

TRANSIT NEWS



Credit Union To Hold Its Annual Meet

January 28 is the date for the Credit Union's annual business and election meeting. All members are urged to attend and take an active part in the group's operations.

It will begin at 8 p.m. in the Plymouth Room of the Mayflower Hotel.

Annual reports will be read, and four posts will be voted on. Up for reelection are board members E. Neuharth, Roger McNamee and Ed Rafter, and Audit Committee member Robert R. Jacobson.

UGN Support Increased At Transit

Although the number of employees at Seattle Transit is down this year over last, the total donating and pledging contributions in the recent UGN fund drive was up, as was the amount collected.

Permanent payroll deductions are up by 132 employees this year on top of 653 already on the plan. In addition, 94 persons chose to be billed by UGN.

Over \$8,450 is this year's total from Transit.

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Uhlman & Commission Seek Subsidy Revenue

Mayor Wes Uhlman met with members of the Seattle Transit Commission earlier this month to explore the possibility of avoiding a fare increase by finding new sources of tax revenue.

All agreed that a fare increase was a most unsatisfactory answer toward solving the financial needs of the Transit System. However, the Commission pointed out that the System will be without uncommitted funds early in January and would not be able to meet a payroll. (Transit expects to lose approximately \$300,000 monthly during 1970).

The problems faced by the Mayor, City Council and the Transit Commission are:

1. There are no available funds in the City General Fund to meet this deficit.
2. Seattle, along with other Cities of the State, plans to ask the upcoming session of the legislature for more latitude in the field of taxation. Most often suggested is enabling legislation which would permit the City to levy a one per cent sales tax. However, even if this legislation should pass, it would be at least April before the Cities could take advantage of this new source of revenue. By that time, the System's indebtedness would be approaching \$1,000,000.

To further complicate the problem, the State and County governments have already expressed their need for money to continue to provide essential services.

The Mayor told the Commission that he was meeting with the City Council early the following week in hopes of getting a tax package passed to alleviate the immediate needs of the Transit System. The package includes an increase in parking meter rates, an excise tax on off street parking fees and an increase in the business and occupation tax. Mayor Uhlman's plan would raise approximately \$3,000,000, the money necessary to get the Transit System through 1970.

The financial crises of the System became immediate with the failure of the household and graduated business and employment tax at the polls in early November. This tax was passed by the City Council and signed into law by, then Mayor Floyd Miller. Subsequently, signatures were gathered in sufficient numbers to place the issue on the November ballot.

With the defeat of the measure, the Commission announced a fare increase for the latter part of November. This increase was delayed when the City Council transferred \$200,000 from the City's emergency fund to the System.

A fare increase from 25 to 40¢ is now scheduled for January 5 unless a tax subsidy is made available to the System.

The Commission expressed its complete cooperation in the Mayor's efforts to avoid the fare increase. The meeting provided an opportunity for everyone involved to explore all possibilities for solving the current financial crises of the System.

New Wage Rates

Raises In Wages Are Effective October 1

	Monthly
Accountant II	\$831.00
Accountant I	783.00
Carpenter	831.00
Clerk V	683.00
Clerk IV	632.00
Clerk III	551.00
Clerk II	499.00
Clerk-Typist II	499.00
Clerk I	403.00
Driver, Truck (Effective 10/8/69)	738.00
Engineer, Custodial II (Effective 10/8/69)	768.00
Engineer, Custodial I (Effective 10/8/69)	657.00
Engineering Specialist I - Civil	831.00
Gardener II	670.00
Janitress	529.00
Laborer, General	597.00
Laborer, Utility (Assigned)	632.00
Laborer, Maintenance (Assigned)	657.00
Machinist, Maintenance (Effective 10/15/69)	799.00
Machinist, Auto	799.00
Maintenance Man, Building	710.00
Mechanic, Assistant	727.00
Mechanic, Assistant (Assigned as Unit Repairman)	763.00
Nurse, Industrial (Effective 10/8/69)	724.00
Operator, Duplicating Equipment	724.00
Operator, Telephone, Supervising	620.00
Operator, Telephone	499.00
Painter, Equipment I (Effective 10/8/69)	799.00
Representative, Passenger Service	632.00
Secretary, Administrative	724.00
Secretary III	683.00
Secretary II	632.00
Secretary I	562.00
Serviceman, Equipment I (Effective 10/8/69)	670.00
Sheet Metal Worker, Automotive (Effective 10/8/69)	815.00
Stenographer-Clerk II	540.00
Upholsterer	799.00
Warehouseman II (Effective 10/8/69)	724.00
Welder	799.00
Supervisor, Transit Operations II:	
Dispatcher	936.74
Inspector, Senior Transit	911.74
Stationmaster, Assistant	911.74
Supervisor, Transit Operations I:	
Clerk, Intermediate Schedule	876.74
Inspector, Junior Transit	876.74
Instructor, Junior	876.74

From old files—October 30, 1947: The Children's Orthopedic Hospital netted \$1,605 by turning in the now obsolete Seattle Transit System's tokens.

