

Downtown Map On Horizon

The CTA is in production on its first comprehensive downtown transit map, which also will be its first bilingual (English-Spanish) map.

The objective: To encourage more people throughout the day to use CTA buses and trains as the most expedient—and least expensive—way to get around the growing downtown area.

CTA riders can easily determine where and when the buses and trains go by referring to an overall downtown map, and a series of mini-maps of individual routes.

As special aid for using buses, there will be an explanation of the routes in terms of the major streets that are served.

The new map is coming out in June...for the start of the big summer influx of visitors...and at a time when good weather prompts more of the daytime downtown population to benefit from the CTA's one-hour transfer privilege for short shopping trips, for eating a sack lunch in Grant Park, or for sunning and enjoying one of the many new plazas.

The 24-hour clock for designating hours of service also will be another new feature. Other new features will be a downtown street guide and a listing of major points of interest.

The new map is a joint production of the Operations Planning and Public Affairs Departments.

The map task force includes John P. O'Connor, George Macak, Robert Schageman and Dale Mangelsdorff of Operations Planning, and Robert Heinlein and Elda Leal of Public Affairs.



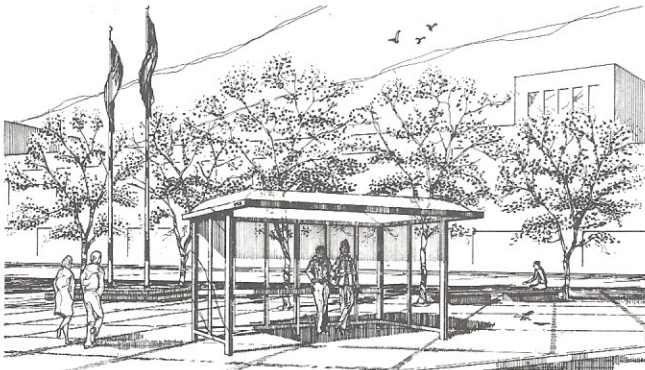
A new view of Chicago's constantly changing downtown, as shot by Art Tonner south from the Merchandise Mart's new Apparel Center on historic Wolf Point.

ON THE INSIDE:

BOARD BRIEFS



At the May 5 meeting of the Chicago Transit Board, Transportation Manager James Blaa presents First Quarter Safety Award won by the North Avenue Garage to Operators John Weatherspoon (center) and Gilberto Almenas as representatives of the 650 operators at North Avenue. Blaa reported that North Avenue set the best combined traffic and passenger safety record in the history of the awards program.



Sketch of new CTA bus stop shelters for an initial order of 100 shelters as authorized by the CTA Board. The shelters, to be erected mostly on sites under arrangements with Chicago's city government, will be 5 feet 8 inches wide and 7 feet 6 inches high and of two different lengths — 8 feet 3 inches and 12 feet 4 inches. For the sides and back, transparent non-breakable and scratch resistant plastic panels will be attached to aluminum frames with a bronze finish. The top will be of off-white translucent plastic. The bottom rail will be raised 6 inches for an opening to prevent such things as leaves and paper accumulating.

Also at the Board meeting: Carmen Russo, bus operator at 69th was cited for helping to save the life of a stricken fellow bus operator...An order for \$121,649 of special rubber padding to be installed at six rapid transit grade crossings was authorized...Engineering and design contracts were let for modernizing the Western avenue station on the Ravenswood rapid transit route and the Pulaski station on the Douglas route.

CTA Pulls Another Switch: Introduces First Woman Towerperson

By Jeff Stern

Technique is the secret that enables Mrs. Ivory D. Graham to pull her weight as CTA's first woman towerperson.

"If you just pull with your arms, you would wear yourself out in no time at all," says Mrs. Graham.

"But if you get good footing and make it a body swing, it's no harder than my hobbies of bowling, sewing and shooting an occasional game of pool."

That is how Mrs. Graham, who stands 5 feet 4 inches, describes her latest CTA assignment of pulling the 4-foot-high levers in the Wilson avenue tower for switching trains on the north elevated route.

Altogether, there are 25 such large levers Mrs. Graham may be required to pull a number of times each during an eight-hour shift at the Wilson tower.

The levers in the Wilson tower pull the switches for four mainline tracks and for lead tracks to a rapid transit car inspection shop nearby.

"She's doing a great job," reports Michael Veltri, the Howard terminal superintendent who also is in charge of the tower.

"And she enjoys the work so much that she has indicated a desire to serve in the tower full time," said Veltri.

By qualifying as a towerperson, Mrs. Graham has become a full-fledged CTA rapid transit operating employee able to perform three different jobs.

Joining the CTA in October, 1974, she first became a conductor and then a motorperson. She is now alternating as a conductor, motorperson and towerperson.

Mrs. Graham, who is 35, and her husband and son live in the south side Auburn-Gresham community.



Ivory in her tower.

CTA Football School Is Taught By Bears

Two Chicago Bears--Doug Plank and Bob Thomas--have been scoring touchdowns for CTA with the city's youth by talking football and good sportsmanship.

Their appearances before public, parochial and private high school classes represent an experiment by the CTA to develop better rapport among schools with an objective of reducing vandalism to buses, some of which happens in the exuberant aftermath of sporting events.

The program is under the direction of Frank Mariani, a veteran high school and pro football coach now with the CTA Community Relations Section. At press time, the Bears had been on more than 18 school "gridirons," and were scheduled for a CTA season lasting into June. Short biographies follow:

Doug Plank, free safety--an Ohio State Buckeye, veteran of three Rose Bowl games, and leader of the Bears in tackles and pass interceptions during his rookie year of '75. Doug was drafted in the 12th round and was 23 on last March 4th. Before going to college, he was All-State Pennsylvania in both football and baseball at Norwin High School in suburban Irwin near Pittsburgh.

Bob Thomas, placekicker--the man who kicked the field goal in the 1973 Sugar Bowl game that gave Notre Dame an exciting victory over Alabama. A native of Rochester, N.Y., the 23-year-old Bob attended McQuaid Jesuit High School where he was an all-star in both football and soccer. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams in the 15th round in 1974, then acquired by the Bears, for whom he became the leading scorer. His 55-yard field goal against the Rams set a new Bear record.

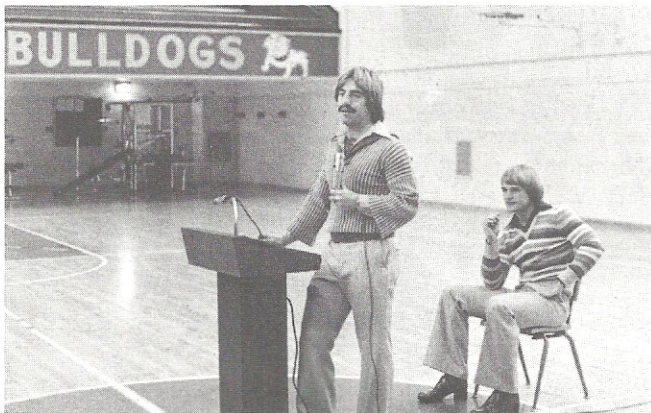
In their rap sessions with high schoolers, the Bears emphasize the values of education to the professional athlete and testify to their own gratification at having completed college and obtaining their degrees.

The players also "work in" the rationale for good sportsmanship strategy not only in playing the game of football, but also the game of life--including such everyday actions as riding buses and rapid transit trains.

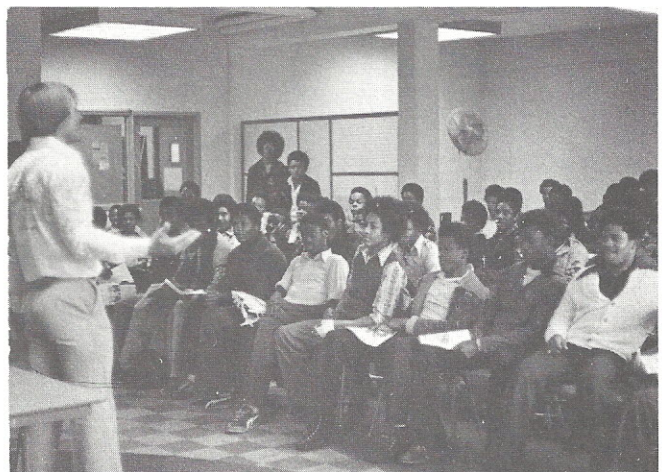
Films of the better Bear plays in 1975 are being shown in conjunction with the appearances. Reaction has been super.



After formal talks and questions-and-answers, the Bear players have been huddling with students who want to know "how it is" to be a pro athlete.



In gym at Schurz High School, Bob Thomas kicks off with a few pointers on kicking field goals. Doug Plank awaits his introduction.



At Dunbar High School, Doug Plank testifies to the value of a sportsmanship style in the game of life. The audience interest is evident.

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Spirit of (19) 76 —

CTA Softball Season Starts

By Mel Alexander, Sports Editor

Despite the fact that rain caused a postponement May 2 of eight opening games, nothing dampened the spirit of 300 CTAers as they moved into the 1976 softball season.

With rained-out games being made up as double headers, the 300 softball players comprising 17 teams will compete in 72 games during a regularly scheduled season until June 27.

Then, on July 11, they will move into the playoffs to determine through a series of elimination games what team will emerge as the Bicentennial year champs.

At 0915 and 1030 each Sunday in Grant Park, the teams will take to the field for eight games per Sunday in the regular season. The playoffs also will be in Grant Park at those Sunday morning hours.

