

IT'S *SPRUCE-UP* TIME



MARCH, 1969

TRANSIT NEWS

News Briefs

Welcomes Son to Pensioners' Ranks

WHEN WEST Section Motorman Clarence (Butch) Brieger retired March 1 after 42 years of service, many of his CTA friends, both active and retired, showed up to wish him well--including his father, William A. Brieger, pictured at right, below. Also a retired West Section Trainman, the senior Mr. Brieger retired in September, 1950, after 47 years' service with the Met, CRT, and CTA.



1969 CTA Group Tour Announced

THE ITINERARY of the 1969 tour for CTA employes includes stops in Spain, Portugal, and Morocco. Date of departure will be September 13 or 14. For further information write: Miss Jane Mitchell, CTA Room 734, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654.



Marine First Aid Training Practiced by Motorman

"I DIDN'T think about it, I just did it," were the words used by Motorman Thomas Patterson, West Section, when asked what prompted him to give mouth to mouth resuscitation to a passenger who suffered a heart attack on his train. Tom, a CTA employe since November, 1967, learned first aid while in the marines. He also stated that if a similar incident should recur his reaction would probably be the same.



Four Complete Apprenticeships

COMPLETING A four-year apprenticeship in accordance with U.S. Department of Labor standards were the four employes pictured here with supervisory personnel. Shown above receiving his certificate from W. J. Klempier, supervisor of building and maintenance, is J. O'Connor (center) who completed his carpenter apprenticeship. Looking on, from left, are L. Felckowski, construction carpenter foreman, L. Anderson, general foreman of carpentry, and W. C. Hallford, assistant supervisor of building maintenance. In the picture below, E. R. Hendrickson (left), superintendent of Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals, is presenting certificates to G. Wilson, R. Piantkowski, and W. Eberhart who completed the electrical workers apprenticeship at Skokie Shops.



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THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES REPORT OF EARNINGS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR YEAR 1968

THE ABOVE REPORT SHOWS THE AMOUNT INDICATED ABOVE TOGETHER WITH THE TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE (ITEM 10), FROM OCTOBER 1, 1947 TO JANUARY 1, 1951), FROM THE ANNUAL RATE OF EARNINGS CREDITED TO THE PLAN UNDER THE PLAN.

TO ESTIMATE YOUR RETIREMENT BENEFIT UNDER THE PLAN, USE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

PAST SERVICE:
 $3700.00 \times \frac{21}{100} = 777.00$
 ANNUAL RATE (1) YEARS (2) ANNUAL PAST SERVICE CREDIT

FUTURE SERVICE:
 $108,502.98 \times 1\% = 1085.03$
 TOTAL ACCUMULATED EARNINGS TO DATE OR TO AGE 65 (3) ANNUAL FUTURE SERVICE CREDIT

ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL PENSION CREDIT:
 $777.00 + 1085.03 = 1862.03$

USE ITEMS MARKED 4 AND 5 FROM OTHER SIDE OF THE CARD.

YOUR CREDIT WITH THE PLAN:
 $4182.92 + 515.27 = 4698.19$
 TOTAL ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE (4) ACCUMULATED INTEREST (5) TOTAL

THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY EMPLOYEES
YOUR RETIREMENT CREDITS ARE VALUABLE TO YOU

One of the revisions of the Retirement Plan effective for all employees retired after January 1, 1968 is the increase in the future service formula under Section 8, from 1½% to 1¾%.

Another change provides that an employee on the effective date of retirement who is 62 years of age or older and the sum of his age and years of service equal 92 would receive an unreduced pension, or if the employee's sum of his age and years of service equal 98, he would receive an unreduced pension.

Report Cards Show Pension Plan Credit

RETIREMENT PLAN report cards showing each employee's credit in the Plan as of December 31, 1968, will be distributed system-wide between April 2 and 10, according to W. A. Ashley, Plan secretary.

The cards may be used to estimate retirement benefits and total credit with the Plan as of the last payday of 1968, as was done in the facsimile above. Employees are advised to retain the cards for ready reference.

Mr. Ashley also announced that during 1968 approval was given by the Retirement Committee to 439 pension applications of CTA employees. Of that total, 175 applicants had reached the normal retirement age of 65 years, 196 were early retirements in the age group under 65, and 68 were disability retirements.

Contributions to the Retirement Plan during 1968 totaled \$14,424,548--contributions by employees were \$5,152,440, and CTA contributions amounted to \$9,272,108. Approved during the year were disbursements totaling \$10,893,200 covering payments to retired employees, refunds to employees who terminated their services and to deceased employees' beneficiaries, and expenses of administration.

During 1968 assets of the fund increased \$6,479,-324, making a total of \$59,665,773 as of December 31 held by the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust company, trustee for the Plan.

Of these funds held by the trustee, \$59,135,091 are invested in U.S. government securities, Farm Home Administration loans, corporate bonds and notes, common stock, and CTA revenue bonds.

As a result of the arbitration award handed down November 2, 1968, the Retirement Plan was revised effective January 1, 1968.

A revision affecting employees who retired after January 1, 1968, is the change in the benefit formula which increased the future service formula under Section 8 of the Plan from 1½% to 1¾%.

Another change provides an unreduced pension for an employee who, on the effective date of retirement is 62 years of age or older and the sum of his age and years of service equal 92, or if the sum of his age and years of service equal 98, regardless of age.

Another change provided an increase in the monthly retirement benefit of those employees who retired on or before January 1, 1968. The monthly retirement allowance benefit for these employees was increased \$20 per month.

The retroactive payment to cover the increase was made in two payments, the first of which was to all retired employees who retired January 1, 1968, or before. This payment totaled \$1,114,740 and was made on November 30, 1968.

The second payment, for those employees who retired after January 1, 1968, was processed after the retirement benefits were recomputed under the new formula and the retroactive payment was made on December 31, 1968, in the amount of \$46,200.

A change which affects the amount of retirement benefits was made, providing that the minimum normal retirement allowance benefit for an employee who had 20 years of service and attained the age of 65 would be \$150 and the minimum retirement allowance benefit for an employee who qualified under the disability allowance provision of the Plan will be no less than \$150.

Suggestion Plan Launches Another Big Year

- *\$705 in Cash Awards*
- *28 Jewel \$7 Gift Certificates*
- *New Zippo Lighter/Tape Rule Award*

IN JUST two months time, between January 1 and February 28, CTA suggesters earned cash awards totaling \$705 and received 28 Jewel-Osco \$7 gift certificates for their adopted suggestions.

Six of the cash award winners, who won \$25 each as Honorable Mention awards for their second adoptable ideas within a year, included: General Office—Regina Daren, Medical Department; Joanne M. Fenn, Insurance Department; Sidney L. Jacobson, Office Services, and Gerry McManamon, Employee Relations Department. Transportation—Myrtle Apitz, North Section. Shops & Equipment—William P. Rafferty, South Shops. Each winner of a second Honorable Mention also received a gift certificate.

Among the other cash award winners was a Shops & Equipment Department employe at South Shops, Ben Pabisinski, who won 2 cash awards (\$60 and \$25) and 2 gift certificates in 2 days. For their suggestions, two other men from South Shops also shared in the cash awards and gift certificates, Juozas M. Bagdzius who won \$25 and Adolph C. Gemmet who won \$60. From the General Office, another cash award winner was Robert D. Heinlein who received \$350 and a gift certificate.

As a supplemental award for his suggestion adopted a year ago, John R. Kalinowski, S&E-South Shops, was awarded \$35.

Named as winners of Honorable Mention awards because they submitted their first adoptable suggestions, making them eligible to receive gift certificates are: Transportation—Elijah N. Coleman, Archer; Carl W. Hansen, North Park; Willie Hill, Loomis; George J. Jaros, 69th Street; Harry W. Rons, 69th Street; Clara Sala, West Section, and J. G. Steinbach, Lawndale. Shops & Equipment—Charles Gerard, South Shops; Howard P. Goerner, South Shops; Larry Jareckas, South Shops; Charles R. O'Malley, Kedzie Garage, and Leonard Tucek, South Shops. Engineering—Edward D. Gertz, South Shops; William A. Mulwee, 63rd & Calumet, and Edgar Shaw, West Shops. General Office—Joanne M. Fenn, Insurance, and Walter J. Thomas, Schedule-Traffic.

Starting April 1, for every adopted suggestion, employes will have a choice of awards. They can choose the \$7 gift certificate, which may be used as payment on any purchase in a Jewel, Osco, or Turnstyle store. Or they may choose the new award—a beautiful combination package containing a Zippo lighter and tape rule. You make the choice when you turn in the stub for your suggestion, after its adoption is announced on the special bulletin board. In addition to these awards, employes who submit a second Honorable Mention (or small savings) award which is adopted with a one-year period are entitled to a minimum cash award of \$25. Higher cash awards are presented in accordance with greater savings to the Authority—up to a maximum award of \$10,000.

HONORED RECENTLY by the National Association of Suggestion Systems were CTA's two "Best Suggesters," Regina Daren, Medical Department, and James Forrestal, South Shops, who are holding citations which were presented by Fred Guerin, NASS director. CTA supervisory personnel looking on include E. Nelson (left), general foreman, Shops and Equipment Department, and Dr. S. D. Mosny, medical director.



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CHAIRMAN

TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Each year, Chicago Transit Authority launches a month-long campaign to emphasize the benefits of purchasing U.S. Savings Bonds through the payroll savings plan. We are pleased to announce that during the month of April all employees of the Authority will be contacted by a fellow worker and given the opportunity of beginning a savings program or adding to an established plan.

Again this year, E Bond purchasers will have the opportunity to buy Freedom Shares which provide even greater returns on their investments. Freedom Shares have a shorter maturity period, $4\frac{1}{2}$ years, and bear a higher interest rate, 5%. They can be purchased only in combination with regular E Bonds on approximately a one-for-one basis. Although E Bonds can still be purchased separately, the maximum benefit comes from the combination purchase -- it's like an added bonus.

We urge you to join the Payroll Savings Plan if you are not signed up now, to buy Freedom Shares if you are now purchasing E Bonds, and to take advantage of this easy-to-save method by increasing your allotment for the purchase of bonds and shares.

For many years, CTA was one of a select group of about 90 large companies in the United States who had more than 50% participation in payroll savings plans. We regret that in 1968, our participation slipped to just under the 50% mark -- 48.9% and we lost this great honor. We hope that in 1969 we can regain our place with a higher than ever degree of participation. In no other way can we so greatly benefit our country and at the same time, ourselves.

Because of the greater interest rates and tax advantages, Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares are now an even more attractive way to finance college educations for your children, to save for a home or new car, or to establish a retirement program for yourself. If you are interested in learning how to save for such purposes, ask the fellow employee who contacts you to explain the plan.

We urge you to consider carefully this opportunity and to sign up now for the Payroll Savings Plan. E Bonds and Freedom Shares mean security not only for you, but for our country, too. And remember, you can increase your participation at any time of the year by contacting your department head. You needn't wait for the bond drive month to take advantage of the plan.

T. B. O'Connor

George L. DeMent

SHARE IN
AMERICA '69



Mary Clarke Retires After 45 Years in Training Field



WITH THE retirement of Mary E. Clarke, Transit News lost one of its greatest supporters--its No. 1 reporter. Miss Clarke retired April 1 as statistical section supervisor of CTA's Training and Accident Prevention Department.

On March 27, Miss Clarke was feted at a dinner in her honor which was attended by more than 200 of her friends and co-workers. She is shown above receiving a retirement portfolio and best wishes from Operating Manager Charles E. Keiser.

Miss Clarke began working for the Chicago Rapid Transit company on June 4, 1923, as a clerk in the office of the safety engineer. That department's responsibility related chiefly to the instruction and retraining of motorman and conductors. The job necessitated the dedication to duty and deep personal involvement which she exhibited by remaining in that

line of work throughout her 45 years' service. But, in addition to that, Miss Clarke was always an employe who could be depended upon to lend a helping hand when unusual conditions so demanded it. She served as a nurse on the rapid transit hospital car at the Mundelein Eucharistic Congress in 1926, prepared coffee for workers shoveling snow off "L" platforms, and distributed those life-saving funds to needy employes during the depression.

