

## CTA's James R. Quinn:

# Most Active Octogenarian In Transit

James R. Quinn, CTA Vice-Chairman who ranks as the nation's most active octogenarian of the transit industry, celebrated his 85th birthday on Saturday, Dec. 27.

And were it not for the fact that the CTA's administrative headquarters is closed on Saturdays, Mr. Quinn would have been doing business as usual.

### Starts Day On CTA

Business as usual for Mr. Quinn starts early every weekday, first with a ride on the "L" from the Morse avenue station in Rogers Park to two downtown desks between which he splits his work.

That's where he was on Friday, the day after Christmas--on the job part of the time as a practicing attorney at 1 N. LaSalle street and the rest of the day at the CTA's headquarters in the Merchandise Mart.

"There is always something to be done, like looking over contracts, examining bills and signing checks, and seeing that everything is running all right," said Mr. Quinn, as he arrived at his CTA desk after spending the first hour or so at his law office.

There's no doubt about Mr. Quinn's knowledge of transit.

### Recalls Horse Cars

A native Chicagoan, he remembers his boyhood experiences of riding horse-drawn cars in Fulton street and the cable cars of the late 1890's.

And he's been riding ever since. For many years, these have been combination trips--taking a bus to get to and from the "L" station.

Mr. Quinn is the only remaining member of the original Board of the Chicago Transit Authority.

He was appointed to the original CTA Board (Continued Page 2)



Celebrates 85th Birthday: Mr. Quinn is assisted by Secretary Phyllis Brzeczek in serving when CTA staff surprises him the day before Christmas with cake trimmed with white and emerald green frosting.



in 1945 by the late Mayor Edward J. Kelly; was re-appointed by the late Mayor Martin H. Kennelly, and in recent years has been reappointed by Mayor Richard J. Daley.

From 1931 to 1945, Mr. Quinn was alderman of the 50th ward, and for many years served as the Democratic committeeman of that far north side ward.

In the 11 years prior to his appointment to the original CTA Board, he was Chairman of the City Council Committee on Local Transportation.

In that position, he was active in proceedings that led to the construction of the State street subway in the late 1930's. As chairman of that city council committee, he subsequently was a leader in the bi-

Mr. Quinn and his lady friends at his birthday party. From left: Sandy Kasper, Rickie Moyer, Mary Boski, Aileen Madden, Joan Georgeson, Mr. Quinn, Celeste Offett, Phyllis Brzezczek, Diane Weier, Colette Szczepanek, and Laura Moysey.

partisan effort that resulted in the enactment in 1945 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act by the state legislature for creating the CTA.

In 1912, Mr. Quinn was a member of the second class to be graduated from the Law School of Loyola University. Prior to army service in World War I, he was an assistant state's attorney and a professor of law at Loyola.

Mr. Quinn celebrated his birthday on the 27th with his family. He and Mrs. Quinn have a daughter and a son, 15 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

## First In Transit Efficiency, CTA Budget Analysis Shows

Chicago leads other major cities in the percentage of transit operating costs offset by the farebox -- and this despite the inflation-fighting freeze on the basic fare at 45 cents for the past five years.

And, despite the continuing impact of inflation not only on the CTA payroll costs, but also on materials and supplies, fuel, and electric power.

The point was made by General Finance Manager Paul J. Kole in presenting the CTA's 1976 operating budget to the CTA Board and to members of the press.

Kole explained that the CTA's public funding requirement through the Regional Transportation Authority comes to 39 per cent of operating costs, with the larger proportion of 61 per cent being provided through fare collections and other system-generated revenues.

He then exhibited data of public funding required by other cities. Compared with Chicago's 39 per cent, Atlanta's requirement is 74 per cent -- Seattle's is 71 per cent -- Boston's is 70 per cent -- San Fran-

cisco's is 65 per cent for the surface system -- Los Angeles' is 65 per cent -- Pittsburgh's is 53 per cent -- and Philadelphia's is 48 per cent.

While the New York Transit Authority has achieved a public funding requirement parallel to Chicago's 39 per cent in its current fiscal year, Kole noted, New York had to resort to a substantial fare increase.

No increase in fares is anticipated in CTA's '76 budget. The estimates anticipate a riding increase of approximately 2,400,000 passengers.

The total operating budget is \$310,608,000 -- about 10 per cent over estimated operating expenses for the current year.

Kole says that the new budget is based on the following two sources of anticipated revenue:

1. System-generated revenue totaling \$190,797,000, of which \$163,600,000 represents fare collections;
2. Public funding through the RTA in the amount of \$119,811,000.

Kole points out that the outlook for revenue from fare collections will be reduced by approximately \$2 million because of reduced fares for handicapped riders and further reductions for senior citizens, both of which became effective December 15.



End Of The Line - -

## CTA Retires Last Propane Bus

CHICAGO, JAN. 6 - Twenty-five years of operation with propane buses ended in Chicago today when Operator Eugene Paoli drove bus 8715 into North Park Garage for the last time. Waiting there to greet him was Garage Superintendent Alex Johnson who drove the city's first propane buses.

One sure measure of progress in our industry is the demise of a fleet of transit vehicles as technological improvements provide newer, more efficient replacements.

Like the cable car replacing the horsecar--the electric streetcar replacing the cable car--or the propane bus replacing the streetcar.

Now, even the last of the propanes has reached the end of the line, to be replaced by modern diesel buses. With Operator Eugene Paoli at the wheel, the last bus pulled into the garage on Jan. 6.

Somebody probably said it about the last cable car too, but Alex Johnson, superintendent of CTA's North Park Garage, referring to the propanes said, "It seems like only yesterday when they were the latest thing."

### The First Propanes

Johnson transferred to North Park as a bus operator when the Elston carbarn closed in January 1951.

"I was still breaking in on the new routes when I saw this shiny, new 40-foot monster of a bus approaching the relief point. It was one of the first propanes to go into service and I was quickly impressed by how it handled," Johnson remarked.

North Park Garage was both the first and the last from which propane buses operated. They also served routes from Archer, Forest Glen, Kedzie, Lawndale, North Avenue, 69th Street and 77th Street Garages.

Between 1950 and 1963, the CTA acquired a total of 1,701 of the propane buses, becoming the world's largest operator of this type of bus.

CTA's shift to propane bus fuel in the fifties was a bold move under the direction of its first general manager, Walter J. McCarter. At the time, the order for 500 buses was not only the first for a fleet of new propanes, it was also the largest single order for buses to date.

Guideposts for the monumental shift included a study of the Spokane, Wash., transit operations with a

fleet of 135 buses with gasoline engines converted to run on propane.

The world's first bus manufactured for propane operation was initially tested in Chicago, too. The 44-seat Twin Coach served Archer Avenue for several months in early 1950.

Economics was the major factor in both the advent and demise of propane buses in Chicago.

### Economical in 1950's

In 1950, a propane bus was the least expensive from both the standpoint of purchase price and operating costs.

Much of the savings initially was in fuel costs. In 1950, gasoline, then being phased out as a transit fuel, cost 15.2 cents a gallon; diesel fuel cost 13.9 cents a gallon, but propane cost only 8.3 cents a gallon.

At that time, the general demand for propane was relatively low. However, in the sixties, the price began rising with the greater use of propane by other industries as well as transit. As the eventual result, the cost advantage of propane in transit was dissipated.

### Expensive in 1970's

In 1974, the CTA's experience with its buses indicated that the fuel cost for diesel buses amounted to 8.45 cents per mile, while the fuel cost for propane buses was 14.28 cents per mile.

Also, with propane losing advantage in transit, the manufacture of propane engines for large buses was discontinued more than 10 years ago.

A dismantling of special storage facilities at CTA garages has accompanied the phasing out of the propane buses. The facilities were necessary because propane had to be stored and dispensed under pressure.

In their 25 years of operation, propane buses served CTA riders well by chalking up more than 1 billion miles of operation.

# Ask Directions In Any Language - -

## Bus Driver Phillips Speaks Any Tongue

by Anit Leppiks

Ask Me Where I'm Going - - and I'll tell you in your native language - - or your dialect. Multi-lingual Phillips is perhaps CTA's most talkative driver, if you measure it in number of languages.

Bus driver Stanley Phillips is never at a loss for words--in just about any language.

Phillips, who started his transit career as a streetcar conductor in 1947, speaks Spanish, Hindustani, French, German, Italian, and Mandarin Chinese. He's learning Hebrew and Russian.

And because of his worldwide travels, he can easily match the words with the face--as he recently did when an Indian tourist stepped aboard his No. 38 Indiana bus. When, in halting English, the visitor asked for directions to the Museum of Science and Industry, Phillips answered--in Hindustani, of course.

Phillips recognized the Indian's garb as one he himself wore for a picture taken when he was in Calcutta in 1943.

### Around World In Words

The 56 year old driver decided early on to be a world explorer--only in his own way.

"I got interested in languages when I was 14--I used to go to the movies to see the Cisco Kid--Leo Carrillo--speaking Spanish.

"I was fascinated. So, in high school, I took Spanish and French and was studying at Roosevelt university to be a translator when the army drafted me," he says.

Phillips' tour of duty enabled him to travel throughout India, where he studied Hindustani at a Red Cross school and perfected his instructions with daily communications with coolie laborers.

"I was a tech sergeant in ammunition, overseeing coolies who were loading for us. So we got to talk a lot. I even used to sing with them.

"I have a desire to see the whole world," he admits.

He's got a good start. In 24 years of traveling, he's been to Casa Blanca and Tangier, Morocco; Oran, Algeria; India; Cuba; Mexico; Puerto Rico; Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and Barbados.

Also the islands of Trinidad, Antigua, Montserrat; Germany, Switzerland, England, Spain, and Portugal. He's seen Paris, Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and Yalta.

He visited the South American countries, stopping at Quito, Bogota, Lima, Caracas, and Buenos Aires, and has been to Haiti.

"Haven't missed a year traveling since 1951," he says, adding that once he's left town, it's hard to come back.

He remembers the time he called home from Miami after 23 days in South America.

"I told my wife I wasn't coming back yet--still had to see Puerto Rico."

### Soaks Up The Culture

Phillips explains he tries to assimilate the cultures and languages of the countries he visits.

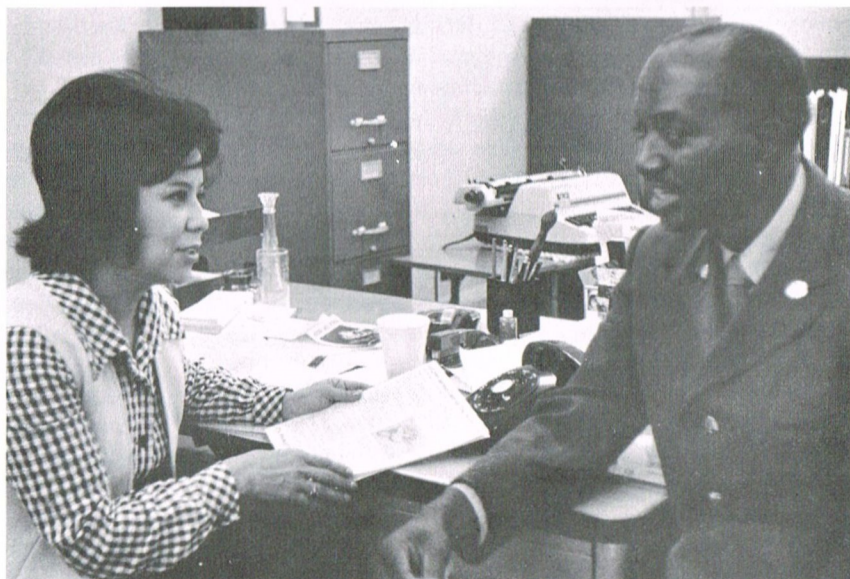
"I went back to Mexico five years in a row to study the people; I traveled all over. I take slides, then document them with sound tape when I get home," he says.

