

CTA's Christmas Is Cosmopolitan

By
Elda Leal

Christmas is here. I love this time of the year and I am sure most of you do, too. Maybe because of the religious significance, maybe because of the families trying to be closer at that time of the year. Or because of the excitement of hanging decorations around the house and shopping around to surprise their



To All Employees and Families

In administering the affairs of the nation's best public transportation system during a year of change and adjustment in management, it is so helpful to have such great reserves of employee loyalty and performance.

The Transit Board and the CTA managers greatly appreciate the dedication of so many CTA workers in providing prompt, dependable, courteous, and safe service to riders.

This holiday season provides an appropriate time to express our thanks and to wish to you and your families a well deserved happy holiday season and rewarding new year.



JAMES R. QUINN
Vice-Chairman CTA Board

Holiday Greetings

in the CTA Languages

- Assyrian *ܠܥܘܠܡܝܢܝܢ ܠܥܘܠܡܝܢܝܢ ܠܥܘܠܡܝܢܝܢ*
- Chinese *謹賀新年 元旦*
Sretan Božić i
- Croatian *Sretan nova godina!*
- German *Frohe Weihnachten*
und glücklichen Neuen Jahr!
- Hawaiian *Mee Kalikimaka!*
Hau'oli Ikaika Hui Hou!
- Hungarian *Boldog karácsonyt*
- Iranian *عید سال مبارک . سال نو مبارک*
Buono Natale!
- Italian *Buono Principio D'Anno!*
- Japanese *メリクリスマス. 新年おめでとう*
- Jewish *Happy Chanukah*
- Korean *축성탄. 근하신년*
- Latvian *Priecīgu Ziemassvētkus*
un laimīgu Jaunu Gadu!
- Philippines *MALAGAYANG PASKO*
Wesolych Swiat i Nowego
- Polish *Roku!*
- Russian *ВЕСОЛЫХ СВЯТОК*
සුඵ නන්කලක් සඵ වැසනවන්ත
- Sinhalese *නව වසරක් චෙව!*
- Spanish *¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo*
- Ukrainian *Веселих Свят і щасли-*
вого Новоро року!

loved ones...I don't know what it is, but I have the impression that people really try to be more understanding, more cheerful, and in general the atmosphere seems warmer, friendlier everywhere.

Once upon a time, long ago, there was a little girl. ..No, it's not a Christmas story. What I want to say is that this is a season particularly special for children, and the younger they are the more they enjoy this time of the year. I still have many wonderful memories and remember the impatience I felt for days prior to Christmas in my home in Mexico.

Through my own children, I have relived some of those sweet memories. It also brings such a tenderness of feeling to walk in the stores and watch the cute and curious faces looking in amazement at the toys on display. Or at their eager eyes looking under the Christmas trees at home to see if they can sneak a peek at the packages. They can't resist the temptation to guess what is inside.

I remember once I almost got a good spanking, but because it was Christmas, my parents had a change of heart and I escaped. It was past midnight and my sister and I were sharing a room. I could hear my parents whispering to each other as to the most attractive manner of placing the toys "delivered by Santa." Since they didn't want to wake us up, they were using a flashlight. They were blowing balloons to tie around the headboards on our beds to make our discovery of the toys even more attractive. But I guess my father blew harder than he should.

I was, of course, "pretending" I was sound asleep with my face covered, but after that sound, my curiosity grew bigger. I just had to see what the room would look like and guess by the size of the packages what they contained, so I started biting the blanket until I made a hole in it so I could take a good look without being noticed.

The spirit of Christmas has been communicated at CTA headquarters since early November by talented Chris Borcic of Public Affairs. She started drawing pictures with Christmas motifs for the girls at the office. A sample of her art is the picture on this page



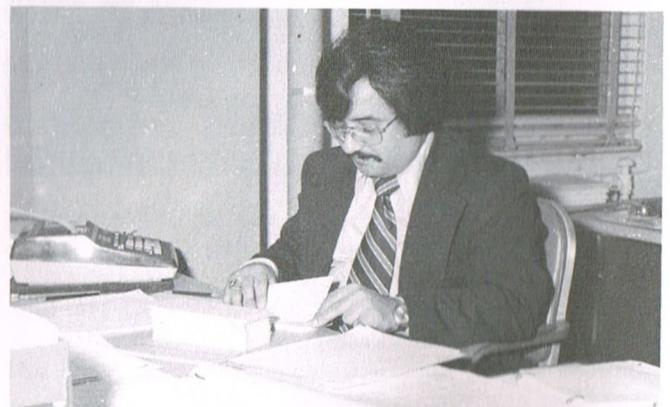
and the cover that she made, in color, for a Transit News staff colleague.

For those of you who don't know Chris, I would like to tell you that she is the capable gal who handles all the typesetting for this magazine, month after month.

Chris (whose very name is representative of the Christmas holiday) is representative of the truly international character of the whole CTA work force. She is a Croatian. The multinational, multiracial character of CTA is expressed in our Christmas greetings to you all.

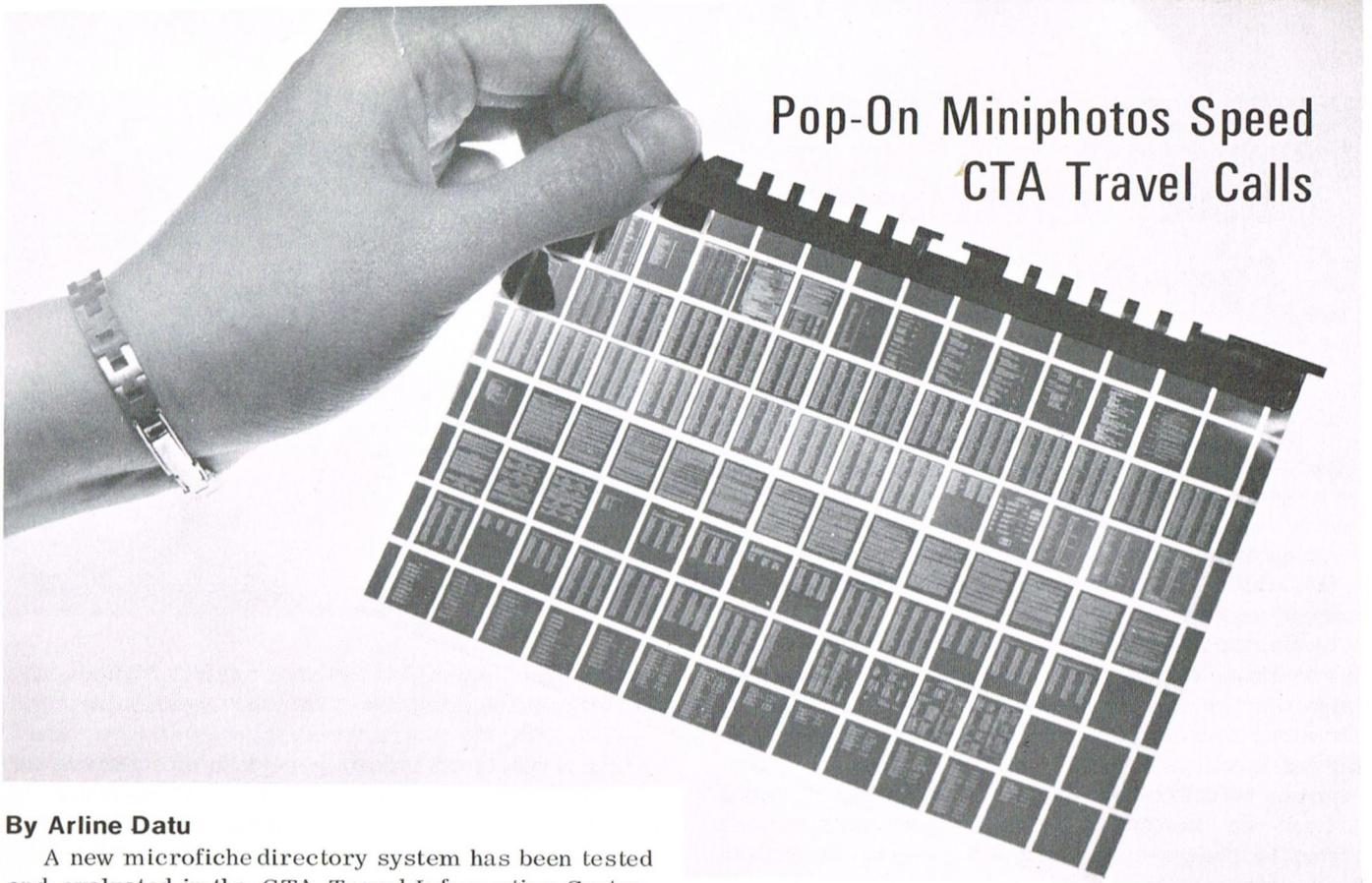
Whatever you do, whatever your plans for Christmas, I hope that you and your families share many unforgettable moments. Presents, too! But an everlasting, happy memory and the inner rewarding satisfaction of making someone happy through our thoughtfulness is the best gift of all.

Think about something special for the children you know, for that older relative who is lonely, for a CTA rider who is one of your favorites, or a co-worker who has helped you on the job. Think about somebody...it will take you only a few minutes. I am sure you will find your way to deliver the Christmas spirit and enjoy it too!



Two of the many members of the CTA International family who wish you happy holidays in their native languages are pictured above. Left, at her typesetting machine which puts CTA Transit News together, is Chris Borcic, Croatian. Some of "Chris-mas" drawings have been used to illustrate this article. Right is Martin Ardam, Iranian, who joined CTA five years ago as a bus operator. Ardam is now a statistical analyst in the Schedule Department.

Pop-On Miniphotos Speed CTA Travel Calls



By Arline Datu

A new microfiche directory system has been tested and evaluated in the CTA Travel Information Center. The results--faster, more efficient service to callers requesting route directions.

The new system involves putting close to 288 bus and train schedules for the metropolitan and surrounding suburban area on microfiche and filing them in a microfiche viewer. Using this viewer will enable a CTA travel agent to find requested route directions in a much shorter time than under the old manual search system.

The findings of the test, conducted from Sept. 22 through Oct. 17, 1975, showed that travel agents working with the viewers handled 39 per cent more calls per day than those agents relying on the old system.

An added advantage to the microfiche system is that it serves to standardize the information coming out from the Center. As Consumer Services director Tom Coyne explains, "Instead of 31 transit information systems, we'll have just one. The information each travel agent gives out will all be the same."

Only four microfiche viewers were used during the test period. Installation of additional units to accommodate the full force of 31 travel agents is anticipated some time in June 1976.

The CTA is the second to implement the microfiche

system in its operation and the first to obtain successful results from its use. According to Coyne, its initial implementation in Washington, D.C. met with poor results because of inefficient application of the system.

To fully equip the Travel Information Center will cost an estimated quarter of a million dollars, says Coyne. System consultants are Chase, Rosen and Wallace (CRW), which designed and set up the microfiche system.

Installation of the microfiche system marks Phase I of a program which will subsequently lead to the creation of a computer interface system. Computer interface, says Coyne, will eliminate most of the steps required to extract information from the microfiche viewer.

The travel agent will merely have to ask the caller for ultimate destination. All information will be stored in a computer which the travel agent will activate and thus obtain a route pre-determined by the computer memory.

"It's the ultimate step in mass transit information," says Coyne, "and something we hope to implement in the not too distant future."

Microfiche (My-crow-fish)

A microfiche is a film transparency, 4" x 6", containing 98 8½" x 11" pages of information, reduced in size to fit within the transparency. The microfiche viewers in the CTA Travel Information center can each hold up to 780 microfiche or 80,000 pages of in-

formation. One page displayed on the viewer screen is magnified 24 times its original size.

