



super year for cta rapid transit

Chalk up 1978 as a super year for the Chicago Transit Authority in terms of major improvements for the rapid transit system.

Scheduled for action this year are:

- *The placing of an order for 300 modern air-conditioned rapid transit cars.

- *The start of construction of the rail rapid transit extension to O'Hare International Airport.

- *The ordering of equipment for modern two-way radio communications for the rapid transit system.

These landmark projects will be in addition to many other on-going improvements, such as the renewal and upgrading of track and structures, rebuilding and remodeling of stations, and building and modernizing electrical substations.

James J. McDonough, Chairman of the Chicago Transit Authority, said the CTA will advertise this summer for the 300 new rapid transit cars.

This new order has been made possible by initial funding of \$43,694,640 by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration at the federal level and by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Regional Transportation Authority at the local level.

This initial funding has been authorized under a new arrangement whereby additional grants will be "phased," probably on an annual basis, as further

CTA's new 2400 series cars, with lakefront campus of Loyola University on Chicago's north side in the background.

funding is needed over the term of the purchase contract.

The 300 cars to be ordered represent half of a total of 600 modern cars the CTA presently foresees as its need for replacing outmoded equipment on its elevated-subway system.

Meanwhile, by late fall, delivery of an order of 200 new cars is scheduled to be completed by the Boeing Vertol Company. By the start of the summer, more than 150 of these cars were in service.

Construction of the important project of extending rail rapid transit to the O'Hare Airport is to begin this fall and will be well under way in 1979, reported Marshall Suloway, Chicago's Public Works Commissioner.

CTA trains are expected to begin making the 35-minute trip between Chicago's downtown and the world's busiest air terminal by the latter part of 1980. Engineering work on this \$152-million project was begun in 1977 after the city was granted an initial \$5 million in federal funding.

The O'Hare extension will cover a distance of 8 miles between the airport and the CTA's Jefferson Park Transit Center. Jefferson Park is the present terminal of the Kennedy rapid transit extension and transfer point with 16 CTA and RTA suburban routes and commuter trains of the North Western Railroad.

Initially, more than 36,500 daily

riders are expected to use the O'Hare extension. Not only will it serve air travelers, but also many persons employed at the airport or in the nearby hotel and commercial area.

The two-track extension will be built in the median strip of Kennedy expressway to a point just west of East River road. There it will continue in the median strip of the airport access road.

About 500 feet west of the airport taxiway bridge, the route will enter a tunnel and curve in a southwesterly direction to an O'Hare Airport station beneath the center of the main parking garage. Three intermediate stations will be built. For these stations, parking will be provided for more than 2,500 cars.

George Krambles, CTA Executive Director, reported that the two-way radio project will be implemented for the above-ground parts of the rapid transit system early in 1979. This new system will provide motormen, conductors, and supervisory personnel with portable radios for communicating with the CTA's Control Center in the Merchandise Mart.

By the latter part of 1979, the two-way radio system also is to be extended to the subways. In addition to serving the CTA, the subway installation, which will utilize a coaxial cable, also will provide separate radio communications for the Chicago Police and Fire Departments.

Chicago Is Host For APTA Conference

More than 660 transit experts from throughout the United States and Canada attended the 1978 Rapid Transit Conference held June 5 to 8 by the American Public Transit Association (APTA) in the Continental Plaza Hotel.

"How can I state it more directly? This administration is committed to rail transit."

That reassuring statement of the federal government's support of rapid transit was made by Richard S. Page, Administrator, U.S. Urban Mass Transportation Administration, who addressed a general luncheon session of the conference.

Mayor Michael A. Bilandic also spoke at the luncheon. As a surprise, James J. McDonough, CTA Chairman who also is APTA Chairman, presented the mayor with an antique CTA fare register, with the inscription, "Mike Bilandic, Trackworker, 1941." As a summer employee while in college, the mayor had worked with a track crew of the former Chicago Surface Lines.