This year's lineup of CTA softball teams and their manager are:

69th Street Garage -- J. Hawkins
North Side Ticket Agents -- M. Rago
North Avenue Garage -- V. Santos
General Office -- T. Andrews
77th Street Bus Repair -- S. Glover
77th Street Garage -- K. Fleming
North Park Garage -- H. Reed
South Shops -- L. Bernas and J. Larsen
Limits Garage -- S. Foster
52nd Street Garage -- R. Riley
Beverly Garage -- R. Harris, Jr.
308 Rail -- R. James
Howard Street -- L. Crenshaw
West Side Ticket Agents -- J. Brown
Kedzie Garage -- C. Williams
Forest Glen Garage -- J. Gale
Archer Garage -- K. DuCree

"In the last two years, there has been a big spurt of enthusiasm for softball, and we expect this year to be our most competitive season yet," said John Eckel, CTA Softball Coordinator.

"We have reports that some teams even went into early spring training to be in top shape," he added.

Officers elected to assist Sports Coordinator Eckel for the 1976 softball season are Flenard Porter, president, who among other duties will rule on protested games and other disputes; Tony Andrews, vice-president, who is in charge of scheduling, and Karl Fleming, secretary, who checks pre-game weather field conditions to decide whether games are on or off.

But it's not only the players who enjoy the Sunday morning games.

Many families and friends can be expected to turn out to watch the games--and then, in many instances, to picnic in Chicago's great downtown lakefront park.

"It's a great way to enjoy summertime in Chicago," said Eckel.

Division 241 Golf Tournament

The Cog Hill Country Club in Lemont, Ill., will be the site for the tenth annual Division 241 golf tournament and banquet on July 16. Details will be in the next issue of CTA Transit News. Meanwhile, golf buffs who wish to be certain of playing should contact Warren Scholl at 341-1733.



Archer Bandits Win Again

The Archer Bandits won the championship of the 77th Street Operators Bowling League for the second year in a row.

The Bandits trailed by one game behind George's Arco. Taking two out of three from Arco, the Bandits forced a roll-off. They won two out of three and took honors for the 1975-76 season.

Members of the champion Bandits are: T. Ireland, J. Motton, H. Hodge, H. Kemp, J. Coleman and L. C. Taylor. Members of the second place George's Arco are: L. Wardell, J. C. White, E. Gipson, C. McCants, E. Ford and W. Thompson.

In third place were the Thunder Balls who beat the

Outer Limits two out of three and dropped them into fifth place. In fourth place were the Clippers who took three games from the Pin Busters who dropped to sixth place in the standings.

The bowling alley was crowded with the families of the bowlers, rooting loudly for their favorites.

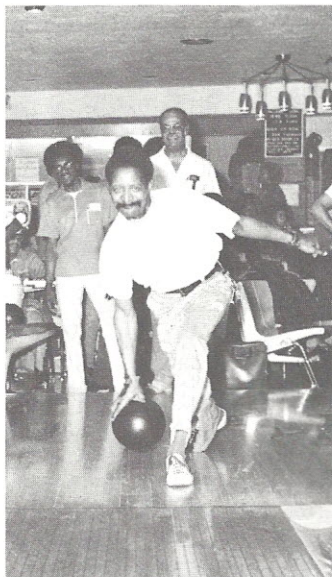
At a general meeting on April 16, election of officers for the 1976-77 season was held. Elected president for a fourth term was Calvin Pollard. Mike Kane was re-elected vice-president and Talmadge Ireland treasurer. Newly-elected secretary is Jesse Jumper, and Robert Barnes was elected as sergeant at arms.



THE WINNING BANDITS: Bowling champions for 1976 are the Archer Bandits. Pictured, left to right, are: J. Coleman, H. Hodge, J. Motton, H. Kemp and T. Ireland.



GEORGE'S ARCO: Members of the second place Arco team are, left to right: L. Wardell, C. McCants, W. Thompson and E. Gipson. Missing at the time the picture was taken were E. Ford and J. C. White.



Leroy Cheatum, left, and Dave Williams are really smiling as Vic Collins rolls his regular ball down the alley—straight for the head pin and a 7-10 split. Keep trying, Vic, one of these days you will hit the pocket.



These elated ladies are wives of the Thunder Balls, third place winners. The lady in the center keeping score is Marjorie Richards, the wife of Eddie Richards, who hasn't missed a game in two seasons. Incidentally, Eddie threw the key strike in the tenth frame which enabled the Thunder Balls to take third place.

Bobby Jones, A Golfing Genius

By W. B. Wolfan

It is highly doubtful if those loyalists who are avid followers of today's major happenings in golf are old enough to know anything about Bobby Jones whose golfing legacy is the Masters tournament itself.

Yet despite the brilliance of today's stars and their multiple talents, not much debate will be provoked if the late Robert Tyre Jones Jr. of Atlanta gets the nod as the greatest amateur golfer of all time. His achievements are legendary.

Bobby Jones was a golfer at the age of nine. In 1911, he won the junior championship of the City of Atlanta. That was his first title. At age 11, he shot his first round of 80 at East Lake course in Atlanta.

In 1915, he won three individual tournaments in that same city. In 1916--at age 14--he won the Georgia state crown. And in that same year he made his first appearance in the U.S. Amateur, qualifying but losing in the third round.

At 15, Bobby won the Southern Amateur title and two years later, when he was 17, Jones' putting magic made him a finalist in the National Amateur. He finished in a tie for second in the Canadian Open, and played in his first National Open tournament, that same year.

In 1922, Bobby tied for second in the National Open, but lost in the semifinal round of the National Amateur. He won the Southern Amateur crown, and captured both matches in Walker Cup play.

In 1923, when Bobby Jones was 21, he won the National Open championship at Inwood, N.Y., defeating Bobby Cruickshank in a playoff. That same year he was the medalist in the National Amateur but was beaten in the second round of the tournament.

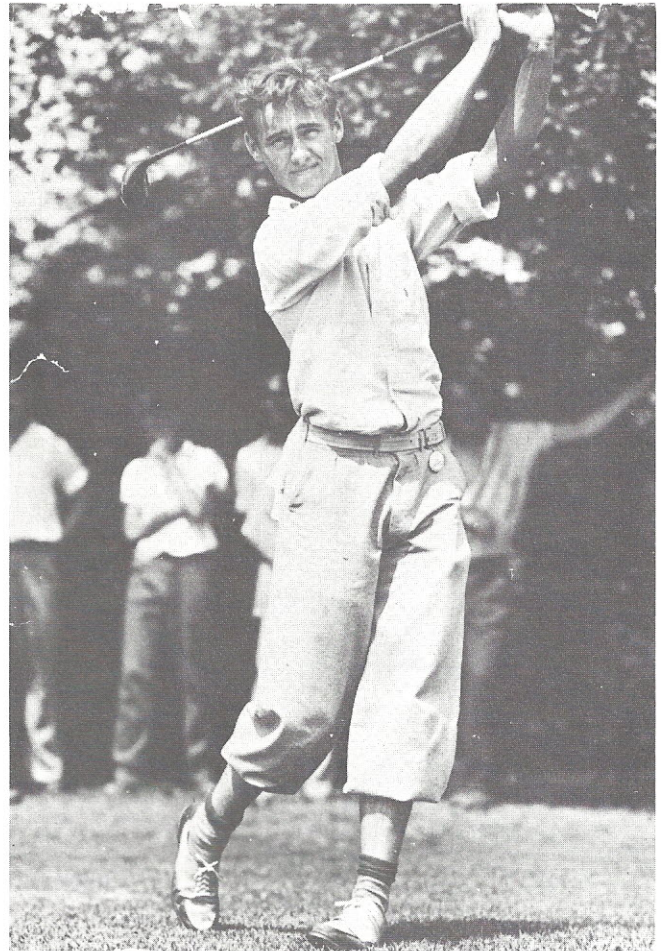
In 1924, Jones won the National Amateur at Merion, and finished runnerup in the National Open to Britain's Cyril Walker.

All this was happening when Jones was in his early twenties, and he played against the best of them.

The next year -- 1925 -- Bobby won the National Amateur title as a repeater at Oakmont but was defeated by Willie MacFarlane in a playoff for the National Open title at Worcester, Mass. Country Club. He was knocking at the door for the clean sweep later on.

The year of 1926 was big for Jones. He won the National Open at Scioto country club in Columbus, Ohio, and the British Open at St. Anne's. He also won both of his Walker Cup matches.

It should be remembered that this was the era of Gene Sarazen, Tommy Armour, Walter Hagen and other golfing greats of the 1920's and 1930's. The competition was fierce, but Bobby Jones was the su-



Bobby Jones, the first "master". Photo courtesy of Chicago Tribune.

perb competitor of his day. In 1927 (and here's a Chicago angle), Bobby Jones beat Chicagoan Chick Evans, 8 and 7, at the Minakhada club in Minneapolis for the National Amateur title, and went on to win the British Open with a record score of 285 at St. Andrews.

In 1928, he again captured the National Amateur at Brae Burn in West Newton, Mass., but bowed to Johnny Farrell in the National Open in a playoff at Olympia Fields here.

In 1929, Jones tied for the medal in the National Amateur, but bowed to Johnny Goodman in first round play. He won the U.S. Open at Winged Foot, crushing Al Espinosa in a 36 hole title playoff.