Following the takeover of the rapid transit and streetcar companies by CTA in 1947, the instruction of employes was consolidated in a single Training and Accident Prevention Department. In the newly-formed department, Miss Clarke served first as administrative assistant to its superintendent, and in August, 1961, became statistical section supervisor, the position which she held at the time of her retirement.

The success of that department has been demonstrated by the declining accident frequency rate experienced by CTA. In her job, Miss Clarke waged war on accidents not from behind a driving wheel, but from behind her desk, where she was armed with graphs and statistics which permitted her to make recommendations for more intensive training and reducing accident hazards.

In addition to her regular duties, Miss Clarke has been the Transit News scribe for the General Office since December, 1948, and has served longer than any other reporter.

Miss Clarke, who resides at 317 S. Oak Park avenue in west suburban Oak Park, has made no definite plans for her retirement.



ON BEHALF of their men, the superintendents of five operating stations accepted awards citing their stations for safety achievements during 1968. Each of the stations beat its own record by having fewer accidents than in its previous safest year. The presentation of award plaques to superintendents was made by Operating Manager Charles E. Keiser at the March 7 meeting of day superintendents, when Mr. Keiser also announced that coffee and rolls would be served to personnel at each of the five stations. Holding plaques are, from left: J. A. Knerr, 77th Street; R. W. Meisner, 61st Street; G. T. May, Limits; Mr. Keiser; M. F. Harrington, Archer, and H. P. Braun, Lawndale.



New CTA Advisory Committee Named

THE MEMBERSHIP of a new Citizens' Customer Relations committee to advise CTA on matters of improving service and pleasing customers was recently announced by George L. DeMent, chairman of Chicago Transit Board.

Warren A. Logelin, vice president of AMSTED Industries, has accepted chairmanship of the committee.

Members of the committee include, from left-seated: Mrs. Connie Seals, community relations, The Urban League; James O'Connor, public relations, Commonwealth Edison company; Mr. DeMent, Mr. Logelin; Roy Bradstrum Jr., Chicago area public relations manager, Illinois Bell Telephone company;

Peter Benton, regional public relations director, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance; standing: Frank Faraone, regional public relations director, General Motors corporation; Thomas C. Sullivan, manager regional public relations, General Electric company; Norman Ross, vice president, First National Bank of Chicago; Irwin Klass, public relations, Chicago Federation of Labor and Industrial union council AFL-CIO; James M. Patterson, director of public relations, American Oil company; Hale Nelson, consultant; William H. Newby, director of community relations, Jewel companies, Inc. Missing from photo: Ed Marciniak, planning department, City of Chicago, and Rembrandt C. Hiller Jr., midwest public relations director, Sears, Roebuck and company.

16 Named in New Shops Department Promotions

IN BULLETINS issued recently by Superintendent of Garages J. W. Dain, 16 Shops and Equipment Department employes were promoted to new positions at surface system garages. The appointments were approved by J. J. Repplinger, superintendent of surface system shops and garages, and L. G. Anderson, superintendent of Shops and Equipment.

Effective March 2, Tim Riordan was appointed supervisor of garages at Forest Glen, Limits, and North Park.

Named in appointments effective February 1 were Wilburt A. Jarchow as day foreman at Beverly Garage, Joseph Ritrovato as day foreman at Lawndale Garage, Joseph M. Fiorita as day foreman at North Avenue Garage, Terrence J. McGuigan as p.m. foreman at 52nd Street Garage, James R. Pankonen as p.m. foreman at Kedzie Garage, Thomas S. Gecan as

p.m. foreman at North Avenue Garage, Leonard J. Bottando as relief foreman at Archer Garage, Terrence P. Reilly as relief foreman at Lawndale Garage, Lee A. Harper as relief foreman at Kedzie Garage, and Fred Schmidt as night foreman at Lawndale Garage. Mr. Schmidt was subsequently transferred March 2 to the position of night foreman at Keeler Garage.

In an appointment which became effective February 23, Donald W. Berge was named relief foreman at 69th Street Garage.

Assuming their new assignments on March 2 were Bruno J. Feret as day foreman at 77th Street Garage, Harold R. McGann as night foreman at Lawndale Garage, William J. Lambert as day assistant foreman at 69th Street Garage, and William J. Joseph as p.m. foreman at 77th Street Garage.

MEDICALLY SPEAKING

By Dr. George H. Irwin,

CTA Medical Consultant

USE AND ABUSE OF DRUGS

THE SUBJECT of drugs in the field of medicine is so extensive that it would be impossible to discuss it in great detail here. Therefore, I will confine my discussion to some of the more common aspects of the use and abuse of certain drugs. Moreover, research has developed so many new drugs that it is difficult to keep abreast of newly-marketed products.

Drugs can benefit all mankind when used as intended. When abused they can be very harmful. Millions of dollars are spent annually for drugs. Both the layman and the physician should consider the benefit and also the harm which may result from the use of drugs before a decision is made to use them.

Substances with abuse potentials range from simple kitchen spices and common flowers to highly researched and developed sophisticated drugs. A few of the common and popular categories or classifications of drugs are: (1) antibiotics, (2) narcotics, (3) tranquilizers, (4) sedatives, (5) stimulants, (6) hallucinogens, and (7) steroids or cortisone.

(1) Penicillin and its derivatives are antibiotics most commonly used to combat and cure infections such as pneumonia, peritonitis, etc. As we all know, they have saved many lives when properly used. However, they do not help illnesses due to virus infections. Moreover, if used improperly, they can be frequently harmful and occasionally fatal. Some of the untoward effects of antibiotics are headaches, skin rashes, diarrhea, and destructive processes in the blood which lower the natural body resistance.

(2) Narcotics, medically defined, are drugs which produce insensibility or stupor due to their depressant effect on the central nervous system. Included in this group are opium derivatives such as morphine, codeine, heroin, and cocaine. The latter drug, cocaine, is a stimulant, not a depressant, but for law-enforcement purposes it is considered a narcotic. All of these narcotic drugs are essential to the ethical practice of medicine. However, to the abuser, these same medically useful drugs affect the nervous system producing abnormal emotional responses and reactions. After repeated use, one becomes an addict and feels he cannot live without them.

(3) Tranquilizers are drugs used to counteract tension and anxiety without significantly impairing mental and physical function. They are commonly used in psychoses, insomnia, nervous tension, cere-

bral palsy, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, headaches, backaches, alcoholism, spastic colitis, high blood pressure, menopause, etc. Some of the unfavorable reactions are drowsiness, slowing of mental reactions, dizziness, skin rashes, liver damage, and changes in the elements of the blood. They are sometimes blamed for traffic accidents. However, when used as ordered by your physician, the results are gratifying and successful.

(4) Sedatives are used primarily to induce sleep. The barbiturates are the basic and active principles in this group of drugs. They are useful for a short-term, but when used for a long time they can become very harmful.

(5) Stimulants are the drugs which stimulate the central nervous system. Among the most widely known is caffeine, an ingredient of coffee, tea, cola, and other beverages. Cocaine is one of the stimulant drugs and others include amphetamines. These so-called "pep pills" are used to reduce appetite in obesity and relieve mild depression such as occurs in menopause, grief, and senility. Everyone wants additional energy nowadays, so they look to this group of drugs to get it.

(6) The hallucinogen drugs cause distortions of perception, dream images, and hallucinations. A few of the more common ones are LSD, DMT, and marijuana. This group of drugs, abused by the "Hippies" and others, are not prescribed by ethical physicians.

(7) The steroids are a very popular and recently developed group of drugs. Cortisone belongs to this group, and was at one time called the "miracle drug" for the cure of arthritis. We know now that this is not true. However, when used judiciously, cortisone can produce some marvelous results. Some of the harmful effects are water retention in the tissue of the body, formation of ulcers in the stomach and bowels, and also detrimental changes in the composition of the blood.

This article is not intended to condemn all the drugs under consideration. Its main purpose is to alert people to the fact that results can be both good and bad. Remember, the same drug may react differently in different people. Finally, let me urge you to see your family doctor if you feel the need of any drugs. Don't depend upon the advice of your neighbor and buy drugs which are sold over the counter.

QUESTION: What special projects will you undertake this spring?

INQUIRING REPORTER: Ray Brzeczek

LOCATION: Rapid Transit
Terminal Inspection Shops



MATHEW BUCHANAN, car serviceman, Wilson (with reporter Ray Brzeczek): "To do some work around and in the house and make my flower garden more beautiful will be my special project this year."



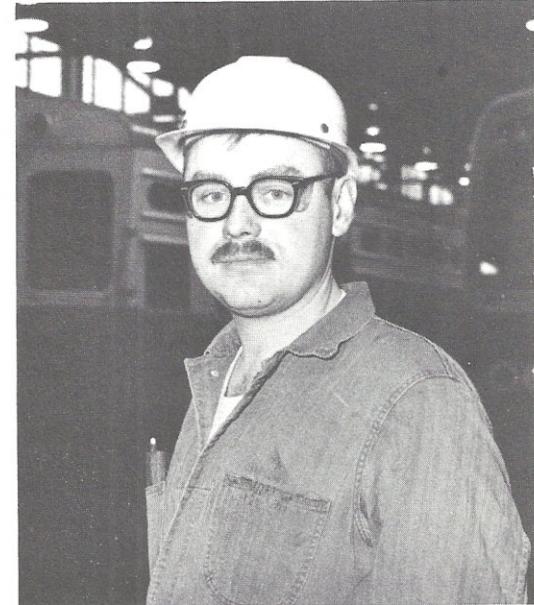
JOHN KOGER (left), repairman, Forest Park: "My special project this year is the same one that happens every third year--house painting. I have five rooms to paint, plus cleaning out the basement. The thing that makes this project so special is that I'm not much of a painter, therefore I really have to concentrate on getting the job done."

YOUNG PATE Jr. (right), repairman, 61st Street: "To take my wife and two children on a tour of Canada and New York while on vacation this spring is my special project. I shall also take a little time to pursue my favorite hobbies, bowling and swimming."



JOHN WIERCIOCH (left), repairman, Kimball: "As of now my wife is in the hospital and my special project is to get her out in good health and then go fishing for the big ones up in Minnesota."

DAVID WITTENBERG (right), repairman, Congress: "Keeping with the springtime tradition of home beautification, painting the house--inside and out--will be my first project. I believe I will put up some bright new wall paper. The color, perhaps a soft red rose. Being sports minded, I think I'll also build a gun cabinet for the sporting arms I have."



THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

ACCOUNTING -

THOMAS FOLTA, former bus repairman and the son of WILLIAM FOLTA, assistant general accountant, married RITA MAE DAVIS on February 1 in a ceremony at St. Catherine of Siena church, Oak Park, Illinois. The reception was held at the Hillside Country Club, Hillside, Illinois...STANLEY MAILUCK's trip to Mexico started off with an unexpected delay of one day in St. Louis when his train missed connections. Luckily the Mailucks were not too inconvenienced and had a lovely trip touring throughout Mexico by bus and train...RAY SCHRAMM, Voucher, is convalescing at home very nicely after his recent illness... Friends of ROSE JAMES, M&S retiree, were sorry to hear of her passing...ROBERT HILL, retired Revenue Accountant, was inadvertently omitted from the list of guests at the Revenue Accounting Christmas party. He sends his greetings, as does BETTY SUHR from Arizona...The Accounting Department joins the Training and Accident Prevention Department in wishing Reporter MARY E. CLARKE all the best in her retirement.

(Tabulating) -

FLORENCE PARROTT welcomed a new little granddaughter on February 15. This future beauty contest winner will be called LAURA ELIZABETH PAVONE...EVELYN LEU, your acting reporter, spent her vacation in Chicago—enjoying the great February weather...Condolences to PATRICIA POLIC on the death of her father, MARTIN POLICH, Building Department retiree, who passed away after a short illness on February 27.