Each film transparency or microfiche is mounted on a metal clip and then inserted into the viewer. The metal clip is binary coded to facilitate location of each page of information.

Bailey Remembers Early Bus-Driving Days

Editor's Note: When pioneer bus driver Jack Bailey dropped down to CTA headquarters to visit a friend and to do some shopping in the Loop, we took advantage of the opportunity for another of our nostalgic interviews. Arline Datu of our staff did the interview.

For 73-year-old CTA veteran Jack Bailey, driving a bus was a real test of stamina, skill, hard work, and adventure.

According to Bailey, between maneuvering around horse drawn wagons and trying to avoid the wide dirt lanes in the middle of the road, reserved for the streetcar tracks, there was more than enough to keep his hands full.

Back in 1927 when he became one of the first bus drivers for the Chicago Surface Lines (CSL), an all streetcar company eventually absorbed by the CTA in 1947, riding the streets was indeed an adventure.

Bailey recalls, "When they paved a street, they left a lot of room for the streetcar tracks. Our buses would get stuck out there a lot of times. There were times when we'd have buses buried up to the body in the snow or the mud."

No Time To Dream

The hazards of driving aside, there were also regular chores like collecting and ringing up fares, punching transfers, and keeping plenty of change handy.

"We were busy in those days, carrying full loads most of the time. We'd get them packed in there so



much, you could hardly shift gears. There was nothing monotonous about that job," says Bailey.

He adds, "If people are busy, they're more alert. I kept a very good record then--with no accidents because of it."

Bailey recalls with some amusement the training period he went through to prepare himself as a bus driver.

"We went in on a Saturday to get ready for starting on a Sunday. We were supposed to practice driving a bus, but the buses hadn't come in yet. So, instead, we drove these maintenance trucks around the block a few times. That was our training."

Was Also A Motorman

Of course, Bailey was no inexperienced beginner. He along with the other nine "first" bus drivers were previously motormen on the CSL's streetcars. They were each selected from the various carbarns on the basis of their experience as well as their age.

Bailey says there was a general reluctance to ac-

cept the new assignments because of the rivalry between the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Motor Coach, an already existing bus company, for the bus routes.

"When we went out there, nobody knew how long we'd be around," recalls Bailey.

But CSL won out and was able to maintain the first 10 bus routes it had established in various sections of the city.

Bailey was assigned the No. 5 route and coincidentally was assigned to drive the No. 5 bus. The route was a stretch of 12 blocks along the length of Diversey between Pulaski and Laramie.

Close To Passengers

If you were to ask Bailey now how he enjoyed his new assignment, he'll tell you the three years he spent as a bus driver on the No. 5 route were some of his best years working in transportation.

"I always look back and think those years were wonderful. I knew so many people then," he says.

Twelve blocks, he explains, was a short enough distance for him to become fairly well acquainted with his passengers.

Bailey worked a morning shift and says that "it got to be a little family affair."

He claims he'd watch out for his regular passengers. "Every morning I'd come to each stop and wait for the ones who were a little late--they'd be the ones running from halfway down the block."

The family affair, as Bailey calls it, really did turn out to be something like that. He met his future wife, Elinora, while driving the No. 5 route.

She was an office worker at the time and a regular passenger of his. They were married in 1931--shortly after he left his route to become one of the first bus driving instructors.

Wrote First Rule Book

There were no instructors and no training program for bus drivers prior to 1930. When Bailey be-

Old No. 1 pioneered CSL's bus service on Aug. 10, 1927, working the Diversey Extension with no backup unit available until four more buses arrived weeks later. In view looking south at Diversey-Cicero, note brick-paved intersection and concrete curb lanes with dirt center strip reserved for streetcar tracks.

came an instructor, a more extensive training program than what he himself went through was started, including classes on driving in inclement weather and how to handle a skidding bus.

In his capacity as an instructor, with his experience as one of the first bus drivers, Bailey was able to collaborate in writing the first rulebook for bus drivers.

In 1943 he was made station superintendent where he settled into a more sedate job and where he remained until his retirement in 1967.

Bailey now lives with his wife Elinora in Jefferson Park. No native to Chicago, Bailey was born near the Gulf Coast. He was an adventurer of sorts even back then. At an early age, he began traveling around the country with his father.

By the time he was 12, Bailey was taking off for different parts unknown by himself. His greatest ambition at the time, he says, was to head out west.

"I wanted to go out there to see the Indians, I guess," he explains.

Those Day Coach Sandwiches!

He managed to make it out there, more than once, by working as a "butchboy" on the cross-country trains. Bailey explains that, as a butchboy, he carried a basket filled with fruit, crackerjack and sandwiches which he would sell to the passengers on the train.

But in his quest for adventure, young Bailey discovered being a butchboy was a great way to make money. Ironically, his best runs turned out to be the trains that went out to Long Island on the East Coast.

"Those people heading out west used to bring more food on the train than what I would bring. I'd hardly make any money at all," he says.

Bailey gave up traveling and finally settled in Chicago in 1923 where he became acquainted with the city's underground--his first job was that of a motorman for the Chicago Tunnel Company. He left that after four years to join CSL as a streetcar motorman. A few months later he became one of CSL's first bus drivers.

Now that he's in retirement, Bailey enjoys telling stories about his experiences as a young boy and man. But by no means has he settled down to a quiet, sedate life.

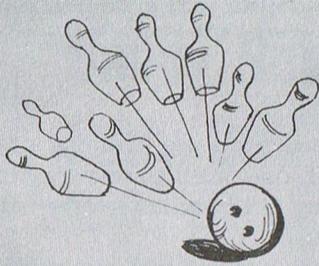
"At 12, I didn't know the world quite as well then as I do now," he says. And one might add, he's enjoying it now more than ever.

At 73, he is still vigorous and active, playing handball twice weekly with an occasional game of golf or tennis in between.

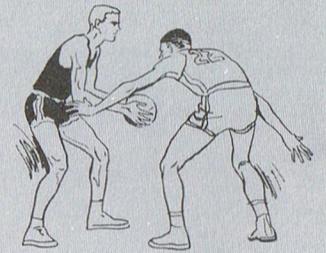
"I've found out you've got to keep doing something," he explains, "and I'm not old yet, you know."



On his recent visit to CTA, Bailey was interviewed in the Public Affairs office by Arline Datu.



CTA Sports News



MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor

CTA Basketball Season Begins

THE CTA basketball league kicked off the 1975-76 season on Friday, Nov. 21 and all reports indicate it will be an exciting cage campaign.

Fifteen teams, divided into two sections, will go after the coveted championship, held for the past two seasons by Archer Garage. The games will be played at the Washington Park fieldhouse each Sunday morning starting at 11:15 a.m., and each Monday and Friday evening starting at 7:15 p.m.

Teams participating in the league this year are: 69th Street, Beverly, 52nd Street, West Side "L", 77th Street, South Side "L", 77th Shops, Archer, Forest Glen, North Avenue, North Side "L", General Office, Kedzie, Limits and North Park.

In the opening games on Friday, 69th Street edged out North Park, 59-58; and Kedzie soundly thrashed 52nd Street, 76-30. On Sunday, Nov. 23, Limits won over Beverly by forfeit as Beverly could field only four men. West Side "L" downed General Office, 65-24; Archer drubbed 52nd Street, 106-44; North Side "L" beat 77th Street, 63-44; North Avenue edged South Side "L", 59-56, and 77th Shops whipped North Park, 54-49.

Everyone is invited to come out and root for their favorite team. Admission is free.



Jackie Robinson is the coordinator for the 1975-76 CTA basketball league. A member of the sports program since its inception, he formerly served as the assistant sports director.

Two Good Things

By Bill Gleason

EVERY White Sox fan I know, including Kay Joyce who happens to be secretary and advisor to Jack Brickhouse, tells me that the world has been made better because "Bill is coming back." Even those Sox fanatics who refer to Veeck as "that jerk who traded Johnny Callison and Honey Romano" are anxious for his return so that they can denounce him face-to-face out at the old ball yard.

We're all waiting to find out what Bill will do first and then what he will do next and next after that. Had the nine dentists acquired the Sox — isn't it interesting that the price offered by the dentists is almost precisely what Veeck is paying? — I was going to be their advisor. The least I can do for Veeck is what I would have done for the Practically Painless Nine so, herewith, a few original ideas.

(1) An electric message sign on the outside of the right-field wall, facing the Dan Ryan. (Thousands of fans pass there five days a week and unless they're on the CTA they have plenty of time to read.)

(2) A "Burn the Fences" Day in mid-December. All the inner outfield fences, including center field, would be burned. Now get this, fans! The bonfire would be on the Astro Turf infield. Then Veeck would (1) tell groundskeeper Gene Bossart to plant grass seed and restore the sloping contours of the infield and (2) tell farm director Carroll Davis to sign the fastest, strongest-throwing, non-hitting center fielder in the minors.

—Chicago Sun Times

Editor's comment: Thanks, Bill, it isn't every outfit whose good service is published on the sports pages.

Has The Rose Bowl Had It? Hardly!

by J. H. Smith

Once upon a time, Junior, couples took the street-car on Saturday night dates, Henrici's was on Randolph, and nobody waited to see which Big Ten team would go to the Rose Bowl.

That was because no Big Ten team went. The conference rules prohibited post-season contests.

It was presumed that it was just as well because nobody would go to a football game after Thanksgiving anyway. Why, it would be too cold up here on the windy shores of Lake Michigan. It might even be snowing!

There were some pretty good teams that never played in the Pasadena spotlight with the eyes of the whole nation upon them. Or, rather, the ears of the nation because these were the days that Graham McNamee rhapsodized about the sunset over the Arroyo Seco and a radio console was the fireside entertainment center.

One of these non-Rose Bowl Big Ten teams was the Iowa juggernaut of the mid-20s with Duke Slater at tackle and the Devine brothers in the backfield.

Another was the great Michigan team that created a six or seven year dynasty of champions and featured what remains as one of the two or three best passing combinations of all time--Friedman to Oosterbaan.

Still another was Bernie Bierman's Minnesota teams of 1934 and 1935--undefeated--and scoring, in the earlier season, 30 points or more in every Big Ten game.

How many national championships were saved because the Big Ten didn't have to risk them in the Bowl is a matter of conjecture. However, considering the runaway that Illinois staged when the Big Ten-West Coast arrangement went into effect in 1947, it is unlikely that any laurels would have been lost.

Following the Illini victory, the conference won five more Rose Bowl games in succession.

When the Pacific broke the drouth in 1953, Southern California blanked Wisconsin, 7-0. That was the Badger team that boasted Allan "The Horse" Ameche, then just a sophomore.

Every Big Ten team has been to the Bowl at least once. The last to join the ranks was Indiana, then coached by John Pont, now the head man at Northwestern. The Hoosiers lost, but put up a good game against Southern Cal.

In recent years, the annual "run for the Rose Bowl" has come down to a last Saturday game between Ohio State and Michigan. The championship has hinged on that game, too, with the result that the Big Ten has been labeled the Big Two and Little Eight.

Now that the second, third, and fourth Big Ten finishers have been granted permission to accept

whatever Bowl invitations may come to them, the thought has been that the focus of attention will be lifted just a bit from the Wolverines and the Buckeyes.

But, that won't happen.

There may be better games played in the New Year's post-season, but the Rose Bowl is still the daddy of them all.

And, until alums stop yearning for a winter holiday in California, a seat at the Rose Bowl parade, and a look at what they imagine the girls of Hollywood must be like, the Rose will be the brightest flower in the garden.

Besides, the great American penchant for over-doing things has caught up with Bowl football.

