybe you'll become president or something...The South Shops Annual Golf Outing turned out to be a huge success. They had a record turnout of 88 golfers. Everyone enjoyed a family style dinner and also the prizes. . . Another birth announcement: CHARLIE HAYNES and his wife, BETTY, became parents of twins on July 25. The two girls were born ten minutes apart, 5 pounds 11-3/4ths ounces and 5 pounds 15-3/4ths ounces at 4:31 and 4:41 a.m. Congratulations! ..Happy birthday to EDDY EVANS who is now half a century old. You're not getting older Ed, you're getting better. In what, I don't know.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

SOUTH SECTION -

Yours truly had the misfortune to break the little toe on her left foot July 4 by striking it against the end table at home. Of course, everyone said I was trying to kick my hubby, RON, and missed. Ha! Ha! Fortunately, I was able to work and the toe is good now and I can even wear regular shoes instead of gym shoes. And I can golf again--which I'm very happy about. We were on vacation and just returned from a trip up to Dearborn, Mich., where we saw Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum and took a tour of the Ford plant. So my column will be a little short this time...Other vacationers were Towerman CARL BRADLEY and his wife who spent a few weeks in Florida and saw Disney World and spent time in Tallahassee visiting his wife's family. They also went

to Miami Beach...The traveling JAGLAS, Motorman TONY and his wife, MARIE, went to Europe again. This time to Barcelona, Brussels and Vienna. You should see his pictures of the bathing beauties along the Riviera...Our hearts are filled with sadness by the passing away of Motorman JOSEPH GRIFFIN who worked at 95th Street. Joe had been very ill for many months. Our sincere condolences to Mrs. GRIFFIN and her children. May he rest in peace...Assistant superintendent at 61st Street, ARDIS MORRIS, and his family vacationed in Shreveport, La., visiting their relatives...Back to their posts and off the sick list are: Towerman WARREN LATIMORE, Motormen JAMES PRESTON and GORDON BUTLER...Just heard that Retired Clerk JOE O'CONNOR passed away recently in New York. Joe was one of the nicest people to know, and we all just can't get over that he is gone...Janitor CLARENCE HALBERT had a whale of a vacation. First he went to Beaumont and Houston, Texas, and then to New Orleans. Our South Siders really traveled around this summer...As of July 15 the South Side "L" Credit Union appointed to its Board of Directors a new secretary-treasurer, CLARENCE KNOX. We are very joyed to have Clarence with us and wish to give a big thanks to Clerk EARL JONES who was the treasurer for the many, many hours he spent doing so much for the credit union and also to Janitor ED FREEMAN for all his help too. Both Earl and Ed had other commitments and could not stay on as treasurer and assistant, but they still are in the credit union on other committees. Here are the new hours: 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon-Tue-Thur-Fri, and on Saturday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone come on in and see Clarence Knox and get acquainted with him. Our credit union is starting to boom so come on in and see us...Retired Supervisor ED MUNRO took a wonderful trip to Nova Scotia and said the scenery was the most beautiful he has ever seen. Our pensioners do get around...Our hearts go out to Motorman FRED FUQUA who lost his son in a fire recently. Our sincere sympathy to you and your family.

- Verna Hartney

TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -

OSCAR JOHNSON joined the pensioners' ranks July 1 and LARRY LINDNER and JULIUS KUTA were present to wish Oscar a long and happy retirement...Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT POELLNITZ celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!...GEORGE FLEISCHMAN has returned to work after five months off due to illness...It was graduation time at the JAMES ROCHE household: LINDA from Schurz High and CAROLYN from John Palmer Grade school...Agriculturist HOWARD SURRETT has inquired about the use of an aerial truck to pick his corn

this year. The nine-foot high stalks and Harold were pictured in the Daily Calumet...Mr. and Mrs. JOHN C. MILLER enjoyed and profited from their vacation in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and San Francisco. John wants to know if any other horse player ever sat through nine horse races without making a wager at the track...Pensioner PAUL DENNEHY passed away. Our sympathy to the Dennehy family.