- Evelyn Leu

(Revenue) -

It's that sunshine and flower season and time to hear from the Revenue Section again. Several changes in employment positions have occurred. ROBBIE JONES is now in Payroll, JOE CUCI is now in Engineering, and JOHN JESTICE is now a supply clerk at South Shops. Best of luck to all of you!..FRANK J. OSTERBERGER, transfer section, took an early retirement effective April 1. Our best wishes for his happiness...New faces we see are those of PHIL MANGAN and BOB PETERSON who are presently employed as file clerks, REBECCA WILSON, comptometer operator, and JOSEPH THOMAS, transfer counter...Hello to all of our CTA friends ill at home. ANNE WEINSTOCK, who suffered an injury to her right arm, is still recuperating and doing her daily exercises (jogging and things like that). STELLA CIEZADLO and LORRAINE McEVILLY have both returned home from their stays in the hospital. Good to hear that, girls! LORRAINE BUEHLER is ill in Christ Community hospital. Cards and letters are always appreciated from those who remember...Our condolences are sent to RAY CORBEL whose mother, Mrs. ADELIN CORBEL, passed away on March 16. Services were held at the Hursen Funeral home...If you have noticed a radiance on many faces in Revenue, it's due to some cheery news going around. Your scribe, CLOTILDE MRZENA, balance clerk, has announced her engagement to JAMES J. FRANKIEWICZ. James is presently employed as a sales representative for the Smith-Corona Marchant Corp. A November wedding is in

sight. Spring IS a lovely time, isn't it?..With rejuvenated spirits, we find our vacationers have returned. JUNE NOREN took life easy just relaxing in Chicago and enjoying the company of friends. Mr. A. J. FITZSIMONS took advantage of the Windy City during his recent days of leisure, but on his return he was welcomed with 74 degree weather. ESTHER ERMANN had the pleasure of visiting Minnesota during her vacation. Though each day was hectic and passed too quickly, seeing her family and friends was worthwhile.

- Clotilde Mrzena

BEVERLY -

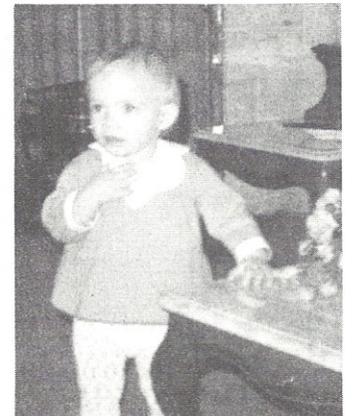
Don't forget the "Big Retreat" at Notre Dame, August 15-17, starting with Friday night dinner and ending with Sunday dinner. Reverend Michael Foran invites CTA men every year and puts the welcome mat out for us. If you need a ride, see Pensioner ERNIE TOCCI or your scribe... We hope you have filed your income tax, but if you haven't, see Receiver AL BROMAN as he knows all the tax laws and will gladly help you, and save you money if he can...We wish a speedy recovery to Operator HARRY DeLORME who is at St. George's hospital, to our old buddy from Archer, JOHN OGAR, who is on the sick list, also to Operator ERNEST BARNES, of 95th street, who is in the hospital... We express our sympathy to ART DAVISTON in the loss of his mother, and to Operator JOHN MAHONEY whose mother went to her eternal reward...Thanks again to Operators JOHN METKE and BEN THOMAS for the boxes of clothing and cigarettes donated to the patients at Tinley Park State hospital. Thank God we have men like them who take a little time and effort to think of someone else once in awhile.

- Tom Daniels

CLAIM -

MIKE O'SULLIVAN, 13, the son of DON O'SULLIVAN, investigator, a member of boy scout Flaming Arrow Troop 51, is to be congratulated on some fine work. About 200 boys from scout troops of Chicago participated in the annual competition of unraveling ropes at record speed during the Klondike derby, and out of these 200 boys, Mike was

WHO ME? Let go of this table? Never! This seems to be what little KIM MICHELLE COOK is saying while bracing herself. Kim, who was one year old in January, is the granddaughter of North Park Operator H. A. COOK.



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the winner. Congratulations, Mike, keep up the good work. ..DAVE MUNYER has recently returned from a three-week vacation in Los Angeles, California, where he visited Marineland, Disneyland, The Wax Museum, Knotts Berry Farm, and other points of interest. From L.A., he took the scenic cruise to Las Vegas through the mountains and desert, and spent four enjoyable days there. Driving back, he visited the Calico Ghost Town in Yermo, California... Our deepest sympathy is extended to MARIE ALBINO whose mother recently passed away, and to WILLIAM CONNOLLY whose father passed away...The welcome mat is rolled out to a few newcomers in the department. MARIAN MICHAEL, who came from Reproduction Services, to JIM PRYMA, a graduate of Mother of Good Counsel High school, and to SUE HALLAHAN, a former Californian.

- Peggy Hallahan & Shari Papa

CONGRESS (Agents) -

Agent ERWIN STORKE, formerly of North Avenue Depot, has joined the ranks of pensioners after 42 years of service. He will begin his new life by visiting his son who is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia...Agent LAWRENCE FRICOT is on the sick list. What a way to spend your birthday. Hurry and get well, Larry...Pensioner MOLLY SHIELDS is at this time in Mercy hospital due to an attack of asthma and pneumonia...Agents MARY NOLAN, MARY DOYLE, and myself have just had a vacation break. It felt so good not having to hear that alarm go off at 3 a.m. every morning...STANLEY BANAK and his wife, BERNICE, celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary with their wonderful family at the Plentiwood restaurant, Sunday, February 23. I hope you'll invite me to your 50th...A great big welcome to all our new employes. We are looking forward to hearing and writing about your happy times...The vacations are picked and planned, so we should get a lot of news. We have over 5,000 pensioners. Where are they? I am offering a floral piece to be awarded before the Christmas holiday to the person sending the most news items between now and December 15. A second floral award will be given to the person who catches the most fish. Keep a record and show the proof of your catch...I am stationed at Kedzie and Congress, but you can always leave or send your news item in a sealed envelope in care of the clerks at Desplaines and Congress.

- Julia Brousek

ELECTRICAL (Blue Island) -

The 23rd annual dinner honoring the retiring personnel of the Electrical Department will be held on May 2 at Harrington's. Tickets are available from committee members H. COYNE, R. DORGAN, and R. FERGUSON...Warm weather and sunny skies have a special appeal at this time of the year. Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RUSNAK vacationed in California and Mexico, LEROY and PEARL KUTCHINS enjoyed the sun and sand at Acapulco, Mexico, and MILLIE and RALPH JOSSI spent their vacation at St. Petersburg, Florida. Others enjoying a winter vacation are J. GIBBONS, F. CLEMENS, J. WALLON, F. GRIFFIN, and L. WINOWITZ... Congratulations to W. SIMONS on 33 years of service with CTA...Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of HERBERT STOREY and BERNARD P. KIRCHENS. Mr. Storey passed away on January 27, and Mr. Kirchens on January 23. Our sympathy also to A. SCHUSTER on the loss of his mother, and to the family of PAUL NEWMAN...



AIRMAN CARL L. WISINSKI, the son of Forest Glen Operator HENRY WISINSKI, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, for training in aircraft maintenance. Before entering the military service, Carl was a student at Lewis Technical Institute.

Pensioners GILBERT ANDREWS, CLYDE PETERSON, and RALPH WHITE came in for a visit. We enjoyed seeing you and hope you drop in again real soon...JAMES BOOTH, the son of ROBERT BOOTH, won second place in the Grammar School Science Fair. Jim used electricity as his display topic. February is the birth month of many outstanding men. We have quite a few working here at Blue Island. Happy birthday, fellows, J. HAYDON, S. CHARLETON, R. GRISETO, W. KOPKE, E. DOMER, W. STAUNTON, J. LAMB, P. MICHALWITZ, J. LACKI, R. O'BRIEN, J. HERMAN, J. FELHABER, N. LORENZI, E. MENZEL, W. SPITZOCK, and E. OUSLEY.

- William Rehder

(General Office) -

CHARLES R. BELL, apprentice testing technician, and LYNN VUJNOVICH, Stores Department, announced their wedding plans for June 7. Lynn's grandfather, RALPH, was a machinist at Skokie Shops and her father, THOMAS, is a mechanic at South Shops. Chuck's grandfather, WILLIAM D., was a motorman at North Avenue and his father, WILLIAM A., is a foreman at South Shops. Congratulations, Chuck and Lynn...BERNADETTE KIZIOR spent a week in Aspen, Colorado, skiing. This was her first attempt at skiing and she did very well. She thoroughly enjoyed herself, even though she returned quite exhausted...ROY KUTCHINS and his wife spent two weeks vacationing in Acapulco, Mexico. Leaving cold weather and snow behind, they just relaxed in the sun and took in the sights. Of course, they are both looking forward to returning to Acapulco.

- Donna Kaminski

ENGINEERING—RESEARCH & PLANNING -

The Engineering Department welcomes ANNETTE HEFTER. She began her duties as secretarial stenographer to E. E. OLMSTEAD, superintendent of engineering. Annette previously worked in Traffic Planning, Transportation Department...We wish to say hello to J. B. O'REILLY who has been on sick leave. Hope you are feeling better and well on the road to complete recovery...We are all glad to hear that HELEN LOFTUS in Real Estate is well on the road to recovery after her operation. We all miss you, Helen, and hope to see you soon...SANDRA CLAUSEN, stenographer, Real Estate, announced her engagement to RON PFEIFFER, "A" electrician in the Insurance Exchange building, on February 3. A wedding date has been set for November 1, 1969. Sandy is the daughter of MELVIN CLAUSEN, state-

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mentman, Claim Department. Congratulations and best wishes to Ron and Sandy...GEORGE MACAK is happy with the new Pontiac Catalina he purchased...HERMAN JAMES returned to work after serving jury duty for two weeks. He served on a very interesting case that appeared in all the newspapers...JOSEPHINE FELDMANN at this writing is doing her civic duty by serving jury duty.

(West Shops) -

A bit of heroism was displayed recently when WAYNE HANSEN, assistant to JIM LeMOND in the Plant Equipment Maintenance Department, saved a man from being severely injured. JOE CHRISTOI, West Shops' favorite electrician, had an accident in the boiler room and suffered torn ankle ligaments in the process. He might have received more than that if Wayne Hansen hadn't come to his aid. There were a few moments of tension while waiting for the ambulance, and panic was felt by more than a few. However, after a few days in the hospital, Joe is at home in his wife's tender care. Joe is also the secretary of the CTA Credit Union and a darn good one. While at home waiting for that ankle to heal, he had practically the whole credit union office shipped to him...I thought with things as they are today there wasn't any close family ties anymore. But, we saw an example of just that when we were surprised with a visit from TOM WOLGEMUTH's wife and son recently. Tom is superintendent of structures and it looks like his son, CRAIG, is a chip off the old block. It was said that he was quite entranced with his daddy's blueprints...WEST SHOPS FLASH: What employe in the Building Division has the snazziest reversible vest you've ever seen?..Congratulations to GINNY SCOTT on her blank, blank birthday. The blanks stand for her age, nothing derogatory. She brought a beautiful cake to the office. Ginny said she had a lovely dinner and received many beautiful gifts from her family and friends...Another note about Tom Wolgemuth. The men who work under his supervision have much to admire and appreciate. Tom, your yearly letter to your men was the most well written and most thoughtful gesture I have seen displayed since being with the Engineering Department.