Unless your favorite team is bowling somewhere else, the easiest thing on your eyes--and possibly your marital happiness--is to concentrate on one game.

So, in the cacophony of TV competition, the steady voice of Rose Bowl tradition has prevailed.

The Big Ten In The Rose Bowl

1902	Michigan 49, Stanford 0
1921	California 28, Ohio State 0
1947	Illinois 45, UCLA 14
1948	Michigan 49, So. California 0
1949	Northwestern 20, California 14
1950	Ohio State 17, California 14
1951	Michigan 14, California 6
1952	Illinois 40, Stanford 7
1953	So. California 7, Wisconsin 0
1954	Mich. State 28, UCLA 20
1955	Ohio State 20, So. California 7
1956	Mich. State 17, UCLA 14
1957	Iowa 35, Oregon St. 19
1958	Ohio State 10, Oregon 7
1959	Iowa 38, California 12
1960	Washington 44, Wisconsin 8
1961	Washington 17, Minnesota 7
1962	Minnesota 21, UCLA 3
1963	So. California 42, Wisconsin 37
1964	Illinois 17, Washington 7
1965	Michigan 34, Oregon St. 7
1966	UCLA 14, Mich. State 12
1967	Purdue 14, So. California 13
1968	So. California 14, Indiana 3
1969	Ohio State 27, So. California 16
1970	So. California 10, Michigan 3
1971	Stanford 27, Ohio State 17
1972	Stanford 13, Michigan 12
1973	So. California 42, Ohio State 17
1974	Ohio State 42, So. California 21
1975	So. California 18, Ohio State 17

'Scrubber Power' wipes out the powers that be

By Larry Weintraub

Wilfredo M. Villagomez works full time cleansing a highly visible section in the

city of the hatreds, obscenities and declarations by powerless people that they "run it."

Villagomez, 25, washes walls of subway stations. Each

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night from Sunday to Thursday he and a partner go to work in the underground with a high-pressure nozzle, a reservoir of detergent and an electric motor that powers the wash-water stream.

They also take brushes for the more difficult-to-remove graffiti. Oil-based paint messages that may mean fulfillment to those who wrote them mean to Villagomez only that he has to use the steel wool.

Villagomez has been on his Chicago Transit Authority job for about a year and a half. Classified a janitor, he has cleaned Howard St. L-subway line stations from Roosevelt to North and Clybourn and the Dearborn line stops from Division to Clinton.

He and his Tuesday night partner, Richard Thomas, 30, agreed that there are certain geographic patterns to the emotions they clean from, the walls.

"We get a lot of 'powers,' " Villagomez said. "We get Puerto Rican Power, Mexican Power, Black Power, Arab Power, Jewish Power. It's all the same to us. We wash it off."

He said some of the writings, like the power messages, seem to be positive and some are just "a bunch of dirty words." But some are negative — aimed at some racial or religious group.

"On the West Side, at the 18th St. station," Villagomez has noted that the dominant writings — often in Spanish — "are for Mexican power and hate Puerto Ricans."

Thomas, 30, said he has

noted that "all the South Side stations from about 35th St. are big on Black Power" graffiti. He added that the wall writings in those stations are uniformly "down on whites."

Villagomez and Thomas work from about 9 p.m. until about 5 a.m. They said that in their time on the job, there never was a need for police protection and they have not been menaced seriously by night passengers, although there have been minor incidents.

Both like the hours. They like the way night work gives them daytime hours for running errands and paying bills. Furthermore, it leaves room for some of their ambitions. Both plan to broaden their educations.

Villagomez, born in Yuriria, Mexico, came to this country in 1968 with two years of Mexican government-financed college training in chemical engineering, he said.

He hopes to complete an engineering degree, he said.

Thomas, too, has worked at laboring jobs elsewhere. A 1964 graduate of DuSable High School, Thomas hopes to wind up in engineering. He wants industrial engineering and said he starts taking courses at either Olive-Harvey or Kennedy-King junior college in December.

Neither man was especially angry that citizens write on station walls. For one thing, of course, it makes their job necessary. For another, said Villagomez, "maybe writing it down gets it out of your system. Maybe if you didn't, you might kill somebody."



Wilfredo M. Villagomez (left) and partner, Richard Thomas, at work swabbing down the Washington-Randolph subway stop. (Sun-Times Photo by Randy Leffingwell)

OK, Chicago, I'm Here—Now, What?

Arriving passengers at Union (railroad) Station may now call direct—and free—to CTA's Travel Information Center for guidance on completion of their trip within the Chicago area. The phone is adjacent to the ticket windows on the south side of the concourse.

If CTA Travel Agent does not respond quickly because of a momentary rush of calls, the user of the Courtesy Phone is asked by a recorded message to wait a moment or so for a response.

The new direct line as well as the 670-5000 service, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



The CTA Chef

In answer to our request, the National Fishery Education Center provides instructions for a Shrimp Christmas Tree. The flavorful shrimp are perched on endive boughs where they are ready for a quick dip into a zippy cocktail sauce. As a colorful, edible centerpiece on the buffet or a festive holiday dinner table, this tree is certain to capture compliments.

Shrimply Delicious Tree

3 pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen
2 quarts water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup salt
4 large bunches curly endive
1 styrofoam cone, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet high
1 styrofoam square, 12 by 12 by 1 inch
1 small box round toothpicks
Cocktail Sauce

Thaw frozen shrimp; place shrimp in boiling salted water. Cover and simmer about 5 minutes or until shrimp are pink and tender. Drain. Peel shrimp, leaving the last section of the shell on. Remove sand veins and wash; chill. Separate and wash endive; chill. Place cone in center of styrofoam square and draw a circle around the base of the cone. Cut out circle and insert cone. Cover base and cone with overlapping leaves of endive. Fasten endive to styrofoam with toothpick halves. Start at the outside edge of base and work up. Cover fully with greens to resemble Christmas tree. Attach shrimp to tree with toothpicks. Provide cocktail sauce for dunking shrimp. Makes 12 servings.

If friends are coming home for the holidays, you are probably planning a get-together. What to serve that is easily prepared and still inexpensive can be a dilemma. Here is a tuna recipe that is easily prepared, very moderate in cost, and so tasty you may want to keep it at the front of your favorite recipe file. Tuna Olé is a dip with a south-of-the-border flavor. A $6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 ounce can of tuna combined with other goodies makes $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups. Double or triple the recipe if your guest list is large. Sautéed onion and garlic in a creamy sauce is highlighted with Cheddar cheese and the flavor is further enhanced with mild green chilies and liquid hot pepper sauce. Add the flaked tuna and keep the delectable mixture hot to serve. Corn chips or fried tortilla strips are ideal for your guests to scoop Tuna Olé and add a delightful crunch.

Tuna Olé

1 can ($6\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 ounces) tuna
2 tablespoons margarine or cooking oil
1 cup chopped onion (1 medium-size)
3 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup milk
12 ounces medium-sharp Cheddar cheese, grated

Drain and flake tuna. Heat margarine or cooking oil in skillet. Add onion and garlic and sauté until tender. Blend in flour. Add milk slowly and cook until thick, stirring constantly. Gradually add cheese, stirring until melted and well blended. Mix in chilies, liquid hot pepper sauce, if used, and tuna. Serve with corn chips or fried tortilla strips. Makes $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 cups of dip.

Holiday Seafaring

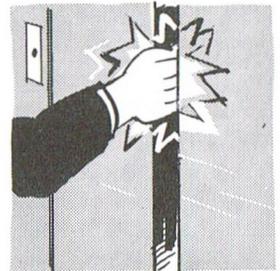


THE FAMILY LAWYER

by Will Bernard

Self-Service Elevators

Tardy for a dental appointment, Alvin rushed up to the automatic elevator just as the outer doors were closing. Quickly he slipped one hand into the gap, expecting the doors to reopen. Instead, they closed upon his hand.



Alvin did manage to yank himself free, but in doing so he injured his fingers. Seeking compensation, he filed a damage suit against the owner of the building.

In a court hearing, the owner insisted that the elevator was in good order even though — for some unknown reason — it may not have worked on this particular occasion.

But the court ruled in Alvin's favor, saying he was entitled to the benefit of the doubt. The court said it was a fair guess that when such an accident occurred, there was indeed something wrong with the mechanism.

Generally speaking, the law imposes a high level of responsibility on the owner of an automatic elevator. He must take into consideration that it will be used by the young and the old, the wise and the simple, the deft and the clumsy.

Still, the owner isn't liable for "normal" mishaps. In another case, as an elderly man was entering an automatic elevator, the closing door bumped his shoulder and knocked him off balance.

But the door had functioned exactly as it was supposed to function. A court said later this was the kind of natural hazard that passengers must deal with on their own.

Nor is the owner responsible for a self-inflicted injury. One temperamental rider, trapped briefly between floors in a department store, vented his frustration by giving the elevator a swift kick in the panelling.

But when he sought damages afterward for his fractured foot, the court tossed out his claim. The court said the injury was caused "not by the stopping of the elevator but by his own kicking."

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"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM," contemporary musical version of Shakespeare's comedy by Randolph Tallman and Steve Mackenroth, continuing. The First Chicago Center, One First National Plaza, Dearborn & Madison. CTA employees eligible for \$1 discount. 732-4470.

ADLER PLANETARIUM--"Star of Bethlehem" show thru Dec. Adults \$1; children under 17, 50¢; seniors with ID free. Planetarium admission free. Mon, Wed, Thurs from 9:30-4:30; Tues, Fri till 9:30; Sat, Sun till 5. 1300 S. Lake Shore.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE--Christmas with Roy Black and Adam & Eve Dec 20 at 8; from \$5.50. Toys for Tots Concert with The Monkees Dec 21 at 7:30; from \$2.50. Al Green Dec 26, 27 at 7:30, 11; from \$4.50. Antonia Brico with members of the Chicago Symphony Jan 12 at 8:15; from \$3. Eliot Feld Ballet Jan 23, 24 at 8, Jan 25 at 2; from \$3.50. Max Morath Jan 31 at 8; from \$3. 70 E. Congress Pkwy. 922-2110.

"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--Julie Budd and Paul Salos in a music and comedy show, Dec 26-Jan 10, Hyatt Regency O'Hare. 228-9000.

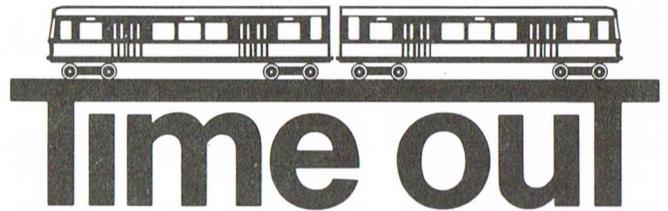
CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Christmas Exhibit from Dec 14. A More Perfect Union: The American Government deals with politics and government in Chicago, thru Jan 5. Women In Chicago, part of the People of Chicago Lecture Series, presented by Professor Perry Duis of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Jan 14 at 7:30, Auditorium. Mon-Sat from 9:30-4:30; Sun, hol from 12:30-5:30. 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. January topics include music, Chicago politics, architectural and historical view of the Loop, the occult, tennis and skiing, and worldwide cultures. Free. Bicentennial Exhibit: Original watercolors from the Joseph Boggs Beale Americana Collection, Dec 17-Jan 16. 78 E. Washington. 782-7396.

"COME CHRISTMAS" by the Vagabond Players, Dec 20, 27, Jan 3. Evanshire Church, 4555 Church, Skokie. Adults, \$1.25; children, 75¢. 674-6360 or 248-4794.

