

# Customer Service Gets All The Winners

*Pigeon Bombers, Flirting Drivers, etc., etc.*

by Donald R. Yabush

To three service representatives in CTA's Customer Service section goes the daily flow of complaints from the public.

Telephone callers, letter writers and visitors unburden their visitations and frustrations to Eileen (Big Murph) Neurauter, Jim Roche and Dennis Murphy. Their job is to find satisfactory answers to the complaints.

Yet, amid the torrent of woes, there are bright spots of unintentional humor.

One such involved the "pigeon drop lady."

No, she wasn't victimized by a scheming con artist. She was just what you think--the target of a pigeon with a good aim.

"I'm complaining about a pigeon on your 'L' structure at Wilson and Broadway," the angry woman shouted into the telephone.

"Every day after I get off the 'L', I stand in a certain spot under the 'L' structure. And right above me there's this damned pigeon.

"Well, that dirty bird does his duty on me. He's been doing it every day for the last two weeks. Every day, there I am, standing in my usual spot, and every day, there he is in his usual spot--waiting.

"I'm afraid to look up, you see, but I know he's there because he lets me know he's there. He leaves his mark.

"I even brought my lady friend with me for a witness. She got hit, too. Get rid of that bird!" she demanded.

She was so upset she didn't explain why she insisted on standing under the pigeon in the first place. She hung up.

Another woman caller complained about a bus driver who ignored her.

"I want to report a bus driver who flirts with all the girls who get on his bus," she said in a soft, melancholy voice.

She then gave the driver's badge number, bus number, route number, the route he was driving, the time she was on his bus, his name and the garage he was assigned to.

She was asked if he flirted with her, too.

After a long pause, she softly said with a sigh, "No."

Did he endanger his riders by not paying attention to his duties?

Again she sighed, "No."

Finally, she was asked how she learned the driver's name and his assigned garage.

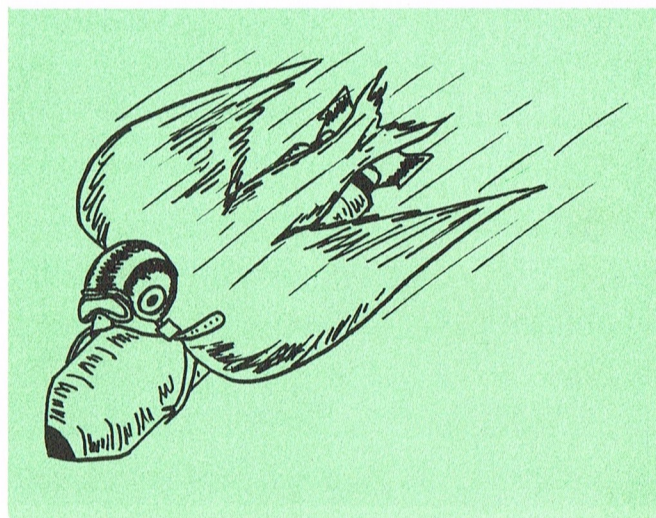
Click went the phone.

Ever so often the phone rings and it's "Mr. Lovely-wife."

He inquires whether a certain bus route is on time that afternoon. When assured it is, he says he wants to be at the bus stop to meet his lovely wife. His calls are always made in a cheery voice.

Not all the calls, letters and visitors register complaints. Many sing the praises of "their" bus drivers and tell with obvious pleasure what fine drivers the CTA has.

Some even keep a pencil and paper handy to jot down a driver's badge number when they have enjoyed a smooth ride, noted the drivers who call out all the



stops or witnessed an unusual service rendered by drivers, conductors or ticket agents.

For the record, Customer Service in 1974 logged 37,950 telephone calls, letters and personal visits.

The breakdown:

	Letters	Telephone Calls	Personal Visits	1974 Totals
Complaints	3,055	15,954	316	19,325
Commendations	1,412	977	52	2,441
Miscellaneous Communications	690	15,234	260	16,184
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,157</b>	<b>32,165</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>37,950</b>

The 1974 total was 6 per cent less than the 1973 total of 40,459.

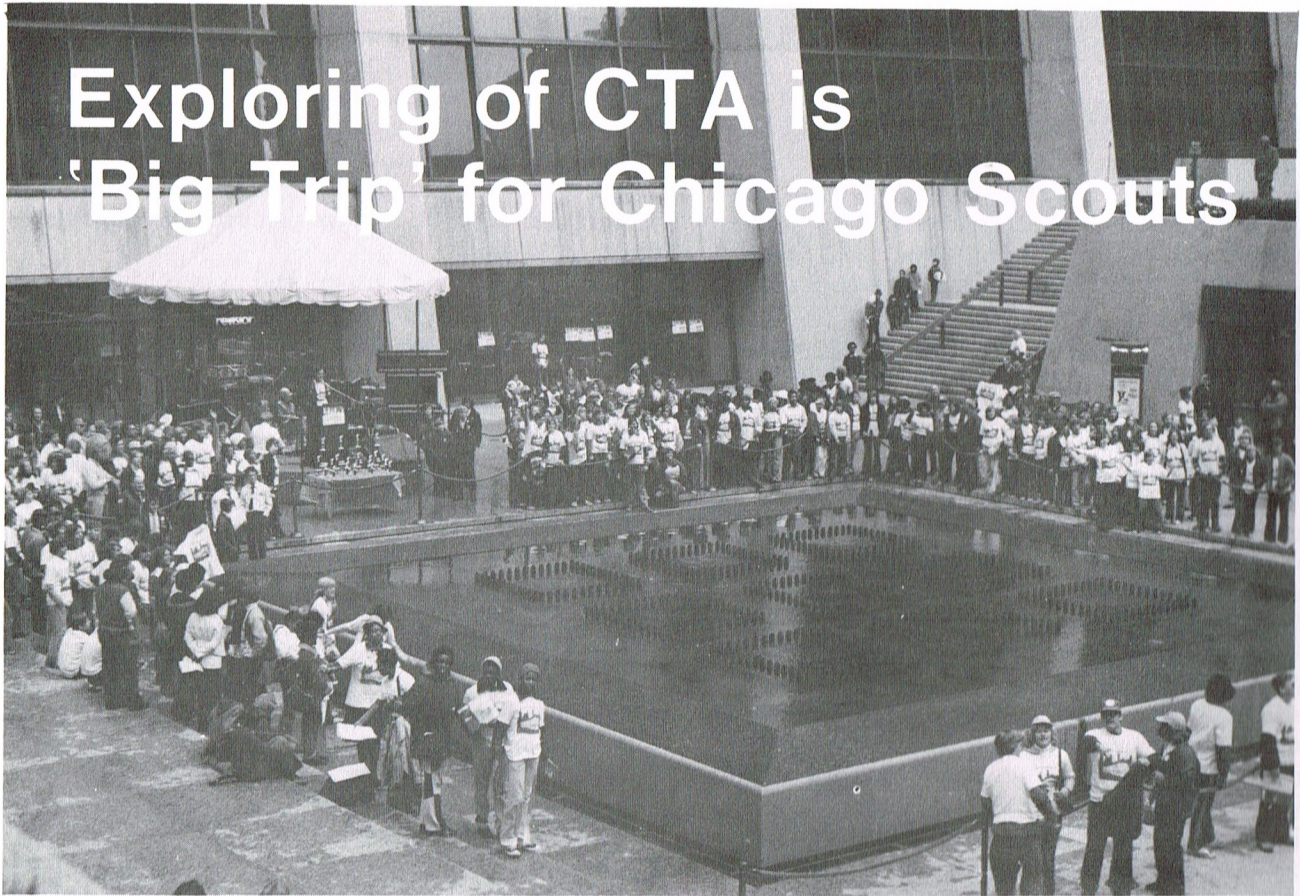
One final, unintentionally humorous communication involved a woman who declined to give her name on the telephone when she complained about a mispunched transfer. She said she wanted her fare money back.

She was asked to mail the transfer to the Customer Service section so a service representative could make a determination of her claim.

Sure enough, the anonymous woman sent in the transfer---with no name or address.



# Exploring of CTA is 'Big Trip' for Chicago Scouts



For the youth of today, chances are that future life will be in the city or on its perimeters.

That means living with, if not living on mass public transportation.

It is good for youth to understand the city and how to get around it--where the many cultural and historic attractions of the city are--what the city contains and what it produces.

For these reasons, the Boy Scouts of America have blazed a new trail of exploration--the urban metropolis. And a new way of exploring it--by bus and rapid transit train.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Chicago's first Explorer Mass Transit Rally was staged.

Beginning early Sunday morning, 312 young men and women, ages 15 to 20 (78 teams of four members each) competed in an unusual contest based on coded routings for trips from assigned starting stations to the First National Bank Plaza in downtown Chicago.

The 50-mile trips, involving as many as 12 transfers, were made according to "cue sheets" reading like this:

"... head in the direction of Santa's home and ride until you come to Lake St. and the street that divides the city E and W. When you get off, run down the stairs and get on the N-S 'L' going N. Ride to the

Above, the Rally at First National Plaza; left, the way to get info on CTA operations, straight from Conductor Jerry Walton's mouth.



True or False, circle T or F:

- T F 1. CTA buses and trains specially painted for the Bicentennial are named for transit operating personnel who have given outstanding service to the public.
- T F 2. The State Street Subway, 4.9 miles long, was completed in 1943.
- T F 3. Both of Chicago's major league baseball parks are served directly by rapid transit.
- T F 4. The Dan Ryan and Lake rapid transit lines were combined to form the West-South route between 95th/Dan Ryan and Harlem/Lake.
- + T F 5. Twenty-seven grade (street-level) crossings with rapid transit tracks were eliminated when the Lake route was elevated in 1962.
- T F 6. Many CTA bus and rapid transit routes are operated 24 hours daily.
- T F 7. Bus and rapid transit service within Evanston is operated by CTA, subsidized by the City of Evanston, and provided at a special 25¢ fare including a free transfer.
- T F 8. CTA Park'n'Ride lots at certain CTA rapid transit terminals have a combined capacity of over 2,500 cars.
- T F 9. "Multiple unit control," now used throughout the world for electric trains, was first used in Chicago in 1898.
- + T F 10. Red lights on the sides of rapid transit cars are on when the doors are open. *orange!*
- T F 11. Chicago's first electric streetcar began running in 1906.
- T F 12. The Bobtail horsecar of 1859 was named for its small rear platform.
- T F 13. The Chicago Surface Lines, a CTA predecessor, was the largest surface transportation system in the U.S.
- + T F 14. The first buses to be used in Chicago were operated by the Chicago Motor Bus Company.
- T F 15. Green Hornet streetcars were named for the buzzing sounds made by their motors.
- T F 16. Skokie Swift is CTA's only rapid transit route running non-stop terminal to terminal.
- T F 17. Cable grip cars used vice-like jaws to clamp the moving underground cable.
- T F 18. "A" and "B" skip stops on the rapid transit system are made seven days a week.
- T F 19. All CTA routes are within the Chicago city limits.
- T F 20. Senior citizens may board CTA at special reduced fares at all times.
- T F 21. The CTA system resulted from the purchase of three separate transportation companies--the Chicago Surface Lines, the Chicago Rapid Transit and Chicago Motor Coach.
- T F 22. The CTA act provides for seven members on Chicago Transit Board, governing body of the CTA.
- + T F 23. Double-deck buses were used in Chicago until 1952.
- T F 24. As they were replaced by buses, all of Chicago's streetcars went to the scrap heap.
- T F 25. Like traffic lights, signals along tracks in the Loop subways are arranged red on top, yellow in the middle and green on the bottom.
- T F 26. A Supertransfer is good for an unlimited number of rides during the 24-hour period starting at 0300 hours on Sunday.
- T F 27. The number to call for CTA Travel Information is 670-5000.