Phillips likes Mexico best, not only for its tropical climate and bullfights, but because its people are friendly and sincere. As he puts it, "They talk with the heart."

Phillips says that in today's world, it's very difficult to be an explorer--an adventurer.

"People think there aren't any frontiers left. And

**International Conference:** On visit to Public Affairs for interview, Phillips visits with Spanish-speaking Elda Leal who writes CTA International for Transit News and serves as community news rep for the Latin American public. The conference was in Spanish, of course.



while the search for knowledge is supposed to be the highest adventure, I don't tell most people about my trips, or the languages I speak. They laugh and say, 'You've got to be kidding. No one does that.'

However, knowledge for the sake of knowledge isn't enough for Phillips; he likes to apply it, too. That is why he lauds his job at the CTA--because citizens of the world--the citizens he leaves this country to visit--come to him as a CTA bus driver.

### Confab On Wheels

In any month, he greets at least three different nationalities--including the French, Italians, and Spanish--and talks to them in their native tongues.

He speaks Spanish to Latin American passengers almost every day.

Naturally, they're surprised. He says the first thing they think is that he was born in their country; they seldom think he learned the language in school.

Contacts with the native countries of so many of his riders have taught him how to communicate better with Chicagoans on a daily working basis.

His philosophy is to have a positive mental attitude, saying that driving a bus is what you make it.

"Most CTA riders are friendly. For the few who get on the bus all fired up--I just speak in a low, friendly, even tone. Works nine times out of 10," he says.

For other times, Phillips knows yet another language that works--the slang of various groups.

"Occasionally, an individual will not want to pay his fare. So I study him and then talk to him in a way he understands. If he talks hep, I talk hep."

### Says CTA Leads World

Besides providing him with an ability to handle person-to-person contacts, Phillips' travels have made him appreciative of the CTA as a transit system.

"Other cities can't touch Chicago when it comes to transportation. Of all the systems I've seen, the CTA is the best.

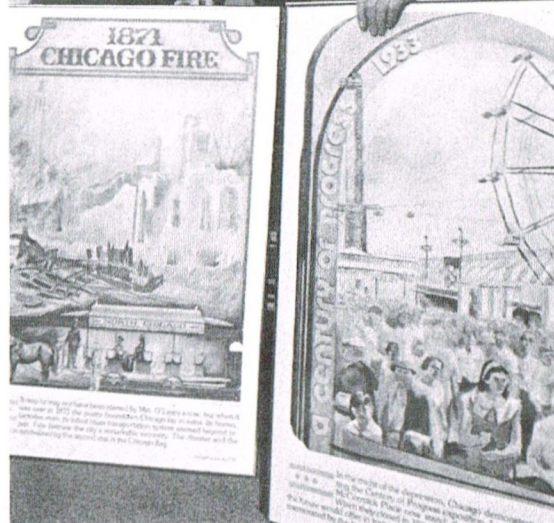
"I'm not trying to put a plug in 'cause I work here--I'm telling it the way it is. It's the only city you can get from any one place to any other on a bus or train," he says.

Phillips has created a world of his own at home, too. When he's not planning some exotic safari, he's likely to be learning another language, keeping up a black belt in judo, or starting a woodworking project, like paneling his basement.

Does he ever muse about becoming a professional linguist--even now?

He related that, 17 years ago, he had just such an offer--to join the Texas Border Patrol. But that meant giving up his CTA seniority, and friends here, and Phillips wouldn't do it.

"When I leave the CTA, it's going to be to retire--to sit back, relax, and go into all the fields I've planned," he says with a slow grin.



The first set of four newly published CTA posters commemorating outstanding events in Chicago's history was presented to Mayor Daley by the artist, Csaba Zongor, promotion coordinator at the CTA.

The posters, which are large reproductions of watercolors painted by Zongor, depict the events designated by the four stars in Chicago's city flag.

These events are the Fort Dearborn settlement, the Chicago Fire of 1871, the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, and the Century of Progress of 1933.

Sets of the four posters are being displayed at the CTA's elevated and subway stations. The posters are 42 inches high and 28 inches wide.

The posters, which are expected to become collectors' items, also are to be made available for sale to the public.

The CTA is publishing the posters at this time as part of its program to highlight history during the nation's Bicentennial.

ALICE LIDDELL THEATRE--"Let's Experiment With Drama" continuing; Sun at 2:30. "Let's Do A Story" continuing; Sun at 1. Children, \$1; adults, \$1.50. 2259 N. Linclon. 871-3000.

"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.

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Photographs by Josef Koudelka. Gypsies are the subject in this exhibit of 60 photographs, from Feb 14, Lacy Armour Gallery. Martyl, 12 ink landscape drawings, from Feb 19, Gallery 108A. The Age of Louis XV: French Painting 1710-1774. Presented for the first time since that period on the basis of the century's own evaluation of its importance in an exhibit comprised of over 120 paintings by 90 artists, thru Feb 22, East Wing. Admission charged. Selected French Eighteenth Century Art From the Permanent Collection. The Art Institute will show its major holdings of French 18th Century art in all media together for the first time in conjunction with the Louis XV exhibition. Included will be paintings, prints and drawings, textiles, furniture, silver, glass, porcelain and ceramics, jewelry and sculpture. From Jan 24, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery and Galleries 110 & 113. Photographs by August Sander, over 50 photographs taken before and between the world wars, thru Feb 8, Lacy Armour Gallery. T'ang Dynasty Pottery From the Permanent Collection, a selection of glazed and painted tomb figures and ceramics from the seventh thru the early tenth century, continuing. Gallery 116. Yokohama-E, prints depicting the flourishing port opened to foreign countries in 1850, continuing. Gallery 114. Recent Photography Acquisitions, thru Feb 15, Gallery 106. Edvard Munch, an exhibit of lithographs, woodcuts and etchings commemorating the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants in America, thru Feb 9, Galleries 108, 108A. First 30 Years of Lithography (1800-1830). The first in a series devoted to the history of lithography, continuing, Galleries 107, 109. Italian Master Drawings, Veronese, Palma, Piazzetta, Tiepolo represented, continuing, Gallery 109A. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat, 10-5; Thurs, 10-8:30 (free); Sun & Hol, 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, children, seniors: 50¢; members free. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE--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.

BLUE MAX NIGHTCLUB--Kaye Stevens, comedienne; and Tommy Sands, singer; thru Jan 31. Frankie Lane, singer, Feb 2-14. David Brenner, comedian, Feb 16-28. Hyatt Regency O'Hare. Cover charge from \$5. 228-9000.

"BRADLEYVILLE," by Preston Jones, opens Feb 19, Goodman Theatre. A new work presenting life in the small Texas town of Bradleyville in the 1950's and



with Anit Leppiks

## Things to do in the Chicago area

60's; much like the film, "The Last Picture Show." 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Civil War gallery exhibition, continuing, A. Montgomery Ward gallery. Working in America, dealing with early labor, work ethics, and unemployment problems in Chicago, thru Feb 2. 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. 78 E. Washington. 782-7396.

CHICAGO SYMPHONY SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS single tickets available. Check with box office for specifics. 427-7711.

DART GALLERY--David Smith drawings thru Jan 31, 612 N. Michigan, Suite 205. 664-2150.

DePAUL UNIVERSITY--"The All-American Jazz Dance Party," Gus Giordano Dance Troupe, Jan 23 at noon, University Center, 2324 N. Seminary. Free. Blue Demons basketball--play Xavier College Jan 24; the University of Dayton, Jan 31; Duquesne University, Feb 3; Marshall University, Feb 14; Virginia Tech, Feb 16; University of Cincinnati, Feb 21 at 12:30 p.m. All games at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$3 per game. Alumni Hall, 1011 W. Bellden. 321-7658.

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

"EL HAJJ MALEK," by C. N. Davidson, Feb 6-15 at UICC Theatre. \$3; \$2 students. Morgan & Harrison. 996-5286.

"GAUGUIN," musical by Grant Robbin with Lee Peltry, Feb 11-March 1. Mill Run Theatre. From \$5.50. Golf Rd. at Milwaukee, Niles. 298-2170.

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

"LOCAL STIGMATIC," opens Jan 22, Goodman

Stage 2. Ruth Page Auditorium, 1016 N. Dearborn. 443-3800.

"MOURNING BECOMES ELECTRA," by Eugene O'Neill, thru Feb 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.

"PLAY BY PLAY," by Robert Patrick, thru Feb 8, Drama Shelter. Fri-Sun at 8. 2018 N. Halsted. 549-6020.

POLO indoors at the Water Tower Armory, Sun at 7, 8:30 thru March 28. Many of the country's highest rated indoor polo players compete in league and match games sponsored by the Polo Club of Chicago and sanctioned by the United States Polo Association in this rebirth of indoor polo at the Armory. Steeple chase at half time. Brookfield, Wisc. vs Hinsdale, Lake Forest vs Barrington Jan 25; Milwaukee vs Hinsdale, match game (to be announced), Feb 1; Milwaukee vs Lake Forest, Brookfield vs Barrington, Feb 8; All Star game, match game (to be announced) Feb 15; Milwaukee vs Brookfield, Lake Forest vs Hinsdale Feb 22; triple header: Barrington vs Milwaukee, Brookfield vs Lake Forest, match game (to be announced) Feb 29. \$2, \$4, \$5.25; tickets available thru Ticketron.

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY--Visiting Composers Series, Elliott Schwartz, professor of composition, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine, in a recital of his own works, Jan 27 at 8.

SACRED PATRIOTIC BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Feb 8 at 3, International Amphitheatre. Musical program featuring George Beverly Shea; Arizona Congressman John Conlan; and Dr. George Sweeting, president of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, principal speakers. Free admission by ticket only. 329-4402.

"SPOON RIVER AND BEYOND," continuing, Gallery Theatre. Fri-Sun. From \$6.25. 208 E. Superior. DE 7-9492.

ST. NICHOLAS THEATRE CO.--American Buffalo by David Mamet, continuing, Fri-Sun. From \$3.50. Reunion thru Jan 24, Fri-Sat. 2851 N. Halsted. 750-0211.

"THE BECKONING FAIR ONE," continuing, Organic Theatre Co. From \$3.50. 4520 N. Beacon. 549-5788.