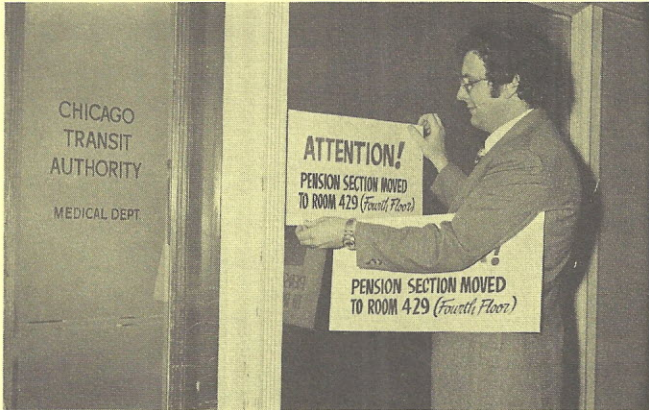
Then came the year of the grand slam for Jones--1930. He won the British Open at Hoy Lake, the British Amateur at St. Andrews, the National Open at Interlachen country club, Minneapolis, and the National Amateur with an 8 and 7 victory in match play over Eugene Homans at Merion. In addition he won two Walker Cup matches in competition against the British.

As long as golf is played, the name of Robert Tyre Jones Jr. will never be forgotten. His retention of amateur status during his entire career is revealing--an indication of his real love for the game. He was truly one of a kind, Mr. Golf in an age of great stars.

Pension Program Expansion Planned

The welfare and security of CTA pensioners and employees looking ahead to retirement have long had the special attention of management and the Retirement Allowance Committee.

To serve the needs of pensioners more effectively, the Pension Section has been relocated in enlarged space at Room 429 of the Merchandise Mart.



Enroute to room for expanded program on fourth floor, Craig Heatter stops to post direction sign for pensioners calling at Mart.

Although retirement matters are part and parcel of the Insurance and Pensions Department under Manager William A. Ashley, Craig E. Heatter, superintendent of Pensions, is responsible for the day-to-day administration of this vital program.

Under the superintendent, the program is expected to expand. A pre-retirement plan to help employees

plan for their retirement is also on the drawing board as well as a post retirement package which Heatter hopes will include a monthly consumer guide.

"There is one thing that pensioners can do now to help us provide them with better service," said Heatter. "They can write us whenever there is a change of address so we can mail checks to the new address." He said a letter with the pensioner's signature advising of the new address is required.

The Pensions superintendent said the section is not accepting change of address notices by telephone because of the risk involved. "People change their minds about moving sometimes after they have called us, which means that checks could go astray."

Heatter said pension checks are always mailed on the last working day of the month and added that retirees who do not receive a check within 10 days should write the Secretary of the Retirement Plan, Room 746, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois 60654, or call (312) 664-7200. The process for getting another check to a pensioner takes up to 30 days, he said.

My Fare Lady

(This news item, as reported by Don Yabush of the Public Affairs Department, appeared throughout the country after it was picked up by the Associated Press.)

A white-haired woman, seething with indignation, came to the CTA's Customer Service office in the Merchandise Mart.

She complained that bus drivers and ticket agents were refusing to honor her senior citizen identification card for the reduced fare privilege.

Dennis Murphy, Customer Service representative, examined her card. What he saw was a picture of a young woman with dark hair. "You should use a more recent picture," advised Murphy.

"That's my favorite picture of me, and I'm not going to change it," replied the white-haired woman.

With a tone of diplomacy, Murphy warned her that she would continue to be challenged by drivers and ticket agents.

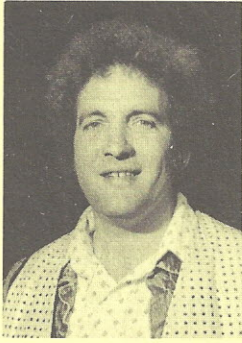
"So be it," the woman declared--as she took back her card and left the office.

Money To Burn



Freddie Prinze will star in a TV movie, "Money To Burn," to be filmed in June on the CTA's rapid transit system by Charles Fries Productions, Inc., of Studio City, Calif., for showing on NBC later this year. The plot, which involves a theft of \$2.5 million, is a fantasy which could not possibly happen on the CTA, but which will be fun to watch.

Fast Action In Yard Prevents Accident



R. O. Neighbors

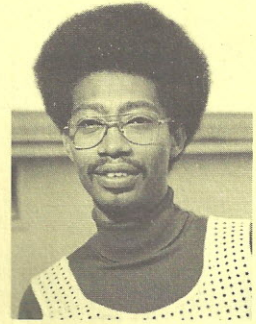
A team of sharp-eyed switchmen prevented a potentially destructive accident recently in the Congress Yard.

Robert O. Neighbors was operating a train into the yard when Jonathan Harris, Jr., the lead man, saw that the points on the switch controlling movement on tracks 3 and 4 had failed to open properly, leaving a gap of an inch and a half.

Reacting instantly, Harris signaled to Neighbors to stop the train. Neighbors brought the train to an immediate halt just above the switch points.

Besides responding promptly, the switchmen made temporary adjustments that put the malfunctioning switch in working order, according to R. C. Lashley, yard foreman. In doing so, they cleared the way for awaiting traffic in and out of the yard.

"The swift, professional action initiated by these men," Lashley said, "resulted in minimal delay to service and an immeasurable savings to the company in regard to equipment and manpower."

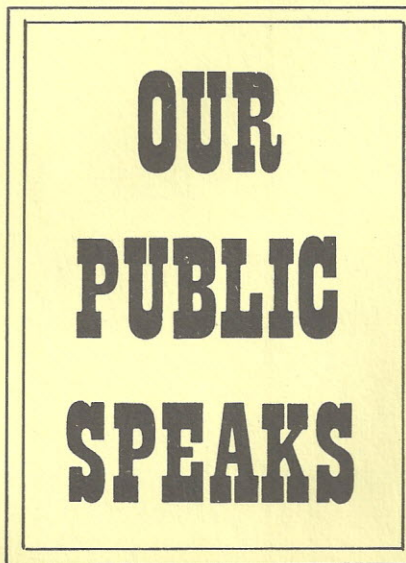


J. Harris Jr.

When her three teen-age daughters got off the North-South 'L' at the wrong station late one night, Mrs. L. Wo, of West Winona Ave., made an excited call to CTA. "I was turned over to Mrs. Mary Smith (assignment agent, Lake-Randolph), who was very courteous and accommodating," Mrs. Wo said. "She got in touch with the girls and put them on the train to the Bryn Mawr stop, where my sister was waiting for them."

Mrs. Margaret Mark, of West Cullom Ave., wrote to commend Milwaukee Ave. operator Joseph D. Roque (Forest Glen Garage) for doing "a very good job." She said, "He checked transfers and called the streets as he went along. He also drove the bus to the curb. I am 84 years old, and thought that was a good thing to do."

"My purse was returned to me through the efforts of Alex Johnson, your superintendent at Foster and Kedzie, and your (Sheridan Road bus) driver, Dale Somsel," wrote Mrs. Lottie Kaplan, vice president of a jewelry firm on North Michigan Ave. "You can't imagine what a surprise it was, especially since I didn't realize my purse was missing until Mr. Johnson phoned. It still seems unreal that the purse was returned



to me with cash, credit cards and jewelry intact."

Mrs. Jen Grossman sent a note from her new home in Miami, Florida, after a return visit to Chicago, saying, "I want to recommend the highest praise to driver No. 7615 (Ellis May, Archer Garage) on the Pulaski run. He has regard for his passengers and he is courteous, congenial and helpful," she said. "I no longer live in this city, but thank God we still have people like him."

Until recently, Stanley Wiatr, of North Rush St., was a regular rider on a 45 Ashland/Downtown

bus outbound from the Loop. He said the operator (Richard Bell, 69th St. Garage) "deserves a commendation. He greets you with a cheerful 'Good morning.' He'll even wait a few seconds if you're leaving another bus or he sees you across the street. It makes you feel better knowing he's there."

Mrs. Martin Jagielski, of North Francisco Ave., said, "My daughter and I were late for an appointment, and as we came to Irving Park Road, the bus was just pulling away. The driver (Robert E. Foster, Forest Glen Garage) noticed us and waited until we could cross the wide street. I would like to put on his record the kindness he showed us and also another passenger farther down the street."

Six other early morning riders on 79th St. signed a letter sent by Mrs. Ruth M. Darr, of South Kedvale Ave., saluting operator Kench M. Borum (77th St. Garage) as "an outstanding, efficient, courteous, professional person. His attitude makes riding on his bus comfortable for those of us who ride daily," she said. "We feel this driver deserves special mention for his concern for others consistently shown. We would like to make him our Bicentennial bus driver."

47 Learn That CTA's Rides Aren't Free

By Larry Weintraub

NOTE: This testimony to the effectiveness of the "silent alarms" on CTA buses appeared in the Chicago Sun-Times February 2.

A southbound Pulaski Rd. CTA bus filled with free-loaders became an express at Chicago Av. early Sunday and went directly to the Shakespeare District police station.

After the big green paddy wagon pulled up with its escort of squad cars, 47 wayward passengers were charged with theft of services (the ride) and theft of property (transfers).

Five other riders who had paid fares when they boarded were released by the police and CTA security officers about three miles off course in the police station at 2138 N. California.

The incident began at Pulaski and Chicago shortly after 4 a.m., according to the driver, Hodo Mehmetti, 30. He said one man got on at the front without paying, ran down the aisle and opened the rear door for his companions.