Multiple choice, circle one letter only:

28. Features of CTA's latest buses and trains include: (a) picture windows (b) fluorescent lighting (c) air conditioning (d) all of the above (e) none of the above.
29. How many east and west streets on the downtown insert of the CTA Route Map have names for U.S. Presidents? (a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 8 (d) 9.
30. Chicago's second rapid transit line in the median of an expressway, the Dan Ryan, was opened: (a) Oct. 8, 1965 (b) Feb. 1, 1970 (c) Sept. 28, 1969 (d) April 1, 1974.
31. On a rapid transit train the conductor signals the motorman to proceed from a terminal or a time point with: (a) one buzzer (b) two buzzers (c) three buzzers (d) two blasts of the whistle (e) none of the above.
32. Chicago's cable cars had a top speed of: (a) 50 mph (b) 27 mph (c) 40 mph (d) 14 mph.
33. The No. 126 Jackson bus serves the: (a) Field Museum (b) Shedd Aquarium (c) Art Institute (d) Adler Planetarium (e) Soldier Field (f) all of the above (g) none of the above.
34. One of CTA's 10¢ transfers can be used for: (a) a continuous ride over reasonably direct routes (b) trips in any direction within one hour of time of issuance (c) either of the above (d) none of the above.
35. A federally-funded mass transportation demonstration project, the Skokie Swift began operating in: (a) 1971 (b) 1964 (c) 1963 (d) 1957.
36. What two Chicago streets intersect three times? (a) Clark & Broadway (b) Broadway & Sheridan (c) Elston & Milwaukee (d) Lincoln & Clark.
37. CTA instituted an Exact Fare Plan for buses on: (a) Dec. 25, 1974 (b) July 4, 1972 (c) Oct. 28, 1973 (d) Nov. 9, 1969 (e) none of the above.
38. Which of the following transit centers is served by the largest number of CTA bus routes? (a) Jefferson Park (b) Logan Square (c) Ashland (d) 95.
39. Rapid transit trains cross the following bodies of water: (a) Chicago River (b) North Shore Channel (c) Sanitary and Ship Canal (d) two of the above (e) all of the above.
40. On a Saturday which is the fastest CTA route from the Loop to Dyche Stadium in Evanston? (a) the Evanston Express "L" to Central station (b) the North-South Subway to Howard street and the Evanston "L" Shuttle to Central station (c) the No. 22 Clark street bus to Howard street and the Evanston "L" Shuttle to Central station (d) the No. 151 Sheridan Express bus to Howard street and the Evanston "L" Shuttle to Central station.

## Here's The Quiz The Explorers Took

after studying CTA Route Maps, Historical Material, etc

## How Well Do You Know CTA?

Try it yourself, then look up correct answers on Page 18



station at (unscramble-RENOTLFUL) and check in at the ✓.!"

The ✓ stood for a checkpoint at which each team had to "sign off" before moving ahead so that the judges could be certain that the full route had been followed.

Teams were judged on time to make the trip against norms as indicated by CTA schedules--and also on their answers to a questionnaire to indicate extent of awareness of CTA operations and Chicago geography.

CTA's Public Affairs Department served as the "operations center" for the Rally, working closely with John Romanovich, Exploring Executive in Chicago's Boy Scout office. Robert Heinlein was project coordinator and captain for CTA. Assisting Heinlein as members of the coordinating committee were Barney Keller, ironworker, and Jim Ohse, District A superintendent.

All of the routes, the model for crypticized (coded) route instructions, and the questionnaire were developed by this three-person committee. In addition, the committee members served as faculty at the

Top, checking in at Jefferson Park checkpoint with Fred Limmel; center, volunteer checkers at 79th and Western (George Cachares, CTA's Betty Edwards, Donna Haas); below, scoring at the Plaza (table, left to right, CTA's Tom Chorak, Rally volunteer Al Poolo, CTA's Eileen Neurauter; standing, CTA "steering committee" member Jim Ohse, CTA's Les Racker, "steering committee" chairman Bob Heinlein, "steering committee" member Barney Keller; leading, Exploring Executive John Romanovich).





Rally School for contestants held on the preceding Thursday evening at DePaul university's downtown campus auditorium and at the briefing session for checkpoint volunteers held Friday evening at the Merchandise Mart.

On the day of the Rally, the following CTA volunteers served as "field judges" at the various checkpoints and First National Plaza:

Control Center — Jerry Franklin, Fred Limmel, Herman Miles, Les Racker, Will Taylor, Jim Washington, Ollie Winston.

Travel Information — Ray Carter.

South Section — Antonio Chavez.

Plant Maintenance — Tom Chorak, Bill Kenny.

District A — Sy Horbach.

Forest Glen — Rudy Neurauter.

Claims Law — Ed Evenson, Mike Shanahan.

77th Street — Derrick Stephens.

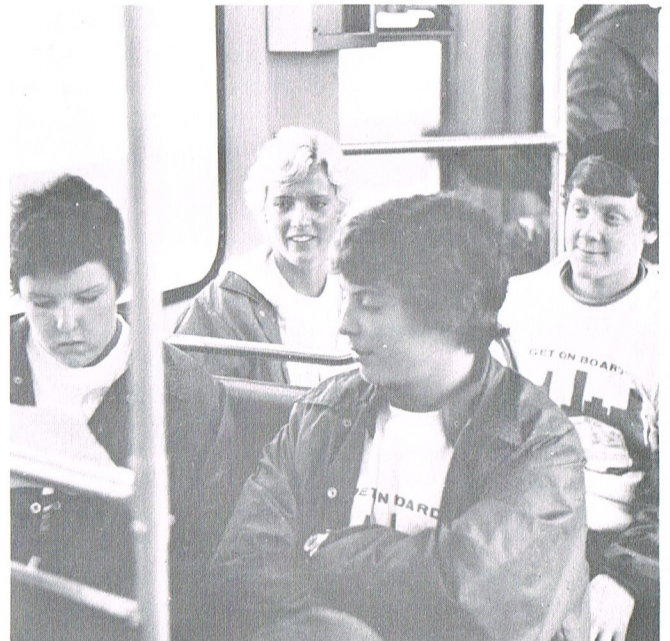
Public Affairs — Mel Alexander, Betty Edwards, Eileen Neurauter, Don Yabush.

Jack Sowchin of Public Affairs acted as official photographer for the Rally and is responsible for the pictures appearing with this article. Jack also designed the Rally logo which appeared on T-shirts worn by the contestants and by Rally signage.

Explorer Post 9285 sponsored by the William McKinley American Legion Post 231, at 1956 W. 35th street, won first place. This team was headed by David Wolynia as captain and included Jessie Palacios, James Rogers and Donald McIntyre.

Assisting the Exploring executives in presenting the awards were George Krambles, general operations manager; Mrs. Pastora Cafferty, Board member of the Regional Transportation Authority; and Marshall Suloway, Public Works Commissioner, representing Mayor Daley and the Chicago city government.

Top, a checkpoint check with Jerry Franklin at Cicero and Cermak; center, a strategy huddle en route; below left, seemingly pleased with the proceedings (CTA Manager of Public Affairs Tom Buck, Commissioner of Public Works Marshall Suloway who was the city's official representative, Exploring Executive Romanovich); right, presentation of trophies to first place team by Pastora Cafferty of the RTA Board.





ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Photographs by German Photographer August Sander (1876-1964), opens Dec 13, Lacy Armour Gallery. A representative showing of photographs taken before WW II. The Joseph Winterbotham Collection, the annual exhibit of 35 European paintings from the museum's permanent collection includes works by Toulouse-Lautrec, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Miro, Magritte, and Picasso; thru Dec 7, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery. Margaret Fisher, drawings and watercolors by the Chicago artist, continuing, Gallery 107. Photographs by Aaron Siskind, a one-man retrospective exhibition of approximately 60 photographs, thru Dec 7, east wing. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat, 10-5; Thurs, 10-8:30 (free); Sun & Thanksgiving Day, 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, children, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

"BENITO CERENO," starring Robert Guillaume, thru Dec 21, Goodman Theatre. Based on the novella by Herman Melville, "Benito Cereno" is part of "The Old Glory" trilogy by poet Robert Lowell. The stirring study in contrasts between freedom and bondage is set off the coast of Trinidad in the early 1800s, where a U.S. ship encounters a mysterious Spanish slave ship. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

BLUE MAX NIGHTCLUB--James Darren and Billy Fabo in a music and comedy show, Nov 28-Dec 20, Hyatt Regency O'Hare. 228-9000.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Ethnic Chicago, part of the People of Chicago Lecture Series, presented by Professor Perry Duis of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Dec 3 at 7:30, Auditorium. Civil War Gallery opens Dec 5. Special Craft Demonstration, traditional chair rushing, demonstrated by Patrick J. Russell, Dec 6 from 1-4. American Issues Forum Film Series: "The Making of the President, 1968," "The Last Hurrah," Dec 7 at 2. Christmas Exhibit: Dec 14. Members free; adults, \$1; children, (6-17), 50¢; seniors, 25¢. Clark at North. 642-4600.

CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CULTURAL CENTER noon hour programs, daily except Sun. Vary from concerts to films, with special Hanukkah programs Dec 1-5. Free. Bicentennial Exhibit: Original watercolors from the Joseph Boggs Beale American Collection, Dec 17-Jan 16. 78 E. Washington. 782-7396.

"DIGNITY," thru Dec 7, Wisdom Bridge Theatre, 1559 W. Howard. 743-6442.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Adaptations for Survival films. Baobab: Portrait of a Tree, Dec 5-7; Hunters In The Reef, Dec 12-14; Strange Creatures of the Night, Dec 19-21; Bird's Paradise: The Waddensea, Dec 26-28. Screenings Fri-Sun at 11, 1, Meeting Room, 2nd Floor North. Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore.

INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW with entertainment Nov 27-Dec 2. Nation's greatest saddle-bred horses compete for "The International," for many years considered the "Court of Last Appeal." Competition will be in the following classes--Five Gaited,



# Time out

with Anit Leppiks

## Things to do in the Chicago area

Three Gaited, Five Harness Roadsters, Hackney Ponies, Harness Ponies, Pleasure Horses, and Equitation. Part of the International Live Stock Exposition, International Amphitheatre, 4300 S. Halsted. Reserved seats from \$3. Ticket price includes general admission to exposition. 927-5580.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO features the Polar Bear as the animal of the month in December. Thirty-five acres of zoo grounds house a collection of 2,600 animals, birds and reptiles. Open daily from 9-5. Children's zoo building open from 10-5. Farm-in-the-zoo open from 9:45-5.

LOGAN SQUARE LIBRARY FILMS (comedy) each Wed at 2 thru Dec 17. Oldies such as W. C. Fields; mostly talkies. Logan Square Branch Library, 3255 W. Altgeld. BE 5-5295.

MAY STEVENS paintings and gouaches thru Dec 10, Deson-Zaks Gallery. Tues-Fri from 10:30-5:30; Sat noon to 5. 226 E. Ontario.

MILL RUN THEATRE--Dionne Warwicke and Isaac Hayes in concert Dec 2-7. Rich Little Dec 9-14. Jerry Lewis and Jim Bailey Dec 26-31. Golf Road and Milwaukee. 298-2170.

MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART--an exhibition of the sculpture and drawings of California fantasist Jeremy Anderson thru Jan 4. First comprehensive exhibition of Robert Irwin, whose works range from nearly invisible paintings to dematerialized environmental works, thru Jan 4. Noel Carroll, film talk, Dec 2 at 8. Five Chicago Poets, readings, Dec 5 at 8. James Benning, film talk, Dec 9 at 8. 237 E. Ontario. WH 3-7755.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY--Christmas Around the World Festival, featuring 31 nationalities, thru Jan 1. Including internationally flavored theatre programs daily thru Dec 24, Auditorium; dinners featuring the cuisine of the pageant will be served thru Dec 15 in the Museum's dining rooms. For dinner reservations call MU 4-1414. Caroling by over 150 area choral groups thru Dec 24 in the Christmas display area. Romanian Folk Rug Exhibit thru Dec 3. An exhibit of 56 Romanian rugs and tapestries of the 19th and 20th centuries. UNICEF Children's Art Exhibit thru Dec 28, West Pavilion. The collection of 500 pieces contains works by 200



children from nearly 50 countries. Christmas Cards From Other Lands thru Dec 28. Christmas greetings from more than 120 countries presented by Mrs. Howard Peterson of Chicago. Sickle Cell Exhibit, Medical Balcony. This new exhibit is the first major educational exhibit on sickle cell anemia in the nation. Finnigan's Ice Cream Parlor now open on the Museum's "Yesterday's Main Street" exhibit. The parlor is using the original furnishing of the Woodlawn Pharmacy, opened in 1911 at 55th & Woodlawn. Ice cream sodas, sundaes, and banana splits available. Museum and Christmas festival admission free. Weekdays from 9:30-4; Sat, Sun, Hol (except Christmas Day--closed) from 9:30-5:30. During the pageant period, Christmas display areas open until 8. 57th & Lake Shore.