- Colette Szyzpanch

WEST SECTION (Agents) -

HELEN CHRISTNER became an instant grandmother when her son got married. Helen was on vacation and went to Florida to visit with her father...GEORGE REZMER is back to work after being off sick. Stay well, George. MARY WIXTED was off sick too, but is back to work now...Congratulations to E. ANGEL who was made a janitor supervisor...MIKE MANSO and his family moved into a new apartment, and they are very happy with it...Congratulations to TED CARUTHERS who won \$1,000 in the Grand Slam lottery. If you're walking down the streets of Chicago and you see a policewoman that looks familiar--look again because it just might be VERA CARUTHERS. She took the police exam and passed it...Celebrating birthdays in

August are none other than Area Superintendent J. P. HALLAHAN, Assistant Superintendent BOB JANZ, Agent JULIUS JOHNSON, and your co-reporter, ZITA DOUBLIN.

On July 1 a little beauty named DEVONNE TOPAZ, weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces (wow) made her debut into our big world. Congratulations to the proud parents, Agents PAT and LEON HEGWOOD, and welcome dear baby...Poor HATTIE ROHR just discovered that the cold she has been nursing along for months is really an allergy. We are certainly glad to have this cleared up. We were quite concerned about a cold that lasted so long...We hope that by the time this is in print EDNA KANTOR and LEONARD LACHOWICZ will be well on the road to recovery. Our thoughts are with you...GLADYS RUEDIGER celebrated her sixth company anniversary on July 16. We are sure she enjoyed her free day...A little bird told us that the "Vamp of V.B.", JUNE BAREKMAN, spent a wonderful week in Washington, D.C. Knowing our Junie, we are sure it was a fun week...GENNY RUSIN quietly slipped off on vacation without a word to us. Shame on you, Gen! We're only kidding--hope you enjoyed every minute of it...SANDY MAHONEY and her faithful Volkswagen hit the road on Aug. 8 and headed for Stratford, Ontario. Sandy,

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

MARTIN BAKKA, 72, North Park, Emp. 8-19-42, Died 6-22-75
STANLEY BARANOSKAS, 89, Cottage Gr., Emp. 7-3-20, Died 7-3-75
RICHARD BATZER, 88, Cottage Grove, Emp. 12-31-19, Died 6-22-75
EDWARD BERANEK, 80, West Section, Emp. 1-23-13, Died 5-23-75
ANTON BUCAN, 77, Const. & Maint., Emp. 11-6-41, Died 5-5-75
OLIVER CLANTON, 86, Ravenswood Gar., Emp. 4-2-29, Died 6-26-75
PATRICK CONSIDINE, 70, 77th Street, Emp. 7-7-37, Died 5-22-75
HERMAN DAMMEYER, 86, Devon, Emp. 7-16-26, Died 6-4-75
PASQUALE DIFINO, 79, Way & Structs., Emp. 1-26-25, Died 6-16-75
LOUIS DRAPP, 61, North Avenue, Emp. 10-3-56, Died 8-4-75
SIGURD EGELAND, 73, West Section, Emp. 9-11-23, Died 6-21-75
ALFRED EKELMANN, 71, Charter, Emp. 6-3-29, Died 6-4-75
WILLIAM FERGUSON, 84, Way & Structs., Emp. 3-4-30, Died 4-16-75
ANNE FLYNN, 87, 61st Street, Emp. 12-12-42, Died 5-1-75
EMIL FRIEDLUND, 87, West Shops, Emp. 11-29-10, Died 6-17-75
JOSEPH GRIFFIN, 62, South Section, Emp. 5-27-36, Died 7-8-75
JAMES HOWLETT, 69, West Section, Emp. 11-18-26, Died 6-26-75

RICHARD HUIZENGA, 61, 77th Street, Emp. 1-2-46, Died 7-26-75
JAMES KEAN, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 12-9-19, Died 6-11-75
DANIEL KELLY, 86, 61st Street, Emp. 10-15-25, Died 6-14-75
FRANK KIMMEL, 74, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-22-26, Died 5-20-75
STANLEY KLICH, 63, North Avenue, Emp. 8-2-42, Died 6-16-75
JAMES McNALLY, 66, Kedzie, Emp. 8-26-42, Died 6-11-75
PAUL MEILS, 77, West Section, Emp. 6-18-24, Died 6-16-75
WALLACE MELINE, 80, Armitage, Emp. 1-29-20, Died 6-16-75
EMANUELE MIGLIORISI, 78, Way & Struct., Emp. 4-18-24, Died 5-31-75
CHARLES MUTTERER, 84, 69th Street, Emp. 9-2-13, Died 6-18-75
THOMAS QUINN, 65, District A, Emp. 9-28-36, Died 6-2-75
EMIL SCHULZ, 90, West Shops, Emp. 9-26-21, Died 6-1-75
JOSEPH SOMOGYI, 57, North Section, Emp. 6-10-47, Died 6-28-75
WALTER STRAUBING, 69, Executive, Emp. 8-31-29, Died 6-18-75
SPIROS TSAMIS, 85, 77th Street, Emp. 5-17-27, Died 12-12-74
MORRIS VAN DER MEULEN, 73, No. Sec., Emp. 9-28-26, Died 5-15-75
FRANK WALSH, 82, 69th Street, Emp. 12-28-11, Died 6-17-75