Mehmetti told the officers one of the first to board, a woman, grabbed his supply of transfers and handed them out among the freeloaders.

The driver became a full-time CTA employe only 10 days earlier, but he had been working as a regular substitute, so he knew what to do.

Mehmetti pushed the button that activates a distress alarm. The alarm registers at CTA headquarters, but is silent on the bus, explained Tom Buck, public information director for the CTA.

The hitchhikers were lulled into a false sense of security because they did not hear any alarm, Buck said.

Five policemen jumped aboard the bus and, when they learned what had happened, ordered Mehmetti to drive to the station. The officers stayed aboard to control the crowd and to make sure nobody got off before the last stop.

At the station, about 20 juveniles in the group were released to their parents' custody. Charges were placed against 36 men and 11 women. Different passengers told policemen they had been at a dance, bowling and ice skating.

Buck said they had to post \$100 cash bonds to get home, which seemed a shame because the CTA Sunday fare went into effect an hour before the incident began. They could have gone by bus for a quarter.

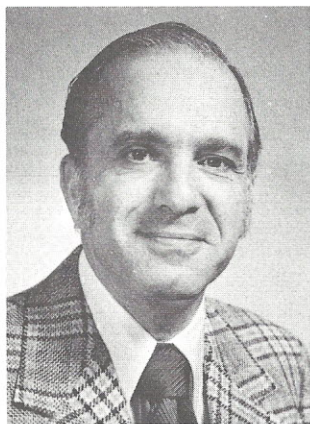
Martorelli Named Supervisor, Claims Examination

By Jeff Stern

Daniel Martorelli, former claims representative, Bodily Injury, Claims Law & Real Estate, has been selected as supervisor, Claims Examination, in the same department. Aside from a two-year stint in the Marine Corps, beginning in 1951, he has been in Claims since joining the CTA in 1949.

Martorelli, 47, is now in charge of eight claims representatives who are responsible for interviewing persons claiming injuries in incidents involving CTA equipment. The representatives try to determine whether the claims are legitimate and then help settle them.

Attitude is important to Martorelli, who drove up to 25,000 miles a year as a claims representative.



Daniel Martorelli

He said he enjoys claims work because he likes knowing "that a job is done right, that the company is not being taken for a ride, and that a settlement can be made to everyone's satisfaction."

Martorelli, his wife, Eileen, and their two daughters live in Bellwood.

In other job reassignments, Robert A. Janz, former assistant superintendent, Transportation (Forest Park), was named principal safety analyst, Transportation. Clarence Riley was promoted from equipment technician I to equipment technician II in Engineering.

Colleen Theirbah has moved from stenographer, Stores, Materials Management, to secretarial stenographer, Datacenter. Robert Ross, Jr., collector, Transportation (77th St.), is now bus and truck mechanic helper, Maintenance, South Shops.

Recently chosen as service truck chauffeurs, Utility, Transportation, are Elroy Glass, former bus operator, Limits, and Patrick Lafferty, former trackman, Maintenance. Norwood Duff has moved from multilith machine operator II to senior offset machine operator, Administrative Services.

About Drivers Who Got Twice The Pleasure Out Of Driving Double Deckers



THE LAST WORD: CTA Instructor Arthur Higgins (top left), checks out a phone monitor with bus driver John Kurinec. Below is the double decker of Higgins' childhood days (20's) which inspired him to choose a double deck driving career.



Double-deck buses may be long gone from Chicago streets - - but they're fresh in the memory of a select group of CTA employees. These are the men who drove the city's most crowded thoroughfares, who played tourist guide to families on Sunday outings through the park, who stayed alert to the old couple and passengers loaded down with parcels, who still opted to maneuver the steps leading up to that second level for a fuller view. They drove in the heat - - when the only air conditioning was an occasional lake breeze. And they drove when there was no heat - - hoping only to load up their buses with more riders and keep warm that way. They became friends and confidants, but they were ever mindful of their duty to push on with their passengers.

Arthur Higgins hasn't seen double in years. And he misses it.

Double deck buses, that is.

When Higgins retired from the CTA recently, a bit of the nostalgia of the transit system went with him.

As a kid, one of his greatest joys was a Sunday afternoon ride on a double decker with his mother and father, two sisters, and a brother. He fell in love. And while other kids thought of becoming firemen and policemen, all he could think of was being captain of his own double deck bus, cruising the boulevards.

**Arthur H.
Higgins**

When he was 22, he got his first command--a bright new double deck bus he affectionately called the Queen Mary.

She was a beauty--nickelplated railings, shiny green paint job, plush green mohair seats especially built for his shuttle runs to and from the Loop and to the Century of Progress world's fairgrounds.

He drove the double decker for four years--until he was laid off because of the depression. Then--after volunteering for the Coast Guard during World War II, back he came to the Chicago Motor Coach Co.

He was a regular driver down Sheridan Road, and was promoted to instructor. He qualified student drivers for single deck buses and streetcars.

"You had to watch out for those old double deckers," he says, "the wind really would take them for a ride, given any chance."

Higgins remembers coming to a turn on Sheridan and Lake Shore Drive at 8:30 on New Year's morning, 1946.

"There was glazed ice on the road, making it very slick. I was approaching the corner at less than 10 miles an hour to make a right turn. But as the wind hit the bus. . ." he pauses, laughing.

"Anyhow, when I got the bus stopped, I was facing west instead of east." (Continued Page 16)

**Joseph
Granata**

Joseph Granata, former open top double deck bus driver, has something uniquely in common with a Cadillac convertible. Both are retiring this year--marking the end of a bygone era signified by gracious walks in the park, horseback riding

along the lakefront, and Sunday afternoon drives with the top down.

Granata retires this year after 37 years with the CTA and its predecessor company, the Chicago Motor Coach company. For 30 years he drove the streets of Chicago's south side as a regular on the Drexel/Hyde Park No. 1 bus route.

Granata remembers that on Sundays, the company would put both open top double deckers and single deckers on their runs.

"You drove up to a bus stop sign, stopped, and opened the door.

"'Is there a double decker behind you?' people would ask. They preferred to ride the double decker," says Granata.

Ride they did. Granata says people were accustomed to long trips--and "gentlemen's" traffic, whereby drivers would "give you a break."

Riders didn't complain when, stuck in Michigan avenue traffic, the motor would overheat and die two or three times within three or four blocks. They just sat amiably, watching the driver get out of the bus to crank it up again.

There were Sundays when riders, off from work for the day, would ride the double deckers to the end of the line, pay a second fare, and stay on board for another trip--just because they enjoyed the outing.

Granata divides the double deckers into three groups--the open toppers, the "Queen Mary's" (closed double deckers), and the "camel backs" (semi-enclosed double deckers). He drove all three--and later the modern air-conditioned single deck buses, until 1969, when he joined the CTA's law department as a clerk-messenger.

To hear him talk, present day driving is getting to be too easy.

"It was harder with the open top or camel back double decker. No air brakes. No power steering. You had to shift by hand," he says.

In fact, even the windshield wipers were "our hands."

"And, you'd open the door by hand," he recalls.

When you changed a sign, you went outside and climbed atop the bumper.

"In nasty weather, you might slide off," he says.

And on that kind of a bus, you couldn't stop with a brake alone. You had to pull the emergency brake first and then use your foot brake.

"Oh, they'd jerk like a truck," he says.

Granata says the rules were stricter then too. He says that when you reported for work, the superintendent would tell you to stand up on a bench so he could see your shoes.

If they weren't freshly shined--if your hair wasn't cut to a specified length, your tie on straight, and your uniform spotless--he'd tell you to take the day off--without pay, of course.

Now that Granata will be taking quite a few days off, does he have any desire to see a comeback of the old double deckers, and drive one at his leisure?

"Sure," Granata says, "if it's got power steering."



Writer Anit Leppiks interviews former driver Granata among his law books.



Time out

with Anit Leppiks

Things to do in the Chicago area

This month's listing is centered on some of the many outdoor-indoor attractions that Chicago offers in the spring and summer - free or inexpensively - the kind of things that make a nice family itinerary on the Sunday Bargain Fare.

Explore and Inspect

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO--Seldom-Seen Photos By Masters opens June 5, Gallery 106. Japanese Prints by Okumura Masanobu opens June 11, Gallery 114. Art at the Time of the First Centennial opens June 19. E. V. Thaw Drawings thru July 5, Galleries 108, 109, 109A. Japanese Prints: Recent Accessions, thru June 5, Gallery 114. Photographs by Jan Saudek, thru June 28, Lacy Armour Gallery. T'ang Dynasty Pottery continuing, Gallery 116. Mon-Wed, Fri-Sat from 10-5; Thurs from 10-8:30 (free); Sun, hol from 12-5. Suggested fee: \$1.50; students, seniors, 50¢. Michigan at Adams. 443-3500.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY--Bes-Ben Hats thru June. Whimsical creations of Chicago milliner include red lobster hat, elephant special, and an early mousketeer hat. Mosher's Bicentennial Gift (photographs) opens June 12. Declaration of Independence on display, continuing. Mon-Sat from 9:30-4:30; Sun, hol from 12:30-5:00. Adults, \$1; children (6-17), 50¢; seniors, 25¢. Clark at North. 642-4600.