DART GALLERY--Jules Olitski, recent paintings, thru Dec 23. David Smith drawings, from Dec 26, 612 N. Michigan, Suite 205. 664-2150.

"DEATH OF A SALESMAN" thru Dec 28, Theatre Festival Players, Dawes School. Thurs at 7:30; Fri, Sat at 8:30. \$2.50. Oakton & Dodge, Evanston.



Time out

with Anit Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY Adaptations for Survival films. Strange Creatures of the Night, Dec 19-21; Bird's Paradise: The Waddensea, Dec 26-28. The Vanishing Wilderness films. Of Broccoli and Pelicans and Celery and Seals, Jan 2-4; Chain of Life, Jan 9-11; No Room for Wilderness, Jan 16-18. Santa Barbara--Everyone's Mistake, Jan 23-25. Screenings Fri-Sun at 11, 1, Meeting Room, 2nd Floor North. Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore.

FURNITURE designed by Frank Lloyd Wright on display at the Wright home and studio, Oak Park. Tours Tues, Thurs from 1-2:30; Sat, Sun from 1-4:30. Adults \$2; students, \$1.

"HERITAGE" thru March, Dream Theatre. Of special interest to senior citizens. Wed at 2 except Dec 24, 31. \$1.50. 2261 N. Lincoln. 871-3000.

"JEKYLL AND HYDE" thru Feb 7, Magic Circle Theatre. Thurs-Sun at 8, except Christmas Day, New Year's Day. Adults: \$3 (\$4 Sat); students: \$2. 615 W. Wellington. 929-0542.

JOHN PITTMAN thru Dec, Phyllis Kind Gallery, 226 E. Ontario.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO features the Polar Bear as the December animal of the month. 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.

LUNCH-TIME CONCERTS Dec 23 at 12:15. Features holiday music by the Chicago Children's Choir, Chris Moore conducting. The First Chicago Center, One First National Plaza, Madison & Dearborn. \$2.50. 732-3237.

MILL RUN THEATRE--Jerry Lewis and Jim Bailey Dec 26-31. Golf Rd. & Milwaukee. 298-2170.

"MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRA," by Eugene O'Neill, opens Jan 8, Goodman Theatre. Rooted in the classic Greek drama of the fall of the House of Atreus, O'Neill's trilogy examines a proud and mighty family torn apart by deceit, lust, and revenge in post-Civil War New England. 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

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. 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. Caroling by over 150 area choral groups thru Dec 24 in the Christmas display area. 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. 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.

NUTCRACKER BALLET Dec 19-Jan 4, Arie Crown Theatre. Chicago Tribune Charities sponsors 24 performances, matinees and evenings. 791-6000.

63RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER SHOW Dec 20-Jan 4, Garfield and Lincoln Park Conservatories. Christmas flowers from many lands including red, white, and pink poinsettias. 9-9 daily except holidays; conservatories will close at 5 Dec 24, 31. Free. Lincoln Park Conservatory, 2400 north in Lincoln Park. Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park.

"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 ESSENCE OF PATHOS" thru Jan 11, New Concept Theatre. Thurs-Sat at 8:30, Sun at 8. Sacred Heart Parish, 7020 S. Aberdeen. 224-1900.

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

"THE PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY," with Lana Turner and Louis Jourdan, thru Dec 28, Arlington Park Theatre. Tues-Thurs at 8, Sun at 3 (\$8.50); Fri at 8:30, Sat at 6, 9:30, Sun at 7:30 (\$10). Rt 53 & Euclid, Arlington Heights. 392-6800.

"THE WONDERFUL ICE CREAM SUIT" thru Dec, Organic Theatre Company, Victory Gardens Theatre I. Wed-Fri at 8:30; Sat at 7:30, 10:30; Sun at 3, 7:30. From \$3.50. 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

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

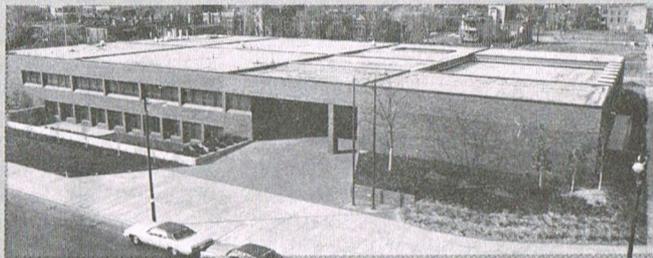
WORKS BY WALTER GRIFFIN (1861-1935), American Impressionist, thru Dec 31, Signature Galleries. Mon-Sat from 10-5. 320 S. Michigan. 341-0636.

King Service Center Opens

Whether it's a birth certificate or driver's education, veteran services or senior citizen service, the new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Center at 4314 S. Cottage Grove--the most modern of its kind in the country--has programs and services to fit the needs of the entire community.

No longer does one have to travel across the city to get a birth certificate, or obtain certain health care, because it is all in one location--the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, which has direct service to the door on the Chicago Transit Authority's No. 43 43rd Street or No. 4 Cottage Grove bus lines.

Dedicated in early November of this year, the center boasts of services and programs to reach people from the pre-school age to senior citizenry. It has educational programs, hobbies and services of all kinds to include: a Head Start and Day Care program; Alcoholism, Recovery and Rehabilitation pro-



gram; Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) program; adult education, housing counseling, General Education Development (GED) program; touch-typing; youth development; income tax services; health services; interpreters; chess and photo workshops.

Other services include the Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information, Board of Health, Mental Health, Chicago Civil Service Commission, Illinois Department of Public Aid, Illinois State Employment Service and the Chicago Public Library.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., a retired Baptist minister and father of the slain civil rights leader, Martin, Jr., was a keynote speaker for the dedication of the building, which was covered by Transit News.

The center is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The day care center is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- covered by Betty Edwards

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ARCHER -

To the operators of Archer, we extend wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from Superintendents W. MOSER, J. LYNCH, J. PETROSIUS, M. PORTER and B. HENDERSON, and Clerks W. HENDERSON, C. CARTER, F. SCHMITZ, A. LUBKE, E. STACK, J. PALMER, R. ZAJAC, W. KELLY, H. GREEN, H. STANKEVICIUS and A. MOR-NAR...Oct. 31 was a very good day for Clerk HARRY ROSS GENNETT, who retired after 42 years of service with the CSL and CTA. Thanks to Chief Clerk WILLIAM HENDERSON and Clerk EDWARD STACK, Harry wasn't forgotten. A retirement dinner was given for him and his lovely wife, GENEVIEVE, at the Beverly Woods restaurant. After many speeches and well wishes, GEORGE RILEY, director of support services, presented Harry with his retirement papers and riding card. We wish him a pleasant retirement and good health. Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER and JOHN LYNCH were MC's...A happy belated birthday to Operator EARL WATSON, Nov. 10, and to Collector DAVID SCOTT, Nov. 8. Happy birthday to Mrs. MUREL GIBSON, the wife of Operator WALTER GIBSON, Dec. 5, Superintendent JOHN LYNCH, Dec. 13, Operator C. C. JONES, Dec. 23, and Operator AUSTION WOOLFOLK, Dec. 27... Operator JOHN GROOM and his lovely wife, VERA, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on Oct. 28. Clerk ROBERT ZAJAC and his wonderful wife, VICKI, celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary on Dec. 6. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years of happiness to all of you...Congratulations to Operator LeROY KNIGHT and his lovely wife, AMANDA, who celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on Dec. 15. May they have many more beautiful years together...A speedy recovery is wished to Operator P. WATSON who is hospitalized. Hope he is up and about by the time we go to press... MYLES PINDAK has returned to work after recovering from a serious operation. Nice having you back, Myles...Operators VERLEEN SMITH, PAT KLOBUCAR, and MADEIENE LYON have completed one year of service each. We are proud of our women operators. Keep up the good work, ladies...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the late LUKE JOHN KEEL and Pensioner WILLIAM LYONS. It was quite a shock to everyone in the passing of Luke and William. May they rest in peace... Merry Christmas and a very pleasant New Year to you all!

- Owen Rosendow

CTA SECURITY -

EDWARD M. JORDAN, manager of security, JOHN SHEEHY, superintendent of uniform patrol division, and RICHARD GLIEBE, director of personnel, wish the entire staff and department a very Merry Christmas. Mr. Jordan and Mr. Sheehy would like to personally commend all the men for the fine job they did throughout the year, especially the tact teams and crime prevention unit who worked under the supervision of Mr. Gliebe, while working with the Mass Transit Unit of the Chicago Police Department...Deputy Commander JACK KEEGAN and BILL BUTLER, director of plant security, commended Patrolmen G. MUNYER and D. ANGELL on preventing an armed robbery from taking place at the intersection of Damen and Lake. Both officers noticed a disturbance on the bus and went in to help the driver. One offender was apprehended and taken into custody...The West Section unit was very happy to see Patrolman J. LaFOLLETTE back to work after a short period of illness...Sergeant PAUL FIDANZE of the office personnel was so happy about his visit to Boston and Cincinnati for the World Series games, he is still showing his stubs around the office...The following officers were welcomed to the department after completing their basic law course at the University of Illinois in Champaign: R. JACKSON, J. ALEXANDER, O. JOLLY, A. WILLIS, R. POLLIZZE, G. WHITE, T. O'MAHONY and J. GURRIERI. Officer O'Mahony gave our department great honors by being elected class president over 25 other different police departments...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Sergeant PAUL WALLACE who recently lost his mother...All members and officials of FOP Lodge 89, wish a speedy recovery to WILLIAM HIGENS, the brother of Patrolman JOHN HIGENS, who underwent an operation...President DANIEL P. MARTINIAK of FOP Lodge 89 would like all newly-sworn in officers to contact their section representatives for membership. West Section: Patrolmen ROBERT STECFICK and WILLIAM MCKENZIE; North Section: Patrolmen JOHN LEAHY and TIM O'MAHONY; South Section: Patrolmen LEON RUTH, BERNARD McLAUGHLIN, MICHAEL CONSENTINO and PHILLIP THOMAS; Office: Sergeant HEINZ VOGT. ..Sergeant MARVIN GOLDWATER, radio man and communication officer, who assigns all beat cars, is really doing a wonderful job...Our Patrolman of the Month for November is Officer TOMMY L. BOSLEY of the West Section unit. Officer Bosley was chosen because of his alertness, aggressiveness and conduct as a police officer. Officer Bosley started with the CTA

as a bus operator and joined the uniform patrol division in 1973. Since then he has received many letters of commendation for his outstanding work. His latest letter of commendation was from the Chicago Police Department for helping a police officer who was being beaten by four men at Pulaski and Lake. Officer Bosley used his car radio to call for help and then assisted the officer. Officer Bosley completed his basic law course at the U of I in Champaign and was elected vice-president of his class. Good luck, Officer Bosley, and keep up the good work.

- Frank Pickett Jr.