NEED BACK COPIES

Active or retired Transit employees who would like to have any back issues of Transit News should contact Rita Domde, Public Relations Office, Atlantic Station (JU 3-4820) before January 1, 1970. Copies may be picked up at that office.



Dear Santa please remember our fine Transit people
As you travel by sleigh from roof to church steeple.
All the Operators, office gals, mechanics, shop crew
Who keep buses moving the whole year through.

Look how happy are Gil Hobbs and the Beals,
Listening as the holiday bell peals.
And for the kiddies of Campbell and Castner we see
A gaily decked, gift-filled Christmas tree.

To Manager Lloyd Graber go cheers for a fine operation,
He deserves Washington apples, with your cooperation.
Secretary Vivian and Sven Engstrom these goodies should share,
So deliver them, Santa, we ask, with great care.

Nord, Antonino, McNamee—No. 587 members all
Keep union affairs running smooth as a ball.
Give Credit Union heed Ohlander a wreath for his door
For Neuharth, could you kindly add one more?

To Chuck Nelson and pencil-sharp accounting gals Olga and Esther
Bring the finest of gifts, Santa—none but the best-er.
Remember Personnel's Helen Nichols and Jess and Dorothy, both clerks
Perhaps with something in which coffee perks.

Then there are the Smiths, Dick Griffith and Young
Stationmasters Pierce, Bill Whiteley and Jung.
Give them all their hearts desire
To enjoy at home by a crackling fire.

For good PR man Woolson and right-hand gal Rita
A big box of candy—what could be sweeter?
Sarro, Bud Olsen and Hulett, don't forget,
They'd like a big, juicy turkey, I'll bet!



To Operators Myrick and Reichle a night on the town
With their favorites along, each in her finest gown.
Salute Bettencourt, Welch, Moulton, the Wilsons four,
With the merriest Christmas, and all year much more.

Santa to Kettman, Stripling and Allen please bring
Bright shiny golf clubs for all to swing.
For Artesno, Virgo and Schoellhorn too
Golf balls that don't get lost in the dew.

Give the Adams, Nelsons and Hanson a cozy chair
For Harrison, Neil and Lohse a steak so rare,
To Murdock and Haala a plum pudding that's real,
Deserved for good bus service, we know you will feel.

For Eldo Kanikkenberg a spanking new bat,
And to top it all off a great baseball hat.
For Fishel and Lesh some horseshoes please
To send through the air with the greatest of ease.

Three Halls, the Bergs and Hoey too,
Are all part of our good Transit crew.
Our hats to the Bakers and Armani we doff,
Bumgarner and Dyven can take a day off.

And speaking of air, for Pilot Koher in his plane
Do give good weather, with not one drop of rain.
To LaBrant, Nelson, Bertlett, ham operators three
A salute for good radio work—don't you agree?

Dugeon, Farwell, Owens and Gaston include
If we've left any names out don't think we're rude.
We're proud of each and every member of Transit's team,
Their fine service records make us just beam!



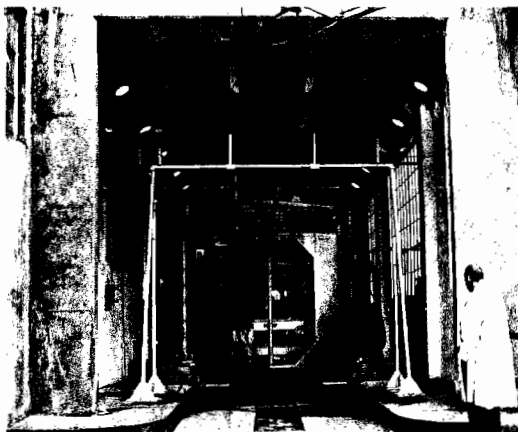
MacGregor joins Bach to sing joyous carols
To bowler Van Dyke, who gets strikes and no spare-os.
While Operators Kinsey, Grant Orr, Plumb and Ping
Gather round on their twistboards and all now do sing.