"NOURISH THE BEAST" thru Dec 14, Evanston Theatre Company at the Kingsley School Theatre. From \$6.50. Green Bay & McCormick, Evanston. 869-7278.

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY--University Symphonic Band, Dec 2 at 8; Chicago Musical College Ensembles Recital, Dec 3 at 1; Faculty Recital, Carl Smith, oboe, William Brown, piano, Dec 3 at 8; Chicago Musical College Jazz Lab Band, Dec 4 at 7; University Symphony Orchestra, Dec 5 at 8; Chicago Musical College Woodwind Ensemble, Dec 9 at 8; Chicago Musical College Graduate Student String Quartet, Dec 10 at 8; Chicago Musical College Graduate Vocal Ensemble, in a program of vocal chamber music, Dec 11 at 8; University Chorus and Concert Choir with faculty soloists, Dec 12 at 8; Rudolph Ganz Memorial Hall. Free. 430 S. Michigan. 341-3787.

SOLDIER FIELD--Chicago Bears vs Detroit Lions, Dec 7 at 1:05. Chicago Bears vs St. Louis Cardinals, Dec 14 at 1:05.

"STRANGE HUMORS," a new concept in musical theatre, thru Dec 21, Barry Street Loft Theatre. Fri, Sat at 8:30; Sun at 7:30. \$2.50; students, seniors, \$2. 656 W. Barry. 271-3119.

"THE CARETAKER," by Harold Pinter, thru Dec 20, Victory Gardens Theatre. Fri at 8; Sat at 7, 10; Sun at 7. From \$3.50. 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

"THE LAND OF THE STAGE," Players Oe, Sun at 2:30 thru Dec 31, Second City, 1616 N. Wells. \$1.50. 337-3992.

THREE PLAYS OF THE YUAN DYNASTY, 13th Century Chinese fables, directed by June Pyskacek, music by Tony Zito, Dec 4-7, 12-14, 19-21, Goodman Stage 2. Ruth Page Auditorium, 1016 N. Dearborn. 443-3800.

"THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY," comedy by Samuel Taylor, starring Lana Turner and Louis Jourdan, thru Dec 7, Arlington Park Theatre. 392-6800.

WATERCOLORS AND CONSTRUCTIONS BY JOHN PITTMAN opens Dec 5, Phyllis Kind Gallery. Tues-Sat from 10-5:30. 226 E. Ontario.

WINTER ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL, student directed, Dec 8-12, Kennedy King College, 6800 S. Wentworth. 962-3301.

## Time Out Reviews—The Caretaker

Harold Pinter's "The Caretaker" at the Victory Gardens theater is a somber, strange play about a down-on-his-luck vagrant who is taken in by two brothers and assigned the job of caretaker of the house.

Like many of Pinter's works, "The Caretaker" isn't the type of play to be easily explained in a brief synopsis, nor one to be easily understood. There is little or no plot to many of his plays. Pinter's fascination is with his characters and the complex relationships between them.

"The Caretaker" is a case in point. The vagrant is a garrulous old man masking a deep fear of loneliness and rejection. The brother who brings him in was formerly a ward in a mental hospital. It is this brother who assumes the role of the old man's guardian and protector. The other brother is a leather-jacketed young tough with a sadistic bent, who taunts and torments the old man.

In the course of the play, the old man is allied with first one and then the other brother. Pinter's relationships are formed on a one-to-one basis. Thus, rarely are there more than two characters on the stage at one time.

To see the production at the Victory Gardens theater is to see Pinter performed at its best. The characterizations are excellent.

Michael Saad's portrayal of the younger brother is appropriately sinister and menacing. Perhaps an even more chilling character is the other brother, the former mental patient. As portrayed by Frank Galati, he is a shell of a man with a vacuous stare and somnambulant walk. William Norris gives an energetic and imaginative performance as the old man, enhanced by a good makeup job and a very realistic wardrobe.

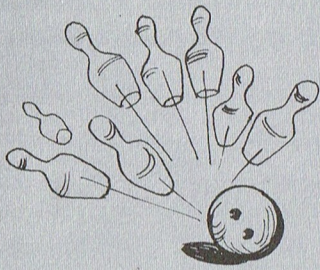
Dennis Zacek who last spring directed Pinter's "The Lover" at Victory Gardens again brings his talents to this season's Pinter production. Zacek's sense of timing works to create a subtle tension and a vague sense of foreboding and suspense, as in the tradition of good mysteries.

Special lighting effects in this play are noteworthy, especially in the scene where the one brother explains his stay in the mental hospital. As he speaks the lights do a slow fade, remarkable because of the similarity to seeing a movie frame by frame. After the lights go out completely, the last frame of the brother remains indelibly impressed in the mind's eye.

"The Caretaker" is an excellent play in many respects--for those who like Pinter or like to see some fine acting. But a word of warning to those who don't like to be left in the dark.

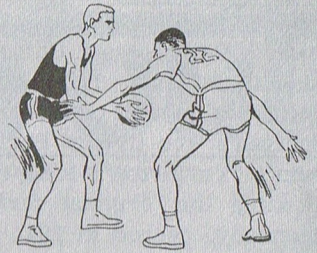
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# CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



## Six Years Of Fun, Play And Physical Fitness

ON NOVEMBER 4, 1969, a new recreational program was born at CTA. And at its very inception, it was obvious the program would be a success.

The CTA sports program originated from an idea of management and labor. Labor included James Pate, then financial secretary-treasurer of Division 241. For management was Fran Knautz, at that time superintendent of the former Public and Employee Relations Department; Tom Stiglic, superintendent of instruction, and Ron Phillpot, a CTA employee who was affiliated with the Chicago Park District. Agis Bray, a bus driver out of Beverly Garage and former member of the famous Harlem Globe Trotters, was appointed Sports Director.

The objectives of the program were: (1) promote better relations between members within CTA organization; (2) develop and instill within the groups a feeling of togetherness and esprit de corps; (3) develop knowledge and skills in various athletic and recreational events; (4) provide for both physiological and psychological development; (5) promote better relations between CTA and labor; (6) promote better relations between CTA and community, especially in those areas where contact with community personnel is frequent; (7) develop leadership qualities, and (8) develop greater job interest.

At the outset the CTA sports program encompassed only basketball and softball. Although other sports were proposed, they were the only ones that had active participation.

Sports proposed under the development of the program were to include not only basketball and softball, but also ping pong, bowling, volleyball, tennis, chess, checkers, horseshoes and golf.

As the program progressed, the employees looked ahead to each season with avid anticipation.

Prior to the new sports section in the Transit News, the sports program wasn't widely publicized. But after seeing the many advantages offered for recreation within the company, more employees became interested and the program began to expand.

As of this year the sports program got a boost when two members of management, John L. Aurand, manager of General Administration, and Fred G. King, manager of Personnel, took on the responsibility for the improvement of the program. They have diversified the number of opportunities to participate in the expansion of other recreational sports. Under their tutelage two more events have come to the fore—a mixed bowling league and the established 77th Street Operators League.

Knautz, now special assistant to the General Administration manager, will retire on Jan. 1. His expertise in the sports program will be greatly missed.

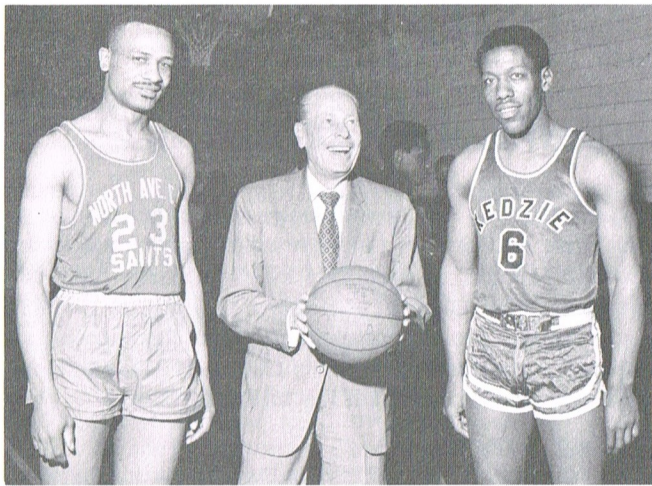
Under the new system the program will not be governed, as in the past, by a sports director. Each individual sport will have its own coordinator, assisted by a coalition of team managers participating in each event.

In the eyes of this reporter the CTA has established one of the finest physical fitness and recreational programs in the country. And from the standpoint of enthusiasm, we're No. 1.



Members of the Archer Garage basketball team pose for the camera as Lydia Lewis presents Superintendent John H. Lynch with the first place trophy as winners of the 1974-75 season.





The late CTA Board Chairman George L. DeMent prepares to toss up the jump ball for Wade Simmons, left, of North Avenue, and Leon Harris, Kedzie, in the 1970 CTA basketball championship game.



Retired CTA General Manager Thomas B. O'Connor is shown presenting Joe Rayburn, Division 308, the first place trophy as captain of the winners of the 1973 softball tournament, as Division 308 President Leonard Beatty, left, looks on.



The late CTA Board Chairman Michael Cafferty is pictured here with Spencer Haywood, then star forward of the Seattle Supersonics, at our 1972 "CTA Day at the Bulls." Mr. Cafferty was a graduate of the University of Washington.

## Six Years Of CTA Sports



Action scene from the 1972 basketball season.



Some of our faithful Sunday morning picnic group.



Sunday morning action of the 1974 softball tournament in Grant Park.



# CTA, International

## Many Cultures Are Interested In Us

By Elda Leal

How good has 1975 been for you? Are you already planning decisions that you intend to carry out during 1976? As the end of the year approaches, many of us try to analyze the result of our efforts during the year and dream, strive and plan for the future. That's the beautiful part--there is always another day and another year.

Perhaps some of your dreams didn't come true. But, who hasn't experienced at one time or another in our lives an unfulfilled desire? This is what life is all about...a continuous challenge. Let's strive to be mentally and physically alert to meet it. Let's welcome 1976 with faith, cheerfulness and a positive attitude.

For CTA in general it was quite a year. New modern buses were acquired. The CTA Quarterly won the admiration of community leaders. Transi-talk was introduced as a weekly means of employee communication. Interesting programs were developed such as the contribution to the Bicentennial celebrations through the CTA Spirit of '76 fleet, an art contest among high school students, and the Explorer Mass Transit Rally, the purpose of which was to create more interest among youngsters for our city and public transportation. All in all it was an exciting year full of worthwhile accomplishments.

### World Status

Was CTA internationally successful? Yes it was. I am not talking about establishing an overseas transit system for our diplomats to ride, but in something that concerns all of us and should make us proud to be CTAers. We have international status as one of the best urban public transportation systems in the world. During 1975, we hosted many experts in transportation, government officials and other dignitaries from the following countries: Bulgaria, Brazil, France, Canada, Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, India and Russia.

Aware of CTA's reputation as one of the most efficient and advanced public transportation systems, these visitors come to learn something that perhaps they can implement in their own countries.

Bill Baxa of Public Affairs is a frequent host for the visitors tours. He says that it has been very pleasant for him to meet people from all over the world and that all of them were invariably friendly and invited him to pay them a visit in their respective countries...but no one offered to pay his airfare and expenses. Make a wish, Bill--maybe in 1976 you will meet a more generous visitor!