DATA CENTER -

We would like to welcome BILL MOORE, NIVA OGHIGIAN and ARLENE JENNY to our staff. Bill, a recent graduate of Circle Campus, just completed his CPA exam. The results will not be known until February. Good luck!...ANNE HAUPT, secretary to Director PAUL INDA, and RON BANDUR were married Oct. 25 at St. Maurice church. There were six bridesmaids in attendance. The reception was held at the Velvet Coachman. The honeymoon location was a surprise for Anne until they reached the airport. The Bandurs flew to Orlando, Fla., and also visited Disney World...GERRY BLAIR and his daughter recently joined the YMCA's Indian Princess group. He spent two fun-filled days in Wisconsin with 100 fathers and 150 daughters. Gerry's known around the campfires as "Old Crow"...PHILLIP PAKER and his wife, DIANE, announced the birth of their third child, AARON DAVID, born Sept. 19 weighing 7 pounds 13 ounces. Judging from his hospital picture, Phil thinks he may be a boxer...MARY ANN BANDUR along with her Christmas shopping, is in the market to buy miniature light fixtures. Mary Ann's hobby is filling and decorating a two-story miniature colonial mansion. Her husband, KEVIN, has done all the

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electrical work and is assisting her in wall papering and carpeting. "It's time-consuming but enjoyable," says Mary Ann. ..MARY GRACE CASTILLO tells us she is expecting twins. She is due in late February or early March. Her doctor tells her that twins usually arrive three to four weeks early. Since she may resign before our next issue, we wish her the best of luck. She will be missed by our staff... Happy birthday to our Sagittarians and Capricorns, LEO BRUDNICKI, JIM GRIFIN, ROSLYN STEINBERG, TOM BOLDT, BOB RIZZARDINI, LOU RUTTKAY, BOB KAPUT and KRIS HANLON...We'd like to wish all CTAers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Jane McGuan

ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -
"Look right this way, here we are!" Seems like only yesterday when we read these words, right? Wrong! It has been over four years. This was the beginning line for our first column back in June, 1971. Since then we have had some good times meeting here each month. You guys have been very good to me during this time. You not only have continued to look this way, but you have cooperated majestically, sharing the highlights of your vacations, fortunes, misfortunes or whatever with us. We have been able to laugh at our

mistakes. What else can I say but simply thanks...We offer an apology to two signalmen whose names were mis-spelled in our last edition. My assistant nor I can take the blame for that misprint, and we dare not blame it on the Editor or you would not be reading this in this article. We recommend to DON TOPOLINSKI and LOU GONZALEZ to make it easier on all of us, why not change your names...On the job again and slowly sliding into the harness is PAUL CLEAVER. Mr. Cleaver is superintendent of signals and communication. He entered the hospital for correction of a serious eye disorder. His stay also netted him correction of an abdominal disorder. Is that two for the price of one, Paul? Keeping vigil and making the countless trips to the hospital was his lovely wife, CATHERINE. Sorry about the backlog of work awaiting you when you returned. I guess we still need you around. Welcome back. . . In the hospital at this time after undergoing an operation is Signal Helper WILLIAM KURTIN. We wish you a speedy recovery, Bill, and are looking forward to your return...Signal Helper HENRY MURRY bought a new car--an Audi 100. In so doing, he joins two other Audi owners: FRANK HALPER and DAVE BATTERSON. At the time of this writing, I haven't found out what's so right with this little foreign car that three of our signalmen would go out and buy (or borrow) one. These three men work out of 61st Street if that means anything...I am still in contact with DAN MORIARTY. As you know he has had quite a battle with a serious illness. Dan said he has high hopes, but is not setting the date when he will be back to work. He expects to be busy for the next few days taking some more treatments and putting on some more weight. Hurry back, Dan, the guys miss you...Well that's it folks. Summer has escaped us again and the mild Indian summer has passed. We are now into the season of short days and long nights when more time is spent indoors with the family planning for the holidays. Everyone is looking forward to the brightly decorated Christmas trees and the thrill of receiving and giving of gifts on Christmas day. This is all followed closely by the beginning of a brand new year. So don't just sit around complaining about having to shovel snow and bundling up against the winter winds, try spreading a little cheer; after all, 'tis the season to be jolly...All you fellows know that vacation season is over, but none of you bothered to tell me. When I found out, I'd already been away for a week of the stuff. I had this feeling of getting out of town and just making it. When I could not control this feeling any longer, I pulled my wife, LENNIE, off her job, grabbed a bundle standing at the door, that turned out to be our three-year-old daughter, ROBIN, wheeled out of the driveway and minutes later was roaring down the highway. That's how our one-week vacation was--spontaneous, fancy free and plain delightful.

Now did I do wrong?..There is an opening this month for more new members of the "year older club", and here are some fellows who have been waiting for just this kind of break. Please step this way gentlemen. By the way, pick up your "Happy Birthday Anniversary" greetings near the welcome sign. When I call your name you are supposed to say, "Glad to be here." You are: Signal Maintainer DAVE GREIG, Nov. 6; Retired Relay Repairman CARL GUSE, Nov. 22; Signal Helper HENRY MURRY, Nov. 7; Signal Helper FRANK GUARDERAS, Nov. 28, and Signal Maintainer RON OCLON, Nov. 20. Do your thing, guys, while I go look for more members...Regretfully we report the death of Dr. SAMUEL D. LURILLO of Chicago Heights, Ill. Dr. Lurillo, who has practiced dentistry for more than 30 years, was the father-in-law of Signal Helper MICHAEL PEDERSOLI. To Mike, SUZANNE and the entire bereaved family, you have our prayers in your hour of sorrow...Signal Maintainer PAUL JANKOWSKI and his lovely wife, INGRID, are still cherishing the memory of their last fishing trip to Hayward, Wis. Paul said the fishing was excellent and that the entire outing was refreshing and delightful. When asked if he felt bad about his wife catching the most fish, Paul said, "She always does, that's why I brought her along." Paul is a practical man...I promised to let you know when CLYDE YOUNT returned to work after his period of recuperation from an operation. So here it is--he's back...Our sincere thanks goes to Signal Engineer KEN BISSET and his lovely wife, DONNA, who shared some of the highlights of their vacation trip to London, England, with us. Their week spent in England was divided between taking in the sights of greater London and absorbing the beauty of the countryside. This trip had to be very easy for Donna, as she was traveling with "Sir Ken" who was born in England. Ken spent a lot of time on the underground, London's answer to our subway. With his camera in one hand and note pad in the other, he was at home anywhere on the London Transport, which operates London's entire mass transportation system. When talking to Bisset, you get the feeling that London is a goodly mixture of the old and the new. Ken said in London, when they use the word old, they mean the very old--over 200 years old. For example their underground, or tube as it is sometimes called, was begun in 1863 at which time steam engines were used. No, it didn't happen that way, this was not a company-financed trip. Ken, I envy you for your library. I bet it has increased more than 300 slides on this trip alone.

- Tommie Lowery

FOREST GLEN -

A very Merry Christmas to all, and the best in the New Year. May all your hopes and dreams come true...Operator STROPE

and his lovely wife, MARY ANN, became the proud parents of a baby girl, JENNIFER ELIZABETH, weighing 10 pounds 6 ounces. I wish to apologize for the delay in printing this announcement. I know how happy this fine couple is. I had the article right after the birth, but must have misplaced it along with the picture...Operator CARL NELSON and his wife, BARBARA, enjoyed a two-week vacation in Hawaii where they visited Honolulu, Waikiki Beach and the Islands of Kauai and Maui. Carl said that the Pearl Harbor cruise and the Arizona Memorial awakened some memories of World War II. Carl also said that surf riding would have been fun if he could stay on the surf board. Barbara can do the hula after only one lesson...Another operator who made the islands for 10 days was HENRY WISINSKI and his wife...Operator KENNEDY recently became a grandfather for the first time. No wonder he is all smiles...Operator WILSON celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary on Dec. 10. He said it as though the wedding was only last week...Operator UTLEY had a housewarming party and invited around 75 guests. Everyone had a fine time and the food and drinks were great...A belated happy birthday to Supervisor HANDS. Keep up the good work, I see great things in the future for you...Retired Forest Glen Operator NICK RUPP, who has been taking it easy for the past two years, was surprised with a birthday party given by his daughter, PEARL, and friends. Nick received a birthday cake baked by yours truly...JOHN MAHNKE became a grandfather again. His son, JACK, reports that it was a boy, and both mother and child are doing fine... Leaving us on Jan. 1 will be Clerk JACK MOREAU, a very fine gentleman. We sure hate to see him retire. Jack says that he and the Mrs. will now have more time for dancing. I understand that they are a wonderful dancing team. Good luck, Jack, and drop in and see us now and then...Supervisor GALLAGHER is planning to retire next September. In the meantime, he is getting fitted for a new wig. Of course he will need several fittings to get the right one, as he wants it ready for when he retires as he and the Mrs. are going to Ireland. It will be sort of a surprise for his family and friends, as it is supposed to be a secret. So please keep it under your hat. ..I would like to say hello to WILLIE DUREN down in Florence, Ala. Hope you are feeling good. We all miss you, so take care of yourself...To Clerk SAM GIRARD, we are wise to your little tricks. I know you are the one who likes to put all that paper in my box. Better be careful, I may set a trap for you...Pensioner W. LYONS dropped by the other day, along with Pensioner GEORGE SPORLEDER, and both of them looked great. George and his wife, MARY, took a trip to sunny Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and were the guests of Retired Kedzie Chief Clerk FRANK and ELAINE CARPINO. The Carpinos and Sporleders plus Mr. and Mrs. ART KRICKOW, Mr. and

Mrs. PETE CARPINO and Mr. and Mrs. ED KACZMAREK were guests of ED (the chicken baron of Florida) and CEIL MUCHA. Ed Mucha was a bus operator from Forest Glen and envisioned his dream when driving a bus on Montrose Avenue and then spread his wings in flight to Florida. The day's outing for the group was a trip on a 38-foot sailboat on the ocean accompanied by relaxing music and refreshments served by Frank Carpino. Towards evening they docked at Creighton's restaurant on the Intracoastal waters for an enjoyable dinner as guests of Ed Mucha. After dinner they returned to the Mucha residence for more liquid refreshments and were entertained with organ music by Val Kaczmarek...This being the Christmas Season, your credit union is a good place to get some extra cash and also to save.

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

GENERAL OFFICE (Medical) -

Lady Luck finally met up with Dr. PECK. The first time in his life he ever won something--a 10 pound frozen turkey which we all are looking forward to sharing.

(Personnel) -

Sorry to hear about DON RIESS who is spending his time at home recuperating from surgery. Hurry back, we sure miss you...Temporarily we are enjoying the company of MIKE BARRY who is working in the Mart as an interviewer after being transferred from Limits. We sure miss MIKE NARDULLI who replaced Mr. Barry at Limits.

Two moves in November. BILL SHOLDICE and his wife, NANCY, of Library Services, from their apartment in Norridge to a condominium in Morton Grove, and DAN KANE from River Grove to a high rise apartment in Old Town...LEN LOHN and his wife, JULIA, headed south for Thanksgiving where they spent the holiday in Tampa, Fla., with their son, MEL. Believe it or not Dan Kane of the same department went on the same airplane. Len's son, STEVE, and his wife, MARY, presented grandpa with his first grandson. Len now has five granddaughters and one grandson. Steve also works for the CTA.