"THE BENEVOLENT DEVIL" thru March 7, Victory Gardens Theatre, 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

"THE WONDERFUL ICE CREAM SUIT," continuing, Victory Gardens Theatre I. From \$3.50. 3730 N. Clark. 549-5788.

"VACUUM PACT," continuing, Dinglefest Theatre Co., Body Politic. Thurs-Sat at 8:30; late show Sat at 10:30. 2259 N. Lincoln. 871-3000.

"WHERE HAS TOMMY FLOWERS GONE?" thru Jan, Barry Street Loft Theatre. 656 W. Barry. 271-3119.

## Here's An Opportunity

Readers of Transit News who want to get a thorough briefing on "things transit"--and for free--have a unique opportunity in February and March, courtesy of the North Suburban Mass Transit District.

A seven-session Mass Transportation Seminar is being staged by NORTRAN at New Trier West Township High School, Happ Road, Northfield, at 8 p.m. each Monday evening, Feb. 2-Mar. 15.

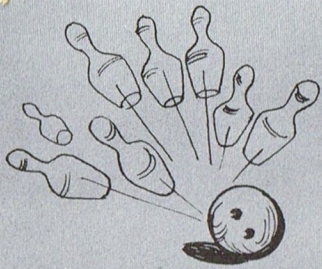
There is no registration requirement. There's plenty of parking space. And, there is no admission charge.

The whole seminar series carries the intriguing title--"Can You Get There From Here?".

At the first seminar on Feb. 2, Joseph DiJohn, executive director and general manager of NORTRAN, will present an overview of the entire subject. Following evenings are programmed as follows:

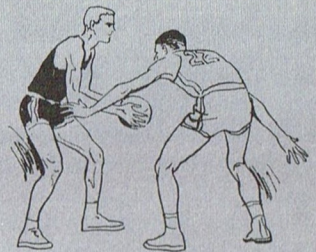
- Feb. 9 Panel: "Transit, A Community Service"  
Dennis Dawson, assistant to city manager, Evanston  
Edward Gladfelter, staff planner, Northbrook  
Stan Kennedy, manager, Wilmette  
Margaret McCoy, North Shore Senior Center, Winnetka
- Feb. 16 Panel: "Current Problems and Issues"  
Thomas Buck, manager of public affairs, CTA  
Hal Lenske, director, commuter service, Chicago and North Western  
Joseph DiJohn
- Feb. 23 Panel: "Federal and State Programs"  
Joby Berman, director, Division of Public Transportation, Illinois Department of Transportation  
Thomas N. Harvey, regional chief, U.S. Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration
- Mar. 1 Panel: "Transportation in the Six Counties of RTA"  
D. Daniel Baldino, director, RTA  
Senator John J. Nimrod, 4th District, Ill.  
Thomas H. Ploss, general attorney, The Milwaukee Road
- Mar. 8 Panel: "Planning for Mass Transit"  
Peter M. Barron, assistant city manager, Highland Park  
Lois Levey, project manager, NORTRAN  
John Sajovec, chief, technical studies & program development, IDOT

The final session on Mar. 15 will be a tour of the CTA Control Center at the Merchandise Mart conducted by William Baxa, director of special projects.



# CTA Sports News

MEL ALEXANDER, Sports Editor



## 77th Bowlers Honor Wives And Sponsors

ON FRIDAY, Dec. 12, the 77th Street Operators Bowling League held its annual "Wives Night Out", and the ladies really came out in grand fashion.

Each year this special night seems to get better as more wives and sweethearts come out to see their favorite bowler "do his stuff." Extra tables and chairs were available for the overflow crowd.

As usual, only one team sponsor was present. He was Felix Palilunas, the sponsor of the Baggers, and superintendent of the CTA Central Counting room.

This year the league awarded six \$5 prizes to six lucky ladies. Doing the drawing was Mr. Palilunas. Winners were: Marjorie Richards, Bernice Humphrey, Fannie Humphrey, Regina McBay, Mildred Grant and Elouise Ireland.

League President Calvin Pollard was very impressed by the number of ladies who came out despite the inclement weather. He said, "I hope they will make every Friday a special night."



Joyce, Paul Jr., and Ruby Daniels came out to root for their favorite bowler, Paul Sr.



Enjoying their special night are, seated: Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. McBay; standing, Pat Lee and Felix Palilunas, watching their favorite team, the Baggers.



This jubilant group of ladies includes, left to right: Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Redd and Mrs. Barnes, keeping a close watch on their favorite bowlers, the Road Runners.

# Sox "Go Go" Is Spelled Bill Veeck

By W. B. Wolfan

Bill Veeck (as in wreck) is back and you can look for things to really swing at Sox Park. We welcome his return to the Chicago scene.

During the Chicago White Sox era under Veeck when the Sox won the American league pennant, this reporter arranged for Bill to make an appearance with his Mary Frances on Edward R. Murrow's Person to Person program on CBS television.

I telephoned Veeck to congratulate him on purchasing the club and to ask him what the plans are for the upcoming season. He told me that there will be exciting developments, none of which he is ready to announce. But it's a safe bet that Bill Veeck's "developments" mean that he'll be providing plenty of action on the baseball front and Trader Frank Lane may have to give up his throne to Trader Veeck before the Sox get through rebuilding the club. Veeck knows what the fans want and he'll find the formula, you can bet on that.

I watched many a White Sox game in the Veeck era, and the World Series as well.

Who can forget when the Yankees of Casey Stengel would come into town and Billy Pierce would go up against Whitey Ford in a sellout game? That's the kind of ball club Bill Veeck wants and he'll get it. And the people will pay to see what is happening.

The 1959 White Sox were "go go" all the way. Hustle was the name of the game and the team played it that way to the hilt.

Luis Aparicio stole bases like mad. Jim Busby and Jim Rivera made life miserable for opposing clubs. Rivera was not only a daring runner, but a dangerous menace to anyone in his way on

the basepaths. "Go go" was exactly the way the Sox played it, and their base running was worth the price of admission.

Minnie Minoso was a real crowd pleaser. The Fox-Aparicio combination up the middle was the best in the American league. Pitching was excellent, but there wasn't much power. The Sox did have a power hitter in Catcher Sherm Lollar, who also was the slowest base runner of his time. They even called on Big Ted Klu-zewski of the Reds to add power.

But it was "go go" baseball that won games for the Sox. And you can bet they'll draw people if Bill can come up with the same formula.

He already has made important deals and will continue to make them.

Sure, there will be gimmickry attached to the White Sox. As one who recalls when that midget came to bat for the St. Louis Browns, Bill Veeck is noted for the shock treatment. But what conservative ownership overlooks is that the fans love this kind of thing. They come to the ball park to have fun. Nobody likes Dullsville and the Sox have been deadily dull in recent seasons.

Veeck has been out of baseball since he sold his holdings in the

Bill Veeck --  
as in wreck



Chicago Tribune Photo

Sox in 1960. It has been far too long for the dynamic Veeck to be absent from a sport which needs all kinds of injections to keep pace with pro football and the competition.

The 1975 World Series was a baseball transfusion. It was one of the greatest of all times and the television people estimate nearly 70 million fans watched the final game between Cincinnati and Boston.

It will take Veeck some time, of course, but you can mark this down in your calendar. The White Sox will be doing something about gate appeal, and they have already started doing something about the ball club's ability. The team will improve, and the showmanship will be something to behold.

So to Bill Veeck and the 1976 club let's all echo the words... "Go Go Sox."

They're already off and running out at 35th and Shields. And the popular Minnie Minoso is back as this appears in print.

## CTA Surplus Appeals To Collectors

by Arline Datu

"Doubting Thomas" Casimir Adamowski thought it couldn't be done. After the surplus CTA transfer validating machines first went on sale to the public, CTA Senior Storekeeper Adamowski, who was put in charge of the sale said, "Truthfully, I didn't expect to sell many." But it didn't take long before doubting Adamowski became a believer.

Monday, the day after the sale was announced, about 30 people came to the warehouse at 79th and Vincennes to look over the 286 dusty, red machines sitting on wooden pallets. By the middle of the week, more than 80 of them had been sold, and customers were still coming.

People like Pam Klimo, 3505 N. Pine Grove, and Rex Nelson, 1720 Albion, were among some of the first to take advantage of this unusual sale. Miss Klimo bought one for her boyfriend whom she describes as a person whose hobby is to "collect strange things... gadgets."

### Furniture and Fixtures

Nelson, a self-confessed transit fan, bought four machines which he is now displaying throughout different parts of his home. Nelson admits it was a feeling of nostalgia that prompted his purchase. "After all," he says, "for the better part of 15 years,

Biggest sale of the transfer validators was made to Nick Kallas, vice president of the Illinois Railway Museum in Union.



At docking area No. 7 at 79th and Vincennes, Casimir Adamowski, right, shows and sells his unusual merchandise to Pam Klimo, shopping for her boyfriend, and Rex Nelson, a transit fan.

I've been punching transfers."

Still other buyers had more imaginative uses planned for the machines. One woman bought two of them to make matching lamps for one of her rooms. Another person bought the machine as a curio for mounting in his game room.

There was even an antique dealer who bought five of them he plans to re-sell as period pieces. And a representative from the Illinois Railway Museum in Union bought five--three for display and two for use with the trains the museum itself runs.

It's no wonder Adamowski had a change of heart. In just a few shopping days, he began wondering about hanging up the "sold out!" sign.

### News Reports Did It

It all happened as the result of a brief news release issued by the Public Affairs Department and broadcast over local radio stations by Manager Tom Buck.

For many years, the 286 transfer validating machines had been familiar and necessary pieces of equipment at our rapid transit stations. If a passenger was leaving the station to switch to a bus using a transfer, he had to "process" the transfer through the machine. Electrically operated, the validating machine stamped the time--to the minute--on the transfer because of time limitation on transferring to the bus.

The machines became obsolete for CTA last January when the transfer stamping requirement was eliminated. For the sale of the surplus property, a price of \$25 was set for machine and \$10 for the pedestal on which the machine sits.

Customers had to bring their own trucks. Each machine alone weighs about 50 pounds.

# THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## ARCHER -

The New Year is here and we hope all your wishes will come true...Pensioner CHES-TER F. PIELUSZYNSKI dropped me a card from his new home in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he is enjoying his retirement and says hello to the operators at Archer. ..Operator STERLING and MYRT MARTIN proudly announce the birth of a 6 pound 4 ounce son, KELLY O., on Sept. 2. Opera-tor CHARLES and ANNITA TALLY proudly announced the birth of a 6 pound 6 ounce daughter, CHARLETHA MONIQUE PAT-RICE, on Nov. 18...Congratulations to Su-pervisor EDWARD MACHEN, District B, who celebrated his 34th year with CSL and CTA on Nov. 18...Happy belated birthday to Supervisor WILLIAM CAMPBELL, District B, Nov. 28, and to Operator PAT-RICIA HODGE, Dec. 31. Happy birthday to H. GREEN and ROY WILSON, Jan. 15, VICTOR COLEMAN, Mart, Jan. 25, ISH-AM D. HANDLEY, Jan. 27, CURLEY MOR-GAN, Jan. 28, and Superintendent WILLIAM MOSER, Jan. 30...Our belated and deepest sympathy is extended to Operator ROB-ERT JONES in the passing of his father, and to Operator JOHN BEAUREGARD JR. in the passing of his father. The late Mr. Beauregard Sr. was 100 years old...Join your credit union today, it will be worth your while. Save a little each payday and watch your money grow.