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY--Flying Reptiles include model of a Pterosaur, with a wingspan of 51'. Sound in the Sea traveling exhibit of 90 whale poems and paintings by children. Man In His Environment shows ecological principles within marsh environment. 19th Century Alaskan Art. Saturday Discovery Program from 11-3; mummy-making, snakes, folktales of the Eskimo. Weaving

Demonstrations Mon, Wed, Fri from 10:30-11:30, 12 noon-1. "Environment," film series. An Endangered Animal: The Whale, thru June. Fri-Sun shows at 11, 1. Adults, \$1; parents with children, \$2.50. Mon-Thurs from 9-6; Fri (free) from 9-9. Roosevelt Rd at Lake Shore. 922-9410.

49TH ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART exhibition thru May 29, Public Library Cultural Center. National show by Scholastic Magazine; first showing in Chicago. 78 E. Washington.

"THE LITTLE GIANT: THE LIFE OF STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS," manuscripts, printed work, memorabilia, June 3-19, Public Library Cultural Center. Mon-Thurs from 9-9, Fri from 9-6, Sat from 9-5. 78 E. Washington. 269-2837.

MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY--"America's Inventive Genius" continuing, traces development of industry, technology in U.S. "Food for Life" continuing, personalized nutrition by computer. Daily from 9:30-5:30. 57th & Lake Shore Dr. Free. MU 4-1414.

Look At Architecture

ARCHICENTER, new information central for all Illinois architecture, now open. Tues-Fri from 9-6, Sat from 9-5, Sun from 1-5. 111 S. Dearborn. Free. 782-1776.

"CHICAGO ARCHITECTS," exhibit of buildings in Chicago area, daily thru June 20, first floor lobby, Time-Life bldg. Fairbanks at Ohio.

"HIGHLIGHTS OF CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE," 3½ hour bus tour starts from the ArchiCenter, Sat at 9:30. 111 S. Dearborn. \$7; reservations. 782-1776.

"100 YEARS OF ARCHITECTURE IN CHICAGO," thru June 27, Museum of Contemporary Art. 160 projects from the Chicago Fire to the present. Mon-Sat from 10-5; Sun from noon-5.

Ride and Stroll

BIKE TOUR: Riverside, June 6, 20, 27 at 2. Begins from the library, Burling Rd across from railroad depot, Riverside. Bring your own bike. \$2. 326-1393.

BUCKINGHAM FOUNTAIN daily from 11:30; major color display from 9-10, except on concert evenings until 10:30. Foot of Congress Pkwy in Grant Park.

CONSERVATORIES: Garfield Pk, 300 N. Central Pk; Lincoln Pk, 2400 north in Lincoln Pk. Daily from 9-5. Free.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO--"Guanay Cormorant," featured animal, June. Over 2,000 animals, birds, and reptiles housed in 35 acres of zoo grounds. Daily from 9-5. Children's zoo open from 10-5. 2200 north in Lincoln Pk. Free.

WALKING TOUR OF LOOP daily at 10, 2; Sun at 2; start 111 S. Dearborn. \$2. 782-1776.

WALKING TOURS--Evanston Along the Lake, June 6, 13, 20 at 2. Begins from Raymond Pk, Hinman and Lake, Evanston. \$2. Streeterville/Grant Pk, June 13, 20, 27 at 2. Begins from the Time-Life bldg, Fairbanks at Ohio. \$2. 326-1393.

Sit and Listen

GRANT PARK CONCERTS--42nd season on the lakefront features symphony orchestra. Wed, Fri at 8; Sat, Sun at 7, starting June 26. Free. Schedule listing programs, soloists available Grant Park Concerts, Chicago Park District, 425 E. McFetridge Dr, Chicago, 60605.

"JUST SO STORIES," by Kipling, by Goodman Children's Theatre, June 28-Aug 7, Junior Museum of the Art Institute. Mon-Fri at 10:30, 1:30; Sat at 11, 2:30. Members: \$1.70; non-members: \$1.95. 443-3800.

"THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE" by Shaw, thru June 13, Goodman Theatre, 200 S. Columbus Dr. 443-3800.

THEATER ON THE LAKE--"Once Upon A Mattress," June 15-19. "Another Part of the Forest," June 22-26. "Little Foxes," June 29-July 3. Fullerton Pavilion at Lincoln Pk. Performances at 8:30; \$1.50.

"TREASURE ISLAND," adventure classic by Stevenson, Sat at 1 thru June 5, Mill Run Children's Theatre. Golf Rd and Milwaukee, Niles. \$2.25. 298-2333.

cta engineering department projects in progress

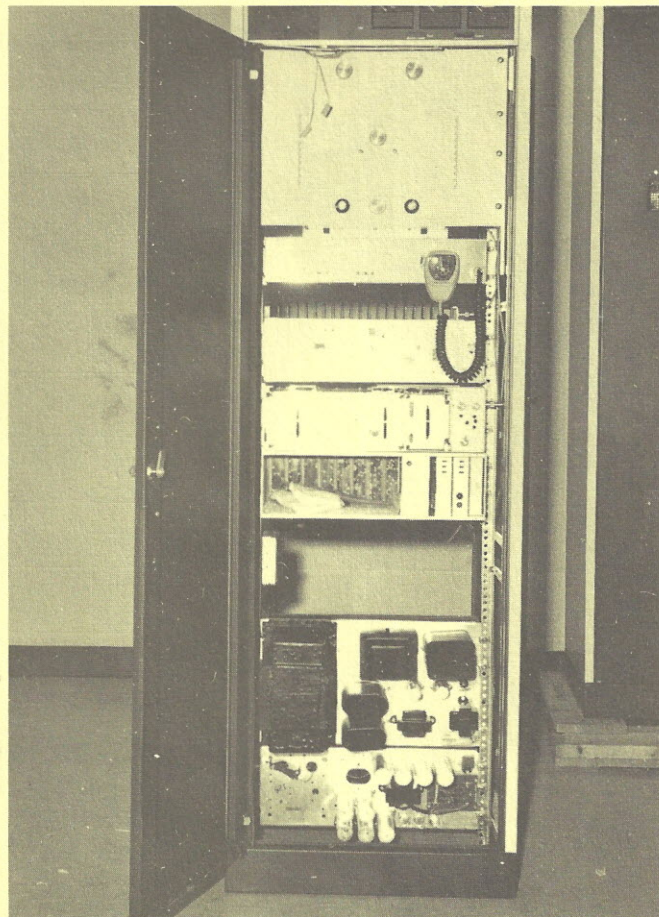
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NEW RADIO EQUIPMENT: Two 330 watt Motorola high power radio base stations have been purchased for the CTA's low band supervisory radio channel KSA977.

One of the stations will replace the existing 13-year old radio base station at the Madison and Austin Avenue primary antenna site, and the other one will be installed at the new antenna site at West Shops. The stations are expected to be fully operational by late spring.

The West Shops base station will be used as an emergency standby unit to be operated only when the primary station is closed for service. Each base station is controlled remotely by the radio dispatcher at the Merchandise Mart Control Center.

The new stations are completely solid state except for the final power amplifier stage in the transmitters which contain two high power tubes.



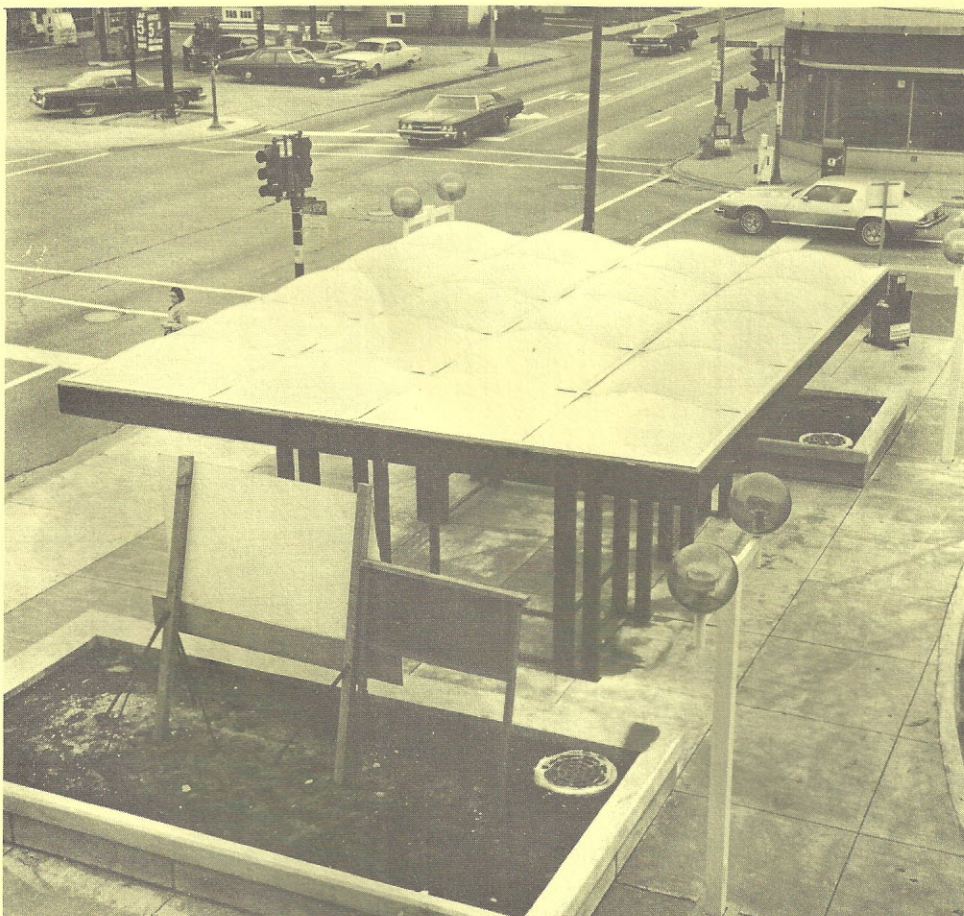
RENEW DRIP PAN SPANS: Ironworkers remove drip pans at 55th Street that have made structural inspection impossible and install new structure where required. Engineers say many structural deficiencies are being corrected, as they appear, to maintain rapid transit service. New flange angles and crossframes are also being installed.