(Insurance & Pensions) -

Belated birthday greetings are extended to MAUREEN PALMER who celebrated on Nov. 17.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauster

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

The Happy Birthday Melody went out to DORIS WINFREY, BILL ROMAN, MARTY FLANAGAN, EDNA SOUTHWORTH, TOM GOGGIN, REBECCA COUSIN and SAM (Gentleman Sam) ELLIS since our last

column. Oops, I forgot to include someone--me!..We wish to congratulate JIM and ROSE TOOLIS on their 35th wedding anniversary. The happy day was celebrated with their six children and six grandchildren...According to BOB PIEPER the most intelligent salmon were in Traverse City, Mich., last month. They were so smart, they'd take the bait right off the hook and away they'd go. Bob's son-in-law managed to keep a large one on the hook for a half hour but then lost it, bait and all...The "heavy" of the South Shops decided to take a few rookie bowlers to the bowling alley and teach them a lesson on how to throw "Brooklyns" throughout the 10 frames. From C.O.G. (channels of gossip), it was learned that the "heavy", LARRY TISHER, didn't expect the new faces and tough competition. Larry did win high series with a 693 over four games, and a high average of 173, but he had to put a lot of arm behind the ball when L. HARRIS beat him in a game by 50 pins. Not only that, "The Tish" swore that "TERMITE" of Storeroom 7 was just lucky to bowl that 221 taking high game honors. J. W. WHITTLEY came in time for the second game and was heard whispering over the counter, "Do you have a size 11½ shoe in stock?" After pushing the toe out of a size 11 shoe, Whittley got his feet pointed in the right direction and bowled a sizzling 140. V. GRIFFIN took time out from his honeymoon and let his presence be known by improving his 103 game to a 118. Not bad for a newlywed, huh? D. SMITH shocked everyone. Smitty bowled 89 the first game, 128 the second, and 138 in the last. Old man CRUSOE went from 88 to 117. C. DICKERSON and J. (Q) ASKEW from Bay 6 came along to show what they could do. Dickerson jumped from a low 89 game to 132, while Askew scored consistently in the low 130s. We could go on and on with this, but it would be best to let the guys who bowled tell you who the "heavy" really is...The South Shops would like to welcome RALPH PODGORSKI, Storeroom 59, into their ever growing CB Club, and the guys are looking forward to having VICTOR GRIFFIN, Storeroom 59, make that big move...Happy hunting to C. (The Godfather) BANDFORD, Storeroom 50, on his two-week vacation in the south hills of Meridian, Miss...Good wishes and a speedy recovery to Specifications Engineer FRANK MAGUIRE who is presently ill, and a warm welcome back to ED AHLBRAND...We extend condolences to BILL CANTRELL, West Shops, whose father passed away...Last but not least, have a very Merry Christmas and I'm making a New Year's resolution to have more news--God willing, good news--in the coming year.

- Delores Duff

NORTH AVENUE -

A warm welcome is extended to the new operators who have come to us within the

Service anniversaries in December

35 years

G. Bagger, Treasury
G. R. Batterson, District A
V. Divita, Skokie Shop
J. H. Gallagher, District D
H. L. Grant, 77th Street
J. H. Hakanson, Forest Glen
R. H. Hammerschmidt, 69th Street
P. Klug, North Park
W. E. Lembachner, Claims Law
M. M. McCormick, North Section
G. E. Melander, 69th Street
A. J. Mescher, North Avenue
W. J. Skorupski, West Section
J. J. Stich, North Avenue
E. E. Stobart, Forest Glen
L. L. Targosz, West Section
M. Veltri, North Section
S. M. Zielinski, South Section

30 years

L. J. Albers, South Shops
J. M. Czaja, Skokie Shop
G. R. Duszynski, Forest Glen
R. W. Ferrari, North Rail District
E. K. Graetz, North Section
R. Graham, Kedzie
H. L. Gustafson, West Section
A. Higgins, Forest Glen
W. A. Jarchow, Archer
T. M. Kaczynski, Limits
J. Kaltsas, South Section
N. A. Lorenzi, Electrical
J. F. Matuszewski, West Section
W. McClanahan, South Rail District
R. J. Noakes, Schedules
G. Phillips, Skokie Shop
W. R. Pochordo, Utility
F. Rakstis, Harlem Maint. Terminal
E. E. Richardson, 69th Street
K. W. Ruehlmann, North Section
E. F. Steffan, 69th Street
H. J. Walsh, 77th Street

25 years

J. Batups, 52nd Street
M. J. Boski, General Operations
F. L. Brady, Personnel Administration
J. Devine, Stores-South
J. Evans, 52nd Street
J. Kilcullen, Stores-South
M. E. Link, North Park
W. A. Little, Skokie Shop

A. C. Loman, South Section
V. M. Lovelady, District A
J. B. Mitchell, South Section
A. M. Monson, Administrative Services
J. W. O'Shaughnessy, Skokie Shop
G. E. Peppard, Electrical
M. N. Reynolds, North Section
J. Stewart, Buildings & Grounds
W. D. Sudduth, 61st Maint. Terminal
J. A. Vodvarka, Transp. Support Services
E. J. Weston, Limits
F. A. Zbroskewich, Utility

last month...Pensioner RAYMOND NEWMAN paid us a visit en route to join the innumerable caravan of retired operators who have taken up residence in Arizona... It was a couple of chips off the old block as Operator HENRY HARTFORD and his wife, PATRICIA, were presented with a boy, PATRICK, weighing in at 9 pounds 7 ounces. It was a boy, KELVIN, for Operator VAL CHURCH and his wife, DOROTHY...We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of Operators LADELL JACKSON and RAYMOND MASON in the death of their fathers...KAY PERNICE, the wife of Operator JOSEPH PERNICE, is home from the hospital. Pernice is happy in more ways than one, since he found out that cooking is not an easy chore...Operator ALBERT LOWERY and his wife, VERLA, were elated over the visit of their son, ALBERT Jr., and sisters, VIRGINIA LITTLEJOHN and LILLIE P. BATES, from Arkansas. Al said the visit gave him added sinew to report back to work after having been off sick for a period of time... A speedy recovery to Operator EDWARD MURPHY, who is off due to illness. Ed was hospitalized for a period of time...

Operator JOHN M. WEATHERSPOON has returned to the fold after undergoing surgery and being off on the sick list...We erroneously titled Operator WHITE in our column of the October edition. We wish to correct that article to read Supervisor White...Best of luck to Clerk BILL PLATT, the newest addition to the office staff...The dual position of switchboard operator and night doorman has been strengthened with the appointments of TOM DOBBYN and CHARLEY LUEPKE...Dame Fortune has caused the next two items to take the form of a sonnet as VIRGINIA, the wife of switchboard impressario WALTER BLIX, celebrated her 25th year of married life with Walter, and spent a few days in the Mayo Clinic, 17 days in the hospital, and then returned home with the same severe pains. She returned to the hospital for surgery and is still hospitalized at the time of this writing. During the interim, the Blix home was burglarized. Hang in there, Walter. The truth is always stranger than fiction...Operator GEORGE DE-ROSE was the winner of \$50,000 in the Illinois Lottery. As a gesture of the fraternal feeling and a display of the tradi-

tional esprit de corps at North Avenue, it was coffee and sweet rolls for all with George hosting and picking up the bill. With all sincerity, we can say without reluctance, "he's a jolly good fella."..The spirit of Thanksgiving is still faintly with us, so let the residual of giving thanks extend on to the last, the greatest holiday of the year, Christmas, the birthday of Jesus. We are blessed by being Americans, and we are further blessed by being employed by or retired from the CTA, the greatest company of its kind in the entire universe. Therefore, while we are enjoying the festive moods of the holidays, let us not forget those of far and near that are less fortunate than we. Keeping in mind and being sustained by the truth that "it is better to give than to receive," allow me, along with the members of my family, to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a joyous, healthy, and prosperous year in 1976.

- Aaron Pruitt

NORTH PARK -

Operator CHARLES KEMP enjoyed his annual pheasant hunting trip on a farm in Marengo, Ill., where he caught his limit of birds...Clerks LARRY and RON MILLER hunted ducks on Larry's property, using Ron's new breed hunting dogs, and report a successful catch...Operator ROBERT FLOOD, who won the state checker championship, is now involved with 10 other checker players from the United States in an international series with a team of players from the British Isles. This tournament is being conducted by mail and will take several months to complete...Operator LARRY McDERMOTT and his wife, VIRGINIA, spent a week in Columbus, Ohio, where their daughter, VIRGINIA, is a professor of communications at Ohio State university. Also on the agenda was a week taking care of their estate in Waupaca, Wis., where they are getting things in shape for Larry's retirement in January... Operator ED JENKINS and his wife, KATHRYN, vacationed in Abbeville, S.C., where they visited for 10 days with their relatives. The scenery of the Smokey and Blue Ridge mountains were most enjoyed...Operator FRANK KOZIOL and his wife, FLORENCE, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas, where they stayed at the Desert Inn taking in several shows. They also visited San Francisco where they stayed at the Travel Lodge on the wharf...Sanitary Engineer RAY JABLECKI won a State Lottery prize of \$1,000 in October. Rumor has it that he and his wife will be taking off for sunnier skies for a vacation...WANDA BLACK, our first woman clerk, is still alive after being buried under a mountain of work and instructors... Chief Clerk JERRY BLAKE and his wife, SHIRLEY, enjoyed their Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their daughter, CAROL, and her husband, HARVEY WALLIS, who reside in

New Jersey...Clerk ART TROPPLER while on his vacation, decided to overhaul his snowmobile. He is expecting some big snow storms around his Mundelein home... ERIC JOHNSON, the son of Superintendent ALEX and HELEN JOHNSON, suffered a broken leg while attending Augustana college. At this writing Eric is hobbling along satisfactorily... Clerk JOHN WATHIER and his wife, MARIE, suffered through John's vacation with severe colds and had to postpone their vacation plans until John's retirement in the near future. Assistant Superintendent LOUIS MUELLER and his wife, MARGARITE, vacationed throughout Florida and enjoyed their stay in Clearwater where the sun and weather was most enjoyed...Operator LUIS FLORES and his wife, ANA, became parents of a son named PAUL, born on Oct. 23 weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces...Instructor JOHN PERKINS and his wife, DIANE, became parents of a daughter named HEATHER MARIE, born Nov. 4 at Skokie Valley hospital weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces. Congratulations to the above families... Street Collector SAM POSNER is now at home recovering from recent surgery and has high hopes of returning to work soon... A pat on the back is extended to Vacation Relief Superintendent CARL WHITE who filled in for Assistant Superintendent Mueller while he was on vacation...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to Operator FRANCIS GALLAGHER in the loss of his beloved mother, Mrs. ANNIE GALLAGHER.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Enjoying December vacations are: Assistant Day Foreman TONY KASMAN, Repairmen AL FERNANDEZ, HOWARD HALVERSON, DONALD SPARKS, FRED BAKER, DAN PRISBLE and PAUL SCHREVEVES, Servicemen DONALD COOK and GENE DRZEWICKI... Repairman PAUL SCHREVEVES plans to hold his annual Christmas block party and entertain his neighbors with many fine Christmas selections on his beautiful theatre organ...I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the men in each department who have helped me with news items each month...When Assistant Day Foreman TONY KASMAN retires Dec. 31 the Kasman family will have accrued 194 years of service with CSL and CTA: 38 years by the late Joseph Kasman Sr. of 69th Street, 36 years by the late Al Kasman of Archer, 45 years by Pensioner John Kasman from 77th Street, 40 years by Tony, 28 years by Michael Kasman at Forest Glen Garage and 7 years by Judith Kasman who worked in the General Office.

All of the office personnel, superintendents ALEX JOHNSON, WILLIAM PARNUM, LOUIS MUELLER and MELVIN LINK, the instructors, clerks and janitors, wish to extend Season's Greetings to all employees at this station and their families.

- Melvin Horning

OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH SABOL flew to Miami Beach, Fla., to visit with relatives and friends. Joe came back with a beautiful tan...The Schedule Department was blessed with many holiday season birthdays. Best wishes to KAY BATINA, ED REILLY, JOE SABOL and WALTER THOMAS...Our deepest sympathy is extended to WILLIE SCOTT upon the death of his father, and to JAMES MARBLE, traffic checker, upon the death of his father... A very Merry Christmas to all.