To all the folks with the Transit System
If your names are here, or if we missed 'em
The wish is the same that you see right here,
The best for Christmas and the whole New Year!

NEW RACKS MAKE WASHING EASY



It only takes about a minute to wash the day's grime from Transit coaches with the new automatic racks installed at Atlantic. Each bus is now washed daily.



In addition to sides and top of buses, special brushes wrap around both ends, giving a more thorough, all-over cleaning than any previous equipment in Transit use.



First bus through the new rack was driven by F. L. (Smitty) Smith, Superintendent of Equipment, watched by Bob Woolson, Transit Public Relations Director.

Kudos Come In For STS Courtesies

Local residents and visitors alike have taken the time to write or phone Transit about special courtesies they have observed on coaches recently.

Operator Guy L. Higgins was commended by Florence Sloan, a passenger on his Ballard-Laurelhurst route, for taking special pains with youngsters, making sure they got off at the correct stop.

A Virginia Shriner, Herman Gallasch, wrote to Harold Marshall thanking him for courtesies received during his visit this summer, and a delegate to the XI International Botanical Congress, Homer Pinkley of the Harvard University Botanical Museum, wrote to STS, "I have never been in a city which has nicer or more polite and courteous bus drivers. Thank you for maintaining this seldom-found humanism."

Topically Transit

Hubert Jung will replace Bob Harlow as Stationmaster of North Seattle for a 1-year period... Three management trainees have changed departments: Julius (Bud) Olson to Instruction, Gerald McGuire to Passenger Service and Howard Picht to Scheduling.

Nurse Bernice Steinman and Gwenn Kennedy (retired from Personnel) took a 3-week tour of Europe this fall... John Blair traveled to Coeur d'Alene on his vacation, visited relatives... B. B. (Pat) Patterson recently adopted two dachshunds, labeled them Tom and Jerry.

Two retired Transits died recently; they are Stirling Haley and John Martin... Thought for day from Transit poet Tiny Nyman: "Don't keep home fires burning by smoking in bed."



Transit children will meet Santa Claus, Teeny the Clown and enjoy food and festivities at the annual Christmas party sponsored by STS and Local 587. It will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 21 in Eagles Hall and it is hoped that just as many children as can will be there. Santa always has something in his pack for every good little girl and boy, or at least those who say they are. Music, games and general merriment are the order of the day at this yearly party. Festive decorations and the great amount of work and preparation are handled each year by the women of Local No. 587 Auxiliary.

Red Cross Drivers Sought From Among STS Retired

Volunteer drivers transport patients to medical and therapy appointments who have no other way of getting there, under a Red Cross-sponsored program, but the need is greater than they can fill.

According to Red Cross spokesman Mary Karabaich, the program has had great success with retired men in this community. She feels retired Transit Operators would be ideal, and that they would derive satisfaction from the service. Most volunteers drive one day a week.

Anyone wishing to serve completes a standard Red Cross First Aid course and takes a one-day orientation. Full information is available by phoning MA 3-2800.

**COMING!
'GOODBYE MR. CHIPS'**

with
Peter O'Toole
and
Petula Clark

See January
Transit News
for discount





Good-natured ribbing was handed out by the three Commissioners attending the ceremonies, to STS General Manager Lloyd Graber when it was his turn to step up for

his pin and certificate. Graber was one of two honored for 45 years of City service. Commissioners Smith, Adams and Hayward made a lively presentation of it.

TRANSIT PERSONNEL RECEIVE AWARDS FOR CITY SERVICE

In two ceremonies held in November, a number of Transit men and women were honored with service pins for 25 or more years of duty with the City.