Sometimes CTA ambassadorship reaches out to greet the visitor who doesn't have time to come and see us. James R. Quinn, Vice-Chairman, paid respects to King Olav V of Norway recently by sending a gift to the King's suite at the Hyatt Regency hotel. The gift consisted of color pictures of CTA's "Norwegian bus" together with the following letter:

"Your Majesty:

"On behalf of the Chicago Transit Authority, I wish to present you with photographs of a special bus which serves an area of the city in which many families of Norwegian ancestry live.

"The photographs are of the latest CTA Spirit of '76 bus which we have named after Thomas Johnson, a sailor born in Mandal, Norway, who served under John Paul Jones in the famous victorious sea battles of the American Revolution.

"The naming of the bus after Thomas Johnson is in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian settlers in the midwest. The bus was placed in service this week as a salute to you on the occasion of your visit to Chicago.

"We hope you have a most enjoyable visit in our city, and we wish that your schedule would provide time for you to take a ride on the Thomas Johnson."

The Thomas Johnson bus, in the Spirit of '76 motif of red, white and blue stripes, has been assigned to routes on Chicago's northwest side.

### Common Goals

For the past few months through this column I have had the rewarding experience of learning a little bit about other countries and some of their customs which was the primary purpose for which this column was initiated. But, in the process, I also hope that I am making some progress in conveying our desire for mutual respect and a friendlier atmosphere during our working hours.

Socially, we are entitled to choose our own company, but at work we are bound to find all kinds of people around us. Our moral values, tastes, customs and predilections might differ a little from others but we should keep in mind that if we are in the same working place it is because we all need a job and have similar goals.

Half of our active life is spent at work. Sometimes a few words, a tiny effort might leave a great impact on the persons working around us. These actions can be constructively directed or otherwise. Why not take the healthier and more rewarding path?



# THE INSIDE NEWS

## AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### BEVERLY -

Hi guys and dolls. Sorry I didn't get to press last month, but I was so busy with so many things. You know how it gets. Sometimes I think I'm wearing too many hats. For starters: president of the 102nd and Prairie Block Club, deputy commander of Rosemoore Community Patrol, service officer of AMVET Post 247, Transit News reporter and bus driver. See what I mean? By the way, we would like to congratulate the new officers of Post 247 and wish them good fortune for the coming term. We were in a very nice parade on Sept. 27 sponsored by the Greater Calumet Lions Club. It was a back-to-school—stay-in-school parade aimed at school-age children. Remember, everything our children do today will be the basis for what they'll do tomorrow...SCOTTY (Big One) heard me talking about Atlanta, so he took his vacation, went to Atlanta for a look-see and stayed five weeks. Scotty says that when he retires he would like to go there and live. Now I can say to him, I told you so...The Rosemoore Patrol held its annual dinner-dance on Oct. 12 at the beautiful Chateau Bu-sche, 115th and Cicero. We had a wonderful time, and wish we had time and space to name all the biggies who attended. We had representatives from the Chicago Police Department, city government and the state. Yours truly was co-m.c. To my surprise I was given a special award presented by Lt. Paul Blaney of the Chicago Police Department. You would be surprised to know at least 50 per cent of the patrol works for CTA. Supervisors, operators, electricians, radio repairmen, you name it. And in case you have forgotten, we are not a vigilante group. We are more or less the eyes and ears of the Police Department. And I must say the police cooperate with us very well. Every day we see more and more ladies operating buses out of Beverly. I would like to welcome all of them, and say right on...Congratulations to all those named Employee of the Year. Keep up the good work...See you next month.

- Amos Foster

### ARCHER -

Fifty golden years of marriage were celebrated by Retired Superintendent JOHN O'CONNOR and his lovely wife, LORETTA, on Oct. 17. Retired Operator PETE and PEARL SCHULTZ celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on Oct. 4. Operator JOHN and MARION NEWMAN celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Aug. 24. Congratulations and best wishes for all of them in the years to come...I wish to apol-

ogize to Instructor THOMAS REILLY for not welcoming him to Archer. We do welcome you, Tom. Tom and his wife, ANN, celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary on June 13. Congratulations to you and may you have many more beautiful years together. . . Retired Operator WILLIAM LEAHY, now living in Ireland, is doing quite well. ROY WILSON saw and talked with him when he was there...Operator C. C. JONES spent three weeks visiting his father and fishing in Arkansas...Box Puller PETE KUREK is living it up and getting the yard winterized...Clerk HEWITT GREEN spent his vacation taking in the countryside of Montego Bay and Jamaica, West Indies...Belated happy birthdays to: FRED BADKE, Aug. 8, WALTER McKINNEY, Oct. 11, JOHN GROOM, Oct. 11, AUSTON WOOLFOLK Jr., Oct. 27, Mrs. MATTIE WOOLFOLK, Oct. 26, and WILLIAM MOOS, Oct. 31. Also W. B. GOLDSBY, Nov. 6, AUSTON WOOLFOLK, Nov. 18, FRANK HARTIG, Nov. 19, C. V. MARSH, Nov. 25, W. L. GREENWOOD, Nov. 24, and WALTER F. GIBSON Jr., Nov. 30...Our belated condolences are extended to the family of Pensioner EARL TIERNEY and Sanitary Engineer JOHN JAROSZEK; to RAY ROGERS in the passing of his mother; to T. STRAM in the passing of his sister, and to Pensioner WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE in the passing of his father...We wish to thank the Archer Credit Union for the coffee and rolls. It was quite a treat...Ladies and gentlemen, this is the time to start your savings account. Join the credit union. FRED BADKE and JOSEPH KUBICKI will be happy to take your applications. In a few years you will be surprised how it has grown...Congratulations to Clerk RICHARD CACINI who received his BA degree in criminal justice on Aug. 15 from the University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus. Upon his graduation he was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the army and will be stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. In a ceremony at

Archer, Richard was presented with his military leave papers by Superintendents JOHN LYNCH and JOHN PETROSIOUS. Richard said, "If it were not for the CTA, I would never have gotten a college education. Many of the superintendents, supervisors, clerks and drivers enabled me to reach my goal. I hope when I return that all the good people are still here."

- Owen Rosendave

### CTA SECURITY -

Every patrolman in the Uniform Division has completed a course in first aid training and personal safety. Its knowledge and use can mean the difference between life and death, between temporary and permanent disability, or between rapid recovery and long hospitalization...TOMMIE BOSLEY and VICTOR OLIVIERI while on patrol observed a group of persons attacking two Chicago police officers in the area of West End and Pulaski. They immediately put out a call of location and proceeded to assist the officers. The offenders were taken into custody and transported to the 11th District...The latest officers who are attending the Basic Law course are: R. L. JACKSON, GEORGE WHITE, J. ZARLEANGA, T. O'MAHONY, O. JOLLY, R. PELLOZZIE, J. GURRIERI, L. WILLIS and J. ALEXANDER...The patrolman of the month is JAMES LaFOLLETTE. During the month of October, Patrolman LaFollette was selected and recommended for his long list of commendations, alertness in his night patrol unit and his neat appearance. LaFollette came to the department on Aug. 8, 1968, and worked in the West Section Unit. He attended the Police Training Institute at Champaign, Ill., and completed a course in Basic Law. Lots of luck, Jim, and keep up the good work.

- Frank Pickett Jr.



Petrosius, Cacini and Lynch

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JOINING THE ranks of the retired on November 1 was HARRY GENNETT, clerk, Archer Garage, who had 42 years of service with CSL and CTA.



## NEW PENSIONERS

DANIEL CALLAHAN, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-19-47  
FAY CAPRIO, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 2-2-63  
GUY DIMEO, Operator,  
Kedzie, Emp. 11-4-42  
EDWARD FITZGERALD, Upholsterer A,  
South Shops, Emp. 3-4-42  
HARRY GENNETT, Clerk,  
Archer, Emp. 10-24-33  
FRANK PAVESIC, Painter,  
Plant Maintenance, Emp. 6-5-28

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

GEORGE HAYES Jr., Bus & Truck Mech.,  
South Shops, Emp. 6-7-60

**ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -**  
Come on in! Welcome to our year-older club. You guys have been waiting long enough. Before we get started, please allow me to say happy birthday to BILL (The Gypsy) BAKER, Oct. 17; R. CAUDILL, Oct. 9; J. THEVIL, Oct. 28; DONALD HAWKINS, Oct. 2; MIKE PEDERSOLI, Oct. 31; ED DELANEY, Oct. 16, and RON BEDOE, Oct. 24...Your news reporter and my partner, DON HAWKINS, got together with our families and took a beautiful fall drive into Indiana to pick apples. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall colors and the eating and picking of apples, being it was our first time at this. Hawk and I found out it is not just signal equipment we can't agree on, we also disagreed on how to pick apples!..No one had to tell you that I filled in for STEVE ZELLNER while he was on vacation. You would have known it when you saw me, as I now have a scar located in the same place as Steve's scar--in the upper left hand corner of my pride...With a lot of luck and a lovely family to go along with him, a guy's summer vacation can be an out of this world kind of experience. So was the lot of Signal Maintenance Supervisor GEORGE MATEJOVSKY. Joining George on his trip northward and westward was his loving wife, MARY, and their three children--JEAN MARIE, 11, GEORGE FRANCIS, 9, and MARY CATH-

ERINE, 5. The excitement they encountered while motoring through Colorado and Utah will be remembered for a long time. George said the snowball fight they had in July, up in the mountains, really struck their fancy. They also viewed the 4th of July fireworks display which was atop a mountain near Manitou Springs, and was simply magnificent. The Matejovskys found the extremely hot weather on their trip very easy to take as the air was very dry. Of course a lot of swimming helped too...To satisfy your need to know, CLYDE YOUNT is home recuperating from an operation and is not off playing hooky. You can expect him back to work soon...PAUL JANKOWSKI is away for a few days on a fishing trip to Hayward, Wisc. Say, Paul, when you get back home with the fish you caught I am going to tell you a little story. Get ready, because you will hear my little story whether you bring back fish or not...JAMES REIDY recently returned from a vacation trip back to the old country, Ireland. I don't promise to tell you everything about his trip, but I will tell you he enjoyed himself and made it back Stateside OK...JOHN KOEPKE has apparently acquired a love for bigger and better things, at least when it comes to his home in Romeoville, Ill. John, who is building an addition to his house, took advantage of his vacation to really push the project. John must be preparing for his grandchildren...KEN BISSET and his wife, DONNA, are vacationing in foggy London town. If I know Ken, fog or no fog he will be seeing some signals and other related equipment while he is there, I am sure. We shall hear about that and more...To set the record straight, Signal Foreman VIC ZASTERA's new office location is not at Lake-Harlem as they would have you believe. It is in fact located at Harlem Avenue on the Congress route. I thought you might want to know...BIRNEST HICKS bought a home in Evanston, Ill., and said the building is of historical and architectural significance. He and his wife, MARCIA, plan to restore the building to its original condition. Birnest said if anyone wants to help they can come over in November. Just give me the address, Birnest. I know a lot of guys that seem to have nothing to do...We extend a warm welcome to new signal helpers, EUGENE ZWADLO and CALIXTE BROUARD.

- Tammie Lowery

## GENERAL OFFICE (Internal Auditing) -

It happened one cool, lonely night in Calgary, Canada. All were gathered after a day of meetings at the ATU-Division 241 convention Sept. 28-Oct. 3. JIM (Wolf-Wolf) TOUHY, better known as "The Godfather", led his sleepy little group as they all stumbled off to bed. The stillness settled gently--to be shattered suddenly by a shrill ringing--a telephone! At 3 a.m. "George, is that you?" "Yesh, thish ish

GEORGE LAICA." "This is the president, I've got to see you right away." "Oh! OK, I'm on my way." So George s-t-r-e-a-k-e-d out of the room, pounding on doors. But alas, the joke was on him. Now Streaker Laica keeps a bathrobe handy--always! Hey, Streaker, the wives thought you were great! Too bad "Curly" STENZEL, George's "bed partner", didn't get a shot. He took a lot of pictures, but forgot to use a flash. P.S. What's the story on the Love Shop, George?