- Jeanne Fitzgerald & Mary Gallon

FOREST GLEN -

Hi men. Now that we have picked our vacations I hope each man was able to get what he wanted. Anyway, you can start planning for your well-earned rest, and remember to send me the full details of any trips, fishing, etc...On our retirement list this month is our friend CARL LILJEHORN who left us on March 28. This fine gentleman has retired to Mountain, Wisconsin. Carl said that after he and the wife are set up in their new home, we are all invited to drop in anytime. Good luck, Carl, and let us hear from you now and then...Supervisor E. WULSKI just returned from the sick list and at present is on the terminal board. He is planning to leave about May or June. Seems like we are losing all our good men...TOM and JOYCE CHESTERS became the proud parents of a baby boy on February 4 who was named BRIAN JOSEPH. Sorry to say that this happy event was marred by the death of Tom's father-in-law on February 3...The army is getting two of our finest young men who I am sure will see that this so-called war will end fast. Operator and Mrs. CHRIST PANTOS bid farewell to their son, STEVE, on February 13. Steve said that when the enemy sees his muscles it will be the end of the war. Operator NICK CONSTANTINO's son, NICK Jr., entered the

service on February 20. He decided to get his time in now so that he would still have a lot of young life left to enjoy—the good life that can be found in Niles, Illinois. I am sure that each and all wish these boys the best and a quick return...Let's drop a happy birthday note to ROCKY MALFESE who was 49 on March 1. Did we say 49? Oh well, Rocky can still dream, at least it makes him happy...WALTER BLIX was seen wearing socks full of hearts on Valentine's day. Now we would all like to know about his shorts. Well, Blix, can we get an answer?..TIGNAC is next on our list. LOU and his lovely wife are known as the traveling Tignacs of Forest Glen. This year, in fact this month, they will be taking a three-week cruise in the Carribean and I am sure we will all see some more of those beautiful shirts as only Lou wears. Have fun and enjoy yourselves, folks, and come back with some good stories and nice pictures which we all would enjoy seeing...ROBERT EVARTS finally became a grandfather on January 20. No wonder the old boy has slowed down on the street. The baby is doing fine, but the grandparents, PEARL and BOB, seem to have added an extra year to their lives. Bob says he will have to get use to being called grandpa. The baby's name is CHRISTINE RUTH EVARTS, and the parents are ever so happy. More to follow, they state...JOE LABIACANGA recently returned from a trip to Honolulu. As I understand it, he went over to purchase more land. Now, Joe, the Pantos and the Henrys would like to know if that beautiful lady was with you on the trip? After all, you need someone to share the rest of your life with and I do believe that she could fill the bill...FRANK CARPINO and his lovely wife just returned from Miami, Florida, where they visited with E. MUCHA and C. KERR, both retired CTA employes of Forest Glen. Frank came back very tanned and started selling early retirement plans to the boys. I suppose he is looking forward to another trip if business is good...WILLIAM BARRON was also in Miami, Florida. Maybe he and his Mrs. were trying to catch up with the Carpinos and get some of that early retirement money...Operator WAYNE GRIFFIN is hospitalized and would like to hear from his many friends and co-workers. Get well wishes are sent to JOE NOLAN, treasurer of Lawndale credit union, and AL RAHN, sanitation engineer of Forest Glen...Pensioner LEE BORGSTROM passed away this month. Condolences to his family...A retirement dinner was given for RAY GRAY and A. LAUTER and was attended by 136 people. Speakers in-

A PROUD CTA family recently gathered to show off the newest addition, KRISTEN ANN GILL. Pictured left to right are: PAT GILL Jr., PAT GILL Sr., paint foreman, West Shops, JOHN GRITIS, supervising reproduction technician, Reproduction Services, and PATRICIA GILL. Patricia and Pat Jr. are former part-time ticket agents, West Section.





DAVID MIEDEMA, the son of North Avenue Operator and Transit News Reporter WILLIAM MIEDEMA, beams proudly while holding his dad's new hunting partner, Lucky.

cluded ATU International Financial Secretary JAMES HILL, retired Division 241 Financial Secretary AUGIE JOHNSON, JOE NOLAN, Lawndale credit union treasurer, JOHN O'BRIEN, HERB SCHOMER, General Office credit union treasurer, MIKE KOMPANOWSKI, GEORGE WICKMAN, and WALTER MIELA. ROMAN KAPLAN won the door prize, a beautiful wrist watch, and POOPSY NELSON won the booby prize. GEORGE STRESKE was featured in an hour long color movie of the last two parties, produced by JOE MOLLO. Poopsy Nelson played the role of the "Kissing Bandit", starring George Wickman. JOHN KURINCE as I understand will take up the Polish language for future affairs. The music was provided by our fine friend "Chappie" CHAPLEWSKI and his left handed buddy, PAUL WINKOWSKI. Singers were Operator SPENCER, one of our most outstanding men—in fact, I'd like to state, Spencer, that you and your family are welcome at yours truly's home anytime for you have made a wonderful step for your people, if only others could follow. Always be as you are. HANK ZIOLOWSKI, Operator UTLEY, along with HANK SCHOFFEN, bass, were all outstanding...VAL CHURCH celebrated his tenth wedding anniversary on May 23. The best to you both and may you have many, many more...ERNEST GEYDEL says hello from Florida. He said the weather was fine but the fishing was poor. He visited GEORGE KREHL and his wife, and had a very pleasant time and is looking forward to the return trip...Last, but not least, here's a young man to watch for this summer, MARTY BARSKI, who will be playing second base for the Detroit Tigers. So, let's all stand behind this young fellow, no matter what team you are for, whenever Detroit is playing here for I am sure we have a future star. Good luck, Marty...Anyone I left out or forgot, please forgive me...TOM MEAGHRE, the best to you and your family...CLIFF LAST stole an outboard motor from yours truly.

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

GENERAL OFFICE -

When the March issue comes off the press, this reporter will have joined the ranks of the CTA pensioners. Therefore, I wish to take this opportunity to say that it has been a pleasure writing for the "Inside News" and being associated with the Transit News staff and my fellow reporters. Our annual get-together dinners have been fun; the exchange of ideas interesting; and the complimentary letters from our pensioners over the years, have been most gratifying. The pensioners are the real fans of Transit News. Many have written how they eagerly await the arrival of their copy each month and how much they enjoy hearing

news of their former co-workers and other pensioners, as well as the latest activities and progress at CTA. Therefore, my fellow reporters, keep up the good work and the best of luck to you all.

- Mary E. Clarke

KEDZIE -

Congratulations to JOSEPH FIORITO on his promotion to foreman at North Avenue Repair Department. You will be missed at Kedzie, and all the men send their best to you. A surprise farewell party was given for Joe, and he was at a loss for words to express his thanks to all who attended... Operator R. LEGGS is the proud owner of a new '69 Buick. It's a sharp looking car. Mrs. Leggs says it rides beautiful. Happy motoring...Operator G. DIMEO had a little get-together at the Bohemia Village restaurant, and the honored guest was Retired Operator DAVE CLARK. He looks good and says hello to everyone at Kedzie...Congratulations to Operator and Board Member WILLIAM LARSEN and his lovely wife, JOSEPHINE, who became grandparents when their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. MAHONEY, gave birth to a 7 pound 7 ounce baby girl, REGINA, January 27 at Georgetown hospital in Washington, D.C. The Mahoneys reside in Alexandria, Virginia...MARY BRISON, the daughter of Operator J. W. RICHARDSON, was hospitalized at Walther Memorial hospital. Richardson spent his vacation baby-sitting for his twin grandsons and running to the hospital. His daughter is now home and recuperating nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson also celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on March 3. Congratulations to you both and may you enjoy many more years of happiness... Congratulations to Supervisor WALTER STONE and his lovely wife, BETTYANN, on the birth of a baby boy, THOMAS WILLIAM, born March 1 weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces at Little Company of Mary hospital. The Stones have now evened the score—two boys and two girls...Congratulations to Operator R. BROWN who took his pension March 1. He plans to travel west to California to visit with relatives and friends. In the spring he will be in Wisconsin to complete his home and then will be know as "Farmer Brown." Good luck to you and your family on your retirement...Our deepest sympathy to Operator JOHN LOCACUIS on the loss of his daughter, ROSEMARY AUGUSTYNIAK, after a long illness. She was laid to rest on March 4.

- Raymond Graham

KEELER -

A cheery spring greeting to all you nice people...The big news for this month is some much appreciated help for your old scribe...Starting with the April issue your Keeler co-reporter will be Operator ANTHONY BERRY...To prove life can be beautiful, recent retiree RAY WISHNER dropped in to say "hi" to his old buddies. Ray couldn't visit too long because his new Lincoln Continental was using two parking spaces. He took time, however, to leave his address in case any of the fellows happened to be around Pampano Beach, Florida. The address is 2351 29th Street Northeast. ...Another happy retiree is the former supervisor of the North Side garages, MIKE CUNNINGHAM, for the big blow out in his honor, February 28, was quite some blast...So you lose one and you gain one. We welcomed to Keeler new Garage Foreman GUS PAVELKA, formerly of 69th Street...

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Things should really start to hum in the garage, what with a new foreman and my buddy, Mechanic JIMMY SYLVESTER, back from the sick bay and new blood being added by Apprentice Mechanic JOE WIELANDER...Sincere get well wishes to all the fellows in the sick book. A special get well posy is tendered to MARIE, the wife of Operator KUGELBERG, who is hospitalized at Resurrection hospital. Hurry up and get well, Marie, because "Kugie" would look mighty peculiar skinny...The birthday bells are really hot this month. Operator GEORGE HUBBARD started the bells pealing March 1, then Operator EDGAR POSEY pulled the rope March 4, and along came Operator L. SMITH, March 6 to give a tug. Garage Serviceman CHARLES CARNES owned up to another year March 10...Operator R. DORSCH really swung out for his two daughters, DARLENE and CHERYL. The dates were March 9 and 19...Boy, these guys are really cheap. Mechanic CHARLES BOWMAN cut down expenses by having one celebration this month. His daughter, LOIS', birthdate was March 2, and MARY LOU hit sweet 16, March 15...Mechanic DICK HARTMAN almost goofed. His daughters birthday was in February...Operator JOE VALTIERRA was real nervous, for he gave me the needle to be sure and remember his daughter CAROL's fourth birthday, March 12. In December, yet! No kidding, he also jumped the gun on his and Rachel's fifth anniversary, April 25...Mechanic KEN SANDRIK birthdayed March 26...Operator R. FIELDS' son, KENNETH CHARLES, really gave mom, MARY, a nifty birthday gift February 23. He decided to be born that day...Winding up the birthday sweepstakes is Operator F. POLK, March 30...Speaking of sweepstakes brings to mind the fellow who figured out a foolproof system and he couldn't lose. The only trouble was, by the time he figured out what horse to bet on, the race was over.

- Ernest C. Carter

LAWNDALE -

Mr. and Mrs. MILES J. PINDAK became grandparents for the 13th time on February 10. Lucky 13 was a darling baby girl named TERESE MARIE...We had the occasion last month to have some of our pictures taken for the "Inquiring Reporter" page in Transit News, and I wish to thank Bus Placer JOHN WOJNICKI for obtaining a bus for our

ENDING A transit career of over 40 years which began in Arizona with the Tucson Rapid Transit company was Operator ELMER KNUDSON, North Park, who retired on March 1. When this photo was taken in 1925, he was working for 42 cents an hour, and had no days off, vacations, or fallbacks. Elmer retired after 39 years of service with CTA and CSL.



background...We won the 1968 fourth quarter ISC award, and the plaque was presented to us on Thursday, February 27, by D. M. FLYNN, superintendent of transportation. We had the red carpet put out for us with coffee and rolls all day, an artist sketching pictures of the men, movies, and 15 men went home with gift certificates. We are very proud. In fact, proud enough to try for a repeat. How about that?.. Our deepest sympathy to the families of B. JOHNSON in the loss of his son, waked February 6, and CHARLES VANCURA whose funeral was February 2, VINCENT (Breezy) BREZINSKI who was buried Monday, February 24, JOHN J. KEATING whose funeral was February 17, JAMES C. TALENT whose funeral was February 7, and Mrs. EUNICE JONES, whose funeral was February 22. She was the sister of Operator GROVER SMITH...Two of our men from the repair department took their pensions February 1, Day Foreman LARS PEARSON and Bus Repairman JOHN LUDTKE. Many happy days of retirement, fellas! Come and see us...Pensioner JIM GOODE was in to see us and is looking in great health and spirits, and was dressed like a "Dapper Dan." He sure looked like a movie star...Mrs. GEORGE MILLER is in the hospital and I hope by this writing she has improved...Janitor ED KAWCZYNSKI had a week's vacation recently and supposedly sent a letter to Chief Clerk MIKE CUSACK from Hawaii. How are the hula dancers, Eddie?..Two of our best men are seen sprouting wings these days. "Honest" JOE LaSCALZA, is selling cemetery lots, and "Wild Bill" LISIECKI is selling bibles. What next?..See you later.