who is a classical music lover, will attend the Shakespearean Festival. How nice!.. BOB NUGENT can't claim this July vacation was the best he ever had, but it was hectic. The Nugents had a fire in their home and had to move to a motel until the damage was repaired. Bob and his young daughter suffered some burns but we are delighted to report they have both recovered...We heard a true agent-passenger story that made us chuckle so we want to pass it on to you. A passenger leaving the station stopped by the agents' booth and said, "Miss, I just found a fur on the train." The agent stared in surprise and asked, "What kind of fur?" The passenger answered with a broad grin, "A trans-fur." Well, we thought it was funny. We promised not to divulge the name of the red-faced agent, so don't ask!..We suggest you join our credit union now. Then we can write about your wonderful vacation next year.

- Mary Wixted & Zita Dublin

69TH STREET -

Did you ever go on a vacation with a relaxed feeling and then get two tickets for speeding and one, above all, for jaywalking? Only N. BRADFORD could, as he traveled to the West Coast on his vacation...JOHN (Skinny) THOMAS, former operator at 69th now working in the Mart, sends his greetings to all his old friends here at the barn...Sanitary Engineer R. RAJ had a welcome visit from his daughter, MARLENE HERMAN, and her two children, RUBY and KIM, from the "Land of Enchantment", Albuquerque, N.M. We also extend our deepest sympathy to Raj and his family in the death of his mother-in-law, ANNA B. KUCHAN, who passed away on July 3...WILLIAM (Sugar Bear) ROBINSON was a real "ball" when he was asking for donations for uniforms for our softball team. It was all worthwhile as we ended up as co-champions of the league and won the playoffs to enter the Chicago Park District Tournament of Champions. Congratulations, fellows, and let's take this one too...Chief Clerk BARNEY BECKER made the rounds again to Hawaii, California and Las Vegas. He said his wife gave him more money to gamble with this time, but didn't say whether he won or lost...Wee WILLIE WILLIAMS spent every weekend in July up at Paddock Lake, Wisc. He spent his vacation working a run at 69th Street. Did you enjoy it, Willie? ..Old SARGE, who everyone knows is a rough, tough and likeable guy, has a new fan, LILLIAN SIMS. She says that he is the most considerate, courteous, patient, good-looking and paternal bus operator she has ever met...IKE HORTON is now home recuperating after a long stay in the hospital. Hurry and get well, fella, we need guys like you...We hope all the fellows enjoyed themselves at the 55th annual retreat to Notre Dame. Our thanks to Retired Superintendent E. C. TOCCI for his con-

Up To 93!

CELEBRATING HIS 93rd birthday on April 20 was Pensioner Henry P. Tassaert who was feted with a surprise party given by his daughter, two granddaughters and 11 great-grandchildren.

Henry, a 50-year employee, started his transit career with the old South Side Elevated Railroad Company on Dec. 17, 1899, at the age of 17. He became an extra guard in 1902, a conductor in 1905, and a motorman in 1907. The last two positions he alternated until his retirement.

Spending his entire transit tenure in the South Section, Henry retired to a life of leisure on Jan. 1, 1950.



tribution in making the trip a success... Operator WHITE says that my pal, Operator D. SMITH, shot a 73 on Cog Hill's roughest course. Smith, if I take up chasing that little white pill, will you teach me? ..Pensioner CHARLIE URBICK and his invisible dog are really enjoying retired life. He says hello to all his friends here at 69th...Other retired 69th personnel who send their best wishes are ED MEYER who looks like he could take on Muhammad Ali, and that lonely cowboy and fisherman L. JOLLY who always has a smile and a friendly wave as he goes by. I'd like to hear from my retired friends in Florida, Wisconsin and out west. Also from Retired Superintendent PEYTON as to how he is enjoying his pensioned life...We were all saddened to hear that Operator DUBINSKI lost his wife. I was really amazed at how young his mother looked when I met her at the wake...One of the nicest guys from the North Side who has joined our team at 69th is Assistant Superintendent J. BORK. Along with Superintendents COLEMAN and STEINBACH, we really have a great team...My thanks to Operator A. PORTER for letting me know that MELTON DAVID TENNELLE, the son of Supervisor and Mrs. ANTONIO TENNELLE, was appointed to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., where he is now in training. Congratulations... Please, fellows, drop me a line as to what is happening on your vacations or anything else.