The programs, at which certificates were also given to those honored, took place November 5 and 13 in the Instruction Auditorium at Atlantic Station. The recipients were:

45 YEARS
William V. Brown
Lloyd P. Graber

40 YEARS
Charles J. Gessert

35 YEARS
Royal A. Cole
Fred R. Hager
Arthur J. McMullen
Leslie E. Vannic

30 YEARS
Henry DeGoojer
Amos E. Griffith

Carle F. Hahne
Earl H. Helgesen
Richard C. Hohag
Wendell A. Jacobsen
Robert R. Jacobson
Charles C. Johnson
Fred A. Langer
Jack A. Martin
Thomas R. McGill
Roger A. McNamee
Glenn A. Nelson
Clyde F. O'Keefe
Anthony Pizzello
Roger A. Wood

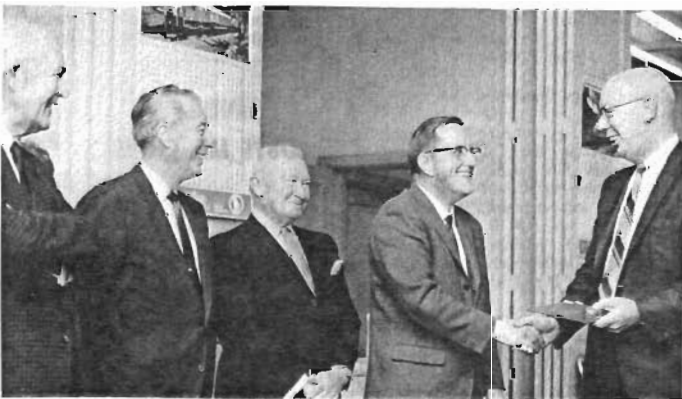
25 YEARS
Kenneth E. Baker
Raymond L. Benson
Walter L. Crofut
Helene DeMarco
Ejnar A. Elfstrom
Ethel Eunice Erickson
John L. Fish
Ralph F. Hall
Leslie H. Harbert
Charles L. Harmon
Donald W. Hoff
Frank Huggans
Virgil V. Jantz

Ann Johnston
William E. Johnston
Glen L. Kincaid
Clyde W. Kinney
Verne L. Lee
Harvey L. McCumber
Erwin C. Naffer
Ethel G. Nelson
Richard O. Rasmussen
Hildred L. Sibley
Arnold H. Simon
George S. Stocks
Minnell T. Stuehall
Charles D. Taulbee
Katie A. Terhune



Transit Commissioners Irving Smith, Stuart Adams and James Hayward congratulate Richard O. Rasmussen, second from right,

on his 25-year service award as his supervisor, Gilbert Hobbs, of Power and Plant Maintenance Department, looks on.



Roger McNamee, 30-year employee, receives a good word from Charles Nelson, right, head of STS Accounting, as Commis-

sioners Smith, Adams and Hayward smile their congratulations. McNamee is Financial Secretary for the Transit Local No. 587.



Ejnar A. Elfstrom, Junior Inspector, showed his 25-year certificate to Jessie Sandberg, Personnel clerk who was in charge of the coffee and refreshment table at the festivities.



Altogether, these ladies account for a total of 75 years' work with the City. Enjoying a chuckle are, from left, Ethel Nelson, Helene DeMarco and Eunice Erickson, Accounting.



Glenn A. Nelson, North Seattle Coach Service Foreman, right, was hailed on his 30-year award by Commissioner Smith, left, and Equipment Superintendent F. L. Smith.



Ann Johnston, 25-year employee, chatted after the awards ceremony with Commissioner Irving S. Smith.



Refreshments and conversations followed the awards. Here Sven Engstrom, left, Superintendent of Transportation, talks with Commission Chairman Kenneth Myers.

Need Is Great

Drive On To Build Up Transit Account

There have been large withdrawals from the Local No. 587 account at the King County Blood Bank during recent months. One employee needed 20 pints for open heart surgery, another 18 pints for a bleeding ulcer. One employee needed 15 pints of the hard-to-find A-Negative blood and those contacted with the needed type blood came through with donations promptly.

No one knows when the need for blood may arise. An automobile accident is the unexpected type of emergency that can't always wait for friends to help. Blood is released from the Local No. 587 account for all union members and to non-union members who have given blood. Occasionally, in an emergency, blood is released for members of employee families.

To build up the Local No. 587 blood account, the King County Mobile Blood Unit will visit all three Transit stations during the coming months. Please note the dates for your station and plan to give.

Atlantic Station December 18 and 19

Jefferson Station January 12 and 13

North Seattle Station February 2 and 3



Operator Ted Lammers and son Steve check in at the Blood Bank. This was 65th time Ted has given blood.



Blood pressure is checked by nurse before any blood is taken. Steve, 20, has been giving blood since he was 18, which is the minimum age for a blood donor.

Holiday Fare On Channel 9

Family fare on TV this month includes several programs of interest on Channel 9.