- Larry Keating

LOGAN, LAKE & DOUGLAS (Agents) -

Agent ROBERT KLACZYNSKI is back to work after having the flu...Agent MINNIE DIKEMAN is on the sick list at this writing. She has a fractured finger, having caught it in a door. Minnie also celebrated her birthday on St. Patrick's day...Agent ARLENE SWANSON has been taking advantage of the fine weather. She has been visiting her son, JIM, and his wife, HELEN, who live in Fox Lake. We met former Agent BEULAH FIELDS and she is doing fine. If anything, she looks younger...Agent MARY BURROWS celebrated her employment anniversary date on February 24 as did your scribe on February 27...Happy Easter everybody.

- Helen Pallister

LIMITS -

On February 14, Operator TOM ABEL received a wonderful valentine present when his wife, CAROL, presented him with a baby boy. This makes two boys in the Abel family. Congratulations to the proud parents...Operator C. ADAMS has qualified as a supervisor and will be serving in that capacity in the near future...Our sincerest sympathy to Operator JOSEPH CLAY in the passing of his dear sister, Mrs. ELLEMA JOHNSON, down in Arkansas, and to Supervisor BILL LOHSE in the passing of his beloved mother... Among those who have been in the hospital and are still confined, are: Operators EUGENE SARTI, SAM WILSON, JOSEPH DORNSEIFER, and Clerk JOHN GILMORE...Supervisor CHARLES KUSCH has returned to his post at Diversey and Sheridan Road after being off for some time due to illness. We are all happy to see you back...Now that the picking of vacations has been concluded, your scribe is looking forward to news of your travels and the number of

fish caught. If you are in need of extra money for that vacation, why not see your credit union? The men who serve the Limits credit union will be more than glad to assist you...The mechanics at Limits Station are doing an excellent job of keeping the buses in tip top shape, and request that when you sign in your buses daily to be sure and report any malfunctions, however small they may be...This will be all of the news for now and please inform your scribe of any news of interest. Remember, this is your column.

- R. S. Benson

LOOP -

Our deepest sympathy to Agent MARY WIXTED and her family upon the death of their father, and to the family of Retired Agent STEVE GIBBONS who passed away so suddenly...Janitor E. SCHULTZ was shopping around for a nice black tie the other day...Janitor JIMMY CIVITO is quite a big help around the house, but when he tried to help his wife cut out a coat pattern, well, that didn't work out too well. Jimmy found himself with two left sleeves. Jimmy, how did all this work out?...Birthday greetings to Agent JULIA MATTRAN, March 20...On Saturday mornings, many of the trainmen complain of getting too fat. My advice sir is to stop eating so many of those large sweet rolls that G. WOODMORE has on the table. George, just keep on bringing them. If the boys didn't complain about getting so fat, they would complain about something else...So glad to see Assignment Agent JEAN WASHBURN back on the job. There are many folks who missed you. Everyone likes to hear Jean's voice over the phone. Why? Well, they say she is so cheerful and never complains when agents ask so many questions, even when her phones keep ringing. Jean always finds time for all...Why the happy look on Agent J. Mattran's face all the time? I will let you all in on the secret and don't tell anyone. First, came love—then came marriage—a few years have gone by and now Julia's son and daughter-in-law are thinking about a baby carriage. Yes, Julia and her husband are very happy awaiting their first grandchild. Good luck and happiness to all...March 1 was a happy day for Janitor ISAAC CHRISTMAS. He started his retirement. Many of his friends got together and had a little party for his birthday and retirement, together. Isaac was a grand person to work with. He never knew how to say NO when an agent wanted help. Isaac will be remembered by all his friends who worked with him for so many years. One and all wish he and his wife the very best of health and happiness for many years to come...Now that spring and summer are almost here and vacations are picked, let's hear from you folks.

- Mildred Doyle

NORTH AVENUE -

Operator EDWARD GUNDLACH and his wife, MARGE, became grandparents for the sixth time when RONALD EDWARD was born to their daughter and son-in-law, BONNIE and TOM LOMBARDINO, on January 25. Pensioner WILLAIM KENNEDY and his wife, MADELYN, became grandparents for the eighth time when WILLIAM KENNEDY was born on February 21. Congratulations to all...We received a welcome letter from Pensioner BILL ECHOLS. He reports that Pensioner JOHN (Hurricane) MURPHY is living at 5379½ - 77th Avenue North, Pinellas Park, Florida 33565. Pensioner GEORGE BUTLER is living with him. Pensioner

ART HALEK and his wife paid Bill a visit. At the time Bill wrote he wasn't feeling too well but we hope he's much better by now...Pensioner WALTER JAHNKE and his family took a plane trip and visited some distant places in Europe and Africa where they saw many fascinating sights. A few of the interesting places they visited were Tangier, Morocco; the rock of Gibraltar; Big Atlas Mountains; Casablanca, and the Canary Islands...My son, DAVID, is happy with the new member of our family, a Beagle called Lucky...Pensioners PATRICK CLANCY and ERNEST PEARSON were honored at a testimonial dinner and party at Wonderland ballroom, 2940 W. Milwaukee avenue, on January 31. Ernest's plans include a second honeymoon touring the West Coast. Pat's plans are for a vacation in Ireland...Operator ROBERT IRVINE took his pension February 1. Operator HAROLD HIGHTOWER joined the ranks of the pensioners on March 1. Best wishes, boys, let us hear from you...Operator TONY GRISCH passed away February 15. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family...Easter, the day of the Resurrection of our Lord, will soon be with us. It is a time of new hope and new life, both of which the world so badly needs. We ask the Lord's peace for the world...We received a note from Operator VIGGO WINDFELD who is home recuperating after a stay in the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

- William Miedema

NORTH PARK -

Operator ELMER KNUDSON retired on March 1 after 39 years of service. Elmer started his career at Armitage Depot and ended up working the night bus on North Western avenue. The Knudsons' future plans are to relax and do some traveling in the west...Operator HAROLD JULITZ and his wife, ANN, became grandparents for the second time when their son, RICHARD, and his wife, PAT, became parents of a son named DERRICK ALLEN, born January 26 at Resurrection hospital...Street Collector AL BEROTT and his wife, DOROTHY, became grandparents for the first time, and Pensioner ART MUIR and his wife, RUTH, became great-grandparents for the first time, when Al's son, LEE, and Art's granddaughter, SHARON, became parents of a son named LEE FRANCIS Jr. born on January 27 weighing 6½ pounds at Swedish Covenant hospital. The Muirs came from Forsyth, Missouri, for the occasion and

IN THIS picture taken February 15 at the annual Electrical Department retirement dinner, Electrical Engineer A. R. SANDBERG, left, is shown bidding farewell to new pensioners F. E. JONES, testing engineer, M. BATTISTO, lineman, and S. S. DANECKE, superintendent of Construction and Maintenance.





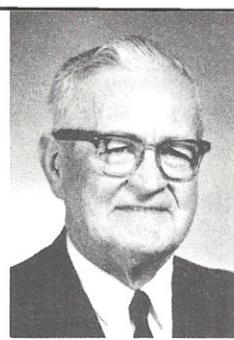
J. A. DONALDSON
46 Years



P. F. KERWIN
45 Years



R. E. HUBER
41 Years



S. H. BROWNLOW
42 Years



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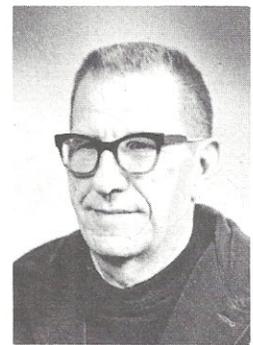


T. K. RUSING
42 Years

JOINING THE ranks of the re-tired March 1 were the nine employees pictured here who had 40 or more years of transit service each.



F. E. OLSON
42 Years



E. A. STORKE
41 Years

NEW PENSIONERS

ROY G. ALFORD, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 2-22-27
ESQUE ALLEN, Operator,
52nd Street, Emp. 10-23-47
CLARENCE F. BRIEGER, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 5-1-26
RUSSELL G. BROWN, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 4-14-42
SCOTT H. BROWNLOW, Operator,
Archer, Emp. 11-11-26
ISAAC CHRISTMAS, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 2-23-46
JOHN J. CONWAY, Motorman,
West Section, Emp. 12-3-62
MARLIN E. CUNNINGHAM, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 12-17-40
MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, Supv. of Garages,
Shops & Equipment, Emp. 10-3-29
JAMES A. DONALDSON, Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 11-22-22
FERDINAND P. GAUSTAD, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-11-41
HAROLD H. HIGHTOWER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-1-42
RUTH E. HUBER, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 10-8-27
PATRICK J. JOYCE, Towerman,
61st Street, Emp. 9-11-26
BRIDGET A. KAIN, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 1-21-43
PATRICK F. KERWIN, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-10-23
ELMER K. KNUDSON, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 10-29-29

HARRY H. LEAVITT, Conductor,
North Section, Emp. 11-3-47
JAMES McARDLE, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 1-15-26
JOSEPH M. MURPHY, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-1-42
FRANK E. OLSON, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 1-13-27
JOHN A. OMAN, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-16-29
FRANK E. RUND, Stock Clerk II,
South Division, Emp. 2-1-28
TRULS K. RUSING, Ser. Truck Chauffeur,
Util. & Emer. Service, Emp. 4-1-26
REMIÉ J. SAUVE, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 10-26-43
ERWIN A. STORKE, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 7-27-27
CARL J. WINDMUELLER, Messenger,
Law, Emp. 8-31-37

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HAROLD F. BECKER, Conductor,
West Section, Emp. 2-14-45
PAUL E. BROTT, Bus & Truck Mech.
South Shops, Emp. 7-3-47
JIMMIE D. COLLIER, Janitor,
West Section, Emp. 7-15-58
EDWARD J. DIETZ, Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-26-36
RAYMOND S. ORACKI, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-24-41
JERRY PROCHASKA, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 10-29-29

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enjoyed visiting their many friends while here...Operator MEL HORNING and his wife, VIOLET, became grandparents for the fifth time when their daughter, Mrs. RUTH HELLESTRAE, gave birth to her fourth daughter, KARLA RUTH, born January 31 and weighing in at 6 pounds 11 ounces at Lutheran General hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois. ..Operator JOHN HALL and his wife, MARIE, rode the Panama Limited to New Orleans for the annual Mardi Gras week. The Halls were guests of Mrs. SALLY HERMANSON who resides there...Mrs. BEVERLY KURCZEWSKI, the wife of Operator ED KURCZEWSKI, won a four-day vacation trip to Miami or Fort Meyers, Florida. Beverly and Ed will be taking this trip in the near future...Operator ARTURO VALDEZ is showing his line of spring and summer shoes, so remember to look up Arturo so he may personally fit your foot...Operator MELVIN LINDSEY is sporting his new '69 Pontiac Catalina and expects to do a lot of traveling this summer...Operator LUIS ENDARA is taking flying lessons at Palwaukee airport and is learning in a Cessna 150, while Operator BUTCH VAN MIDDLESWORTH is taking his lessons at DuPage airport in a Cessna 175...BARBARA and TOM OESTERREICH, the children of Operator BOB OESTERREICH, were participants in a music recital held at Shabbona Park, February 2. Barbara plays the organ and guitar, while Tom is an accomplished drummer...TIM HEANEY, the son of Operator DON HEANEY, won an honorable mention award in the Illinois Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association's school poster contest. Tim's poster was one of the top 15 posters in the state in his grade category. More than 2,800 entries were submitted in the 14 year old category and Don is very proud of Tim's success...WILMA STOWELL, the wife of Operator FRED STOWELL, had major surgery at St. Mary's hospital and at this writing is convalescing satisfactorily...KENNETH POSNER, the son of Operator SAM POSNER, became engaged on February 1 to Miss ARLENE ROBINSON. The wedding will take place in June when the young couple graduates from Southern Illinois university...Operators HENRY SCHRAMM and JOE "Suitcase" CITRO are working extra as street collectors at Lane Tech High school and are doing a very fine job...Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, of Highlandville, Iowa, were in Chicago for their annual visit with their children, TED, HELENE, and MARIE. Harvey looks and feels fine and invites his friends to stop and see him as they pass through Iowa...The medical bus, headed by Doctor J. YONAN and Examiner AL GLUECKERT, are doing their usual fine job of examining the personnel at North Park.