ON THE TRACK: The Track Department has four structure track gangs working on major track renewals on the Ravenswood, Douglas and North-South routes. The work is part of the capital improvement program.

Workmen are stripping track on the Ravenswood route and will replace timber, ties, outside timber guard rail and other track fastenings.

Work on the North-South route is expected to be complete this summer but completion of track renewal on the Douglas route is not expected until next year. Ravenswood track renewal is not anticipated before 1979.



A NEW TURNAROUND: This new \$147,000 bus turnaround at Division and Austin is 90 per cent complete. Already in use, it still needs minor electrical work, painting and landscaping before work at the site will be finished. The turnaround provides facilities for employees as well as windscreens, lights and a telephone for public use.

CTA PEOPLE

NEWS ABOUT EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

BILL KURTIN, RT Signal, back to work after a long illness...New Baby Month at Skokie: APRIL DAWN arrived on 10 pound scale at home of Electrical Worker TERRY PEARSON and wife, DIANE; MEGHAN BETH took up residence with DON and PATRICE MOTYKA, weighing in at 9 pounds, 2; TONY and CINDY COLUCCI welcome their second baby boy, MARIO ANTHONY, a 7 pound, 13 entry...it was a golf outing in Biloxi, Mississippi, for Skokie Shop Electrical Worker PAT HARNETT, Carpenter DICK WILSON, Electrical Worker LARRY VANDERHORST, and truck shop's JOHN BEHOF... retiree of five years standing, TONY KALATA recently visited the old scene at Archer...ISIAH BROWN has returned to security officer duty after injuries suffered as a result of a fire at his home... former Stores Steno COLLEEN THEIRBAH has been promoted to similar duties in Datacenter...CHESTER URBAN is new stock clerk at West Shops and DENNIS DRISLANE is back on job there after long illness...LEE BOBO, 69th Street, has utilized the CTA Spirit of '76 color scheme for decorating his GMC Van...to find a place to ski in the upper hemisphere's summer, 69th ski buff GEORGE SANDERS is planning to vacation in Chile...it's a boy, WILLIAM PATRICK, for



STILL ANSWERING PHONES: But this time it's to get compliments rather than problems. Eileen Neurauter, center, volunteered for the Channel 11 public television telethon St. Pat's night. Assisting also were husband Rudy, left, and Russ Warnstedt, retired suggestion system coordinator.

North Avenue's WILLIAM and MARY JANE ARSENAU... Kedzie Repair Department welcomes SPENCER BENNETT as night foreman, a transfer from Archer...it's a girl, JENNIFER LYNN, for South Shops' ALBERT and LINDA SAMASKA...and another for same location's RICHARD and BEVERLY WEATHERSBY; this little one's name is KELLY ANTOINETTE...NATALIE TADICH has announced her engagement to GARY HATHAWAY of South Shops...WILLIAM WORCESTER, Operations, and wife vacationed to southern Florida, but stopped off en route to see the old mansions in Mississippi and the French Quarter in New Orleans...

LEONARD BEATTY, former president of Division 308, is now office coordinator with CTA's Maintenance Department...

When you visit five former CTAers on one vacation, it's news. Such was the feat of South Shops' ERNIE NELSON on a recent three weeks in Arizona. The retirees: TED WALLBERG, MIKE HRUBY, JOHNNY DANLOW, JOE O'SULLIVAN, RAY DAGENAIS... (Continued on page 16)

CTA Man Is Kiwanis Leader

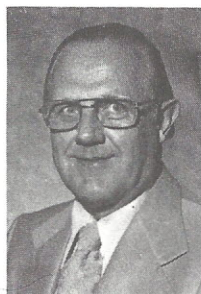
To the Kiwanis International, Ward H. Chamberlain, garage superintendent at North Avenue, is known as "Mr. CTA".

Chamberlain, a 30-year CTA veteran, has been an active member in Kiwanis since 1968.

This past year he served as Lieutenant Governor for Kiwanis' Illinois-Eastern Iowa District. After his one-year term of office, he was recognized as a "Distinguished Lieutenant Governor", an honorary award for outstanding performance.

Chamberlain says his most rewarding experience came when, as president of the Lake View Kiwanis, his club raised funds to provide an electric hand for a young boy who had lost his right hand.

He is presently involved in a project to supply money for the care and upbringing of Korean orphans.



Ward Chamberlain



MEET MISS SMITH: She is the second girl in the family of conductor FRANK SMITH, South Section. Weighed in at 8 lbs. even.

NEW PENSIONERS

GENEVIEVE BAGGER, Bank Ledger Bookkeeper I, Treasury, Emp. 12-24-40
FRANK DUCZMAN, Bus Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 1-7-49
CURTIS DuPASS, Janitor, Kedzie, Emp. 3-30-48
HAROLD EICHAKEK, Patrolman, Security, Emp. 11-23-36
PATRICK GILL, Painter Foreman, Plant Maintenance, Emp. 7-15-43
HOWARD GUSTAFSON, Ticket Agent, South Section, Emp. 12-14-45
PATRICK KEHOE, District Superintendent, District C, Emp. 9-8-36
WILLIAM KOSEK, Supervisor, Bus Handlers, South Shops, Emp. 1-18-49
MONICA LAMKE, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 4-20-63
JOHN LEVICKIS, Bus Repairer, 69th Street, Emp. 9-15-48
STEPHEN MANN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-24-42
WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Supervisor, District B, Emp. 8-17-36
WILLIAM OGLESBY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 3-20-46
JAMES PIERUCCI, Car Repairman B, Desplaines Maint. Terminal, Emp. 8-5-69
O. E. ROBINSON, Emergency Service Helper, Utility, Emp. 1-25-51
JOSEPH SANDERS, Bus & Truck Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 6-14-46

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

EDWARD DEVITT, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 11-11-44
JOSEPH KORAL, Supervisor, North Section, Emp. 8-10-49
EDWARD MURPHY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 12-7-61
EDWARD OLSEN, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 5-23-64

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Higgins (Continued)

Even when Chicago winds weren't howling, Higgins says you had to be extra careful because the staircase was right behind the driver.

"Everybody wanted to ride topside. Even the elderly and the disabled.

"Now, if you stopped suddenly, you might have a rider on your shoulders," he says.

While Higgins' own experience was with the enclosed double deck buses, he still had to watch the overhead clearance as in the open double decker, in which the driver was apt to yell, "Low bridge ahead," as a warning for passengers to duck their heads.

"We never had heaters on those double deckers. You could sit and strike matches if you wanted to warm your hands, but you had to really dress for winter work," Higgins says.

Such dress included puttees (leather leggings), galoshes, a Sam Browne belt to hang a transfer punch, gauntlet gloves with a fringe on them.

Higgins didn't worry about his windshield frosting up much with "the temperatures inside the same as on the outside." When he did have problems, though, he turned on a fan.

Despite the crowds and cold, Higgins recalls folks were more amiable then.

People would watch out for each other, he says, using hand signals to tell the driver if someone was running down the street for the bus.

Higgins explains that riders even had their favorite drivers.

"They would let a bus go by rather than ride with somebody else."

Such communication is something which Higgins has tried to instill in his student drivers.

"In my opinion, you must love your job or not do it. Bus driving is a job where you meet people; where you're communicating with the lifeblood of our country. It's essential."

When Higgins started driving a bus, it was considered a privilege to be a bus driver; you were thought of as a man in control.

And while Higgins has seen bus driving become easier, mechanically, he'll tell you in no uncertain terms, "I wouldn't change my life for anything. I enjoyed it so much--every day I met new people."

Higgins isn't driving for the CTA any more, but he is still keeping up with changes and meeting new people. How and where? You guessed it--basking in the sun in Florida.

CTA People (Continued)

JEREMIAH BALLARD, 69th Street, is more than an operator. He's an accomplished actor. Played a role in the production of The River Niger by the Drama Guild of Kennedy-King College...