## (Insurance & Pensions) -

HOLLY ROSCHMAN was united in holy matrimony to RONALD VITELLO on Oct. 11 at the Edison Park United Methodist church. They honeymooned in Jamaica.

## (Safety) -

It was good to see JIM TRETTON back to work after a period of convalescence, and he wants to personally thank all his friends for their thoughtfulness by sending cards and telephoning.

## (Personnel) -

Double congratulations to training coordinator SUE THIEME on the occasion of her father's 40th anniversary in the Lutheran ministry, and her own promotion within Personnel Development to the position of management development coordinator...Sincere gratitude is extended by Training Assistant BILL CLINE and Management Development Superintendent MIKE SMITH to all the CTA people who remembered them in their time of sorrow. Add our condolences to the many that have already been received by Bill, who lost his mother, and to Mike whose father, a retired CTA bus operator, passed away...MIKE LESNIAK would like to wish his father, TED LESNIAK, electrical worker at Skokie Shops, a belated happy birthday...Moving over to the proud parent, grandpa, aunt and uncle department, ERV HARRIS announced that his son, MAURICE, would be presented in a piano recital at Metropolitan Community church on Sunday, Nov. 2. Lots of luck to Maurice in his first one-man show...By the time this edition is in your hands, LEN LOHN will be a grandpa for the sixth time. Len's hoping it's a boy--he already has five granddaughters. The father is Len's son, STEVE LOHN, a North Section foot collector who works out of Howard Terminal...DAN KANE, on the other hand, is looking forward to a Thanksgiving trip to Florida where he can check on the talking skills of his two-year-old niece, COLLEEN. Word has it that she's already more articulate than her Uncle Dan, and anyone who works in Personnel Development can tell you how gabby that is!..A little further down the road toward adolescence are PAT DUNEK's twin four-year-old nephews. As Pat tells it, one of them pulled a Rudolph Valentino on a CTA bus the other day. It seems a little girl caught his fancy and as she was leaving the bus he gave her a farewell kiss and mur-



mured a romantic "Goodbye, little girl." His twin brother is a bit more fussy about this whole kissing business, and at last report was only accepting busses on the cheek (a radical departure from kissing chicks on the bus)...1200 on your AM dial--if you're in Korea. Sergeant MARK MAGINNIS, the son of Personnel Development's STU MAGINNIS, is the afternoon DJ on the Camp Casey, Korea, outlet for



Mark Maginnis

the Armed Forces Radio Network. Mark, who was trained at the Defense Information School in Indianapolis prior to his Korean tour of duty, keeps members of the 2nd Division entertained and informed in a two-hour show that he produces and announces each weekday.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

#### FOREST GLEN -

First off I'd like to wish all of you a very happy Thanksgiving...Box Puller T. SMO-CZYNSKI wishes his lovely wife, PENNY, a very happy birthday. He also states he would like for her to take it easier around the house, but then our friend, Terry, says it's an old house and still needs the Mrs.' hard work. Penny, I don't think you can win... Operator JOHN KURINEC finally talked LORRAINE, his child bride, into taking him on a two-week vacation to Hawaii. Yes, John, we all agree it's about time you knew that Lorraine was getting tired of going to drive-in movies...Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to PAUL BOETTIN and his family in the loss of their son, DANNY, who passed away suddenly...Pensioner L. REINHARDT, better known as the "Grey Ghost", dropped by the depot to pay the boys a visit. I understand that Reinhardt was looking fine and in good shape. Sorry I missed your visit old buddy, but very happy you came by... Superintendent HANK ZIOLKOWSKI and his wife, MARY, are off for a visit to Washington, D.C... Clerk SAM GIRARD says his wife stands on the corner only on paydays, waiting for the old boy to show up. WANDA can't understand how your name got changed. Of course it must be due to Sam (ha-ha). I'm sorry for making the mistake...DAVE KNOERR, the young man who assigns the buses, just returned from a trip to Florida and the Island of Haiti.

The trip was grand but too short said Dave. ..Supervisor GALLAGHER was seen looking for a mail box. The old boy couldn't find it because he was leaning on it...Pensioner FRANK ENGELTHALER and his Mrs. just turned in 10 years of marital bliss. Congratulations...JOHN GIANPICOLO of the repair department wishes to extend a happy birthday to his lovely wife, PAM...It seems the barn boys are puzzled as to how FELIX got in an extra day. What's up, Felix? This summer he and five of his friends went fishing in Lake Michigan and only caught one fish weighing five pounds at a cost of \$100. Now there's the right gang to go out with...Operator JOHN BEDNARZ will have 33 years of service on Nov. 28. John has two sons and seven grandchildren of whom he is mighty proud...Supervisor HIGGINS has been off for some time having trouble with his legs. Here's hoping he has improved and will return to work soon...Operator DAROLD PERSON was recently married to a lovely young lady named SUE. Our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy marriage...ED LAUBE is planning to retire on Jan. 1, and has been staying close to home so he won't miss his first grandchild which is due at anytime...Operator TOM MEAGHER has been on the sick list about eight weeks. He is also having leg trouble. Here's hoping he is up and around now and ready to return to work. By the way, Tom's wife is also in the hospital. Seems when it rains, it really pours in the Meagher household...Supervisor MILLER finally purchased cokes for a couple of the fellows recently. Watch your budget, Miller...Operator TED GALUS seems to be getting younger--must be the beautiful care given by his lovely wife. I have known Ted for a long time, and he always has a smile. Keep it up old buddy...Mechanic LAWRENCE COSTLEY Jr., the son of Loader LAWRENCE COSTLEY, had just cashed his and other employees' paychecks at a currency exchange when a man with a gun accosted him and ordered the money handed over. There was a struggle, and Costley owes his life to quick reflexes and the index finger of his left hand which lodged on the hammer so it wouldn't fire. Bystanders had called the police who arrived in time to seize the would-be robber. He was taking an awful chance, and we're glad things turned out the way they did...We extend a hearty welcome to all our new drivers to the finest garage in the system. Let's all work to keep it on top.

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

#### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

The gang at the South Shops is glad to see GEORGE CROFOOT and BURT MUIRHEID off the sick list, and extends get well wishes to GRANVILLE CHEATHAM...HOMER WEATHERSBY and his family enjoyed a trip to Ontario and Niagara Falls, while

CLIFFORD and MILDRED PETTIS had a delightful trip to Three Rivers, Mich. They caught so much fish that the word got around to STAN HALL in Storeroom 48, and he took a three-week vacation relaxing and fishing and came back with two large northerns. Stan is elated to report that his daughter, LINDA, received her master's degree in England, and his son, RICHARD, graduated from Eastern, and DAVID, the younger son, is working on his master's at Kentucky Western. Congratulations to your fine family, Stan...Pensioner M. J. KORZEN, formerly of Storeroom 48, dropped in with his wife to say hello, and we also enjoyed seeing Pensioner HAROLD ENWRIGHT...JOANNE (cut me some slack) BOETTIN will be on her way to Mexico and to Denver, Colo., in a few days. She's saving her appetite for the Coors beer...BOB PIEPER and his spouse celebrated 36 years of wedded bliss on Sept. 30...ANDY CUNNINGHAM, Storeroom 61, spent a weekend in Atlanta. Through C.O.G. (channels of gossip), we'll have to learn the details of the happenings on that trip, Andy...Glad to see ANN GARRITY back with us after a lengthy illness, and hope to report that Specifications Engineer EDWARD AHLBRAND is up and at 'em in the next issue...We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to DOROTHY HARMON, Materials Management, whose father passed away suddenly...By the way--I need more news. This is your column so drop me a line or two about yourself. Just try me--I don't bite, I just write. I'm right here in Materials Management, room 730.

- Delores Duff

#### NORTH PARK -

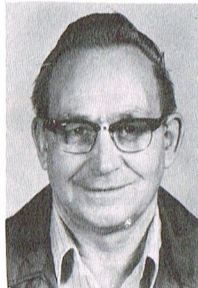
The North Park Credit Union annual business meeting will be held on Friday, Jan. 9, at River Park Fieldhouse, 5100 N. Francisco, at 8 p.m. Dividends will be declared, refreshments served, and there will be drawings for door prizes. All members are urged to attend...The Sambruca Club dinner-dance was held on Saturday, Nov. 8, at Chateau Royale. Operator PAT SCIORTINO, who was chairman of this fine event, would like to add his thanks to the many CTA families who patronized the festivities...Our congratulations are extended to Operator WALTER WALKER and his fiancée, VERONICA, on the announcement of their engagement Oct. 4. A party was held at Clerk RODNEY AUSTIN's home and a spring marriage is planned...Operator JAMES EARL JONES was married on Saturday, Sept. 20, to DELORES at Unity Temple. The reception held at the Millionaires Club on Michigan Avenue was attended by 300 guests. The young couple honeymooned throughout Canada...EVERETT MARTIN is now training for a clerk's position and we will all miss his smiling face. He was operating a bus out of North Park...The welcome mat is extended to



# Service anniversaries in November

## 40 years

A. J. Sokol,  
Skokie Shop



## 35 years

R. P. Beahan, Maintenance  
H. W. Elke, Control Center  
J. R. Lubawy, Claims Law  
J. F. Mueller, Schedules  
P. Raczon, South Shops  
J. J. Repplinger, Vehicle Maintenance  
E. A. Shea, West Section  
F. J. Vitek, 69th Street  
J. J. Wathier, North Park

## 30 years

E. Adams, 52nd Street  
C. J. Bieganski, 77th Street  
H. P. Bowers, Forest Glen  
A. E. Brandt, Electrical  
G. W. Christensen, Engineering  
P. C. Cleaver, Engineering  
V. Dietrich, West Section  
L. M. Dudek, Archer  
R. Erickson, North Section  
A. F. Flohr, Archer  
P. Z. Fox, North Avenue  
J. N. Friedman, Bldgs. & Grounds  
L. Godek, Utility  
J. P. Hartigan, West Section  
E. Heatter, Rail Service  
C. A. Johnson, Limits  
H. R. Josetti, Limits  
F. P. Kenny, North Park  
F. J. Kleich Jr., North Section  
J. S. Kloska, Jefferson Park  
J. Krajcik, Kedzie  
P. Kutchen, Forest Glen  
G. J. Laica, Internal Auditing  
H. Lowenstein, South Rail District  
S. E. Mazurek, South Shops  
J. J. McBride, Schedules  
J. H. McNamara, South Shops  
J. Mittler, South Section  
W. Pondel, Forest Glen  
H. H. Rambo, North Park  
E. W. Rauch, West Section  
J. J. Salabura, 77th Street

H. Schepler, Forest Glen  
W. J. Sladky, Bldgs. & Grounds  
J. J. Smok, Archer  
J. A. Totter, 77th Street  
R. H. Trezise, 77th Street  
G. F. Wallace, Archer  
T. S. Wojciak, Archer

## 25 years

A. E. Carlson, North Park  
A. Digianfilippo, Skokie Shop  
O. Elliott, South Shops  
C. Gage, Utility  
J. Georgeson, Real Estate  
J. J. Griffin, 77th Street  
H. Harris, Schedules  
E. F. Jankowski, Skokie Shop  
S. McGrath, Jefferson Park  
J. W. Miller, Limits  
C. L. Moore, West Section  
J. P. O'Brien, 77th Street  
P. O'Neill, Skokie Shop  
A. R. Paige, Archer  
A. R. Reid, West Section  
O. White, 69th Street  
J. B. Wojnicki, Archer

WANDA BLACK who is breaking in as a clerk at North Park...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON, WILLIAM PARNUM and LOUIS MUELLER are eagerly awaiting the re-vamping of the receivers' room into new offices for their operation...Superintendent ALEX JOHNSON and his wife, HELEN, hosted a 50th wedding anniversary party for Helen's parents, ELMER and EMMA REDKER, at the Villa Olivia Country Club. A large delegation of relatives, friends and eight grandchildren made the evening a memorable one...Operator BILL HODGSON and his wife enjoyed a three-week vacation in Door County, golfing and fishing. Bill reeled in a 26 pound chinook salmon while fishing on a Sturgeon Bay charter boat. Congratulations to the Hodgsons who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 4...Clerk PHIL TULLY enjoyed his vacation in England with a wonderful visit with his many relatives and enjoying many of the fine shows in good old London...Clerk JOHN WATHIER will celebrate 35 years of service with CTA on Nov. 20 and is planning his retirement beginning Jan. 1, 1976...Clerk EDWARD (Curly) STENZEL and Operators HOMER REED and FRANK KOZIOL, along with their wives, attended the Transit Convention held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and returned with many fresh ideas of union activities...Operator HAROLD ANDERSCHATT and his wife, ANNE, vacationed in Forsyth, Mo., where they stayed at the home of Pensioner RAY DONESKI and his wife, EVELYN. Visits

with Pensioners ART MUIR, ROY LEMKE, STEVE HERMAN and WILLARD GILL were most enjoyed...Mrs. TILLIE SHAPIRO, the mother-in-law of Operator SAM BAKER, underwent major surgery at Edgewater hospital and at this writing is recovering satisfactorily. She is 81...Congratulations to Operator HILLARD DERENGOWSKI and his wife, GEROLDINE, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sept. 2...Taking my annual jaunt to Forsyth, Mo., your reporter had a fine time visiting my old buddies, Pensioners STEVE HERMAN and ART MUIR.