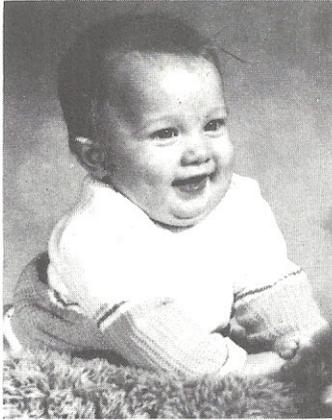
THE GLEAM seen lately in the eyes of Kedzie Operator JOSEPH GILIO is apparently for his two grandchildren pictured here, ANGELA and JAMES TRICOCI. Joe spends his Friday nights baby-sitting with them and says he enjoys it very much.

Our thanks are extended to these gentlemen for their courtesy and patience...The Schiller Liedertafel Male Singers held their annual dance Saturday, February 15, at St. Demetrius Fellowship Hall. Operator FRED ANHALT, who is treasurer of this group, turned in another outstanding job with the planning and operation of this grand event...Operator DON BENNETT has finally picked a Saturday off after 24 years of working Saturdays. It looks like MARIE needs help with that Saturday shopping and house cleaning, but Don won't admit it...Happy anniversaries are extended to the following: Operator KEESLER POLK Jr. and his wife, CHARLOTTE, their fifth, February 8; Operator WILLIAM KLEPITCH and his wife, IRENE, their 40th, February 14; Operator DON BENNETT and his wife, MARIE, their 21st, March 2; Pensioner HARVEY GEHMAN and his wife, INGEBORG, their 35th, March 2; Operator TOM DE CANTILLION and his wife, MARY, their 22nd, March 4; Operator IRVING MOSKOVITZ and his wife, ANN, their 39th, March 21; Operator GEORGE TORSON and his wife, JUNE, their 16th, March 28; Operator AL PARADISE and his wife, FAYE, their 6th, March 2; Operator SEYMOUR STEINBERG and his wife, DOROTHY, their 32nd, March 14; Operator DON MCKINNEY and his wife, BARBARA, their 15th, February 27, and Supervisor LARRY COSTLEY and his wife, MARY, their 23rd, March 9...Happy birthdays are extended to the following: NATALIE, NATHANIEL, and MARC CHAVIS; BONNIE NEWMAN; STEVEN and CYNTHIA BUDZISZ; DANNY and LAURA KURCZEWSKI; Operators WALTER ZINKOVICH, SAL MUSCARELLO, GEORGE TORSON, ARMAND DELGARDILLO, CHESTER DAMIAN, and GARY NOONAN; Receivers ED STENZEL and BILL CERKEN; Clerk RAY MILANOVICH, and PATRICIA WALTON...Our sympathy and condolences are extended to the families of Supervisor WILLIAM LOHSE on the loss of his mother, Mrs. LOHSE; Pensioner EDWARD STAHL and Operator GEORGE and PEARL KRINKE on the loss of Mrs. EVA M. STAHL, the wife of Mr. Stahl and the mother of Mrs. Krinke, and Pensioner PAT SULLIVAN on the loss of his daughter, Mrs. ROSEMARY MCKENZIE...Repair Department chitchat—MORRIS is grooming his 442 for the drag strip at Union Grove, Wisconsin...ANDY (Cheetah) is back working days as assistant foreman again...Engine cleaner PAT BOYLE is selling choice corner lots on the moon...Serviceman (Red) STAUNTON is sporting around in a new '69 canary yellow Camaro...TED KUTA has been off sick with an injured finger...SPARKY came to work on the day shift, and the presence of his corn cob pipe is effective...PAT DALEY, who has a nose for business, will gladly explain his latest project to anyone interested...JIMMY MARTIN helped JULIUS MERSCH take the plastic cover off his T-Bird before leaving on his Florida vacation...ALEX (The Schnoz) FRITZLER is now in the snake business as FRANK SCHENDEL can attest...BOB WEENERMEYER has taken over PAUL SCHREVES' enterprise and the rumor is that he would like to give it back to Paul...Clerk GENE DRZEWICKI was seen shining his golf clubs, so spring can't be far off.

- Melvin Horning

NORTH SECTION -

PAT O'MALLY's parents, JOHN and MARY, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 25. John was formerly a motorman. They renewed their vows at St. Lucy's church where two of Mary's cousins said the mass. A reception was held later for 135 persons including 28 grandchildren...On February 1, MYRTLE APITZ's husband



THIS HAPPY little fellow, looking as snug as a bug in a rug, is six month old JAMES VERNALD, the grandson of Operator J. HAYES, Kedzie, and the son of LARRY and PAT VERNALD.

had a surprise birthday party for her and their daughter, MARGE, at the Trieste, where they dined and danced. Present were JERRY, BING, TONI, and friends who all had a good time...Student Agent GERALD T. PADAR and MARIE DASCOLA were married February 15. They spent a week in Wisconsin at a winter resort. Marie is a secretary for the Chicago Tribune. Congratulations...The annual North Side "L" credit union dinner, which was held February 9, turned out to be a big success. The weather was so nice that more people came than was expected and extra tables had to be set up...Motorman JOHN DICKSON and his wife had a baby boy on January 30. Congratulations!...JOHN ZUPKO served on jury duty for two weeks in February, so get ready, folks, you may be next...Mr. ATHENS, a money collector, went into the hospital for surgery. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Mr. Athens...ANNABELLE DREW was greatly surprised on February 8 when her daughter had a birthday party for her at home and had a few friends in to help her celebrate...RUTH HUBER and M. CUNNINGHAM took their pensions on March 1. We all hope they have a long, healthy, and happy retirement...EMMA RENN-HACK would like to thank all the agents who contributed toward the gift presented to her when she retired recently. She said she didn't know she had so many friends...The son of MIKE and MAE CRONIN is back from Vietnam and is in Hines hospital recuperating...Both of MARVIN HARRIS' daughters had babies recently, a boy and a girl. SANDRA BETH was born on February 26 and JEFFREY SCOTT was born on March 4. Both babies weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and were born in the same hospital. This makes four grandsons and one granddaughter for Marvin...Condolences to the family of A. COLONNA who passed away recently, and also to MARIE TOWNSEND on the loss of her uncle, CHARLES BIEDESS. May they both rest in peace...Howard Supervisor JOE KORAL had surgery recently and is recuperating at home now...JOHN ZUPKO's nine-year old son, JIM, has advanced to the city swimming finals to be held at George Williams college. Good luck, Jim...EARL GILBERT is out of the hospital and will soon return to work. M. McBRIDE, E. LANZ, ROSE O'CONNELL, and M. McCORMICK are all back at work...The credit union has a new board director, LAWRENCE VANDERHORST from Skokie Shops... M. CUNNINGHAM, who just retired, plans to go to San Francisco for a visit and has asked me to thank all of his friends for the most thoughtful gift he received on his last night at work...We have a few new agents: F. LEE, J. GUY, E. BETTS, M. DOZIE, M. TWINE, R. FLEMING, M. HARVEY, and B. CONKLIN...Your scribe and her husband took her three daughters, a friend, and two grandchildren out to Elmhurst for a big dinner in honor of her middle daugh-

ter's birthday. All had a good time, then spent the rest of the evening at her home...GEORGE VANDERHAGEN, Howard platform man, retired on April 1. GEORGE BROUCEK also retired April 1. We hope you both have a long healthy retirement...A. SALVAGE has transferred from the shops and is now a ticket agent. V. KEENE, Forest Glen operator, was transferred and is also a ticket agent...ELIZABETH DONAHUE had the misfortune of falling down some stairs and received stitches on her head. I'm happy to say she is already back at work...Our condolences to EARL STEVENS on the loss of his father on February 19 and his granddaughter on February 23. Earl entered Swedish Covenant hospital on February 24 awaiting surgery March 14.

- Grace Mounts

OPERATIONS (Transportation) -

BURCHARD POGUE gained another daughter-in-law when his son, MICHAEL, a former bus serviceman, and LAURA JEAN exchanged marriage vows on February 1 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help church. The newlyweds spent their honeymoon in Hawaii...Congratulations to RUDY and ANN HAAS who celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on February 28. In honor of the occasion they went out to dinner and a party was held for the family...JAMES R. TUCKER became a grandfather again when his son, ROBERT, and daughter-in-law, AMY, announced the arrival of JANET LYN who weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces...A recent addition to the Transportation Department is JOHN R. KOLON, information clerk, who transferred from the Schedule-Traffic Department. Welcome and good luck on your new job...Our condolences are extended to the families of CARL LARSON whose son, JAMES, passed away on February 10 while in Hines hospital, and SAM MONTROSE whose mother, DOMENICA DI MAURO, passed away on February 1.

TED MARTIN, District "A" superintendent, went on disability retirement on February 1. He has since paid us a visit and told us that he is happy and keeping himself very busy. His neighbors in Grand Junction, Michigan, even talked him into going ice fishing which is something he never did before, but intends to do again. Good luck for a very happy and healthy retirement.

District "D" Traffic Supervisor WILLIAM BLADES is a very proud man and rightly so. The reason is that his son, JIM, came in first in the State Prep Diving Tournament held on March 1. Jim is 17 years old and a senior at Evanston Township High school. He has only been diving about four years and during this time he has won 8 gold, 3 silver, and 3 bronze medals. Diving practice is part of his daily schedule, plus competing in AAU tournaments throughout the country. Congratulations, Jim, and good luck in the future. We hope to see you in the next Olympic games.

(Utility and Emergency Service) -

On February 1, PETER F. CARPINO began his retirement. After 40 years of service he is now going to relax and take it easy. His immediate plans are to spend the balance of the winter in Florida, which I hear he is enjoying, and then sometime in the future he intends to take a trip to Hawaii. On March 1, after 42 years and 11 months with the CTA, T. RUSING began a life of leisure. On their last day at work, both men were wished the best of luck and a very

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happy retirement by many of their friends. We join them in this wish...A card was recently received from TOM LAURY who said he is enjoying life in Millbrae, California. He sends his best to everyone and hopes they are all feeling fine...A. CANDELLA just returned from a vacation in California. One of the places he went to was Disneyland where he had a good time, but the most enjoyable part of his trip was visiting with his daughter...We are sorry to hear that TONY NOLAN is hospitalized and send him our best wishes for a very speedy recovery...Our sympathy is extended to the family of CASEY DE BOER whose brother recently passed away.

- Colette Szyzpanch

PURCHASING, SPECIFICATIONS & STORES -

Sorry to report that another retiree of the Purchasing Department, ROSE JAMES, has passed away. It was said she had done much volunteer work at St. Augustine's hospital since her retirement from the company. Rose was 73 years of age at her death...The Stores Department has lost another member of its force with the early retirement of Mr. FRANK RUND, stock clerk II, South Division. Frank and his lovely wife plan to just take life easy. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Rund...We of the Purchasing, Stores and Specification Department are all a little sad since BARNEY (with the smiling face) GAGNON has transferred to the Stenographic Department. It's a move up for Barney and we're all happy for him. Good luck, Barney, and we do miss you...Pfc. ROGER FLANAGAN, the son of MARTY FLANAGAN, buyer, Purchasing Department, is presently home on leave and visiting with his dad. Roger will be on his way to California and then Vietnam. Best of luck, Roger, and hope to see you home soon...Our sympathy goes to ARTHUR D. STAHL on the recent death of his father, and also to MIKE KORZEN on the recent death of his mother. Arthur is assigned to the Stores Department, South Division, and Mike is the assistant division storekeeper, North Division...The sunshine state of Florida was the vacation spot for Mr. and Mrs. LARKIN. Mr. Larkin is our man in charge of decals and stationery in the Specification Department. They spent Christmas week with Mr. Larkin's parents in Orlando. It was then onward to Fort Lauderdale for a week of swimming and sunshine. Then to Naples on the coast, back to Orlando, to Crystal River, and finally a place called Perry, Florida. As you can see they covered quite a bit of territory. The return trip home was not too nice since it rained most of the way back. Better rain than snow, Mr. Larkin...Weighing in at 9 pounds 6 ounces on February 4 was CRAIG GERALD, the latest addition to the WILDE family. MARLENE WILDE was previously a typist in the Stores Department...As of this writing, Storeroom 59 is without its leader, STEVE ZAHORA, Stock Clerk II. Seems Steve's knee played a trick on him and he eventually had to have surgery on the knee to undo the trick. "Steve, I sure do miss your voice over the phone." Hurry and heal fast--we hope to see you soon.