MICHAEL REYNOLDS, clerk, Materials

Service anniversaries in May

35 years

E. R. Aust, Track
H. J. Coelyn, District B
S. E. Dobosiewicz, Electrical
J. R. Dubin, North Avenue
A. Formanek, Archer
J. J. Kane, District B
C. E. King, North Avenue
D. J. Kissane, Kedzie
J. N. Kunzer, Treasury
J. M. Pierczynski, Central District
N. K. Simonetti, South Shops
C. C. Zielinski, South Shops

25 years

J. E. Atkins, 69th Street
C. J. Bradley, South Section
M. Brinson, 61st Maint. Terminal
W. Campbell, 77th Street
C. L. Coursey, Electrical
K. C. Davison, West Section
J. M. Galvin, North Avenue
A. Z. Garvin, Beverly
R. H. Hammonds, Track
B. J. Herron, Kedzie
R. N. Hormel, Electrical
G. M. Isdale, Utility
E. Ivy, Schedules
E. P. Jones, North Avenue
W. F. Jones, Buildings & Grounds
G. Mallory, District A
J. Mincey Jr., District A
W. Monroe, Beverly
F. Riley Jr., 77th Street
G. G. Schiazza, District D
G. L. Smeros, Kimball Maint. Terminal
R. L. Smith, 98th Street Shop
A. W. Starks, South Section
C. Urban, Claims Law & Real Estate
T. Walker Jr., Archer
S. E. Williams, 52nd Street
G. Woods, Kedzie

30 years

P. Bagato, West Section
D. R. Bennett, North Park
B. A. Bonifay, Electrical
J. F. Brennan, Operations Planning
R. J. Busam, Forest Glen
J. A. Cannella, Desplaines Terminal
E. S. Celovsky, Kedzie
J. Cervelli, South Shops
J. J. Daugird, Limits Training Center
A. M. DeMayo, Forest Glen
J. DuCree, Archer
M. F. Flanagan, Purchasing
E. I. Freedman, Travel Information
J. J. Gibbons, Electrical
S. J. Girard, Forest Glen
L. F. Gunderson, Utility
W. L. Hodgson, North Park
E. C. Johnson, North Section
J. Kippes, North Park
E. C. Korbus, Archer
A. J. Krischunas, 69th Street
G. H. Kuhl, North Section
J. A. Kurinec, Forest Glen
N. D. LaCorcia, Stores-North
A. F. Mercurio, Beverly
L. R. Miller, North Park
F. J. Mittler, 69th Street
R. J. Misek, Kedzie
J. T. Newell, Claims Law & Real Estate
J. W. Newman, Archer
G. G. Noonan, North Park
G. F. Ochotnecki, Kedzie
V. L. Palumbo, Buildings & Grounds
C. Pantos, Forest Glen
J. W. Patrick, North Park
E. C. Petersen, Forest Glen
H. W. Peterson, North Avenue
J. S. Petrosius, Archer
E. H. Price, Beverly
G. S. Reid, Forest Glen
S. M. Rita, Wilson Terminal
R. A. Shaffer, Beverly
M. E. Shanahan, Claims Law & Real Estate
C. R. Sidman, Forest Glen
L. P. Sikorski, Archer
R. C. Sosnowski, 52nd Street
J. G. Steinbach, 69th Street
M. Szarek, Utility
G. Van Nevel, North Avenue
L. Vaughn, 77th Street
R. N. Volgarino, District
R. K. Walters, North Park
W. D. Webb, 77th Street
G. J. Welling, 69th Street
E. T. Wojdyla, District B
E. A. Wrobel, Schedules
F. A. Wsol, 77th Street
J. Zupko, Buildings & Grounds

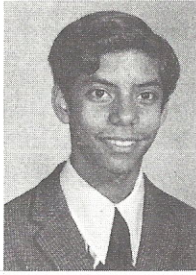
Management, received his Associate of Applied Sciences degree in Business Mid-Management from Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills...

CTA Security salutes Sergeant WILLIAM TALBERT and Officers STEVE PAMON and ALAN MOYZIS for an arrest dealing with theft, weapons and marijuana...

Operators at Archer are sponsoring a family picnic and raffle Sunday, June 27, at Greenlake Woods, 159th and Torrence. Committee members with details are GREENWOOD, BROWN, SCOTT, G. TAYLOR, ALLEN, JONES, MERRILL, ROBINSON, WOODARDS, WASHINGTON, L. C. TAYLOR, and McDONALD. ..

IN MEMORIAM

AWARD WINNER: Jose Manuel Segura, son of government project coordinator MANUEL SEGURA, won an award at the recent Chicago Science Fair and Math Conference at the Museum of Science and Industry. He's a junior at Lane Tech.



O'Toole Wins Loyola Scholarship

Michael O'Toole, Jr., son of Mike O'Toole of Electrical Maintenance, is the only student at Loyola Academy this year to be awarded a full scholarship at Loyola University in recognition of outstanding academic performance. The younger Mike intends to pursue a career in medicine.

CTA Retirement Club Meets At Mangam's June 28

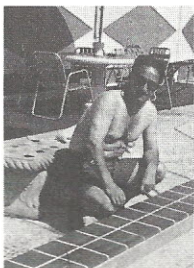
All CTA retirees are welcome to attend the next dinner meeting of the CTA Retirement Club to be held at Mangam's Chateau, 7859 West Ogden, Lyons at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 28, says Joe Nolan, general manager of the club. A special invitation is extended to the spouses. Buffet dinner is \$3 per person. Ample free parking is available. Reservations may be made with any of the following Retirement Club officers:

Stanley Bitel	Pete Meinardi
Miles Harrington	John Burns
James Kain	John Muellner
Les Keag	Edward Kawczynski
James Pate	Harold Williamson
Charles Wesley	Ernest Hill

To clarify matters, there are now four CTA pensioners' organizations in the Chicago area, and some retirees hold membership in more than one. The Pensioners Club is the subject of a picture feature on the following pages. As you will recognize, some of those named above also attended the Pensioners' meeting. Other officers of Joe Nolan's Retirement Club are Bernard Scholz, president; Jim Tucker, vice president; Bill Redmond, secretary; Pete Dowdall, treasurer, and Julius Tedeschi, assistant treasurer.

Guess Who?

In case Mart pay-rollers missed their checks recently, here's the reason. Paymaster JOHNNY POPE living it up in style in Florida. In case you don't recognize him, it may be the dark glasses, it is more likely the tan, and it certainly is the diffident attitude toward the cigar.



CHARLES ABT, 55, Treasury, Emp. 2-14-47, Died 3-28-76
 HUBERT BANKSTON, 46, Archer, Emp. 10-11-56, Died 4-1-76
 VIRGIL BRAUN, 57, 52nd Street, Emp. 1-17-45, Died 4-7-76
 MICHAEL CHERNEY, 81, Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-9-24, Died 2-22-76
 FOREST CLEMENS, 65, Electrical, Emp. 8-4-42, Died 3-4-76
 MARGARET DEEGAN, 86, North Section, Emp. 5-2-44, Died 2-15-76
 STANLEY DEERING, 68, Limits, Emp. 10-24-45, Died 3-19-76
 PETER DOMBSKI, 71, Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-20-50, Died 3-15-76
 FRANK DOUSAN, 89, Cottage Grove, Emp. 8-24-21, Died 3-5-76
 JOHN FAHY, 81, Lawndale, Emp. 6-25-23, Died 3-15-76
 FRANK FISHER, 68, Archer, Emp. 8-30-26, Died 3-3-76
 JOHN FOSTER, 77, Lawndale, Emp. 5-27-21, Died 3-27-76
 ERNEST FRANK, 81, District A, Emp. 5-15-17, Died 3-17-76
 MATHEW GEBIS, 50, Kedzie, Emp. 1-29-57, Died 3-28-76
 FRANK GRADY, 90, Devon, Emp. 1-16-20, Died 3-19-76
 ALBERT GREENE Jr., 47, North Avenue, Emp. 5-4-53, Died 3-26-76
 THOMAS GRIFFIN, 66, South Shops, Emp. 4-19-45, Died 3-17-76
 KEITH HAINES, 83, West Section, Emp. 10-4-26, Died 4-5-76
 HARVEST HALL, 55, Maintenance, Emp. 4-5-55, Died 3-19-76
 PATRICK HIGGINS, 73, North Avenue, Emp. 7-8-26, Died 3-26-76
 EDWARD JENNINGS, 74, South Shops, Emp. 10-6-45, Died 3-2-76
 ALFRED JORGENSEN, 88, Limits, Emp. 5-15-17, Died 3-23-76

GEORGE KIMMSKE, 57, Skokie Shops, Emp. 11-19-47, Died 2-22-76
 PATRICK KING, 80, Kedzie, Emp. 1-30-23, Died 3-11-76
 STANLEY KRUSZYNSKI, 61, South Shops, Emp. 5-14-42, Died 3-13-76
 JOHN KRUZICH, 83, 61st Street, Emp. 8-5-20, Died 3-15-76
 FRANK KUBICKI, 52, Archer, Emp. 11-14-47, Died 3-19-76
 JOSEPH KUKNYO, 63, 77th Street, Emp. 10-10-42, Died 2-8-76
 PAUL KUPPER, 83, Devon, Emp. 1-27-20, Died 3-4-76
 CHESTER MADDOX, 73, Electrical, Emp. 9-18-44, Died 2-14-76
 WILLIAM MATTERS, 96, Division, Emp. 2-27-08, Died 2-20-76
 JAMES McHALE, 87, Transportation, Emp. 1-22-19, Died 3-20-76
 JOHN PACALIUNAS, 79, Kedzie, Emp. 2-8-29, Died 3-19-76
 ELMER PETERSON, 67, Beverly, Emp. 7-17-41, Died 3-26-76
 LLOYD ROBINSON, 47, Forest Park, Emp. 7-31-51, Died 3-15-76
 EDWARD SCHALK, 77, Douglas, Emp. 7-3-22, Died 3-10-76
 HARVEY SCHMECHER, 78, 77th Street, Emp. 2-4-19, Died 3-26-76
 OTTO SCHUMACHER, 86, Way & Strcuts., Emp. 2-12-12, Died 2-23-76
 ANGELIA SMITH, 26, South Section, Emp. 5-29-74, Died 4-11-76
 DuBOIS SMITH, 52, 77th Street, Emp. 5-31-57, Died 3-25-76
 EARL STEVENS, 64, North Section, Emp. 8-9-55, Died 3-24-76
 EVERT WALKER, 89, Skokie Shop, Emp. 6-27-29, Died 3-6-76
 HAROLD WHITNEY, 80, North Avenue, Emp. 5-3-23, Died 3-9-76
 VINCENT ZIMMER, 79, Limits, Emp. 11-9-25, Died 2-28-76

"It's only just begun..." for Pamela Annette and Reginald Walker, who exchanged wedding vows on St. Valentine's Day, February 14. The happy couple honeymooned in Las Vegas. Pamela is the daughter of Operator George and Mildred Ferguson of 69th Street.