Muir, Herman and Horning

The weather was beautiful and the conversations about the good old days were enlightening and humorous. Steve and Art say hello to all their friends at CTA.

Repair Department Chit Chat: The repair

department had their annual fire inspection and came through with flying colors--rating 100 per cent. Congratulations to the foremen and their personnel...Pensioner MIKE MELZESKI was a visitor at the garage, and reports that his eight years of pensioned life have been wonderful...Utility Chauffeur DICK BRADY and his wife, JULIE, vacationed in Pine Bluff, Ark., where they were looking over property. Also on the agenda were a few days visiting with Pensioner STEVE HERMAN and his wife, HELEN, of Forsyth, Mo...Mrs. FRANCES KASMAN, the wife of Assistant Foreman TONY KASMAN, underwent surgery at McNeal hospital and at this writing is recuperating satisfactorily... Enjoying November vacations at this time are: Assistant Foreman TONY KASMAN, Repairmen A. FERNANDEZ, HOWARD HALVERSON and JOE CITRO; Servicemen JOHN FILARSKI, GENE DRZEWICKI and DENNIS COOK...Instructor LOUIS BIENIEK enjoyed his annual fall "honey do" vacation, hammering nails, doing yard duty and driving wife IRENE around town...Operator ROBERT FLOOD and his wife, JOYCE, enjoyed a two-week vacation in Hawaii. The Floods enjoyed the beautiful Islands of Maui, Oahu and Kauai. The U.S.S. Arizona memorial, and the Kodak hula show, along with the scenery, flowers and fresh pineapple were most enjoyed also...Assistant Superintendent WILLIAM PARNUM and his wife, TENA, enjoyed a Las Vegas vacation. It is rumored that Mr. Parnum will



be taking an early retirement, as his winnings at the tables were terrific.

- *Melvin Horning*

#### **NORTH AVENUE -**

The leaves and grass have shed their green to take an affinity for the brown of fall, and we find Operators BOOKER T. BOLTON, JIMMY VAUGHAN and HORACE BROWNING cleaning the ol' shooting irons in preparation for deer hunting...We believe the last of the vacationers are in as Operator CHARLIE HICKS and his wife, ROSIE, have just completed their tour of the great southwest...Oct. 5 marked four decades of married life for Pensioner ANTHONY GLOPPI and his wife, JENNIE. The Glopplis spent their time celebrating at Plentywood Farm, Ill...It was son number one for Instructor DAN VILLANUEVO and his wife, DARLENE. He was dubbed JOSEPH MICHAEL...Operator ALICE DRAKE has returned to work after a brief stint in the hospital, and Operator JOHN M. WEATHERSPOON is at home recuperating from an operation...Among the many birthdays celebrated during the month of October were Assistant Superintendent DON GILLIGAN, Switchboard Operator WALTER BLIX and Custodial Engineer RAY JABLECKI (who also was a double winner in the State Lottery). Although he did not have a birthday, Operator KENNETH C. METTLER was digging deep in the pockets as FERN METTLER and GOLDIE SHYPLAY, his wife and mother-in-law, respectively, had birthdays on Oct. 9 and 10...We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Pensioner WALTER CICHY who died on Oct. 13...Pensioner EDGAR BROWN visited us from Patoka, Ill...A club composed of pensioners is in the process of being organized. The club promises many fringe benefits, with a class in fishing scheduled tentatively for February. Pensioners interested in joining may contact Pensioner PETE MADIA at 766-3622. ..Let's keep the news coming, fellas, and you will see your name in print.

- *Aaron Pruitt*

#### **OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -**

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM WORCESTER drove to the east coast, about 4,000 miles in all, through Williamsburg, Philadelphia, Hyannis Port, Cape Cod, Salem and Boston. They walked the Freedom Trail, then went north through the fall foliage of New Hampshire and Vermont up to Quebec City, Canada. They came back through Niagara Falls. They had a real enjoyable, restful and educational trip. They also rode the subway in Boston where the light rail vehicles run coupled together and there's a zone fare system. They also rode on the cultural loop bus on SEPTA's property which is a line operation...DOROTHY ETSCHIED vacationed in Florida and vis-

ited various places. Dorothy is also sporting a new 1975 Dodge Dart. Good luck!.. We welcome ANN KENNEDY to the department...Mr. and Mrs. JIM McBRIDE, traffic checker, celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss. Congratulations and many more happy years together...Sympathy of the department is extended to Mr. and Mrs. WALTER THOMAS upon the death of his father-in-law, and to NICK ZAHN upon the death of his sister...Happy Thanksgiving to all.

#### **(Routes & Systems) -**

Our section has been fortunate to obtain the services of NORINE (Renie) NOWAK and MICHAEL MALINOWSKI. Renie has admirably filled the position vacated by EVELYN MARTIN as clerk-typist. She was formerly a school teacher in Michigan. Mike recently returned from a four-year hiatus (ha, ha) in the air force where he was in the security police and stationed in Michigan. He has the task of sorting, labelling and filing approximately 1,000 aerial photographs of the six-county region. Good luck to both of you in your jobs. ..Celebrating birthdays are FRANK MISEK, HANK WILSON and FRANK O'DOWD. Are you another year wiser, gentlemen?.. Some of our staff recently went on vacations. JILL LINNE went to Grayling, Mich., for a week. She also spent some time on Mackinaw Island (buying fudge) and Sault Ste. Marie (taking the Soo Locks boat tour). Other entertainments included fishing, canoeing and a power failure that lasted for five hours. In the woods when there is a power failure, it's really dark, including no power for heat or plumbing. As would happen in cases of this nature, no candles were available either...CHARLIE DROZDA went to Island Lake near Spooner, Wisc. One of his favorite pastimes is fishing, and this vacation was no exception. He had a lot of fun catching a 16 inch muskie. Alas, he also had to close down his summer home for the winter. Next spring is quite a ways away, Charlie. Hope it arrives quickly so you can go fishing...BOB VANCE went on a European tour visiting England, France, Switzerland and Belgium. He greatly enjoyed riding the Paris Metro throughout the city, riding the tram and trolleybus networks in Swiss cities, and visiting London Transport for a day. Good weather prevailed throughout his trip. Bob visited Europe's highest railway station on Jungfrauoch Mountain in Switzerland, which is at an altitude of over 10,000 feet. It was so high that he had to take three different cog trains to get to the top.

#### **(Passenger Controls) -**

As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "The reward of a job well done is that it's done." That certainly was the case with JOAN HARRISON. Everything she did she did well. So even though Joan has left the company and secured a job elsewhere, her well-done work will remain as a testament

of her talent. We miss her and wish her the best of luck...JOHN O'CONNOR and his wife drove non-stop to New Orleans in 18 hours. One of the joys of John's life is golfing, and he was able to get a bit of that in also. They also visited Biloxi, Miss., and drove home (1,000 miles) non-stop in 19 hours...GEORGE MACAK attended the National Meet of Train Collectors of America in York, Pa. A burning hobby of George's is the buying and selling of trains. As a true train collector, one of these days he may negotiate the sale of a 2200 car and put it in his back yard...Remember STEVE WOLGEMUTH and his new home? Well, he and his wife have been freeing in their home since their furnace is not in working order. It's like living back in the good ol' days when you had to keep warm by the heat in the fireplace (fortunately, they have a fireplace). Steve, you better hurry and get a new furnace before the water freezes in the pipes while you are taking a shower.

- *Kay Batina & Linda Grysbeck*

#### **PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -**

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. GENE REID on their 13th wedding anniversary which was celebrated Oct. 4. Gene took his wife to see Tom Jones after an elegant dinner. Even Gene enjoyed the twirling, wiggling, jumping Tom Jones...Our deepest sympathy is extended to RITA HURLEY and her family in the death of her uncle in Ireland. Rita accompanied her mother to Ireland for the funeral...Congratulations to Plumbers JOHN IWANSKI and SYLVESTER BROWN who became journeymen...We bid a sad adieu to ROBERT BONESS, trackman clerk, who left us to become a laborer in the Building Department. We sure do miss you, Robert...The welcome mat is out to EDWARD TONER, maintenance coordinator in the Building Department. Happy to have you with us, Mr. Toner...I guess I'll never get tired of writing about FRANK MONTEFALCO, steel fabrication shop. Frank was nominated for the National Association of Suggestion Systems 1975 Suggester of the Year Award. The committee was impressed with his record of success and congratulates him for his fine level of accomplishment and participation in our suggestion program. Although another individual had been chosen for the award, Frank was given a hand-lettered certificate signifying the importance of this event. We are very proud of you, Frank...A special bouquet to BILL KENNY and BARNEY KELLER, ironworkers, and TOM CHORAK, painter, who volunteered to help when the Explorer Scouts tackled the CTA trail in a 50-mile Mass Transit Rally across the city. They had fun and enjoyed the experience...A special get well quick to IRVING JOHNSON. Irv is coming along fine and we hope to see him up and around soon.