- Jane Ursos & Rod Rusakiewicz

SCHEDULE & TRAFFIC -

Best wishes to JOE VIOLA and GEORGE HANUS who are now schedule clerks...W. P. DEVEREUX flew down to Chattanooga to visit with his daughter...The welcome mat is extended for G. MATHIEU and A. BLACK, our new out-

side checkers. We also welcome JOE CAPPELLATTI, outside checker, to the department as a traffic clerk...The girls of the department celebrated KAREN COLLINS' birthday by having lunch out together.

- Kathryn Batina

SKOKIE SHOPS -

EDWARD REYNOLDS, sheet metal worker, was home recuperating, but at this writing is back in the hospital again. WALTER GANDER, painter, is in Belmont hospital. Let's send some get well cards, fellows...New cars are really showing up at Skokie: JOSEPH FANO, shopman II, has a new Buick; RAY LASKOWSKI, machinist, a new Plymouth, and EVERETT ENGLAND, your reporter is the proud owner of a new Ford LTD...FRAN KIMMSKE, the wife of GEORGE KIMMSKE, carpenter, is at home recuper-

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NEW FREEDOM SHARES



PICTURED HERE is MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, supervisor of garages, who retired on March 1 after 39 years of service. Mike started as a car cleaner at the old Armitage car barn on October 3, 1929, became a bus repairer the following year, and subsequently served as assistant foreman and foreman at various garages until his appointment as supervisor of garages in 1964.

ating after a stay in the hospital...CASIMIR (Casey) JOZEFIAK, painter, celebrated his 50th birthday on February 14 with a group of his fellow workers at his home. A good time was had by all...GUS HYDE, retired electrical foreman, sends a card of hello from sunny Florida.

- Everett E. England

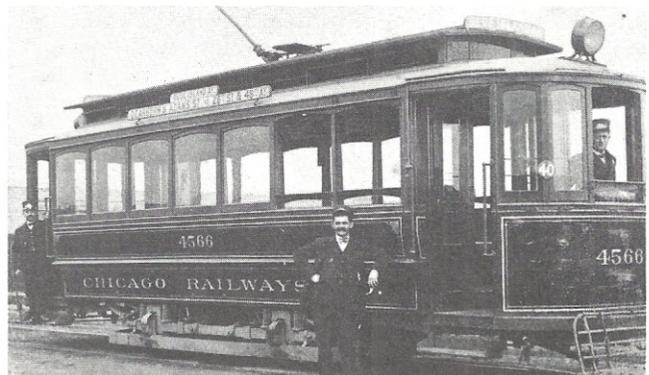
SOUTH SECTION -

The signs of spring have finally arrived: the earlier sunrises, the birds singing, hot-cross buns, bock beer, longer evenings, and baseball spring training. Now we know spring is almost here. Let's hope this is "The Big Year" for the Cubs and Sox...The 61st Street men are mighty proud of themselves. They won the Interstation Safety Contest award for the third quarter of 1968. On January 25, we had free coffee and rolls all day, and movies. G. RILEY, superintendent of operating stations, J. BLAA, superintendent of rapid transit operations, and F. JOHNSON, superintendent of training, from our General Office came out and presented the plaque to us. Five dollar Jewel gift certificates were raffled off and the happy winners were: JOE RAYBURN, CATOR ESCHO, HUBBARD COLEMAN, RONALD MCKINNEY, PATRICK GEOGHEGAN, DAVID BENSON, and ERNEST HAYES. THOMAS HUGHES also won a certificate for guessing the amount of beans in a jar. Keep up our good safety record men...Happy, happy news: Assistant Station Superintendent MICKY O'CONNOR, Loomis Street, returned to work from the sick list. He wishes to thank everyone for all the nice mass cards and get well cards and wishes he received while he was ill... "Hello" to trainmen transferees from the North and West Sections: MELVIN WOODS, DAVID CURRIN, CLAYTON O'NEIL, and THOMAS NESBARY. Also "hi" to newly-hired Janitors LAWRENCE NEAL and ARTHUR SCHOENKE, and part-time Agent THEODIS LEWIS...Agents ANTOINETTE and SAM STIPATI were telling me about their nice vacation in California where they saw the Rose Bowl parade and football game. They also visited Universal Studios, Disneyland, and the Lawrence Welk show...The 32nd annual South Side "L" Credit Union meeting and get-together was held on February 9 at the Avenue Liquor Hall, 114th and Michigan avenue, and a good time was had by all. We welcomed many new faces this year. Everyone liked the new hall. It was nice and cozy. My personal thanks to my kitchen help: Mrs. FRANK PONZIANO, the wife of Conductor FRANK PONZIANO, Retired Assignment Agents LULU

HAMANN and ROSE HEIDENBLUT, and ALICE ROESING, the wife of Superintendent of Agents and Janitors BOB ROESING. My hubby, Clerk ROLAND, handled the bar with the help of Janitor ED FREEMAN, who Roland says did such a good job he wants him back next year. Our treasurer, FRED GRONEMEYER, was in the hospital at the time and had to miss the meeting, but Assistant Treasurer FRANK PONZIANO and Roland did a good job conducting the meeting. Many pensioners came out to say "hello" to everyone: Retired Supervisor BOB BROWN, Conductor DENNIS BARRY, Towerman PAT HICKEY, Agent KAREN FRIDDLE, and MARTY SHANNON and JACK SHANNON from the Shop Department. The sandwiches were good as usual and we all had a ball. To get a nice nest egg, let's all start saving in the credit union right now and watch our savings grow...Welcomed back to work after being on the sick list are: Motorman McRAYFIELD CALDWELL, Collector RAY NORMAN, Agent JOHN RYBAKOWSKI, and Clerk THOMAS O'HARA...Spending a nice winter vacation down in Hot Springs, Arkansas, is Conductor PHAROAH CAIN...Received a card from the "Traveling" ANDERSONS, Retired Assistant Station Superintendent ARTHUR and his wife, HELEN, who were still out in California in February. They were there for the record breaking rains which they didn't enjoy. They attended the Lawrence Welk TV show one Saturday night and danced during the program. One day they went and visited Retired Towerman CHARLES RUMMEL and he says to tell everyone "hello"...Motorman FRED GRONEMEYER, who was in the hospital for an operation, is home now recuperating, and Supervisor WILLIAM NASH, who was in an auto accident, is home now too. Also on the sick list is Supervisor THOMAS STANTON. We wish a speedy recovery to all.

The Loomis Street men has a nice pension party for Towerman PATRICK JOYCE who retired on March 1. Patrick was employed in September, 1926. He sure looks young for his age. The charming Mrs. Joyce and Pat's sister attended the get-together. Patrick was presented with a token of remembrance from all his co-workers. The food was as good as ever. Yum! Yum! We wish Patrick and Mrs. Joyce many happy and healthy years of retirement... Retired Conductors JOHN SZCZECH and DANIEL O'DONNELL, and Retired Agent CATHERINE FARRELL passed

SMALL FOUR-WHEEL streetcars like this one were operating throughout Chicago's streetcar system 60 years ago when this picture was taken. The Blue Island Avenue car is being operated by Motorman JOHN HIPPLE who, with one hand on the controller and another on a gooseneck hand brake, appears to be waiting for his conductor to give him the two bells to proceed. The picture was provided by Kedzie Station Operator GEORGE SEPKE, the nephew of Motorman Hipple.



RECENT DEATHS AMONG EMPLOYEES

GILBERT A. ARMES, 75, 77th Street,
Emp. 7-8-43, Died 2-3-69

JOHN C. BARNES, 71, North Section,
Emp. 5-2-29, Died 1-14-69

LOUIS A. BECK, 61, West Section,
Emp. 3-5-37, Died 1-31-69

LOYAL BILLSTEN, 61, Limits,
Emp. 9-20-27, Died 1-10-69

WALTER G. BROWNLEY, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 5-4-21, Died 1-11-69

WILLIAM A. BUERGER, 73, Kimball,
Emp. 2-16-22, Died 1-17-69

MICHAEL BYRNE, 79, West Section,
Emp. 3-2-20, Died 1-7-69

HENRY J. CAMPBELL, 64, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-22-26, Died 1-10-69

VINCENZO CANTALUPO, 87, North Avenue,
Emp. 7-12-12, Died 1-10-69

ALBERT COLONNA, 50, North Section,
Emp. 5-12-45, Died 1-29-69

WILLIAM J. COSTELLO, 84, Lawndale,
Emp. 4-17-21, Died 1-31-69

GEORGE G. EICHMANN, 76, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-11-13, Died 1-15-69

WILLIAM J. ELWOOD, 73, 69th Street,
Emp. 8-27-23, Died 1-25-69

FREDERICK FREDERICKSEN, 88, North Avenue,
Emp. 10-20-05, Died 1-15-69

ARTHUR J. FREY, 74, Devon,
Emp. 2-22-23, Died 1-30-69

GEORGE GEREJ, 77, West Section,
Emp. 9-26-40, Died 1-27-69

JAMES S. GIVIN, 74, South Section,
Emp. 4-21-13, Died 1-25-69

FRANK GLENN, 81, Kedzie,
Emp. 11-29-07, Died 1-21-69

JOHN GRABINER, 85, North Avenue,
Emp. 3-26-23, Died 1-12-69

GEORGE H. GRASSEL, 77, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-4-13, Died 2-3-69

TONY GRISCH, 63, North Avenue,
Emp. 11-8-29, Died 2-19-69

JAMES J. HOEY, 69, Building,
Emp. 7-15-25, Died 1-18-69

OTTO L. HOGER, 77, South Shops,
Emp. 4-2-13, Died 1-23-69

MICHAEL JACKIMIEC, 86, North Avenue,
Emp. 5-4-23, Died 1-29-69

ROSE E. JAMES, 73, Purchasing,
Emp. 2-3-44, Died 2-1-69

EDWARD JOY, 64, Central District,
Emp. 4-25-29, Died 1-23-69

PATRICK KENNY, 88, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 2-1-07, Died 1-3-69

BERNARD P. KIRCHENS, 66, Electrical,
Emp. 10-6-42, Died 1-22-69

PETER LaROSA, 88, Shops & Equipment,
Emp. 10-2-12, Died 1-24-69

PATSY LONGO, 74, Lake Street,
Emp. 11-8-22, Died 1-22-69

EMORY LUDTKE, 57, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-7-45, Died 2-2-69

WILLIAM L. MANNIG, 80, South Section,
Emp. 12-16-02, Died 1-11-69

MARY M. McCAULEY, 69, Purchasing,
Emp. 2-15-32, Died 1-28-69

DANIEL D. O'DONNELL, 84, South Section,
Emp. 12-27-22, Died 1-29-69

MICHAEL J. ROCHFORD, 84, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 1-13-20, Died 1-13-69

LEONARDO RUSSO, 85, Track,
Emp. 4-25-30, Died 1-31-69

ALBERT S. RYBA, 49, Archer,
Emp. 1-30-43, Died 2-3-69

PAUL SAMARDZIC, 78, Track,
Emp. 7-22-36, Died 11-30-68

JAMES J. SAMPEY, 78, Kedzie
Emp. 7-12-12, Died 1-22-69

CHESTER A. SENECO, 80, Electrical,
Emp. 7-16-18, Died 12-14-68

GEORGE L. STEPHENS, 68, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-29-24, Died 1-31-69

HERBERT STOREY, 61, Electrical,
Emp. 6-26-23, Died 1-27-69

JOHN J. SZCZECH, 83, South Section,
Emp. 2-28-44, Died 1-28-69

JAMES C. TALENT, 63, Lawndale,
Emp. 1-26-29, Died 2-6-69

THOMAS A. THORNTON, 79, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-22-22, Died 12-29-68