From the repair department we offer our deepest sympathy to MIKE DWYER in the loss of his brother... Pensioner TOM O'SHEA says hello to all his friends at 69th. Tom and his wife are now residing in Florida... Pensioners PADDY FITZGERALD and PADDY McNICHOLS are doing fine and wish to be remembered by all their old friends at 69th... Pensioner HARRY MINOGUE is now living in Texas and doing well...To all who are on vacation, we wish you a nice time. R. BOSCO went out West; JIM CASEY visited Florida; HARVEY BROCK went to St. Louis to do some fishing; GEORGE GACEK, WALTER (Butch) KULIKAUSKAS, JOHN LEVICKIS, NATE POPE, MATTHEW MURRAY and HAROLD JOHNSON, our P.M. foreman, are

all traveling through Illinois. Here's hoping they all come home safely...To DAN BARTLEY and A. MORRIS who are on the sick list, we wish them a speedy recovery and return to work soon.

- Art Buesing & Jimmy Ahern

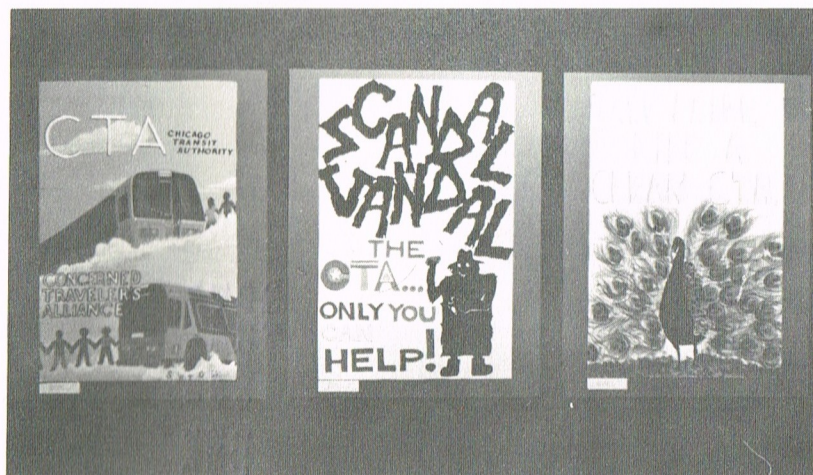
77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. Well, the summer vacation season is drawing to a close. There were rumors of gas shortages and hot, humid weather, but those trials and tribulations didn't stop Operator LYNN OWENS and his family from motoring to Albany, N.Y. He and his lovely wife, MARY, and their children spent a week and a half enjoying the sights of the empire state... EUGENE IRVIN Jr. and his attractive wife, LEARR, flew first class non-stop to and from San Francisco, Calif. Operator Irvin informed this reporter that they were relaxing and enjoying everything the trip had to offer. He is really a traveler; upon his return from California, he and his wife drove to Lebanon, Tenn., and back... Operator EDWARD WILLIS and his family motored to Los Angeles, Calif. Willis informed me of their plans shortly before they were to leave. He also stated he didn't anticipate too much road shock in their 1975 Cadillac Coupe de Ville. What a way to go!..Operator and Mrs. JOE HORACE spent one week of their two-week vacation at beautiful Niagara Falls. Accompanying Operator Horace and his wife were Operator and Mrs. SIMMON GIPSON. The foursome planned their trip weeks in advance so as to assure their accommodations. They drove there and back...Well, our baseball team is doing their thing. They are playing better than 500 ball and as of this report are making a strong assault on the top spot. Operator and player R. PEEL has assured me that Captain K. FLEMING is asking for 100 per cent effort. Lots of luck to our baseball team... I would like to join all my fellow operators in wishing Operator FRED THOMAS a speedy recovery. Operator Thomas is recuperating from a recent illness at Illinois Research hospital.