- Owen Hosendoue

## CTA SECURITY -

Director of Personnel RICHARD GLIEBE would like to welcome ROY JACKSON and CLARENCE CRAWLEY, from the Claims Law Department, into the crime preven-tion unit as crime analysts...Personnel Deputy Commander JACK KEEGAN com-mended Officers ROBERT SMITH and FRANK PICKETT of the crime prevention unit, and Patrolmen T. BOSLEY, H. BELL, J. GURRIERI and E. PASCHAL of the uni-form division, on their apprehension of eight youths at 54th and Douglas terminal who kicked out bus windows and pulled the emergency cord while exiting from the bus. The youths were arrested and turned over to the Cicero Police Department youth officer...Under the supervision of Field Training Officer BILL FUDALA and Range Officer ANTHONY NOVAKOVICH, the fol-lowing patrolmen completed their 20-hour course of firearm qualification: J. WYNN, J. HIGGINS, W. MCKENZIE, L. RUTH, G. MUNYER, K. PAVLIK, T. SULZER, T. BOSLEY, T. LORENZ, J. ACTON, J. La-FOLLETTE and R. FERGUSON. Out of a possible 100, Sgt. Sulzer and Patrolman Pavlik had perfect scores. Patrolmen

Bosley, LaFollette, Acton and Ferguson had scores of 96. Also, congratulations to Sgt. Sulzer and his lovely wife, MARY, who celebrated their 30th wedding anni-versary. Hope we're around when you cel-ebrate your 50th and 75th...FOP Lodge 89 will hold its next monthly meeting at the Holiday Inn just west of the Loop. Presi-dent DANIEL MARTINIAK would like to have all the newly-elected officers attend. ..Officer ROBERT SMITH gave a lovely Christmas party which Sgt. CHARLES BERGLUND and his lovely wife, MARILYN, attended...Patrolman for the month of De-cember was Patrolman ATHEL COOPER of the North Section Unit. An aggressive and neat officer, he was chosen for his courtesy in helping an out-of-town family who were lost and having problems at the Broadway and Lawrence 'L' station. Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gonzales upon their re-turn to Texas, sent Officer Cooper a letter commending him for the help and informa-tion he gave them during the Christmas rush. Officer Cooper joined the Depart-ment in January 1971, after leaving the United States Air Force where he was as-signed as an air police officer. He took his basic law course training at the Chi-cago Police Academy, and is now major-ing in police science at Mayfair Junior college. Good luck, Coop, and keep up the good work.

- Frank Pickett Jr.

## DATACENTER -

May everyone have a healthy and prosper-our year...ELBERT LANE, project co-ordinator of the attendance, payroll and timekeeping system, and his friends are banding together to tackle the slopes at the new Telemark Ski Lodge in Michigan the weekend of Jan. 30...Happy birthday to our Capricorns and Aquarians, CURT WHIPPLE, JOSEPHINE MASLIC, DAVE MULARSKI, CHRIS ZOGUS, JERRY MAT-SUMOTO, MILLI TAYLOR, ANNE BAN-DUR, ALEX VARSEGI and WORTHETTA LASHLEY.

- Jane McGuire

## CLAIMS LAW & REAL ESTATE -

A very Happy New Year to all! And with the New Year comes a new column, Claims Law & Real Estate, with your new re-porter, MICHELLE VITALE. It's been quite a while since you've heard from us, and there have been quite a few changes made in our department, such as the ob-vious merger with the Law and Real Es-tate Departments, making us one big happy family. There have been many new faces

around, too many to list. But we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of them. We have said goodbye to many as well, among them the most recent, BILL SCHRAM, who retired Jan. 1 with 37 years of service. We would like to wish Bill a long and healthy retirement--the office will never be the same without him. And to the rest of those who have left us, all we can say is "we miss you."...That's just the beginning--there's more to come next month!

- Michelle Vitale

## ELECTRICAL (Rapid Transit Signal Division) -

We would like to extend belated happy birthday wishes to the following: BIRN-EST HICKS Jr., Dec. 23; JACK PILIP, Dec. 26; AL PELUSO, Dec. 4; HARRY BARENDREGT, Dec. 30, and TOM FOR-TUNE, Dec. 31...Signal Maintainer JIMMIE NESBIT is buying a home in Springs Grove, which is in the area around Fox Lake. Jimmie said he wants to be near his son. Lots of luck, Jim...If there's anyone here who saw our old friend, Signal Helper HARRY BARENDREGT, tell me. He was last seen going to the North Side to work, and now he is back on the South Side. In fact he's standing right behind us here. You had better be prepared to take a sec-ond look at Harry as he is not the same. Harry has now grown a beard that's so monstrous, there's not much face left of him to deal with. In fact, you can't tell if this guy is smiling or frowning. He's got to be smiling, he and his wife, JOAN, are expecting their first child and they're pretty excited about the whole thing. Har-ry, please don't go rushing up to the kid, you'll scare the living daylights out of him. ..Signal Maintainer DAN MORIARTY who has been off sick for some time is reported to be mending quite favorably. We are keeping an opening here for you, Dan. Hurry back...Local No. 9 is giving an "Old-Timers" party to honor its retired and retiring membership. All members

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

## NEW PENSIONERS



**M. G. GRADY**  
41 Years



**J. HEFFERNAN**  
40 Years



**B. JAUMAN**  
40 Years



**J. JOEFFREY**  
46 Years

JEROME ANDERSON, Unit Supervisor,  
Bus Garages, Emp. 4-4-41  
MERRILL ANTHONY, Instructor,  
West District, Emp. 12-19-45  
ANTONIO ARDUINI, Janitor,  
Electrical, Emp. 7-1-36  
CHESTER BACHARA, Box Puller,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-3-43  
WALTER BARAN, Bus Serviceman,  
North Avenue, Emp. 9-20-47  
JOHN BEDAME, Laborer,  
Building Maintenance, Emp. 3-1-44  
JULIUS BISWURM, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 5-29-41  
HERBERT BRAUN, Superintendent,  
Beverly, Emp. 7-15-37  
HARRY BROOKS, Personnel Investigator,  
Special Investigations, Emp. 1-7-46  
BOHUMIL BROUSIL, Motorman,  
West Section, Emp. 10-16-41  
WILLIAM BROWN, Car Serviceman,  
Racine Maint. Terminal, Emp. 7-2-52  
EUGENE BRZECZEK, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-16-45  
JOHN CACCIATO, Prod. Control Supvr.,  
South Shops, Emp. 1-20-42  
CHRISTINE CAMERON, Control Clerk III,  
Payroll Accounting, Emp. 4-27-39  
FRANCIS CARLIN, Janitor,  
Kedzie, Emp. 4-1-42  
WALTER CHRUSCIEL, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 4-27-42  
ALBERT CLARK, Motorman,  
West Section, Emp. 7-16-36  
CALVIN CLAUSSEN, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 5-17-41  
PAUL CLEAVER, Superintendent,  
Equipment Engineering, Emp. 11-6-45  
FLOYD CORBO, Personnel Investigator,  
Special Investigations, Emp. 9-6-49  
GEORGE DAVIS, Repairman A,  
Howard Maint. Terminal, Emp. 12-15-44  
WILLIAM DEAN, Tinner,  
Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 3-30-44  
EMILY DILLON, Ticket Agent,  
West Section, Emp. 1-30-42  
WILLIAM DINEEN, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 8-11-41  
THEODORE DRYIER, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 5-15-47  
RUDOLPH DRZIK, Chief Clerk,  
Special Investigations, Emp. 3-1-27  
LOUIS DUDEK, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 11-8-45  
JOSEPH DVORAK, Supervisor,  
South Section, Emp. 7-25-39  
GEORGE EDWARDS, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-18-35  
CLARENCE EUGENE, Repairman,  
Wilson Maint. Terminal, Emp. 12-7-42

ROBERT FERGUSON, Elect. Design Tech.,  
Technical Services, Emp. 2-11-46  
RANDALL FERRARI, Supervisor,  
North Rail District, Emp. 12-6-45  
ROCCO FERRARO, Foreman of Building  
Laborers, Building Maint., Emp. 5-9-42  
ROY GAESS, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 8-1-45  
ANTON GORZKIEWICZ, Stock Clerk I,  
Stores-North, Emp. 9-10-43  
MARTIN GRADY, Chief Clerk,  
Beverly, Emp. 5-21-34  
HARRY GRANT, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 12-12-40  
ERNEST GUEDEL, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-21-41  
ANN GUSICH, Cashier I,  
Treasury, Emp. 9-25-42  
HENRY HANSON, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 2-20-36  
ARTHUR HART, Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 6-26-47  
JOHN HEFFERNAN, Carpenter,  
Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 5-24-39  
WILLIAM HEFFERNAN, Section Foreman,  
Track & Structures, Emp. 5-20-35  
CLIFFORD HERCHENRODER, Ticket Agt.,  
South Section, Emp. 9-8-47  
ARTHUR HIGGINS, Instructor,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-28-45  
JOSEPH HUDALE, Mobile Bus Repairer,  
Campaign Area, Emp. 12-16-47  
BERNARD JAUMAN, Foreman,  
Electrical, Emp. 3-16-35  
JAMES JOEFFREY, General Clerk,  
Engineering, Emp. 6-20-29  
HENRY KALATA, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 5-8-46  
ESTELLE KALECKAS, Balance Clerk II,  
Revenue Accounting, Emp. 10-22-51  
ANTHONY KASMAN, Assistant Foreman,  
North Park, Emp. 9-24-35  
MICHAEL KASMAN, Bus Repairer,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-26-47  
JOHN KINDER, Bus Repairer,  
Archer, Emp. 8-15-59  
PAUL KLUG, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 12-30-40  
HERMAN LANG, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 4-8-46  
EDMUND LAUBE, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 11-9-43  
WALTER LAURINEC, Carpenter A,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-19-41  
THOMAS LOBONO, Rail Janitor,  
Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 4-1-47  
WILLIAM LOHSE, Supervisor,  
District D, Emp. 9-23-40