GEORGE UNRATH, 72, 69th Street,
Emp. 5-4-21, Died 1-23-69

ANTON VACEK, 74, 69th Street,
Emp. 3-26-28, Died 1-8-69

FRANK J. VALEK, 62, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-24-45, Died 1-28-69

FRANCIS VANDERCOOK, 70, West Section,
Emp. 4-20-20, Died 1-16-69

FRED B. WOLFF, 79, Cottage Grove,
Emp. 3-17-43, Died 1-13-69

away recently. Our sincere condolences to their families... Loomis Street has their "Singing Conductor," VERNON ROBINSON, and now 61st Street has their "Singing Conductor," JOHN WRIGHT. Since the first of the year, John has received ten passenger commendations for his unusual and excellent announcements. He also was written up and his picture was in the "Bee-Line" column of the Daily News recently. Vernon at Loomis Street is rolling along with 17 passenger commendations on his announcements. Isn't that wonderful. The South Side is really proud of Vernon and John...Shop Clerk JIM DALEY is taking a nice long five-

week winter vacation and will bask in the sun at Miami Beach, Florida...Retired Agent JULIA FILAN stopped in to see us at 61st Street recently and she looks and feels just wonderful...Our sincere sympathy goes out to Motorman MARTIN CUNNANE whose father passed away in Ireland; to Conductor JOHN KALTSAS on the loss of his mother; Motorman ED TORMEY on the loss of his sister, and Agent ANTOINETTE STIPATI on the loss of her sister...Motorman JOE DOYLE is really lucky. He entered a contest in a store and won a four-day trip to Las Vegas, Nevada, which he and his wife will take this summer. Some people are

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really lucky...Received a nice letter from Mrs. MIKULICH, the widow of deceased Conductor RAYMOND MIKLUICH, and she wanted to let us know that her son, RAY Jr., passed away recently. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mikulich on the loss of her son...Congratulations to Agent AFIDALE PRINCE whose wife, DOROTHY, gave birth to an 8 pound baby girl, DERISE, on March 1. Dorothy is also a singer recording on the M-Pac label. I know little Derise will have some lusty sounds for mom and dad...Also receiving passenger commendations recently were Conductor JOHN KENNEDY, for his courtesy to his passengers, and Conductor JOHN DANEK (another Loomis Street champion of commendations) for his excellent announcements. Keep those commendations coming in men.

- Verna Hartney

SOUTH SHOPS -

On December 9, 1968, JOHN KURGAN, Upholstery Department, and his wife, GRACE, flew to Arizona for the beginning of their four-week vacation in the Southwest. They divided their time between Arizona and California. While in Palm Springs, they took the tram ride up the San Jacinto mountains into a snowstorm. Santa Anita was included in their itinerary, and this turned out to be fun and profitable. They were lucky to get tickets for the Rose Bowl Game and also saw the Parade of Roses. The fun ended when they had to return from 70 degree weather into 6 degree weather on January 3...A good time was had at the West Side reunion party. There was an excellent turnout. SAM TROMBINO did a nice job of helping with the organization of the party. Sam promised that we would have good service this year. The service was excellent, but Sam was sitting in the center of the table and it seemed that when the plates reached him, they were empty. He was heard to say, "Next year, I'll sit in the kitchen and make sure I get my share of food"..Welcome back to EDDIE ROBERTS, who was off sick with an eye operation. It's good to see him back working again...The "Gypsy" in the Brake Department is always asking how come no news. We have boxes for news items throughout the shop, and without help from you, we can't have news.

- Frank Sproveni

TERMINAL INSPECTION SHOPS -

Congratulations to R. FLOWERS, Forest Park, and his wife on the birth of their daughter, MARGARET PATRICIA. The little princess, born on January 3, cut a cute figure at 6½ pounds. Also joining the celebration were JOHN CANNELLA, Congress, and his wife who were godparents...Welcome back to L. McGUINNESS, Forest Park, who had been off on the sick list...Best of luck to J. WOUFLE on his new job with the interlocking department...Go west young man is just what VINCE ROBERTS did as he left to set up residence in Arizona. Vince resigned January 3...Glad to hear JIM DURR, Forest Park, is out of the hospital and recuperating at home...Good luck to BOBBY WRIGHT in his new position as a bus driver...Welcome to J. PATTERSON and M. LOVE, new car servicemen at Forest Park...Congratulations to DOMINIC DiGIANFILIPPO, the son of AMERICO DiGIANFILIPPO, Wilson, who earned a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program. Dominic will graduate from Gordon Technical High school in June and plans to attend Illinois Institute of Technology...On his way to fun and sun in Florida, A. ODROW-

SKI, Kimball, stopped off for a visit with relatives in Indiana...E. STAHL, Kimball, is back at the old work grind after spending two weeks visiting relatives in Hollywood, Florida...Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to A. LONG, Congress, who is off on the sick list...On January 31, F. BENANTI, Congress, and his wife celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Best wishes for continued happiness...Welcome to D. LASIEWICZ and A. MOORE, new car servicemen at Howard. M. BUCHANAN, Wilson, and his wife spent their vacation seeing the sights of New Orleans and the Mardi Gras...L. COLLINS, Wilson, enjoyed his vacation by resting and relaxing at home.

- Ray Bzyczek

69TH STREET -

If MICKEY's pay check has been a little to the lean side of late Mrs. YOUNG, don't blame him. You see, PAUL VASILOPULOUS and I are picking the big runs now. By the way, Mrs. Young, did you ever find out what the lady looked like that Mickey has been picking up and taking home when he works the hockey game charters?..CURTIS HASKELL, the man with the grin, was seen carrying a box into the office one day. He said it was top secret...Have you noticed how much cleaner the air is now that FRANK BROZKIEWICZ has stopped smoking those smelly cigars?..Instructor SWANSON says that he would be glad to help anyone who has to take the state driver's test. He has all the necessary information, so be sure and contact him...MILLARD ENSWORTH spent his vacation in Florida last February...FRAIL took a "choo-choo" ride to California again. Maybe he should have been an engineer...BILL DONAHUE had the distinction of being the driver of the CTA chartered bus when PAMELA ANN NORRIS, the daughter of A. NORRIS, married GEORGE ROCHMAN on January 12. A few that attended were: ED MELANT, BERT JOHNSON, JOE MATHIS, MYRON LEEVEE, and BILL YEATMAN. The reception was held at the Martinique...WODARCZYK and HUNT were working as janitors one day at 69th Street. You just can't keep the old Grove men apart...JIM HUNT's son, GEORGE, former night foreman at 69th, became a papa for the second time on January 28. It was a girl...Our deepest sympathy to the family of W. F. WANTROBA who lost his father...Pensioner TOM FLANAGAN rode my bus one day. He looks great, but still has it in for TIERNEY who used to lead him on Ashland...F. P. GAUSTAD has taken his pension. Many happy years of retirement, fella...Pensioner E. KALL just recovered from a heart attack. Take it easy, boy...JOE BRADY dropped us a few lines from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and said he had a few visitors from CTA. They were: ART MURPHY, ZIEGLER, PERRY (from 77th Street), and ED MALONEY and his brother, and said it was just great. He says hello to Superintendent TOM SCREEN, FRANK ROONEY, and LOU MONAHAN. BARNEY BECKER, 390 says hello. Barney is a receiver now, Joe. I probably will be down your way around Thanksgiving to drink some of your beer, so keep it cold...JIMMY AHERN of the Repair Department wishes GUS PAVELKA well on his assignment as day foreman at Keeler Depot, and to GEORGE MÖRRELL who took his place. HAROLD McGANN went to Lawndale as night foreman, and BILL LAMBERT took his place at 69th Street. DONALD BERGE is now relief foreman in place of WALTER BAILEY who is now with the instruction department...JIM DONALDSON retired after 47 years of service with the CTA. May you have 47 more, happy years of retirement...LEONARD CASEY is now in

the navy. May you have easy sailing, fellow...Jimmy Ahern was saddened over the death of his namesake and first cousin, Father JAMES L. AHERN. He was the pastor of St. Mary's church in Brush, Colorado, and was only 44 years old. May he rest in peace.

- Arthur P. Bussing

WEST SECTION -

LOU PAYNE was bashful to admit he had a birthday in February, so happy birthday, Lou...The wives of J. KELLY and T. WORMACK presented them with healthy baby boys... They say clothes make the man, and JIM McPHEE proved it for he sure looks sharp...One of our guys, B. RADCLIFF, recently exchanged his CTA gray for the army green. We wish a safe return for our buddy, Radcliff...We all welcome back J. SCHUMACHER after being off a long time due to an operation. Gee, our sick list is really long; JAMES HOOD, TINY ROBERTSON, BARNEY ROLAND, LEO FORD, and E. PAGE. So hurry and get well, fellows, for we all miss you. ..Supervisor W. JONES' heart was broken with the passing of his wife. Our deepest sympathy...To E. PAGE and PETE NAUGHTON, who both lost their grandfathers, we send our condolences. We lost a fine man when Pensioner PATSY LONGO died recently. We extend our condolences to his wife and family. Our sympathy to Pensioner PAT SHIELDS on the lost of his daughter...CHARLES McDERMOTT just returned from his usual trip to Florida where he spent six weeks. The story going around is that he bought a lot right across the street from Hialeah...L. MOORE, who used to play the flute, is now trying his hand at song writing. May you hit on a great tune, Leon...The janitors put on a spread for one of their favorite fellows, R. CHRISTMAS, when he went on pension. He was also one



THIS AVID fisherman is Pensioner ARTHUR HANSEL, former chief operator, Ravenswood substation. He is displaying one of the fish caught from his backyard on the upper end of the Homasassa river in Homasassa, Florida.

of my favorite people, too..."Big" DAN left Lake Street and is now working in the Loop. We know he will do a good job there, but we will miss him on the line...A. REESE and his lovely wife, JEAN, had a house warming party and received some lovely gifts. Attending were ROBERT and ALICE JAMES and JIM and DORITHA McNEAL...D. "Chicken Baby" WILLIAMS brings his chicken for lunch, and S. DUDASIK brings his eggs. Poor M. O'BRIEN has to eat out because he is tired of eating his own cooking. Will someone find a wife for him before he wastes away...One of our fine young men, J. WILSON, is going to school to become an architect. It is a pleasure to see someone trying to get ahead. So let's all wish him success...We had a visit from Pensioners JAMES HICKEY and TOM MCGOURTY and they both are as fit as a fiddle. It's too bad that more can't come to the carhouse to visit us, for it would sure be a delight to see them...So, for now, we'll say 'bye until you read this column next time and you might say, "Why, those guys are talking about me."

- Santo Siciliano & Lou Payne

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77TH STREET -

Operator JOSEPH PHILLIP and his wife, ANNA MAE, celebrated their silver anniversary on March 15, and to make it a double header, their son, JOSEPH Jr., the tough ex-marine sergeant now attending the university of Iowa, celebrated his birthday on the same day...Operator H. L. BEATY and his wife, CLARA, celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary on March 15. Their son, KENNARD, was sent to Vietnam where he was shelled in his truck and received an arm fracture. He is now recovering in Japan... CRAIG DARREN BARNES was one year old February 20. He is the son of Operator EUGENE BARNES and his wife, MELODY...Operator DON HENDRICKS was one year older February 25...Operator THOMAS SWOOPE lost a brother in Vietnam. Sergeant First Class RUDOLPH SWOOPE had been in the service 19 years and 2 months. He is survived by his wife, EUCLADE, and six children...Operator S. C. GUINN lost his wife, IMOGENE, February 9...Your Co-reporter, AMOS FOSTER, and his wife, RUTH, moved into their new home on February 28 and ever since, Ruth has been keeping us so busy that I think BRENDA is going to run away. But, it's doing one thing for me, I sleep well at night and I don't have to stop at the Kazbar anymore.

- Amos Foster & Julius Brazil

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COMMENDATION...

*I want to commend
one of your employes for
his considerate treatment
of passengers. He made each
of us feel like NO. 1*

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