The world-famous Salzburg Marionettes will be seen in "Snow White and Rose Red" at 7:30 p.m. on December 22, again at 6 p.m. December 28, and "Snow Maiden," 6:30 p.m. December 31. "Christmas Crafts" will present Patricia Swerda representing holiday moods through the art of Ikebana, Oriental flower arranging, at 8 p.m. December 18.

Christmas day, music fills the air with concerts by the Songcrafters at 6:30 p.m., the Ballard High School Choir at 8 p.m. and Seattle Pacific College Choir at 8:30 p.m.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR GOLF PLAY



Four of the eight trophy winners of the Transit Golf Club are L-R: Willard Schoellhorn, Ernest Lee Moore, Richard Kimball and Frank Virgo.

The Transit Golf Club season ended with a gala banquet in November at which trophies, golf balls and special prizes were awarded. Season play included six field days. Winners were:

TROPHIES

First Division: Champion, Frank Virgo; Net Champion, Willard Schoellhorn.

Second Division: Champion, Walter Ward; Net Champion, Jack Barber.

Third Division: Champion, Ernest Lee Moore; Net Champion, Richard Kimball.

Fourth Division: Champion, John Baker; Net Champion, George Cheha.

GOLF BALLS

Charles Allen (2), John Baker (2), Jack Barber (2), Clarence Berg (4), Buck Buckingham (3), Leslie Carman (2), George Cheha (4), James Day (1).

Henry DeGoojer (2), Bobby Eichler (2), Walter Fandrich (1), Fritz Kennedy (2), Ward Hall (1), Frank Houk (3), Richard Kimball (2), Ronald Mitrovich (1).

Ernest Lee Moore (2), Richard Patrick (1), Earl Richardson (1), Willard Schoellhorn (3), John Senear (1), Henry Strippling (2), Frank Virgo (3), Walter Ward (5).

SPECIAL PRIZES

MOST IMPROVED Golfer: Bob Eichler and John Senear, two free steak dinners at Eddy's Cafe.

BEST GAME: Leslie Carman, free game of golf at Snoqualmie Falls.

BEST DRESSED Golfer: Charles Allen, \$5.00 certificate from Pacific Outfitting Co.

MOST HELPFUL Worker: Mrs. Walter Fandrich, free game of golf at Snoqualmie Falls.

MOST SMILING Face on Golf Course: Richard Patrick, free football ticket and bus ride to game from Art's Driftwood Inn.

MOST LIKEABLE Golfer: Richard Fitz, free football ticket and bus ride to game from Art's Driftwood Inn.

New To Seattle Transit . . . During August

CHARLES BUERGER, No. 1456, Wichita Falls, Tex. He's golfer.
TERRY LEE METZEN, No. 1457, Iola, Kan. His hobby is music.
IRVING CLITHERO, No. 1458, Yakima. A golfer and bowler.
JAMES WILSON, No. 1459, LaGrande, Ore. He likes to fish.
STEVEN BLACK, No. 1460, Richmond, Cal. Enjoys art, guitars.
ROBERT KAESER, No. 1461, Yuma, Ariz. Likes to raise dogs.
JACK BEYMER, No. 1462, Tacoma. Swims, camps and hikes.
JOSE BLEA, No. 1463, Alameda, N.M. A hunter and carpenter.
GREGORY MC LELLAN, No. 1464, Seattle. Golfer and gardener.
CHARLES NEVIN, Auto. Mach., Shelby, Mont. Hobby is cars.

. . . During September

HOWARD A. NELSON, No. 1465, Seattle. Photographer.
ALTON E. SISSON, No. 1466, Everett. Snowmobiler, hunter.
MICHAEL F. GARDINER, No. 1467, Helena, Mont. Golfs, fishes.
ROBERT L. JORGENSEN, No. 1468, Renton. His hobby's music.
PAUL A. RUSSO, No. 1469, Norfolk, Va. Fishes and hunts.
CLIVE M. WIENKER, No. 1471, Seattle, Former T.O. four years.



The complete stay when giving blood is only 20-30 minutes. Blood Bank hours are: Mon-Wed-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Tue-Fri-Sat, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Everybody helps hang decorations, except Quinn, 2½, who thinks it's more fun to sit in the box they were in. His twin, Bryce, does his part, as does Troy, 8.

Holiday Decorating Is a Family Affair At the Sewell Home



Quinn prefers to play with the decorations as he hangs onto a snowman.



Table tops need the holiday touch, too, as Troy sets up a little tree and Bryce helps with the decorations.