STANLEY LUKASZEWSKI, Boiler Maint.  
Man, Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 4-28-42  
JAMES McBRIDE, Traffic Checker,  
Operations Planning, Emp. 11-20-45  
LAWRENCE McDERMOTT, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 4-28-42  
WALTER MESSER, Sheet Metal Foreman,  
Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 2-12-41  
WILLIAM MOLLENKAMP, Mobile Bus  
Repairer, Campaign Area, Emp. 5-13-41  
WILLIE MONTOYE, Asst. Carpenter  
Foreman, Bldgs. & Grounds, Emp. 8-31-45  
JOHN MOREAU, Clerk,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 2-17-42  
JOSEPH MUELLER, Traffic Checker,  
Operations Planning, Emp. 11-26-40  
HENRY NEWMAN, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 10-28-42  
ANDREW O'BRIEN, Supervisor,  
North Rail District, Emp. 2-25-42  
JOHN O'MALLEY, Bus & Truck Mech.,  
South Shops, Emp. 5-8-42  
HARRY OSOWSKI, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 3-11-46  
JOHN PARKER, Yardman,  
West Section, Emp. 1-22-36  
CHARLES PAVESIC, Bldg. Maint. Disp.,  
Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 10-10-27  
EARL PETERSEN, Mail Clerk,  
Administrative Services, Emp. 1-12-42  
FRANK PETRIEKIS, Bus Repairer,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-5-39  
ARTHUR PINELLI, Travel Agent II,  
Travel Information, Emp. 8-18-45  
FRANK PRADZINSKI, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-19-52  
EDWARD PSIODA Sr., Lineman,  
Electrical, Emp. 3-25-36  
RUDOLPH RAJ, Janitor,  
69th Street, Emp. 7-7-42  
WILLIAM REHDER, General Clerk,  
Electrical, Emp. 7-29-41  
EVERETT RICHARDSON, Operator,  
69th Street, Emp. 12-5-45  
ARTHUR ROEPKE, Relief Superintendent,  
Districts A & B, Emp. 11-24-36  
JOSEPH SANDERS, Bus & Truck Mech.,  
South Shops, Emp. 6-14-46  
FREDERICK SCHADE, Operator,  
Limits, Emp. 3-24-43  
JOHN SCHLOEDER, Supervisor,  
West Section, Emp. 3-8-37  
MARTIN SEXTON, Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 5-17-48  
WILLIAM SCHRAM, Investigator I,  
Claims Law, Emp. 2-25-37  
JOSEPH SWEK, Machinist,  
South Shops, Emp. 7-2-46



**A. KASMAN**  
40 Years

**G. J. EDWARDS**  
40 Years

EDWARD SLAMP, Service Truck Chauff., Utility, Emp. 8-8-45  
JOSEPH SLAVIK, Operator, Archer, Emp. 12-29-48  
ELSIE SMITH, Senior Travel Agent, Travel Information, Emp. 11-8-54  
ANTHONY SPAK, Tinner Leader A, Buildings & Grounds, Emp. 3-4-41  
EDWIN STOBART, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-25-32  
ARTHUR STRASSER, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-29-43  
GEORGE STREICH, Bus & Truck Spelst., South Shops, Emp. 5-19-47  
MARY SULLIVAN, Bus Serviceman, Limits, Emp. 4-9-44  
THEODORE SWIDER, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-21-46  
JULIUS TEDESCHI, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 4-7-42  
DOUGLAS THIME, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-8-41  
JOHN THOMAS, Microfilmer, Administrative Services, Emp. 5-31-41  
ROBERT THORNE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-10-41  
JAMES TRETTON Jr., Safety Inspector, Public Safety, Emp. 8-6-51  
STANLEY TUREK, Janitor, Limits, Emp. 11-19-41  
HOWARD WALSH, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 12-11-45  
WALTER WANGERO, Service Truck Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 8-8-45  
JOHN WATHIER, Clerk, North Park, Emp. 11-20-40  
REINHOLD WENZEL, Operator, Limits, Emp. 4-14-43  
LESLIE WHITE, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 11-10-42  
RICHARD WILLIAMS, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 3-24-43  
OPAL YANT, Balance Clerk II, Revenue Accounting, Emp. 10-28-57  
RAMON ZAPP, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 9-11-42  
RALPH ZIMMER, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 5-3-46

## DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

FRANK IACONO, Carpenter, South Shops, Emp. 3-4-63  
HARRY LAATSCH, Officer, Security, Emp. 5-2-42  
MORTON LIBERT, File Clerk, Claims Law, Emp. 3-22-62  
JOSEPH PUGH, Yard Foreman, 61st Street, Emp. 3-30-53

are invited. This, the union's 10th annual Old-Timers party, will be held Friday, Jan. 23, at the Plumbers Auditorium, 1340 W. Washington Blvd., from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Plenty to eat and drink... Changes resulting from the CTA reorganization have netted us new faces, new places and new titles. The entire Signal Engineering and Communications Department, where PAUL CLEAVER retired as superintendent, moved from room 7-179 in the Mart down to the 5th floor. Our Signal Maintenance Division formerly at Blue Island is now headquartered at electro-bay in the West Shops. Along with other maintenance divisions, it is under the jurisdiction of RONALD SWINDELL, superintendent of Electrical Maintenance. Other signalmen (if we're still allowed to call them that) whose office is also moved to electro-bay are TED SZEWC, supervisor of signal, telephone and radio maintenance, and GEORGE MATEJOVSKY who is unit supervisor of signal maintenance. You'll just have to get with it, men, there is no Signal Department as such anymore... A belated happy birthday greeting to old PATRICK (White Top) DOYLE, retired signal foreman, Nov. -15. Mr. Doyle dropped in to say hello to the fellows in the blacksmith shop and relay room, near Montrose and Broadway. When I talked with him, he was at Kimball on the Ravenswood Line, exchanging a little "Irish blarney" with his old friend BILL ROONEY, Kimball Terminal superintendent. Mr. Doyle doesn't like to drive much, but enjoys the privilege of being chauffeured by a very able assistant, his wife, ETHEL. By the way, Pat, before you and Ethel head back out to your beautiful home in Harwood Heights, why don't you have her drive you over to Blue Island and give your old friend JIM ROCHE a slap on the back... We welcome HENRY MURRY to the ranks of signal maintainers. We also say farewell to one of the younger maintainers, DONNIE COOTS. Don has decided this city life is not to his liking and is going back to those beautiful hills of Kentucky. We look forward to working with you, Henry, and we are certainly sorry to see Don go. We wish the both of you the best in your new jobs. Drop us a line, Donnie, and let us know when you get settled... Not exactly pleased with the way things are here in America? Never cease to speak out and work for change. Haven't yet learned to love America? Don't leave it; at least not now during this our Bicentennial year. This is a good time to really look into America and see what it's made of, how it was put together, what its ills are. Let's find and point out its good features, and last but not least, let us as Americans take a hard look into ourselves. Who are we? What is our sense of values? How do we contribute to whatever America is? For we, America's people, to a large extent are America.

- Tommie Lowery

(Chicago Avenue) -

Well, I guess this is the last time I can say I'm writing for Chicago Avenue Shop. Soon it will no longer be in existence. Some of the gangs have already moved to the Electro Bay West in the West Shops area. Soon the rest of the gangs will move and the Chicago Avenue Shop will be no more. I really don't know how long the electrical shop has been at the 311 address but I heard that at one time the building was a generating station and also a battery house. When, I don't know. Also, Blue Island is no longer an Electrical Department barn. The two are now grouped together at Electro Bay West. I thought the retirees should know this... Received a note from DEL TOSH who is now settled in Scottsdale, Ariz. Del and I were to meet on the air on Sunday mornings, but so far we haven't made it. Got a call a week ago from a ham in Chicago who said Del was booming in on 15 meters. By the time I got on the air, conditions had changed and I couldn't find him. Oh, well, better luck next time... Since the gangs are all over now and the shops are combined, I am hoping that we can have a news item box at Electro Bay where fellows can drop in notes about all sorts of happenings in their lives. That way we can get it in the Transit News... Hope all of you had a nice holiday season, and let me wish you all the best for a Happy New Year. 73

- Ben Nielsen

## FOREST GLEN -

Received a visit from Retired Operator TED WODARSKI who says he is really enjoying his pension. So far, Ted and his wife, IRENE, have been to Hawaii and are now planning a trip to Arizona for several months. On Nov. 4, Ted and Irene celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. They have four fine children--two boys and two girls--and six grandchildren. Ted says he is still playing a lot of golf, and is a member of the Moose. Ted had 38½ years of service with CTA when he retired. Some of you may remember that on his last day, his family showed up at Jefferson Park for his last trip. Ted says he'll never forget that trip. By the way, Ted, we would like to wish Irene a belated happy birthday... Operator DeMAYO became a grandfather for the sixth time when little JENNIFER WELCYNSKI was born on Nov. 27... Operator BARSKI just returned from a trip to Florida. He and his Mrs. drove south for several weeks and enjoyed the trip very much. He says he saw Pensioner BARRON in Miami who said hello to all his friends... Clerk MILLER just returned from a hunting trip and shot a deer. He now has some venison for his freezer... Our heartfelt sympathy goes out for the families of WALTER BLIX and Operator DREWKE who passed away suddenly. Also to the family of Operator CHILDERS who passed away... Clerk GRANT MOSELEY is

now back at Forest Glen. We welcome your return...I understand that Retired Chief Clerk BILL PINASCO and LYONS are forming a retirement club for former Forest Glen members. They will start holding get-togethers at the Flame, located at Nagle and Higgins. When I get more news, I will let you know through the Transit News. Good idea, don't you think? ..Supervisor LEE OAKS and his Mrs. left for Arizona on Dec. 23 to celebrate Christmas in the warm weather...As usual, Operator MARGE JARVIS baked cookies for all at Forest Glen. Last year she baked 65 pounds, and boy, did they disappear fast. Thanks, Marge, for the nice gift. May God bless you for your kindness...A hearty welcome is extended to WALTER PHILLIPS and ROSS ADAMS, two new drivers...I understand that Superintendent TOM HILDEBRANT, District C, received an award from the Chicago Valley of the Scottish Rite for getting new memberships. Congratulations. . . Pensioner RAY DALKE and his wife, IRENE, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4. Congratulations and best wishes for many more.

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

#### GENERAL OFFICE (Insurance & Pensions) -

TONI MISETIC took a maternity furlough to await a bundle of joy.

#### (Medical) -

As customary, Dr. ARNOLD PECK flew to Florida for two weeks to enjoy the holidays and get away from the cold and snow.

#### (Administrative Services) -

We wish EARL PETERSEN, mail clerk, health and happiness in his pension years. Earl retired on Jan. 1 after more than 32 years of service...We welcome TYRRELL HENNINGS to the department as a mail clerk.

#### (Personnel) -

Last month we told you that BILL SHOL-DICE and his wife, NANCY, Library Services, had moved to a condominium in Morton Grove. Well, that's close, but not quite right. It's Mount Prospect they live in...The nine-inch snow storm we had in November sure did a number on RON BAKER. Ron came stumbling in the following Monday with a sore back that was later diagnosed as a slipped disc. After two weeks of treatment and recuperation, Ron was back at work and feeling better, but it will be a while before he is back at full strength...Meanwhile, the change of semesters at Roosevelt university has changed the staff of our Training Services group. Co-op Artist MARILYN BLOOM is back at Roosevelt full time for the winter and spring, while KAREN KLINE, also a co-op art major from Roosevelt, returns to Room 756. Both gals have been extremely helpful with the overflow of proj-

## Pate's New Post

James A. Pate, former secretary-treasurer of the CTA bus driver's union local #241, recently was appointed staff labor representative for the AFL-CIO division of the National Council on Alcoholism.

Working with the Chicago Metropolitan Council on Alcoholism, Pate is serving as liaison between the Council and top level management in companies and corporations as well as with the labor unions.