One of the highlights of the APTA conference was a series of inspection tours of the CTA system and facilities. (CTA photos by Bert Cadney)



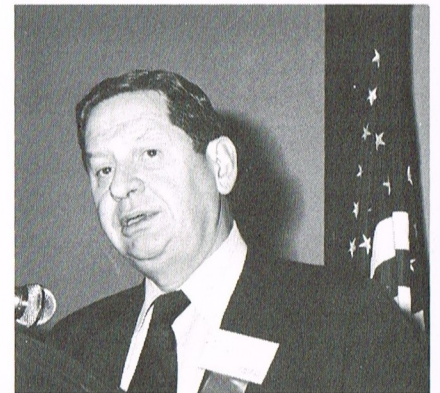
Mayor Bilandic presented with antique fare register by CTA Chairman McDonough.



Richard S. Page, UMTA Administrator.



Frank W. Considine, President, Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry.



B. R. Stokes, APTA Executive Vice President.



Joe Daquilante, bus controller, demonstrating new Control Center equipment.



Visitors observe Carl Meyer (left to right), Frenchie Ellis and Ollie Winston, rail controllers, at work.

Culture Buses Off to a Great Start

At 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 28, Culture Bus fans had lined up on the sidewalk in front of the Art Institute of Chicago on Michigan avenue at Adams street.

They had arrived an hour early to make certain of being on board for the first trip of the 1978 season of the RTA/CTA Culture Buses.

Joining them for the first trip were Mayor and Mrs. Michael A. Bilandic and James J. McDonough, CTA Chairman.

Welcoming everyone was Ms. Eileen (Murph) Neurauter, Customer Service Representative who serves as the Culture Bus project manager. On hand, too, were employees of the Transportation and Public Affairs Departments who make up the Culture Bus team.

A big turnout of riders gave immediate proof of the popularity of not only an expanded south route, but of a new north Culture Bus route serving the North Michigan avenue, Lincoln Park, Navy Pier area, and the Loop.

As a result of increasing patronage, more buses were added June 18 to the Culture Bus service, which is provided between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sundays and holidays. The fare is the Super Transperpass - 80 cents for adults and 50 cents for senior citizens, children, and handicapped persons.



Left: James J. McDonough, CTA Chairman, showing Culture Bus brochure to Mayor Bilandic.

Below left: Mayor being interviewed by Joanne Williams, Channel 9 reporter, before he and Mrs. Bilandic board bus.

Below: Ms. Eileen (Murph) Neurauter, Culture Bus project manager, welcoming first riders.



Riders lining up for first day of 1978 Culture Bus season.

CTA Team on Culture Bus



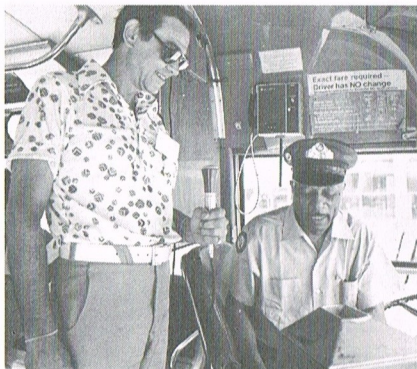
Jeff Stern, Walter Falls



Mel Alexander, Herman Lloyd



Dan Villanueva



Bill Baxa, Lafayette Garmony



Bob Ryan, Lydia Lewis



Issac Clark



Mike Grovak, Dennis Sebo



John Perkins



Owen Boothroyd



Bob Heinlein, Earl Mealing



Charles Junkins



Jim Dohney, Clevelen Brogdon, Sr.

Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic and Cabinet Members Take Special Culture Bus

Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic and the members of the mayor's cabinet of top city officials took a special Culture Bus trip on Monday, June 5.

The official city party boarded two Culture Buses after having visited the Chicago Public Library Cultural Center.

Ms. Eileen (Murph) Neurauter, Culture Bus project manager, and Jeff Stern, both of Public Affairs, gave the commentary during the trip, which, because of time restrictions, consisted of parts of the South and North routes of the Culture Bus service.

Among other CTA representatives on board were James J. McDonough, CTA Chairman; George Krambles, Executive Director; and Harold Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager.

Photo at top right by Richard Derk, ©Chicago Sun-Times. Other photos by Bert Cadney, CTA.



Top right: Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic.

Right (left to right): Luigi Mendicino, Tribune photographer, in front of Harry Golden, Sun-Times City Hall reporter; Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic; Celesta Jurkovich, Mayor's Press Secretary; Janice Crebbs, Executive Director, Chicago Council on Fine Arts; and Amada S. Rudd, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Chicago Public Library.