- *Jennie Scott*



## SOUTH SECTION -

My how time goes by. Halloween is past already and Thanksgiving is fast approaching...Instructor MITCHELL and MILDRED THOMAS took a fall vacation down to Mobile, Ala., and to Putnam to visit relatives. They had a reunion with all their families, and a good time was had by all...Just heard the sad news of the sudden passing of Janitor EUGENE ROGERS. He was everyone's favorite, always neat as a pin, and a real gentleman. Our condolences to the Rogers family...Welcome aboard to new employees ARNELL ALLEN, DARLENE BRATTON, GWENDOLYN DAVIS and JOE HOWARD...Back to work from the sick list are: Motormen WILK BATTLES and NATHANIEL HARRIS, and Switchman STEPHEN BEARD...We want to tell you about another wonderful CTA family working with us: the JACKSON family. The father is RICHARD JACKSON, South Section track inspector, who is mighty proud of his three sons--THURMAN, yard foreman, South Section, who had been a track star at Wendel Phillips High school; STEVEN, shop foreman, West Section, who had been in the military service, and EARLE, towerman, North Section, who also had been in the service. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson can be very proud of their three sons. Mother and father recently vacationed in Clarksdale, Miss., visiting friends and family...Motorman FRANK KLEKOVICH is on the sick list. He recently broke his shoulder. Here's hoping you'll be back at work soon with your jolly smile, Frank...Good luck to all our students who worked with us this summer and are now back in school...Yard Foreman JOSEPH PUGH, who lost his leg recently, is home from the hospital recuperating and waiting to get his artificial leg. Keep your chin up, Joe, and you will be well soon...Clerk WILLIE GODBOLD had a wonderful time vacationing in Nassau in the Bahama Islands...Retired Agent KAREN FRIDDLE had been ill and in the hospital, but is now living with her daughter in Lansing where she is recuperating. . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Towerman ADAM MODELSKI in the loss of his sister...We had a wonderful surprise visit from Retired Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, former treasurer of our credit union. He and his wife came up from their home in Venice, Fla. Fred looks just wonderful, thinner, and was telling us all about how he loves living in Florida and his new home. His wife, TILLIE, had broken her arm but is doing fine and enjoying her visit in Chicago...DOROTHY HARMON, who works in the Purchasing Department and is the wife of Clerk ERVIN, was in the hospital recently but is now back at work...The CTA credit unions held their annual credit union day dinner-dance on Oct. 17 at Ferrara Manor on the North Side. My hubby, RON, and myself had a wonderful time, along with all our South Side credit union officials. We visited with many people we haven't seen in years from all the departments in the Mart and other

credit unions. I couldn't possibly name everyone, so I'll say we enjoyed everyone's company. The dinner was delicious along with the dancing and orchestra. Everyone insists, so I will tell you all that besides wearing a long yellow halter dress, I also wore my blonde wig. Some people didn't recognize me from the back with my wig. I guess I just wanted to see if blondes have more fun, but you know what--I always have a good time at a dinner or party...Conductor FRANK SMITH, who underwent surgery at St. Francis hospital in Evanston is home now. Hurry up and get well, Frank, so you can get back to work...Our sincere condolences to Pensioner HARRY ANTONION whose wife passed away recently. Harry said he is so thankful that they had the opportunity to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in July before she passed away...There is always so much sorrow mixed with happiness. Clerk JOHN BARRY was so happy over the birth of his 16th grandchild, a little boy named ANDREW who was born to his daughter, PEGGY, and her husband. This was her second child. Then his wife, NORRINE, was stricken with encephalitis and as of this writing is still in the hospital. Let's give all our employees and their spouses who are ill a little prayer for a quick recovery...Two of our North Section pensioners, now living in Florida, sent us this picture to let us know that they are fine and really enjoying retired life. WILLIAM NEUSON, retired mileage clerk, and his wife, ELM, are now living in Largo, and RICHARD BARTELS, retired collector, and his wife, BERTHA, reside in Tampa. Together they have celebrated 105 years of



William & Elm Neuson and Richard & Bertha Bartels

wedded bliss--the Neusons 51 years on July 10, and the Bartels 54 years on Sept. 24. Our congratulations to both of these lovely couples...By the time you read this column our South Section station superintendent's office at Ashland Avenue should be moved to 95th Street. This will include our station superintendent, STAN CHRIST, my hubby, Chief Clerk RON, and myself. Tell you more in my next column.

- Verna Hartney

## TRANSPORTATION (Utility) -

Mr. and Mrs. FRANK GOODRICH recently celebrated their silver wedding anniver-

sary. Congratulations! . . MICHAEL POCHORDO married SHIRLEY ANN RACZY at St. Symphorosa church. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM POCHORDO...Welcomed to Utility were MICHAEL KELLY from Forest Glen repair, BERNARD HACK from 77th Street repair, JOHN O'KEEFE from Forest Glen repair and GARY BUTLER from Kedzie repair...Good luck to WALTER ANDERSON who transferred to Building Maintenance...Congratulations and best wishes to EDWARD SHIELDS who became a pensioner after 41½ years of service. Pensioners on hand to welcome Ed to their ranks were AL EIERMANN, 81 years young; JULIUS KUTA; TONY CANDELLA, who has moved to Derby Meadows near Orland Park, Ill.; DICK O'GORMAN; DON EDWARDS; LARRY LINDNER, and DAN COUGHLIN from District B. Dan is planning to move to Florida...Our deepest sympathy to MILFORD CUMBERLANDER in the loss of two of his brothers...PETE CARPINO visited 3915 several times this summer and has returned to his home in Florida.

## (Service) -

The Control Center sure was well represented by volunteers on Sunday, Oct. 19--the day of Chicago's first Mass Transit Rally. Some 312 Explorer Scouts were out there competing on buses and trains; watching their progress at checkpoints around the city were Controllers JERRY FRANKLIN, SY HORBACH, HERMAN MILES, WILL TAYLOR, JIM WASHINGTON, OLLIE WINSTON, and Superintendent FRED LIMMEL. Overseeing the Rally from the Control Center were Area Superintendent LES RACKER and JIM OHSE of District A.

- Colette Szczepanek

## VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

It always seems like such a great relief to complete the magazine article and get it in the mail each month, even if it is usually by the skin of our teeth. But, alack and alas, before you know it, that magazine deadline date rolls around again all too soon and you remark, "Not again!" But here we are and we hope you all enjoy reading what we dug up in the last month. We have a little bit of everything, so here goes...Here's the latest on our remodeling work. We're still without the partitions, but the office furniture is being painted and pictures have been hung on our newly painted walls. So, all in all, we're in fairly good shape. We'll get there eventually. Production Supply Control's new office is shaping up very nicely too...Even though we got scooped on this bit of news last month, we're still going to mention it in our column. RICH FABRY, Production Supply Control, is sporting around in a brand new Ford Elite. Boy, what a sport... LITA CAUSEY, Production Supply Control, and her husband, COY, Signal Department,



had a very nice vacation driving through Missouri, Kentucky and Arkansas in their camper. At this writing they will be hitting the road again for parts unknown on another short vacation... LARRY MONAGHAN, unit supervisor, and his lovely wife, MARLENE, spent some of their vacation out west in Colorado visiting relatives... TONY ARINI, electrician, and his lovely wife headed out California-way and spent their vacation with their daughter in San Francisco. They also spent some time at Disneyland and Lake Tahoe... LOUIE KAROLICH, electrician, and his lovely wife, RUBY, had a very fabulous vacation in South America. They flew to Rio de Janeiro from Miami. Their itinerary included visiting Iguassu Falls, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Machu Picchu Cuzco and Lima, Peru, then back to Miami... JOHN KALINOWSKI, painter foreman, and his lovely wife, MARYANN, flew to Hawaii and visited the islands of Oahu and Maui, and enjoyed a glider ride over the mountains... TERRY PEARSON, electrical apprentice, spent his vacation in Las Vegas, which was really a honeymoon as Terry got married while out there. So, to Terry and DIANE, many years of happiness... Now, for a bit of some new baby news that we failed to mention in last month's article. PAT HANNIGAN, welder, and his wife, KATHLEEN, proudly announce the arrival of a baby daughter who arrived on their third wedding anniversary, Sept. 16. CARRIE ANN tipped the scales at 7 pounds 6½ ounces. If Carrie Ann had arrived a day later, she could have shared the same birthday with her mother, as Kathleen's birthday is the 17th. Carrie Ann's proud grandfather, RICHARD, is a painter at South Shops. So happy anniversary to Pat and Kathleen, and welcome to Carrie Ann. .. Another happy anniversary to ED, retired electrical worker, and ALYCE MAY, General Office, who celebrated their 30th on Sept. 22... We had another retirement get-together on Oct. 1 honoring CASEY MARCHINSKI, machinist, and DOMINICK FASANO, welder. The visiting Skokie retirees, ED MAY, LARRY DREW, STEPHAN PLASZCZERSKI and LEO KAJPUST, came out to extend their best wishes to Casey and Dominick for a very healthy and happy retirement... The Suggestion Bus was out at Skokie and we are happy to announce the winners of the drawing. MIKE FABIAN, machinist; SAMMY THOMPSON, painter apprentice; BOB REDDING, carpenter, and BILL LITTLE, painter, all won \$5 Sears gift certificates. RAY LASKOWSKI, machinist, and ARTHUR MARTINEZ, welder, were the winners of the \$10 Jewel gift certificates. Congratulations to all of you. .. We are sorry to announce that CLIFF VANDERVEST, clerk at Harlem Terminal, has been on the sick list. Cliff, we all hope you are doing real well... We've just about covered all of the news we received from all of you, so until next month, take care. Do bring in the news as you hear it, and we'll be happy.

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

JAMES AHERN, 64, 69th Street, Emp. 5-19-42, Died 9-21-75  
 JOHN BENNETT, 89, Devon, Emp. 1-19-12, Died 10-3-75  
 JOHN BEUZEKAMP, 80, Devon, Emp. 9-11-20, Died 9-18-75  
 JOHN BIENIEK, 60, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-26-43, Died 9-20-75  
 EARL CORRIGAN, 79, South Section, Emp. 9-11-26, Died 6-10-75  
 PATRICK CURNANE, 80, West Shops, Emp. 3-23-26, Died 10-1-75  
 DOUGLAS DARTT, 78, Way & Structures, Emp. 8-28-16, Died 9-7-75  
 JOHN DEZELICK, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 4-9-10, Died 9-16-75  
 ERNEST FOYE, 86, Logan Square, Emp. 11-2-44, Died 9-20-75  
 ERNEST FREDELL, 91, West Section, Emp. 4-22-05, Died 9-12-75  
 GIUSEPPE GIAMBRONE, 86, Way & Struct., Emp. 11-3-29, Died 10-2-75  
 JOHN GIFFORD, 71, North Section, Emp. 2-16-24, Died 9-21-75  
 PATRICK GRIMES, 82, South Section, Emp. 8-21-23, Died 9-26-75  
 GUSTAVE HERMAN, 87, Devon, Emp. 7-27-18, Died 9-12-75  
 WALTER HILL, 78, South Section, Emp. 4-20-22, Died 9-21-75  
 JOHN JAROSZEK, 62, 69th Street, Emp. 2-27-46, Died 9-24-75

FRANK KRUZICH, 70, South Shops, Emp. 4-11-46, Died 9-1-75  
 ANGELO KUCHAN, 78, Way & Structures, Emp. 5-24-22, Died 9-26-75  
 ROMUALD LAUDANSKI, 66, Wilson Maint. Terminal, Emp. 1-21-52, Died 9-18-75  
 WILLIAM MASSION, 75, South Shops, Emp. 5-5-28, Died 9-16-75  
 CLARENCE McCANN, 73, 69th Street, Emp. 9-8-23, Died 8-31-75  
 FRANK MILLER, 81, 69th Street, Emp. 2-10-25, Died 9-23-75  
 RAYMOND MURRAY, 69, Skokie Shop, Emp. 12-4-26, Died 9-3-75  
 JAMES ROBINSON, 92, 77th Street, Emp. 5-18-14, Died 6-28-75  
 JOHN ROMANCIK, 75, South Shops, Emp. 7-24-29, Died 9-9-75  
 FRANK RYAN, 85, Blue Island, Emp. 2-14-12, Died 8-29-75  
 MICHAEL SMITH, 69, 77th Street, Emp. 10-8-30, Died 9-24-75  
 EARL TIERNEY, 63, Archer, Emp. 2-18-42, Died 9-25-75  
 BERNARD TOAL, 68, Electrical, Emp. 7-26-43, Died 9-28-75  
 HUGO USCHNER, 81, West Section, Emp. 2-24-14, Died 9-9-75  
 JOSEPH WACK, 72, South Shops, Emp. 1-6-28, Died 9-22-75  
 GEORGE WRIGHT, 62, South Shops, Emp. 8-31-45, Died 9-30-75

### (Rail Terminals) -

Congratulations to Pensioner FRANCIS and EMMA REGNIER who celebrated 60 years of marital bliss on July 9. Francis and Emma were honored at a reception given by their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD PLONER, who live in Buena Park, Cal. Until his retirement on June 1, 1954, Francis was a crane operator at Wilson Shop. He says hello to all his old friends at CTA and would like to hear from them. His address is: 1850 W. Orangethorpe Avenue, Space 25, Fullerton, Cal. 92633.