- Kay Batina & Linda Grysbeck

PLANT MAINTENANCE (West Shops) -

Happy to report that SAM SPIZZIRRI, carpenter, is home from the hospital and doing just fine. Before long, Sam, you will be back among us...WALLY HALLFORD, supervisor, escalator maintenance, spent his one week of vacation fishing with his buddies. He didn't do any bragging so I assume that the fish weren't biting...Good news about IRV JOHNSON, transfer room. He is home from the hospital and coming along very well. Take care, mind your doctor, Irv... LENA JONES, clerk for Buildings & Grounds, has been asked to be score keeper for the basketball team. Mark them all down, Lena...The plumbers from the West Shops scored again when Plumbers Local No. 130 held their fall raffle. Following are a list of winners: PAT MCGING, hockey tickets; JAMES DEPRATT, badminton and volleyball set; TOM BUTLER, coaster glass set, and CHESTER MAJEROWICZ, binoculars... Congratulations to EUGENE GARCIA on becoming a plumber...We want to welcome the following to the West Shops territory: Utility Department, Storerooms 20 and 43, Methods & Standards Department, and the Electrical Maintenance Department. Happy to have you with us...My best wishes to all for a Happy Holiday.

- Jennie Scott

TRANSPORTATION -

Another CTA marriage took place recently. On Oct. 25 BARBARA SIMIC and STEVE MARTIN were married at 4 o'clock mass at St. Jerome's church with the reception in the church hall. Barbara is a steno here in 7-187. Steve works in Engineering and his father, AL, works in Purchasing. One of the bridesmaids, TONI MISETIC, works in Insurance and her husband, KRESO, who was an usher, works at Skokie Shop. The newlyweds went to Kentucky and Tennessee for their honeymoon. Con-



Barbara & Steve Martin

gratulations and the best of everything is wished to the Martins.

(Utility) -

We welcome to Utility MICHAEL KELLY, Forest Glen Repair; BERNARD HACK, 77th Street Repair; JOHN O'KEEFE, Forest Glen Repair; GARY BUTLER, Kedzie Repair...Good luck to WALTER ANDERSON who transferred to Plant Maintenance. Our sincere condolences to MILFORD CUMBERLANDER in the death of his brothers... WILLIAM POCHORDO's son was united in holy matrimony to SHIRLEY ANN RACZY on Sept. 19... EDWARD SHIELDS retired on Oct. 1. Out to wish him luck were J. KUTA, A. CANDELA, R. O'GORMAN, L. LINDNER, D. COUGHLIN and A. EIERMAN who is 81 years of age... JIM ROCHE is now home from the hospital recuperating and doing fine...OK, Utility, let's hear it for Mrs. O. W. JOHNSON. She has shown us the beautiful side of humanity. Yes, she did it again--with her artistic creations of goodies at every retirement pep talk. It's time we let her know that we are able to support that crushing load called gratitude. Thanks, Mrs. Johnson, you are the greatest!

- Colette Szyzpanek

SOUTH SECTION -

A very Merry Christmas to you and yours. May the holiday season bring forth many wonderful happenings...As I mentioned in my last column our South Section station superintendent's office is now settled in at 95th Street. Superintendent STAN CHRIST, myself, and my hubby, Chief Clerk RON, moved from the Ashland office to 95th. Assistant Superintendent DAVID MARTIN moved from 95th Street to Ashland. We like our new headquarters very much and everyone has made us feel right at home... Congratulations to those who made "Employee of the Year"... Conductor CURTIS MORRIS is a very happy man. On the new instant lottery he won \$1,000. You should see him smile. Lucky man...We're having quite a change-over in our new system pick effective in December. So good luck to everyone leaving to work other sections, and hello to everyone coming to the South Section... Cheers to Motorman FRANK KLEKOVICH and Conductor JOHN KALTASAS who now are back at work and off the sick list. Also heard that Janitor CLARENCE THOMAS and Agent SHIRLEY ANDERSON are back to work from the sick list... District Superintendent WILLIAM NASH is very proud of his daughter, GAIL, who is a part-time model. He showed us her picture in the current Jet magazine and she is a doll. She goes under the name of Gail Bennett, so be sure and look for her in magazines. She also had her picture in the Defender newspaper. She works for the State of Illinois unemployment office and recently received a promotion. She also teaches modeling at the Cleo Johnson

RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

Modeling school. . . Retired Supervisor WALTER HILL, who lived in St. Petersburg, Fla., passed away recently and the funeral was here in Chicago. . . The 1975 CTA basketball league is starting to play. Motorman ROBERT JAMES, 61st Street, has been selected as vice-chairman of the league. Let's go-go-go everyone and have a successful season. . . Our condolences to Supervisor ANDY O'BRIEN in the loss of his brother, and to Agent DOROTHY HARMON in the loss of her father. . . Retired Conductor PHARAOH (Mother-in-law) CAIN stopped by 95th Street to pay us a visit. He and his wife had just returned from a trip to New Orleans where they visited with Retired Conductor MOSES GILES and his wife. . . Good news: Clerk JOHN BARRY's wife, NORRINE, who had that dreaded mosquito disease is now home from the hospital. We all hope that she has a quick recovery now that she is home. . . Retired Conductor FRANK PONZIANO's son, FRANK, was married to DEBORAH CZERWINSKI on Nov. 15 at St. Victor's church. A big reception was held at the Club Allegro. Congratulations to Frank Sr. and his wife, and to Frank Jr. and his new bride. We were sorry we couldn't attend this happy event due to prior commitments. . . A big thank-you to Retired Conductor PAUL DUCAR and his wife, SADIE, who live in Lompoc, Cal., for sending me some lovely "Sand Dollars." I shall treasure them always. . . Conductor GEORGE BURNS received a passenger commendation recently for his clear and distinct announcements.

- Verna Hartney

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Skokie Shop) -

By the time you read this article, we will be well into the holiday season with all its hustle and bustle. But we do hope you will find the time to read what we have gathered in the past month. Of course it's not going to take you very long to read it, as we didn't gather too much news. So here goes. . . GENE JANKOWSKI, upholsterer, is happy to announce the marriage of his daughter, JANICE MARIE, to STEPHEN ALLEN MURPHY on Oct. 25 at St. Monica's church. The wedding reception was held at the White Eagles restaurant in Niles. To the happy couple, we extend our best wishes for a long and happy marriage. . . CHESTER BUJNOWSKI, electrical foreman, and his wife, MARY, celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary on Nov. 9. Congratulations to both of you. It's only 21 more years to your golden anniversary and we hope they'll be as happy as the last 29. . . Now for some baby news and the announcement of a new member of the Grandfather's Club. JOHN RUSS, shopman I, and his wife, MARIAN, are the proud new grandparents of a darling baby girl, MELISSA ANN, who weighed in at 8 pounds 1 ounce on Oct. 4. This is their first grandchild, and the new mommy is their daughter, MARY ELLEN MCKINLEY, a former

WILLIAM BENNETT, 89, 77th Street, Emp. 10-6-09, Died 10-26-75
 JOSEPH BOLECH Sr., 87, West Shops, Emp. 5-9-10, Died 10-1-75
 ANNA BRANDSETH, 88, Claim, Emp. 6-18-21, Died 10-10-75
 PAUL BROTT, 57, South Shops, Emp. 7-3-47, Died 10-9-75
 DELOSS CARSON, 70, Beverly, Emp. 1-11-26, Died 10-1-75
 WALTER CICHY, 67, North Avenue, Emp. 3-9-37, Died 10-13-75
 EDGAR COATES, 67, Purchasing, Emp. 9-2-26, Died 10-10-75
 LILLIAN CONROY, 65, West Section, Emp. 4-11-64, Died 10-20-75
 FRANCIS CURRAN, 83, 77th Street, Emp. 3-18-13, Died 10-8-75
 FRANK DELAQUILA, 62, Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-20-39, Died 10-23-75
 THOMAS DUNN, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 4-22-44, Died 10-22-75
 GEORGE EICHAKER, 87, Limits, Emp. 5-27-11, Died 10-20-75
 JULIUS FALKENSKOV, 87, Lawrence, Emp. 4-6-21, Died 10-4-75
 JOHN FITZPATRICK, 83, 69th Street, Emp. 12-23-19, Died 10-21-75
 FRITZ FOGDE, 72, South Shops, Emp. 4-30-26, Died 10-23-75
 PATRICK HARTNETT, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 11-6-25, Died 11-5-75
 FRANK HEMSTREET, 81, Lawndale, Emp. 4-15-19, Died 10-24-75
 HARRY JACOBSON, 63, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-24-36, Died 10-20-75
 LUKE KEEL, 54, Archer, Emp. 3-12-53, Died 11-3-75
 PATRICK KELLEHER, 73, Kedzie, Emp. 9-2-42, Died 10-6-75
 THEODORE KOTAS, 71, North Section, Emp. 7-30-53, Died 10-30-75

WILLIAM LEAHY, 76, 77th Street, Emp. 3-12-23, Died 10-14-75
 WILLIAM LYNN, 84, 77th Street, Emp. 4-27-23, Died 10-13-75
 WALTER MAJEWSKI, 57, Maintenance, Emp. 1-23-47, Died 10-24-75
 WILLIAM MANNION, 77, 69th Street, Emp. 6-5-25, Died 10-5-75
 WILLIAM MILLER, 84, South Section, Emp. 5-22-12, Died 10-17-75
 WILLIAM MUNNELLY, 71, 61st Street, Emp. 9-30-42, Died 10-5-75
 PAUL PETERSON, 82, 77th Street, Emp. 2-6-13, Died 10-20-75
 EUGENE ROGERS, 57, Bldgs. & Grounds, Emp. 10-1-56, Died 10-21-75
 HAROLD RUCKDESCHEL, 72, North Park, Emp. 4-10-43, Died 10-9-75
 ALBERT SAWYER, 85, Devon, Emp. 8-17-22, Died 10-4-75
 ELMER SCHILDT, 73, Congress, Emp. 10-22-18, Died 10-7-75
 RAYMOND SCHRAMM, 69, Accounting, Emp. 9-14-25, Died 10-9-75
 FRANK SOLURI, 66, South Shops, Emp. 6-24-37, Died 10-21-75
 ADOLPH STRANSKI, 66, Archer, Emp. 4-22-47, Died 10-5-75
 DENIS TOLAND, 76, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-15-34, Died 10-26-75
 MATT TOMASIC, 73, Engineering, Emp. 10-10-26, Died 10-5-75
 JOSEPH TONN, 70, Executive, Emp. 2-17-42, Died 10-29-75
 CHARLES WAADEN, 88, Electrical, Emp. 12-12-12, Died 10-9-75
 ANTHONY WALSH, 84, Cottage Grove, Emp. 3-29-23, Died 10-26-75
 ARTHUR WASHO, 88, North Section, Emp. 12-3-08, Died 10-26-75
 BENJAMIN WATTS, 63, South Section, Emp. 8-27-52, Died 9-27-75
 JOHN WILMES, 91, Lincoln, Emp. 4-4-23, Died 11-5-75

CTA employee from Research and Planning. The blessed event occurred in Memphis, Tenn., where John and Marian spent five weeks on vacation awaiting the arrival of the new baby. . .

We are still receiving some vacation news, and this time it concerns TED SZYMANSKI's trip to the West. Ted, electrical, and his wife, LEONORA, traveled to Phoenix, Las Vegas, and Albuquerque. While they were in Arizona they stopped to see EARL LEAMING, retired general foreman of Skokie Shop, and his wife, GRACE. . . While on the subject of vacations, EVERETT EN-



Ted, Grace & Earl

GLAND and his wife, MARCELLA, took to the roads several times this past year and had themselves a very nice time. In their travels they stopped in Virginia and had a very nice visit with HERB LINDQUIST, retired electrical foreman, and his wife, FRAN. While they were down in Florida, they saw ERNIE JONES, retired foreman of Wilson Terminal, and his wife, LOIS. We received word that Ernie and Lois treated themselves to a fabulous vacation cruise to celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary. Their two-week cruise aboard the Nordic Prince took them to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Haiti and South America. Sounds like a very nice cruise, and a very nice way to celebrate their anniversary. . . We also received word that OLLIE LAND, retired Paint Shop foreman, is moving to California. We all want to wish him well in his new home. . .