The program, which is funded by the federal government, is designed to develop policy for handling the problem of alcoholism. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare deems alcoholism as a "disease which should be treated as such and if dealt with in time can save the individual," according to Pate.

Pate, who started as a CTA bus driver in February, 1951, became a member of the Local 241 executive board in 1961. In 1968, he was elected secretary-treasurer of the local, a position he retained until 1975.

He is currently a member of the executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO; the Chicago Plan Commission; the Illinois State Lottery Board, the Cook County Citizens Advisory Committee, Medical Examiners Board; and chairman of the Board of Directors, Highland Community Bank.



James A. Pate

ects that BURT BOSAN and ERV HARRIS have to tackle each week.

- Regina Daren & Eileen Neurauter

#### LIMITS -

Greetings and a Happy New Year to all!.. Well, I guess you are wondering what happened to your reporter and the news you are supposed to get each month. Well, let me explain a few things to all of you. Personally, I become very disenchanted with the idea of not getting any news from our station. It's very hard to find anyone with news, and when someone does have news, they fail to come forth with it. So you can imagine how I feel when someone asks me "what's new this month?" So to start the year off right, I am asking all you good people with news about yourself or your family to get it to me, CHARLES TURNER, badge 9509, and I will guarantee it will get in the magazine. So have a good year and save at our credit union.

- Charles Turner

#### KEDZIE -

Your reporter and his wife, CARM, along with his brothers-in-law and their wives, SAM and TESS FIORITO, and PHIL and VIOLET BOFFA, went on a Caribbean cruise and it was just great. We visited Haiti, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Nassau before returning to Florida where we rented a car and drove to the West Coast where we visited my sister-in-law and her husband, JOE RELI, before returning home. After that Carm and I, along with Retired Superintendent MYLES HARRINGTON and his wife, "B", drove to Arizona, Mexico, Nevada, and then spent eight days in Sun City, Ariz., where we

were the guests of Retired Superintendent EARL and MARGE PETERSON. We also visited Retired Superintendent BOB CHRISTIAN and his wife, BABE. Earl and Marge had a nice party for us. Also saw RAY REIGHARD and his lovely wife, SUE, and JIM HARRISON and his wife and WILLIAMS and his wife. Williams was a former dispatcher. In Scottsdale we visited JAKE and BETTY JACOBY. When we visited Las Vegas we stayed at the Show Boat hotel which was beautiful and took in all the shows. On our way home, we were stranded for two days in Ogalla, Neb., due to a snow storm and were lucky to get accommodations at the Ramada Inn. After the storm the weather was cold, but the snow was gone... Pensioner DAVE CLARK's wife is in the hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery...Our sincere condolences to Pensioner BAKER in the loss of his wife. The Bakers resided in Columbus, Ohio...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Operator W. LUCKETT who passed away on Dec. 3; to Operator HARVEY BEY and his wife, NAOMI, in the loss of their son, JOSEPH, who was laid to rest on Dec. 6. Joseph was only 19 years old and was attending college in North Carolina when he suffered a heart attack... My brother-in-law, Pensioner MIKE FIORITO, sold his home and has moved to Tucson, Ariz., with his daughter, MARY LOU, and her husband and children. We wish you good health and happiness in your new surroundings... My buddy, Operator GUY DIMEO, took his pension on Nov. 1, and his wife, DORA, had a lovely party for him to celebrate the occasion. Everyone had a good time. We wish Guy and Dora good health and happiness in their retirement... To everyone on the sick list we wish a speedy recovery. Hope to see you back on the job soon...To everyone celebrating a birthday this month, happy birthday...Don't

forget your credit union--save a little each payday.

- Raymond Graham

#### MATERIALS MANAGEMENT -

A hearty welcome to LEON HARRIS who replaces PERRY JONES in Storeroom 61... Our good wishes to STAN BATHELT formerly of the Specifications Department who took on a new position as electrical engineer at Skokie Shop... Good luck and a healthy, happy retirement to BARNEY GAGNON of Materials Management, and to ANTON J. GORZKIEWICZ of Storeroom



John Lundberg

42... JOHN LUNDBERG, the son of LINDA LUNDBERG, dropped in during the holidays to say hello. John is a 7th grade student at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield, Wis., and was proud to display his medal for winning the 50-foot rifle range competition in his company. Congratulations, Sgt. Lundberg... Happy birthday to DAVID BOETTIN, JOANNE's nephew. She drank to that. She'll drink to anything!.. We certainly miss Specifications Engineer FRANK MAGUIRE. Get well soon will ya, Frank?.. Our sincere condolences to ED AHLBRAND whose mother passed away, and to the family of VINCENT (Chuck) SCIMECA, fork lift operator at Storeroom 42, Skokie, who passed away Nov. 28. Vincent will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

- Delores Duff

#### NORTH PARK -

Congratulations to the 84 "Employees of the Year" from North Park Garage who were awarded cards for their devotion to their jobs... Pensioner ED ZIENTARA won a basket of groceries and a turkey at the November Little Flower communion and breakfast service... Operator EARNIE BUCHANAN was seriously injured on his way to work and was hospitalized at Lutheran General hospital. At this writing he is home in Des Plaines recuperating... Operator WILLIE FRIEB is now driving a new '75 Oldsmobile, and looking forward to several trips in the near future... Pensioner TED DIDIER has a new address: 326 Grove Street, Evansville, Wis. 53536, and invites his many friends to stop by for a visit... Clerk BOB PETERSON enjoyed a week's "honey-do" vacation, and his wife, GRACE, kept him busy doing many chores. The welcome mat is extended to Clerk ATEF MORRIS and Relief Clerk WALTER ALEXANDER... Retiring on Dec. 1 was Operator JOE ESPOSITO, and on Jan. 1 were Operators LARRY McDERMOTT, HENRY NEUMAN, PAUL KLUG, HARRY OSOWSKI and FRANK TINDLE, and Clerk JOHN

## Service anniversaries in January

### 40 years

A. H. Wike,  
North Avenue

R. A. Roesing,  
Buildings & Grounds



A. J. Bourne,  
Electrical



L. T. Uspel,  
69th Street

### 35 years

R. E. Dobson, District A  
J. J. Hennessy, Claims Law  
M. M. Organ, Payroll Accounting

### 25 years

J. Calloway, North Avenue  
J. A. Daniel, 77th Street  
C. Davis, 77th Street  
G. R. DeRose, North Avenue  
J. Dowd, Harlem Maint. Terminal  
J. A. Fano, Skokie Shop  
R. F. Havlik, Operations Planning  
J. H. Irwin, Kedzie  
L. T. LeRoy Jr., 52nd Street

WATHIER... Our sympathy and condolences to the families of Pensioners TOM CONROY and GARRETT FOY.

Repair Department Chit Chat: Assistant Day Foreman TONY KASMAN retired on Jan. 1 and his co-workers held a great retirement party at the garage for him and presented him with several gifts... Repairman JAMES SPRAAGS and his wife, CYN-

## 30 years

H. G. Asher, Jefferson Park  
F. Bonk, Electrical  
S. E. Boudreau, Forest Glen  
E. R. Cech, Forest Glen  
W. H. Chamberlain, North Avenue  
J. L. Connors, Security  
M. T. Connors, Treasury  
P. J. Czaja, Wilson Maint. Terminal  
J. DeMarco, Skokie Shop  
T. Dixon, 52nd Street  
L. A. Felckowski, Buildings & Grounds  
F. E. Gallagher, 69th Street  
J. P. Hallahan, Near North Area  
J. M. Hanning, West Section  
J. L. Henderson, Wilson Maint. Terminal  
L. J. Hoffman, Limits  
A. Joiner, 52nd Street  
J. L. Jones, 52nd Street  
D. J. Karl, Beverly  
H. J. Kucharski, 77th Street  
F. C. LeGuire, District A  
J. A. Lioce, Desplaines Maint. Terminal  
J. L. Markos, Jefferson Park  
E. F. Mizerocki, Wilson Maint. Terminal  
J. J. Mornar, Archer  
J. S. Motyka, Forest Glen  
G. R. Nash, Control Center  
A. G. Newman, Forest Park  
T. J. O'Connor, Kedzie  
S. A. O'Nan, North Park  
E. Oracki, 69th Street  
H. A. Pratt, Forest Glen  
T. P. Regan, North Avenue  
R. D. Roy, District C  
M. Saffka, Electrical  
W. F. Schleizer, Kedzie  
T. M. Schwarz, South Section  
C. F. Semon, Electrical  
D. E. Somsel, North Park  
G. Stanek, Archer  
T. Staples, North Rail District  
A. C. Tabel, North Avenue  
J. Tertz Jr., Forest Glen  
H. F. Wisinski, Forest Glen

S. J. Lupina, Utility  
D. J. O'Leary, South Shops  
T. G. Popek, Engineering  
R. E. Powell, North Park  
B. A. Rawls, 77th Street  
O. E. Robinson, Utility  
C. D. Rowell, Kedzie  
J. E. Smith, Track & Structures  
B. Steward, Racine Maint. Terminal  
J. Stewart, 52nd Street  
W. J. Teofel, Utility  
A. C. Thomas, 77th Street

THIA, became parents of their third child when a son, ADELL DEMONT, was born on Oct. 8 at Illinois Research hospital weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces... Relief Foreman CLARENCE FORBES is filling in for Tony Kasman and doing a great job... The garage is operating a Tennants Scrubbing machine around the yard and the results are outstanding. The oil and grease slick is gradually disappearing, and for that we are

grateful...On vacation at this time are Servicemen GENE DRZEWICKI and MAX TSUCHIDA, Repairmen PAUL SCHREVES, ROBERT JOHNSON, GORDEN KENNEDY and O. SMITH...My thanks to everyone for the many Christmas cards and holiday greetings that I received.

- Melvin Horning

#### NORTH AVENUE -

My article this month is in remembrance of WALTER BLIX, with fond memories as the past reporter of this column, my co-reporter and friend, who died Nov. 26. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, VIRGINIA, and the Blix family, and to the families of Operator GEORGE BUE-TOW, Pensioners BEEK and CHARLIE BOUER, and to Clerk AL ROHDE in the death of his sister...Pensioner ADAM WAAS is in the Alexian Brothers hospital in Elk Grove and will welcome calls or cards from his friends...Operator DOMINGO LABOY is recuperating after being hospitalized...DALE WISNIEWSKI and his wife presented Repairman FRANK WISNIEWSKI with a 7 pound 11 ounce grandson...The jubilant atmosphere around the credit union was caused by members of the Christmas savings plan as they received checks (deposits plus seven per cent dividends). We have been asked to remind all that the '76 plan started on Jan. 2...It is our sincere desire that the news for next month will be on a happier note. So, keep the news coming and we will see your name in print.

- Aaron Pruitt

#### OPERATIONS PLANNING (Schedules) -

JOE MUELLER and JIM McBRIDE, traffic checkers, retired as of Dec. 31. Joe had 35 years of service, and Jim had 30. We wish them both a long and healthy retirement...At this writing JIM BRENNAN, traffic checker, is in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery...Belated December birthday wishes to GEORGE GRIFFIN and DAVIS MITCHELL...We extend our deepest sympathy to KEN MAREK upon the death of his mother-in-law; to FRANK ALLISON upon the death of his mother, and to NAPOLEON TURNER upon the death of his brother...A healthy and prosperous New Year to all.