The Regniers

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

### (South Shops) -

I would like to start off this column by wishing everybody here at the South Shops a happy Thanksgiving... JOHN WARD of P/S Control recently obtained a new nickname, so if you ever call John on the phone, just ask for Johnny Joe... INGA NELSON, ERNIE NELSON's granddaughter, just celebrated her first birthday on Oct. 1. Grampa was on hand to celebrate with her... I

would like to welcome TONY WERTHEIMER to the South Shops. Tony is supervisor of methods and standards... Happy anniversary to JACK and MARGE MURRAY, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Congratulations! .. EARL LARSEN just returned from a two-week vacation. He spent time in Dallas, Texas, and Holland, Mich. Two of Earl's children live there... GAIL HATHAWAY injured her finger recently at home doing--guess what--dishes. See, it just doesn't pay. Her finger required eight stitches. But since Gail is so dedicated, of course she came to work and typed with nine... DON TARNOWSKI added a motorcycle to his collection in October. Watch out, Red Baron! I can see Don now in his helmet and goggles... Welcome to the South Shops is extended to NEIL MAHALE, AVME engineer... Poor AL YODUAL went on vacation to California and suffered an ulcer while out there. Too bad he had to go out there to have an ulcer, he could have had one at home... AL (Cookie Bear) THOMAS and his wife, SHEILA, recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. According to Al, the honeymoon is still going on... Congratulations to WALLY and TERRY FEULNER on their 12th wedding anniversary... TOM ALFRED would like some help in deciding where to go on his vacation this winter. Please send all suggestions to



South Shops in care of Tom Alfred...I hope everyone is practicing for the Turkey Shoot this year. The girls from the office have eight participants all set to go...Our deepest sympathy to LEONARD WIENCEK in the death of his father.

IRV and PAULENE KRAULEDIS came back from vacation after driving over 3,100 miles through all the New England states. Irv took a few country roads and tells us that the scenery was just beautiful. They made one of their many stops in Falls Church, Va., to see relatives that they haven't seen in 15 years. Irv says that the New England states are really geared up for our country's Bicentennial... The Brake Department's own crown prince of Poland, STANLEY GRZYWNA, recently won \$300 in the Illinois State Lottery...The TOM WASHACK family spent part of their vacation in Iron Mountain, Mich., fishing and camping on the Menominee river. They also visited an iron mine in Norway. The fishing was fair and the scenery just beautiful. Eat your heart out, JOHN NEWMAN!..Mr. and Mrs. HOWIE HELFERT were given a surprise 25th wedding anniversary party by their children. One of the gifts was a two-week vacation in Florida where they visited Disney World...PAT NALLY just returned from a beautiful vacation in Ireland and denounced all rumors about receiving a bonus for joining the IRA...Mechanic JOE KASPER's model building talents were rewarded recently at the Dixie Square Invitational Radio Control Model Airplane show. "The Ghost" walked off with second place honors in the glider class. He received a beautiful plaque for his efforts...TED WOSS, retired machine shop foreman, dropped by to see us recently while he was in the Chicago area. It was very nice to see him again. He is the picture of health. When Ted and his better half, ELVIRA, returned to their home in Hollywood, Fla., they sent me a letter which related an incident that took place on their way home from Chicago. They stopped at a restaurant just outside of Chattanooga when they were approached by Mr. and Mrs. ARLISGH GONETZMACHER who were on their way home to New Port Richey, Fla., after visiting their children in Michigan. Mr. Gonetzmacher is a retired CTA employee who worked in the power house here at the South Shops. The power house is not the same without him...

## ANSWERS

### Explorer Rally Quiz (see page 3)

1 (F). 2 (T). 3 (T). 4 (T). 5 (F).  
6 (T). 7 (T). 8 (T). 9 (T). 10 (T).  
11 (F). 12 (T). 13 (T). 14 (T). 15 (F).  
16 (T). 17 (T). 18 (F). 19 (F). 20 (T).  
21 (T). 22 (T). 23 (F). 24 (F). 25 (F).  
26 (T). 27 (T). Multiple Choice: 28 (d).  
29 (c). 30 (c). 31 (b). 32 (d). 33 (f).  
34 (c). 35 (b). 36 (b). 37 (d). 38 (a).  
39 (d). 40 (b).

Congratulations go out to "True Grit" GOERNER, WILBERT BLAKEY and TARLETON CHERRY on their recent promotions to journeyman mechanics.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

### 69TH STREET -

KHARY ALEX FLOYD, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces, was born on Sept. 13, which was also the birthday of his grandfather, Operator W. WALTER. He is Wal's first grandchild. Congratulations!..Can anyone remember who wrote and what station the newspaper Trolley Pilot was circulated at more than 30 years ago? The winner wins one bum transfer...A big welcome is extended to FRANK VITEK, our new station superintendent. May your stay be a long and happy one...Operator J. KOVATZ visited his homeland and said it was wine, food, beautiful women and music on the Adriatic Sea he enjoyed so much...A big welcome to TOM MOORE, our new scribe from the repair department. You fellows downstairs will find Tom willing, ready and able to take all your news items...Operator TOM SOUTHERN bought a new Ford Granada...Pensioner EDDY GAYNOR says hello to all his friends at 69th. He sure looks good and is really enjoying that leisure life...Pensioner B. MIRABELLA, retired for eight years, looks good and is still cutting hair. He said Pensioner HANK RISCH has the easiest head to cut because it is big and round like a bowling ball...The silent reaper stopped at 69th and took Janitor JOHN JAROZEK and Pensioner MICHAEL SMITH. To their loved ones, we at 69th extend our most sincere condolences. ..We are now going into the bowling and basketball season. So how about keeping me posted. We are really proud of our softball team and congratulate each and everyone...You will find my mail box on the wall just to the right of the clerk's window. Let's fill it with news about vacations, birthdays, anniversaries and the easy life of our retirees.

From the repair department we are sorry to begin on a sad note, but we must report the death of our good friend and co-worker, JAMES AHERN. His immutable loyalty to CTA and his friends should stand as an example for the rest of us. Our deepest sympathy to his family...We also share the deep sorrow of GEORGE GACEK and his family in the loss of his wife, GENEVIEVE. ..A wish for a speedy recovery is sent to KATHRYN UPSEL, the wife of LEO UPSEL, our day instructor. Also on the recovery list is J. DALY who underwent an appendectomy and should be back with us soon...We have word that CLAUDE BASDEN will replace JACK MURNANE as day clerk. A big welcome is extended to Claude, and a thanks to Jack for a commendable job of filling in when he was needed...On vacation at this writing are W. WHALEY, W. ROBINSON, A. CLARK,

G. SMITH and I. REYNA. Have a well-deserved rest, as we have a long cold winter ahead of us.

- Art Bussing & Tom Moore

### 77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. The last two months of the year are always the most festive and busiest. While most of us are preparing for the holiday crunch and sending season's greetings to our friends and relatives, a few of our fellow operators found the time to slip away on a fall junket to far away places. WILLIE JETT and his wife, YVONNE, along with THOMAS BANKS and Miss MARY JONES, are enjoying a beautiful fall vacation on the sunny beaches of Acapulco and the hills of Taxco. The exciting nightlife of the most beautiful city in the world, Mexico City, never looked better for eight days and seven nights. Jett and Banks also planned to find time for their favorite game, golf--at least 18 holes. The excitement will not end for Jett, as he is hoping that upon his return the delivery of his 1976 Cadillac Eldorado has been made. Some guys really know how to live...Operator ULYSSES JONES and his lovely wife, HELEN, weren't short-stopping either. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by going to Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Arkansas. Jones stated and I quote, "I filled my suitcase with my winnings, and don't ask how much it was because I'm not through counting it yet." I have one question, Jones--where did you put your clothes? It's getting harder everyday to keep up with the Joneses...Our union held its national convention in Canada and our board members and commissioners were in attendance. I'm still waiting for the results of the events that unfolded. Board Members ANDREW BUTLER and ELCOSIE GRESHAM are getting more like politicians every day...Well, the new list of "Employees Of The Year" has been posted at 77th Street. Among those listed are some who have become regulars on the list. They are Operators S. GARFIELD, W. ECHOLS and E. GRESHAM. Operator L. GREENE, a newcomer to the list, was elated over his first appointment. Congratulations to all the operators that made the list this year...Pensioner M. J. HUNT, former janitor at 77th, has been hospitalized at Holy Cross hospital. We're all wishing him a very speedy recovery... Our sincere condolences are extended to Operators J. DOSS, GARDNER and J. JAMES in the loss of their respective relatives. To each of these men we offer our prayers in their hours of sorrow...I would like to take this opportunity to wish all my friends and co-workers a very happy Thanksgiving...Support our Local 241 as it's the best union we have. Attend our monthly meetings whenever possible...So long for now.

- Allison De Bonnett



# cta window

**HE CAME TO LOOK:** When CTA's Suggestion Bus (see TRANSIT NEWS, October, '75) was displayed for Mart employees at the Plaza, one of the distinguished visitors was RTA Chairman Milton Pikarsky who furthered the Suggestion System concept during his administration at CTA. He is shown inspecting some of the promotional posters that have motivated suggestions.



**THEY'RE GETTING YOUNGER ALL THE TIME:** First we had a woman at the mike and now it's one who hasn't even graduated. She is Sofija Cikara who really was visiting Daddy (Michael) at the Mart. He's a senior accountant in General Accounting and mom Maryann, right, was formerly in Capital Development. Grandma, center, is Ann R. Jobaris, wife of the late and popular Jack Jobaris who was superintendent of Engineering and Shops.

**SIX CTA WOMEN HONORED AS LEADERS:** At Leader Luncheon IV of the Chicago YWCA (held at the Conrad Hilton) six CTA women received certificates for noteworthy achievements and service. They were, standing left to right, Human Relations' Marjorie Holmes, Public Affairs' Latin-American community specialist Elda Leal, Personnel Development's Sue Thieme, and Development Planning's Joanne Vlecidis; seated, left to right, Personnel Administration's Anita Curtis (here represented by Ruth Brown) and General Operation's Mary Boski.





## what's news



Edward F. Brabec, popular labor union leader, is the newest member of the Chicago Transit Board. An appointee of Mayor Daley, Brabec fills the vacancy caused by the death last Feb. 23 of Clair M. Roddewig. The unexpired term he fills extends to Sept. 1, 1979. Brabec is business manager of the Chicago Journeymen Plumbers Union, Local 130. He also is a vice-president of the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada, an executive board member of the Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial Union Council, and a trustee of the Chicago and

Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council. Brabec, 44, was born in Chicago and educated at St. David's Elementary school, St. Ignatius High school and Washburne Trade school. He served in the United States Army 1st Infantry Division. He is a member of the City of Chicago Department of Environmental Control Appeal Board and the Cook County Home Rule Study Commission. He is a former member and secretary of the Chicago Board of Health. He also serves as a member of the Board of Advisors of Mercy Hospital and Medical Center and is General Chairman of the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade. The new Board member and his wife, Margaret, have four daughters and two sons, and live on Chicago's southwest side.

- CTA -

Women have scored two more firsts in jobs at the CTA. Mrs. Edith Carr has become the first woman line instructor in the driver training program. Standing at their sides, line instructors assist new bus drivers in learning how to drive. Mrs. Betty Jones is the first woman at the CTA to move into the classification of collector of fares--a job of helping bus drivers collect fares at heavy boarding points during rush hours. As one of the CTA's first women bus drivers, Mrs. Carr has had a perfect driving record for more than a year. Men may turn a deaf ear when she says it, but Mrs. Carr, who is 40, says she was "convinced from the outset that women make better drivers than men." Mrs. Jones, who is 27, also has had a perfect driving record of more than a year as one of the CTA's first women bus drivers.

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Improvements for three CTA bus routes were voted Thursday, Nov. 6, by the Chicago Transit Board. The improvements, which are expected to be effective Nov. 30, are as follows: No. 77 Belmont--consolidation with the No. 77A East Belmont route into a new No. 77 Belmont route extending from Pueblo (8400 west) to Lake Shore Drive West. No. 21B Douglas Extension--extension via Cermak road from the Cermak Plaza Shopping Center near Harlem avenue in Berwyn to a new west terminal in a new North Riverside Park Shopping Center in the suburb of North Riverside. No. 68 Northwest Highway--extension from the Chicago city limits at 6900 north to a new terminal at Northwest Highway and Touhy avenue in the downtown area of the suburb of Park Ridge.

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