"Where does this go, Mom?" Busy Troy helped all over.



The outside of the house has to be dressed to welcome Santa Claus, too, and Walt and Troy made sure of it.

SAFETY COUNCIL HONORS OPERATORS FOR DRIVING RECORDS

Safe driving awards, pins and badges, will be presented to 130 Transit Operators at the January Shake-up.

Pins, for one-to-five years without a preventable accident, and badges for over five, were earned by:

28 YEARS

Wallace Crichton

26 YEARS

Charles Nelson

24 YEARS

Frederick Barteld, Virgil Jantz, George Rulaford, Clifford Wilson.

23 YEARS

Bill Church, William Isaminger, John Lundstrom

22 YEARS

Frank Gulan, Charles Harmon, William Johnston, Ted Lammers, Arthur McMullen

21 YEARS

Donald Franzin, R. Honnold, Monte McDaniel, Gifford Ryan, Virgil Terhune

20 YEARS

Fred Frangillo, Alexander MacGregor, T. C. Merrow, Hildred Sibley

19 YEARS

Alvin Carnahan, Warren Gibson, Paul Gregory, Harlan Jensen, Arnold Nichols

18 YEARS

Milton Monson, Kenneth Nelson

17 YEARS

William McCarthy, Joseph Ure

16 YEARS

Rockford Bauguess, Leslie Lance, Harry Myers, Arnold Simon, Ronald Yoshida

15 YEARS

George Bowlby, Walter Crofut, Stanley Haberkorn, Clyde Rusher, Erla Shields

14 YEARS

Eldon Adams, Richard Benson, George Curtis, Claude Rassilyer

13 YEARS

Jack Davidson, W. R. Hatch, William Yakovich

12 YEARS

Roderick Freeman, Harry Keller

11 YEARS

Adrian Aschenbrenner, Wilbur Soper, John Thompson

10 YEARS

Thomas Cliney, Frank Houk, Charles Taulbee

9 YEARS

Lawrence Fishel, James Haala, Harrison Neuharth,

8 YEARS

John Senear, John Thompson, Lee Wertz

7 YEARS

Dennie Brown, Rudolph

Kollar, Carl Miles, Kenneth Teague

6 YEARS

Roger Brewer, Myron Carr, Charles Gehrts, Mayo Iverson, Demeter Kis, Kenneth Lapp, Joseph Recchia, Arthur Reichle, William Sellers, John Tenma, Elmer Turner

5 YEARS

Edward Chapman, Jr., John Van Dyke, Lloyd Wolfe

4 YEARS

Alva Martin, Duane Meier, Carl Owens, Walter Sewell, Jr.

3 YEARS

Willis Burton, Dale Hughes, James Kaufman, Harry Orin, Clyde Shue, Gary Weir, Robert Zillinger

2 YEARS

John Baker, James Ditolla, Gary Fernelius, James Knudsen, Larry Lund, Lloyd Marshall, Jr., Ronald Pryor, James Rath, John Rice, Meriin Smith, Michael Tucker,

Clarence Washington, George Weeks, William Young

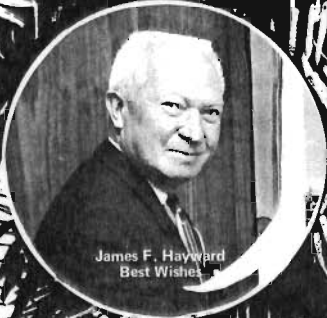
1 YEAR

Ronald Adair, Donald Arnold, Norman Ashman, John Ball, William Belt, Peter Berry, LeRoy Campbell, Robert Egts, Bobby Eichler, Duane Fliflet, Richard Friedt, Alfred Geiger, John Howard, James Hulslander, Jr., Gary Johnson, Cloyd Leggett, John McCormick, Jr., Douglas Moore, Donald Reed, Gerard Stromberg, Luis Torres, Robert Trainor, Donald Wheeler, Ralph Wilson

Commendation

G. W. Pilcher was reported favorably by a woman passenger for going to the aid of a pedestrian who had been assaulted in the street and was about to be kicked again by his assailants.

T & S
Blood Bank



James F. Hayward
Best Wishes



Irving S. Smith
Much Happiness



Stuart N. Adams
Good Cheer



Lyle F. Wilson
Happy New Year



Lloyd P. Graber
Happy Holiday



Kenneth G. Myers
Merry Christmas

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