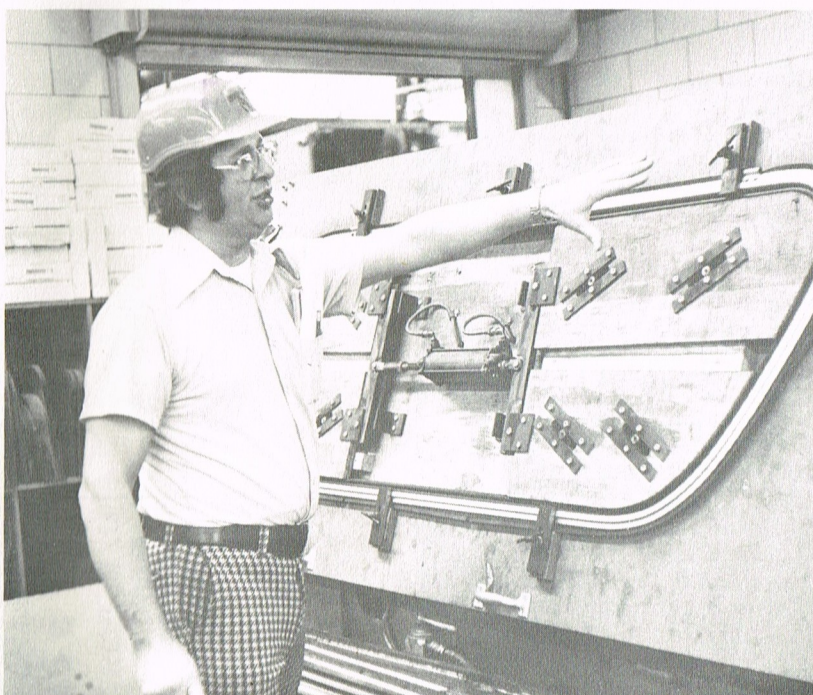
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INDEPENDENCE DAY VICTORY: Louis R. Mueller (left), Assistant Superintendent, North Park Garage, congratulates Dorothy Smith driver of the CTA's minibus in the Evanston Fourth of July Parade which won a third place award. This was the first such award the CTA has won in many years. The 10-foot-long minibus was built at the South Shops as an Explorer Scout project several years ago.



PRIDE ON DISPLAY: Honorable mentions in "Pride In Transportation" poster-art contest sponsored by CTA and Chicago Board of Education have been on display in fourth floor hall of Merchandise Mart. Here are three. Cam Render, CTA Community Relations, served as project coordinator. Winning entries are being made into large posters for use on CTA properties.



WOODWORK ONLY INCIDENTAL: To Carpenter Frank Sprovieri, working at his trade has nothing to do with pounding nails into wood. Here Sprovieri explains a new frame straightener for bus windows he helped design. Working with his hands is an interest he has shared in the building of CTA's minibus and a scale model modern bus garage for a Scout exhibition. What's 28-year-old Sprovieri do when he's not figuring out something new for repairing doors and windows? You can see him almost anytime there is a tour of the South Shops, pulling visitors along behind the minibus, which he drives.

what's news

65 students of Spanish-American background have been working during the summer at CTA in the student employment program. Positions are diversified--36 as bus drivers, nine as conductors, 16 as ticket agents, two as servicemen, one as a trackman and one as laborer. Basic salaries depend on position. Pay is equitable with salaries for full-timers. Recruitment for student positions starts in early March each year. Applicants must be full time college students or high-schoolers with proof of college enrollment following fall.

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Chicago Public Library, through 76 branches and downtown Cultural Center, has become distribution system for information on how to use the bus and rapid transit routes. CTA Route Maps and "Great Getaway" sightseeing guides are now available, free of charge, at all locations. At 23 appropriate branches, Spanish brochure is also available.

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With school soon to begin again, it's time to call attention to CTA's 11 chartered Educational Tours to various places of interest and learning. Groups are limited to 25 or more youngsters, says CTA Sales Director David Kruger. Stops include such places as Adler Planetarium, Art Institute, Brookfield and Lincoln Park Zoos, Oriental Institute, Field Museum, Forest Preserve Nature Centers, Museum of Science and Industry, Skydeck in Sears Tower. Tour costs vary from \$1.65 to \$7.40 per youngster. Adult group leaders travel free. Above picture shows Teacher Richard Madden shepherding his 7th grade pupils aboard CTA buses at St. Louis de Montfort school for June expedition into Chicago's Past and Present. Tell educators to call 664-7200, ext. 806, for info on this fall's itineraries.

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