Our prayers and hopes go with ED BLI-CHARZ, Production Supply Control, to Mayo Clinic for further tests and consultations regarding that ailing leg of his. Come back with good news, Ed...Belated happy birthday wishes to ED HENDRICKSON, retired superintendent of Skokie Shop, who celebrated his birthday on Nov. 6. I know you're probably wondering why I'm using the Transit News to wish my husband a happy birthday. Well, it's like this--with the money I had for his birthday card I bought myself an ice cream cone. And seeing his birthday was the day before payday, he was out of luck...So with that we'll leave you and be back again next month. To all of you, have a Happy Holiday Season!

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

(South Shops) -

We hated to say goodbye to DENISE COX on Oct. 31. Denise is awaiting the birth of her first child. We all wish her the best of luck and hope that she will return and bring the baby with her...PAT JONES and her family will have an out-of-town visitor for Thanksgiving--her mother, Mrs. LUCILLE STERLING, from New Orleans... We would also like to say goodbye to CHUCK LIEDTKE who left CTA for another position in another company. We all wish him luck. Come back and see us, Chuck...If anyone was wondering why ERNIE KAYE had been walking around with a grin on his face, well wonder no more. The month of October was quite a month as Ernie celebrated his birthday (?), one of his granddaughters, WENDY WILDER, was selected Little Miss Peanut of Blue Island, Ill., and last but not least, his pride and joy, his daughter, ROBYN, and some of her co-workers, made a TV commercial (sure money) for Bell Federal Savings & Loan. Robyn, a recent graduate of Maria High school, was to have gone to work for the CTA, but somehow Bell Federal got hold of her. So CTA's loss is Bell Federal's gain. Congratulations, Ernie Kaye!.. Welcome back to JIM FELTZ who spent a week's vacation in Hawaii with his wife, DIANE, and parents. Jim is the only one around here walking around with a tan.



Robyn Kaye

From the Shops--Our prayers and hopes go out to AL WENDT, mechanic in Bay 6, who is recuperating at home after open heart surgery. The same prayers go out to ALEX GASSICK, print shop, who is at home recovering from his illness. Good luck to both of you from all of us here at South Shops, and hurry back to work...Congratulations are in order for JOAN and WAYNE MATEJKA on the arrival of their

first baby, JEFFREY SCOTT, who weighed in at 7 pounds. Mother and baby are doing fine, but daddy is not sleeping nights... Good luck to JIMMIE L. BEATTY and LEONARD BOTTANDO who are leaving the South Shops Electrical Department to accept new positions as "B" helpers in the outside Electrical Department. I wonder how Lenny will survive with only a single lunch period...ED (Shoes) GERTZ is still at home nursing his injury after an accident here at the Shops. We wish you a speedy recovery, Shoes...The Brake Department's HENRY MILEWSKI and his wife, BERNICE, spent a glorious 18-day vacation in Hawaii recently. Upon returning home to Chicago, Bernice had to have surgery on one of her eyes to correct a defect. The operation was a success and she is doing very well resting at home... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. TED CATTONI on the marriage of their daughter, SHIRLEY, to GEORGE ALKOVITCH at St. George's Catholic church, Oct. 18. The wedding reception was at Memorial Hall on Chicago's far South Side...Congratulations to GEORGE DREY and his wife, ELEANOR, on becoming grandparents in October and November. Both of their sons became fathers. DAVID and his wife have a little boy, ERIC DAVID. MICHAEL and his wife have a little girl, KELLY ANN. Congratulations!

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bernas

52ND STREET -

Well, it's that time again--Christmas, New Year's and all the good things that this time of year brings. So I'm taking this time out to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!..Through the hard work and efforts of the officers and the cooperation of the membership, the 52nd Street Garage Federal Credit Union received its first Thrift Honor Award, presented by the National Credit Union Administration which is an agency of the federal government. This is quite an achievement and all are to be congratulated. Take pride and support your credit union by increased savings and seeking new members...Let's get behind our basketball team and give them our full support. We would like to have a winning team...Be a defensive driver. Operate on schedule and be aware of your distance from other vehicles. Drive according to conditions of the street. The name of the game is rendering service with safety... Board Member BOB HOLMES requests your presence at the monthly union meetings.

- John L. Hudson

69TH STREET -

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from your scribes, TOM MOORE and ART BUESING...Have you seen me, Art Buesing, on TV, or my name and articles

in our local papers? I am fighting a special assessment in my local town, and will accept all the help, short of murder, I can get...Operator LOUIS MASTRE's son, JOE, caught a 6 pound walleye and a 1½ pound small mouth bass while fishing in the Kankakee river. Never heard Louis say what he caught though...ARTHUR JOE bowled a 606 scratch series in November. Good going, guy... Our good friend from the credit union, BILL DONAHUE, spent eight days in Ireland where he had an enjoyable time touring the southern part of the country. He then took all the Leprechauns to Rome, Italy, where it took them seven days to intercede for him to see the Pope. I don't know if it did any good, but Bill also visited the Island of Capri, Florence and Naples...CHARLES KOCMOUD, the brother of Clerk RAY KOCMOUD, passed away. We extend our deepest sympathy...Fellows, I'm going to paint my Transit News mailbox and put a lock on it. So let's get some news in it.

HARVEY BROCK celebrated his birthday on Oct. 27. I know he was delighted to receive his new batch of carp bait from the old country. C. REESE told me that he and Harvey were the same age ten years ago, and now Harvey is three years younger. I wonder how that works?...Pensioner RAY SCHEID recently returned from a visiting and fishing trip at his son's home in Biloxi, Miss. Ray, are you sure that was an 80 pound test line the fish broke? That sounds like a big one to me...BOB STEWART and his sister, SHARON, had a nice time visiting relatives in Texas. He said he had no problems finding gasoline, his only worry was paying for it...W. COOPER, D. BARTLEY and R. SCHOMER have left 69th Street on the system pick. I hope you guys will enjoy working at your new work locations.

- Art Buesing & Tom Moore

77TH STREET -

Hi ladies and gents. 'Tis the season to be jolly...The Wheelers social and charity club kicked off the holiday season with their pre-Thanksgiving and cabaret dance. The affair was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton-Chicago hotel. The newly-elected president of the Wheelers, THOMAS G. LeNOIR Jr., and his staff are to be congratulated on their fine social entertainment...Mrs. MARILYN GRESHAM, the wife of Division 241 Second Vice-president ELCOSIE GRESHAM, made her first airplane flight. She accompanied her husband to the International Union Convention. She said she really enjoyed it, but didn't know when she would fly again...We're all wishing a speedy recovery to Operator ROBERT MARTIN after his recent illness. Martin is a good operator and a mellow dude. The very best for him and his family...Merry Christmas to all!

- Allison De Bonnett

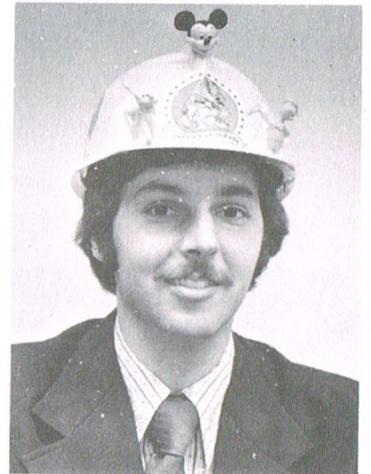
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FOR DEDICATED SERVICE, 29 YEARS WORTH:

Jerry Graybiel, right, who retires April 1 after 33 years with CTA, is congratulated by Vice Chairman James Quinn upon receipt of a plaque from the American Public Transit Association for 29 years of "dedicated service" to the entire industry. As a long-time member of APTA's administrative committee for purchases and materials, Jerry headed specification development and transit company interchange, represented the industry's maintenance and operations requirements in defense transportation, and helped develop a price index for purchase of transit industry materials. He was program chairman for APTA's purchases and materials division in 1954, chairman of the division in 1954-55, and division vice chairman for the association's steering committee in 1955-56. He addressed the 1966 convention on the purchasing manager's role in the '70s. During 1973, he was APTA committee representative on the diesel fuel task force of the Federal Energy Commission. At the last APTA convention in October, he was a speaker on the subject of transit equipment contracts. Now serving as a special assistant in the finance division of CTA, Jerry was previously manager of materials management. Before leaving CTA officially, he intends to complete a landmark manual on "Procurement, the CTA Way."



FINKLER'S LATEST MILLINERY: In case you think Bill Finkler, safety coordinator, decorated his hat to look like a Christmas plum pudding, forget it. The idea was borrowed from the safety director of Walt Disney World in Florida and the purpose is safety instruction. When Bill teaches safety, he wears the chapeau to call extra attention to the importance of wearing hard hats to reduce the possibility of work-time injuries. CTA wives might further the hint by wearing hats to the breakfast table each morning.



HELPING HANDS: For quickly coming to the aid of riders in need of help, Rail Janitor Sub-Unit Supervisors Peter Evans and Joseph Amella are deserving of special commendation. While at the Bryn Mawr "L" Station in the late evening hours Amella saw a man fall to the tracks. With his flashlight he signalled an approaching train to stop, then assisted the rider back to the platform. Evans, while making his midnight rounds at the State and Lake Station, saw three youths beat and attempt to rob a man. The youths fled as Evans came to the aid of the rider and two were apprehended later by police using descriptions which Evans helped to provide.

Joseph Amella



Peter Evans

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SEVENTY FIVE

Here's How It Wraps Up

1975 was the year the Regional Transportation Authority selected a chairman -- ours. Milton Pikarsky was elected to the office soon after the first of the year. . . It was the year the Urban Mass Transportation Administration demonstrated its State of the Art train on our Skokie Swift. . . when the Water Tower Express shuttle bus made its first run to the growing upper Michigan Avenue shopping-business area. . . when the Paul Revere Bicentennial train was dedicated. . . when cab signalling for the increased security of passengers was completed on the North-South rapid transit route. . . when CTA introduced its first motorwoman. . . when the biggest snowstorm of the season (in April!) brought new praises for CTA rapid transit service and a blizzard of phone



Skokie Swift's Paul Revere . . . 77th's bus "beauty bath"

calls in the Travel Information Center. . . 1975 was the year when a new version of CTA's Route Map was issued, "sold" like hot cakes, and found a new mass distribution apparatus through the Chicago public library system. . . when CTA's modernized and expanded garage and brand new bus "beauty bath" was opened on 77th Street. . . when an improved 'L' station lighting program was touched off at Davis Street in Evanston. . . when a series of popular educational tours for school children was launched by Charter. . . when a Spanish language question-and-answer newspaper column on CTA was initiated by Elda Leal of Public Affairs. . . when the first Mass Transit "road rally" was held on CTA by the Explorer Scouts. . . when the expanded Travel Information Center



New lighting at Davis station on the Evanston 'L'

satisfactorily handled its millionth caller. . . when the largest award in the history of CTA's Suggestion System was presented to Frank Montefalco for saving the CTA \$24,000 by developing a portable tool for rethreading rapid transit car hoists. . . when the International Film Festival worked out a joint promotion to encourage people to go to the movies at the Biograph and the Granada by CTA. . . when union leader Edward F. Brabec was installed as a member of the Transit Board. . . when Fred King was appointed Manager of Personnel. . . when Transitalk was introduced as a weekly newsletter and information source for all employees. . . when the CTA's Bicentennial fleet climbed to more than 30 in buses and more than 20 in trains.

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