Introducing the new Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Klein. The happy bride, Maureen B. Byrne, is the daughter of North Avenue Repairman and Mrs. Thomas A. Byrne. The wedding ceremony took place in St. Frances of Rome church, with a reception following at Fontana D'Or.

Don't Leave Home Too Fast

By Jack Smith

With all the griping about our cold winters, it is surprising to find that a great number of Chicago retirees stay right here in Chicago.

That is, until one considers the various elements that ought to go into the process of selecting the best retirement locale.

I have developed a little rating scale to help people decide where they want to live when they retire—a process, incidentally, which is best begun at least five years before R-day arrives.

In this rating scale, I assign a healthy 30 points to nearness of members of the family, relatives, and/or close friends. By nearness, I mean within 40 miles—easy "getting there" distance.

There is nothing as insecure to an older person as not knowing you will get a helping hand—quickly—whenever you need it.

Nor is there anything more comforting to an older person than the ability to sit and visit with people who care because they have shared your experiences and your concerns.

Another 20 points on the rating scale are assigned to living someplace where it is convenient to do a lot of what you most like to do—be it playing golf, fishing, going to plays, attending sporting events, gardening, and so on.

Since most people who have lived in Chicago are most likely to have loved ones in or near Chicago and are most likely to have developed the habits of doing things in the many avenues of opportunity that Chicago provides—well, it is rather logical that many Chicago retirees should opt for staying put in Chicago.

This is particularly true for CTAers who can get to so many places they want to enjoy comfortably, conveniently—and on a retiree's pass—over the CTA

system.

Opportunities for making extra money through full or part-time work rate 15 points on my scale. Here, again, Chicago scores well not only because of the vigor of its business community, but also because it is usually easier to find something to do where people already know what you can do.

The cost of living rates 10 points. With inflation so persistent, one might think that this factor should be weighed heavier. But the cost of living is not a good comparative measure because, all things considered, it averages out about the same everywhere in the nation. If you save on fruit in one place, you make up for it on vegetables in another.

Scenery is worth about 5 points. Scenery is what you prefer to look at during the increased time you will have to look. Mountains? The lake? Traffic that you don't have to get into?

This leaves the weather with only 20 points on our happiness-in-retirement scale—perhaps a little more if the weather is a big factor in your health picture. For example, if you need a dry, dry climate to keep from having sinusitis—well, it's worth much more than 20 points to get to Arizona.

This is roughly the way in which to size up prospective retirement homes on a numerical basis. And then, when you have selected about five that score high, I suggest you arrange to visit each of them on vacation—preferably during the least appealing time of the year.

Florida, for example, in the middle of the summer, and Vermont in the midst of winter.

The main thing to remember is not to leave Chicago out because you may well find it scoring the best for you as it has for so many others.



Julian Golnik was an active questioner at the Pensioners meeting. Jeanette Schroeder of Social Security thinks about an answer while Bill Ashley consults with the emcee.



Bruno Kamien, left, was treasurer for the Credit Union at Archer during his career. Myles Harrington, right, from Kedzie, lives in Bellwood and likes to travel.

Among Pensioners--

The Flame Burns On

You can take the boy out of CTA, but you can't take CTA out of the boy.

That CTA loyalty still runs high among the pensioners was evident at The Golden Flame restaurant in northwest Chicago on an early April noontime when the Pensioners Club, under President Frank Laske, staged a special luncheon meeting.

Attendance hit an unexpected 166 and tables throughout the room were abuzz with a few "what're ya doin' now's" and lots of old-time "shop talk" and operating reminiscences.

William Ashley, Manager of Insurance and Pensions, was on hand to answer the questions of retirees about CTA pension benefits. To answer Social Security and Medicare inquiries, Ashley brought along field representative Jeanette Schroeder from Social Security offices in the Loop. Mrs. Schroeder also showed a color documentary film on Medicare--what it does and how it operates.

Other visitors from the Mart were Superintendent of Pensions Craig Heatter (whose new appointment is covered elsewhere in this issue), Director of Publications Jack Smith, and CTA Design and Audio Visual Specialist Jack Sowchin, who made the pictures used in conjunction with this article.

Other officers of the Pensioners Club are Bill Pinasco, vice president; Ralph Kugelard, secretary-treasurer; and board members Mike Kompanowski, Maynard Moran, Willard Lyons, Peter Dowdall, and Joe Nolan.

Next regular meeting, reports Kompanowski, will be at The Golden Flame on June 8th. This time wives are invited.

Meanwhile, there's the dinner dance on May 28, as announced in the box accompanying this article.



Joe Nolan is one of the organizers of pensioner club activity. He serves as general manager of the CTA Retirement Club which holds its meetings at Mangam's. He lives at the Chicagoland Motel which is managed by his daughter.

CHICAGO RETIREES DINNER DANCE

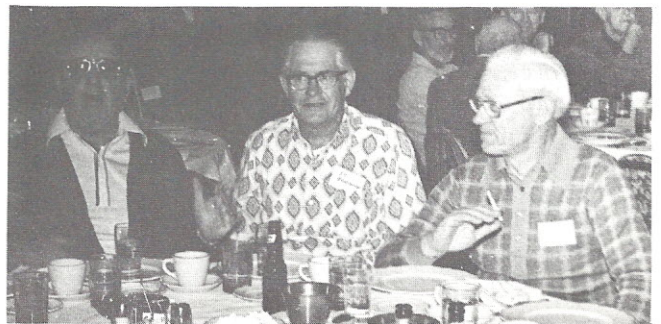
May 28 is the date for the dinner dance at the Golden Flame on Higgins Road and Nagle. Tickets must be purchased two weeks in advance. Reservations may be made by calling Roy Hansen at SP 4-0142 or Leonard Baeuchler at 823-6816. Price is \$12.50 per person.



Tony Kasman, right, assistant foreman at North Park, reminisces with John Muellner, supervisor of garages, shops, and equipment.



James Nelson, right, dispatcher-controller is really not the 103 that former Manager of Transportation Dave Flynn tells someone Nelson is.



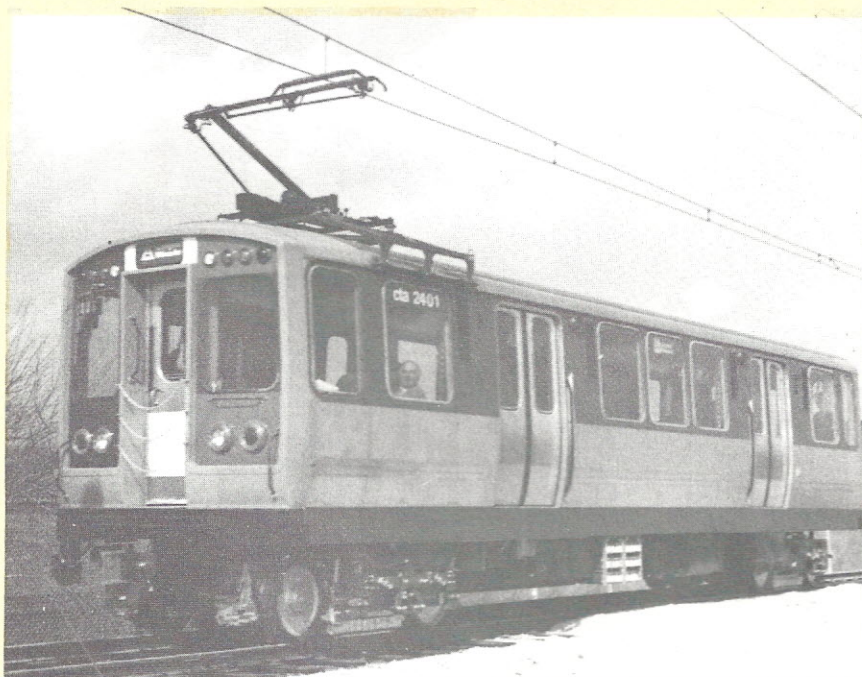
Tom Hickey, left, of Forest Glen, likes to talk about gardening. But Ed Broderick, center, from North Avenue, is happy "just to relax." Robert Thorne, also of Forest Glen, is on the right.

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TRUCK LAUNCHING: When one of three new emergency vehicles purchased by CTA was introduced at March Board meeting, Transit Board member Ernie Banks was on hand to greet the crew: (left to right) Frank Schmitz, helper; Robert Poellnitz, driver, and James Jacobs, supervisor.



TEST RUN: New rapid transit cars being built for CTA at Boeing-Vertol in Philadelphia are now on the test track. Controller Sam Miller and other CTA officials have been to Philadelphia to inspect. The smooth inaugural run was also attended by the manufacturers' president, Howard N. Stuverude.

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