#### (Routes & Systems) -

Now that the spirit of Christmas has faded into the New Year and it is a long, long time until Dec. 25, 1976, let's pass the time with some good reading...SANDY DROZDA, the granddaughter of Transfer Clerk CHARLIE DROZDA, received a first class patch from Cadette Troop 483 of the St. Andrew-Crawford United Church of Christ. She was the first girl in Troop 483 to become a first class scout in many years. Sandy also received the handy-

woman badge and the out of doors and international understanding challenge pins. Charlie beamed with pride when he heard the news. Congratulations are extended to both Sandy and Charlie...HARVEY McCLINTON received a big treat on Halloween. His wife, HOLLY, gave birth to a little girl, ANGELA MONIQUE, at Roseland Community hospital weighing 10 pounds 4 ounces and 22½ inches long. Angela is more than a handful, but Harvey would not have it any other way. Congratulations, dad and mom...This happy news is offset by the loss of MIKE GROVAK from our department. Mike is leaving CTA to resume his education full-time at Ambassador college in Pasadena, Cal. He bids a sad farewell to all his friends at CTA. We wish Mike the best as he resumes his academic career...RICHARD and LAWANDA REDDING celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary with a two-week trip to Honolulu, Hawaii. This was the fourth year they celebrated their anniversary in Hawaii. Lawanda says Richard takes her there to decide if he's going to keep her for another year. Richard says he keeps going back because he would like to live there when they retire. Which do you think is the real reason?..Two of our hotshots, TOM PRENDERGAST and ANDY BISHOP, are on the General Office basketball team. After practicing on the floor during league games, they have started on a winning streak. Their record is 1 and 4. Keep up the fast pace...BOB VANCE spent Thanksgiving with his folks in Westerville, Ohio. He really had quite a bit of luggage to take with him since he brought out Christmas gifts, graduation gifts and birthday gifts.

#### (Passenger Controls) -

DENNIS RADATZ filled the vacancy left by JOAN HARRISON. He formerly worked at Kitts Design Associates, Inc. Naturally we wish him the best of luck and hope for a long tenure with CTA...J. P. O'CONNOR and his cronies flew to Tarpon Springs, Fla., for a golf outing. Since it is impossible to golf in Illinois and get a suntan during the winter, they are now basking in the sun in Florida. Won't everyone be envious of his tan.

- Kay Batina & Linda Grynsbeck

#### SOUTH SECTION -

Happy New Year! May 1976 be a good year for you and yours...Motorman THEODORE VERNON is one happy man. He has two weddings to celebrate: first his son, DONALD, who is in the air force at Travis Air Force Base in San Francisco, was married in Chicago to GLENNA CARRAWAY on Dec. 12; then on Dec. 21 his son, THEODORE Jr., who was graduated from Southern university in Baton Rouge, La., was married to GWENDOLYN CLARK in Baton Rouge. Gwendolyn will graduate next year from Southern university. They plan to live in Chicago. Congratulations

to the happy Vernon family...Janitor PERRY LIDDELL's wife has been in the hospital for an operation, but is now home and doing just fine...What a tragedy! Retired Conductor ERNEST HARDWIDGE and his wife, who lived in a trailer home, died in a fire that engulfed their trailer. Ernest was about 90 years old. May they both rest in peace...The Division 308 election held on Nov. 18 had quite a few changes. Congratulations to newly elected president, WILFRED SPEARS, and to newly elected vice-president, CLARENCE KNOX. Our new South Section board member is ELWOOD FLOWERS, and assistant board member ROBERT JAMES. Also congratulations to HUGH HEGARTY who was re-elected as secretary. Here's wishing you all successful terms in office. Also much good luck to those who had held offices: LEONARD BEATTY who was our president for two terms, and CHARLES LOUGHRAN, vice-president. Both men served us well and were a credit to the offices they held...Back to their posts and off the sick list are Conductors ROBERT BROWN and ALBERT POWELL, and Supervisor ROBERT JOHNSON...Assistant Superintendent ARDIS MORRIS was in an automobile accident. He was in the hospital, but is now home recuperating. Hope you'll be back to work soon, Ardis...Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT is mighty proud of his granddaughter, CLAUDIA WINTER, who has been nominated by Senator Percy for admission to the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Boy, that "women's lib" is getting in all over...On the system pick, effective Dec. 7, we also had quite a change-over in our clerks. Best wishes to JIM FORTE and WILL INTOE who went to the West Section, and to JIM CAREY who went to the North Section. Hello to BOB STEWART, LUDARISH BUTLER, the wife of Motorman GORDON BUTLER, and EDWARD DAVIS who now are working on the South Section. Ludarish was in the hospital for an operation, but is now home recuperating. We hope she'll be back to work soon...Going on pension Jan. 1 are Supervisors ANDY O'BRIEN and JOSEPH DVORAK. A little get-together was held for them at the District Office, Randolph-Wells, and all their friends stopped by to wish them a happy pensioned life...Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA who had broken his hip and had been in the hospital and nursing home, is home again walking with a walker and doing just wonderful. Now that's good news...The Pensioned Agents Club held their Christmas dinner on Dec. 7 at Sharko's restaurant and a good time was had by all. President LULU HAMANN and Secretary-Treasurer ROSE HEIDENBLUT, retired assignment agents, did a splendid job with the party as usual. Somehow I was elected to be Mistress of Ceremonies instead of Retired Division 308 President JOHN BURNS, and everyone says I did a good job. I was kind of proud of myself. The pensioners looked good: Retired

## RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

Agents HAZEL DUNN, CECILIA MORAN, MARY CARSON, who was there with her two daughters, MAE DRISCOLL and HELEN SHANNON, Retired Towerman PAT HICKEY, Retired Motorman JERRY HANAFIN, Retired Clerk THOMAS O'HARA, Retired Towerman LEONARD DeGROOT, and Pensioner CHARLES BAKER from 77th Street. It's just wonderful to enjoy a dinner with such good friends... Clerk EARL JONES had a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation. He traveled to Beaumont, Tex., to spend Thanksgiving with his mother and relatives... On the sick list at this time are Motorman WILLIAM PAYNE, Janitor LULLING WILLIAMS, and Clerk JOHN BARRY. Hope they have a speedy recovery... Just heard that Retired Conductor WILLIAM RUEHL passed away recently. Our condolences to the Ruehl family... Our suggestion department spent a day at 95th Street and everyone filled out a card to tell them how they like the suggestion system. They also held a drawing and Motormen CORDELL WILSON and ROBERT FORMAN won \$10 gift certificates... Superintendent of Janitors ROBERT ROESING's wife, ALICE, was in the hospital for an operation but is now home recuperating and feeling much better. Hurry up and get well, Alice... Receiving passenger commendations recently were: Conductor JAMES DAVIS who received two for his excellent announcements and performance of duties; Motorman VAL DILLARD for turning in a lost article to a passenger, and Motorman LEWIS GRIFFITH and Conductor STANLEY HOWARD were commended by the rail controllers for helping out during a road service delay.

- Verna Hartney

### VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (South Shops) -

Our annual turkey shoot was a big success. Among the turkey winners were GAIL HATHAWAY, EDDY SHIELDS and MAUREEN HOULIHAN. Maureen's fiancé, LLOYD BETOURNEY, also won a turkey. Everyone had a good time. Maureen has proven that the Irish are really lucky. She went to bingo the other night and won. It was only her second time, too... JIM FELTZ and his dad, "Big Ern" from Archer, and their wives had a wonderful experience while on their vacation in Hawaii. They had the chance to see the volcanoes of Kilauea. Two weeks after they left, the volcanoes erupted and caused much damage... Technical Services' NEIL MAHALE and his wife, REGINA, are expecting an addition to their family around June 1. Congratulations are also in order for BILL SCOTT and his wife on becoming grandparents. Bill's daughter had a baby girl, DEBBIE... GAIL HATHAWAY was in Missouri for the Thanksgiving holiday and had a chance to get some target practice. She hit two out of a possible 50... I really hate to see JOHN CACCIATO retire Jan. 1. His

CHARLES BAUER, 62, District A, Emp. 8-25-42, Died 11-27-75  
WALTER BLIX, 62, North Avenue, Emp. 7-26-48, Died 11-26-75  
ERNEST BOCK, 72, North Avenue, Emp. 1-16-34, Died 11-25-75  
FRANK BROWN, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 9-22-20, Died 11-17-75  
GEORGE BUETOW, 71, 77th Street, Emp. 4-15-25, Died 11-30-75  
THOMAS BYRNE, 75, 69th Street, Emp. 12-3-28, Died 11-10-75  
JAMES CARPINO, 75, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-14-26, Died 11-13-75  
CHARLES CHILDERS, 43, Forest Glen, Emp. 12-12-57, Died 12-2-75  
THOMAS CONROY, 65, North Park, Emp. 8-15-42, Died 11-16-75  
WILLIAM CORNELL, 79, South Shops, Emp. 9-18-19, Died 11-10-75  
JAMES CUNNINGHAM, 77, Devon, Emp. 8-21-29, Died 11-12-75  
WILLIAM DANES, 78, West Section, Emp. 6-16-24, Died 10-30-75  
JOSEPH DILLON, 72, North Avenue, Emp. 7-29-43, Died 11-25-75  
ALBERT DREWKE, 54, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-13-46, Died 12-8-75  
GEORGE HAGEMAN, 75, West Section, Emp. 10-21-18, Died 11-10-75

MARY HANNUM, 95, North Section, Emp. 6-20-34, Died 11-6-75  
KATHLEEN JOHNSON, 75, West Section, Emp. 1-9-48, Died 11-14-75  
JOHN KERRIGAN, 83, North Park, Emp. 3-10-43, Died 11-16-75  
WILLIAM LION, 72, Archer, Emp. 5-12-25, Died 11-5-75  
JOHN LOONEY, 78, 69th Street, Emp. 9-25-23, Died 11-15-75  
WESLEY LUCKETT, 53, Kedzie, Emp. 10-21-52, Died 11-29-75  
JOHN McALLISTER, 94, 77th Street, Emp. 2-6-13, Died 11-17-75  
AUGUST MESKE, 78, Devon, Emp. 1-18-22, Died 11-13-75  
FRANK NOVAK, 81, Limits, Emp. 8-18-21, Died 11-12-75  
LUIS ONTIVEROS, 69, Track, Emp. 9-11-46, Died 11-18-75  
JOHN PERRY, 73, North Park, Emp. 6-11-26, Died 11-10-75  
WILLIAM RUEHL, 82, South Section, Emp. 7-26-18, Died 11-16-75  
VINCENT SCIMECA, 61, Stores-North, Emp. 9-16-41, Died 11-28-75  
FRANK STELZER, 47, North Avenue, Emp. 1-12-54, Died 11-7-75

mind was set, so we had to say goodbye. And another last minute retiree was JERRY ANDERSON of the Garage Division. He also retired on Jan. 1. We all wish John and Jerry much luck and happiness in their retirements. If you guys ever get bored, just stop in and see us... Congratulations to RALPH and JUNE KEANE on becoming grandparents for the first time. Their son, JACK, and his wife, LAURIE, are the proud parents of a 6 pound 8 ounce baby girl named ERIN LEE. This blessed event took place on Sept. 30.

I would like to begin by wishing everyone here at the South Shops a most prosperous and Happy New Year... Congratulations go out to all the winners of our 16th annual South Shops Turkey Shoot held at J&B Lanes. The winners were: LARRY JOCIUS, SONNY (Bear) THOMAS, TOM CIURA, TONY (Gaspie) GASPAROVICH, FERNANDO GUADARIS, FRANK PECELUNAS and last but not least, BOZO BARNES, who finally brought home the bird after seven years of trying. A special thanks goes out to ELEANOR LIDZBINSKI for all the behind-the-scenes preparations she does with the snacks and sandwiches. The kielbasa was terrific like always, and thanks to all the participants for helping make this annual event a success... Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. LARRY JARECKAS on the purchase of their new home in Lansing. Many happy payments... A wish for a speedy recovery goes out to CLEO DON-

ALDSON, JAMES LAMONT, AL WINDT and ED GERTZ... NOTE TO SHOES: The flea markets aren't the same without you... A hearty welcome aboard to the new journeymen mechanics at South Shops, GEORGE HUND and RONNIE VOSS... Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY PSZCZOLA on the marriage of their daughter, BONNI, to JOHN DEMARC of Peru, Ill. Good luck to the newlyweds... JIM MARTIN spent all his winnings from the local pools on two vacations recently. Jim took the Mrs. to Nassau for one week in November, and then took off for Las Vegas for a week on his own, and came back with just a little more than the bowling shirt on his back... We welcome GEORGE GEIS back to work after his recent illness. Nice to have you back. Mr. and Mrs. ROY MINOGUE vacationed in Germany where they attended the Oktoberfest in Munich, travelled on the Orient Express to Vienna, Austria, where they saw the Vienna Woods, Bavarian Highlands and the world famous Lippizaner stallions.

- Jeanne Diehl & Lawrence Bonas

### (Skokie Shop) -

It's goodbye to 1975 and welcome 1976. We hope all of you had as nice a year during 1975 as you possibly could, and we wish each and everyone of you a very Happy New Year... JAMES PANKONEN, superintendent, celebrated his birthday on Nov. 20 and was presented with a beautiful birthday

cake, ablaze with sparklers no less... GENEVIEVE BERG, typist, celebrated her birthday on Dec. 9. Genevieve's daughter, ANDREA ELEANOR, surprised her by having a beautiful plant delivered to the Skokie office. Andrea is away at college. So many more happy birthdays to both of you...To GENE JANKOWSKI, upholsterer, we express our sincerest sympathy in the loss of his mother...Congratulations to RICHARD REUTELL, electrical, and his wife, STELLA, on the birth of a baby boy, ERIC, born Nov. 3 and tipping the scales at 8 pounds 11 ounces...BOB BUERGER, carpenter, proudly showed the handsome plaque he received for faithful service as director of Civil Defense. Bob was director for 18 years which was all voluntary...IVO DiPIERO, carpenter foreman, drives to and from work in a brand new red and white 1976 Buick LeSabre. Boy, what class...To JOHN SARA, electrical, we wish the best of luck in his new job in the Signal Department. John was referred to as the "Field Engineer" here at Skokie...TED

LESNIAK, electrical, and his wife, GLORIA, spent a wonderful two-week vacation in Hawaii. They visited four of the islands taking in all their beauty. Ted revisited Pearl Harbor and saw the Arizona Memorial. Ted was in the service there during World War II...ROY SUAREZ, electrical, completed the construction of his olympic size swimming pool just a little too late for a pool party...The WILLIAM HANSEN family recently acquired a black Labrador from the MUZIO FICARELLA family. Bill, electrical, also has a red Irish setter and both dogs get along very well together...We received word that BILL HEBERT, retired electrical worker, is the proud owner of a new Volkswagen bus...Well this is about all we have to report for this month. With a little greater effort on your part, maybe we can have twice this amount next month.

- Mary Hendrickson & Pat Harnett

#### 69TH STREET -

I saw "Big Bad Gus" GUSTAFSON. He is a ticket agent and certainly looks great. He is still taking his wife on camping trips so they can rough it...GUS MELANDER took his last vacation this winter and went to the snow country. He visited Denver, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, and Pueblo. Gus said that Former Superintendent GLEN PEYTON was hospitalized, but is now home in Florida recuperating. Send me a line, Glen, and give me the low-down...Is Operator FERGUSON jealous? If not, why did he go to JESSE (Sugar Daddy) DANIELS' home and eat all the ham his wife fixed for Jesse?...I saw HOWIE SANGER and he was wearing that retirement grin. He certainly looks happy and healthy...PAT McNICHOLAS, former garageman, has been on retirement for four years and looks good. He says hello to all his friends here at 69th...JOHN SWEENEY, retired conductor from 69th, looks great and says hello to everyone. He retired around 1958 and is now pushing 80...Congratulations to GUS MELANDER who now has 35 years service with CTA, and E. E. RICHARDSON and E. F. STEFFAN who have 30 years...We certainly miss Former Operator ALBERT JOZA who is now on disability pension. Good luck, Al...To answer that little quiz we had in the November issue of Transit News on the newspaper "Trolley Pilot" more than 30 years ago, it was circulated at 77th Street Station and edited by Retired Station Superintendent E. C. TOCCI...I talked to BILL CAVANAUGH, retired operator, at the second annual back to normal patch gathering held at the Beverly House. Bill looks great and is playing golf in the low 70's. He said he visited Retired Instructor RAY PRYOR in Florida. Both are really enjoying that leisure life...Operator W. MONROE is on the sick list at this writing. He was in an automobile accident, and is responding to treatment and should be back to work soon...Operator LUSK is

hospitalized. Here's hoping he has a speedy recovery and return to work soon... The silent reaper stopped at 69th and took Mr. WILLIS THICKLIN, the father of DONALD THICKLIN; TERRY NICHOLSON, retired supervisor; Supervisor CHARLES BAUER, and the son of Operator F. GOUDEAU. To their families and loved ones, we at 69th extend our deepest sympathy...



Allison Simpson

When little ALLISON NICOLE SIMPSON was born on July 14, she weighed in at 6 pounds 9 ounces, and joy supreme reigned in the household of ELVIN and CATHERINE SIMPSON. Allison is now seven months old, and as ladies will be, is not telling her weight now. That's alright, she is still beautiful. ..Through the grapevine I received word that ARTHUR JOE had a good night's sleep, but it cost him a big fat fine when he failed to show up for bowling. Joe, as captain of the team, they should have charged you double...Our basketball team is really hot. They haven't lost a game since the season started. With six straight wins, Manager AL HENSON is really doing a fine job in getting his game together. To all the guys on the team, congratulations and keep up the good work and bring that first place trophy home to 69th Street.



Arnetta Atkins

When Assistant Day Foreman JOE ATKINS told me about his daughter, ARNETTA MARIE, and some of her achievements I asked him to write them down for me. There were so many, I couldn't possibly put them all in print. She's listed in the Who's Who In Music In High School for 1974-75. Joe is really proud of Arnetta who is now attending Livingstone university. Congratulations, Arnetta, and keep up the good work...HENRY HOPKINS, our ace radio man, urges prompt reporting of radio defects. The radios are there for our convenience, so let's keep them in operating condition. Henry said the two-way radio is like car insurance--you never use it until something happens. But when it does, you're glad you have it...We have two people on vacation this month: B. McBRIDE and J. LEVICKIS. They may know something the rest of us don't. I tend to worry about the weather when two old timers take a winter vacation...Now that Christmas and New Year's day have passed, let's all see if we can't keep those resolutions we made and make 1976 a year we can all be proud of.

- Art Buesing & Tom Moore

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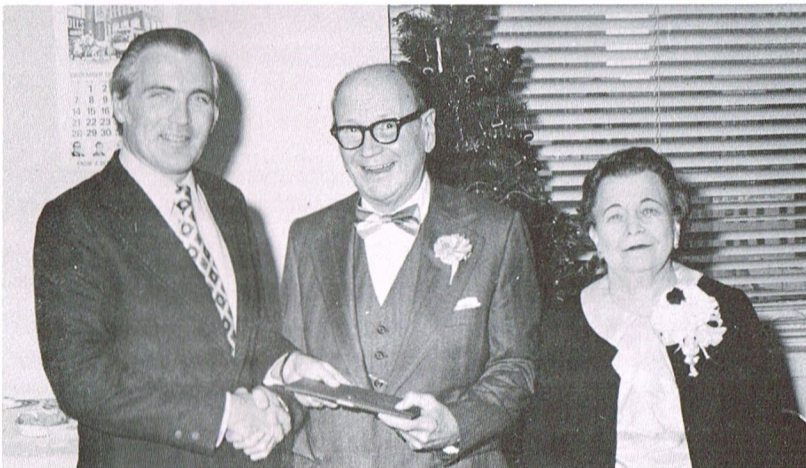
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# cta window

At year's beginning, it's always a completely new view for quite a number of CTA employees. They are entering retirement. Let's take a look through January's window at just a few of them.



Julius Tedeschi, bus operator out of North avenue. The family joined him on the last run on Lake Street, but Channel 7 just happened along to view the situation. So an impromptu retirement feature was an appearance on the tube.



Jim Tretton, center, safety inspector in public safety. Mrs. Tretton joined him at the retirement party. And the laurels for good service were handed over by the general administration manager himself, John L. Aurand.



Paul Cleaver, superintendent in equipment engineering, right, gets his retirement award from Art Sandberg. It appears to be a fisherman in a boat. That's so Paul can remember it even when he isn't doing it.

Elsie Smith, senior travel agent. From now on, let others give her the travel information. Robert Loughran, left, and Tom Coyne, right, will miss her masterminding of the call distribution board.



Ernest Guedel, driver on the O'Harexpress run. His whole family came down to ride with him on his last day. As you can see, he's getting an early start on spending more time with his grandchildren.



## McDonough Joins Board



James J. McDonough, who had just been sworn in by the man who appointed him—Mayor Richard J. Daley—participated in his first Transit Board meeting on Dec. 18 and brought his family to CTA headquarters for the highlight event. Shown with the new Board member are his wife, Jacqueline, his son, James, 10, and his daughter, Maureen, 12. After meeting, Board Member Ernie Banks shows Jimmy proper batting stance. McDonough, 42, is president of Murphy Engineering, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in transportation, water supply and treatment, land use planning and recreational facilities development. Previously, he was with the City of Chicago, Department of Streets and Sanitation, as commissioner from 1969 to 1974 and as first deputy commissioner from 1964 to 1969. He was manager of the Chicago Skyway Toll Bridge from 1959 to 1964. McDonough was named "Man of the Year" by the American Public Works Association in 1972. He served with the U.S. Army in the Korean war as transportation officer. He is a graduate of Chicago's St. Ignatius High school and a transportation alumnus of John Carroll university in Cleveland, Ohio.

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