Below: Eileen (Murph) Neurauter, Culture Bus project manager; George Krambles, CTA Executive Director; Lewis W. Hill, Commissioner, Department of Planning, City and Community Development; and CTA Chairman McDonough join Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic in inspecting new bus stop shelter at starting point of Culture Bus routes.



Above: William G. Caples, Executive Director, Chicago Economic Development Commission, reading Culture Bus guide.

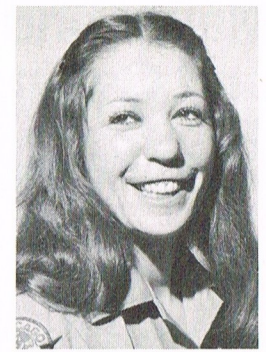


Frank Ramirez (West Section), conductor on a Lake/Dan Ryan train, won the praise of Ms. Matilde Kelly of East Randolph drive for his courtesy and kindness to her after she was victimized by a purse snatcher on Ramirez' train at the California station. A fellow rider summoned Ramirez to Ms. Kelly's aid. "Mr. Ramirez asked me to fill out a form and personally conducted me to the superintendent's office at the Harlem avenue terminal. The superintendent arranged for Mr. Ramirez to take me back to the California station on his next run where it was arranged I would be met by a Chicago police officer. Mr. Ramirez went out of his way to reassure me and altogether seemed as concerned about me

as though I had been his mother. Although the affair was for me a very frightening experience, it was made less traumatic by the quiet, courteous, efficient way in which the CTA employees concerned managed the affair."

Mary Cobleigh (North Park garage) was commended by Ms. Eileen Shannon of Sheridan road after a trip on a northbound bus in Michigan avenue. "It was raining very hard when I boarded her bus which was packed with people. I noticed the driver was a young, intelligent, pretty girl. She called out all the stops, answered peoples' questions, and drove the bus as an expert would. The trying conditions of driving a crowded bus during a rainstorm in the rush hour caused many departing riders to say aloud 'That girl is an excellent driver.' I should like to add my comment that she is indeed. I would appreciate it if you would commend this driver. Her badge number is 12145."

(CTA photo by Julius Brazil)



commendation corner

Roscoe R. Jasper (52nd Street garage) "is considerate of his bus riders," wrote Mrs. Elizabeth Burford, of Blackstone avenue. "I am 75 years old and though my eyesight is not very good, I could see how patient he was with an elderly man who dropped his fare. He also gives directions pleasantly, calls out streets for riders and instructs strangers to the city where they should stand to transfer to other routes. His mind is on what he is doing. He drives around corners slowly enough so people are not thrown off their feet. I hope you let him know that his passengers appreciate him."

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Nathaniel H. Stevens Jr. (52nd Street garage) impressed Mrs. Thelma Hickey. "Mr. Stevens is an excellent example of what a public servant should be. He is very cheerful and always polite. He is constantly considerate towards and helpful to passengers who are handicapped. His timing is very accurate for his bus is never late. He drives a No. 38 Indiana bus from Union Station to 63rd and Indiana, and we riders are thankful the CTA employs a person with such positive characteristics."

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James W. Braun (North Park garage) "should be commended for his thoughtfulness," wrote Mrs. K. Kracke, of North Richmond street. "I caught a No. 49B North Western bus at Howard and had the rare privilege of being driven by driver No. 4731. An elderly lady got off his bus and was on the sidewalk when she lost her balance and fell. This driver cared enough to give her a minute of his time to help her get up and to make sure she was not hurt. I have ridden this bus for years with a wide variety of drivers. This special driver cared enough to help someone. What he did may have been a small thing, but he cared enough to do it."

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Eddie Sheed (77th Street garage) "is an asset to the

CTA and to Chicago," wrote Ms. Patricia Boyle of Chapel Hill, N. C. "My friends and I were in Chicago for the recent Music Education Convention and we had dinner in the Ritz Carlton hotel and decided to walk back down Michigan avenue to the Conrad Hilton hotel where we were staying. By the time we reached the Chicago river, we were tired. Although we had not hailed him, your bus driver, No. 7307, pulled up to a stop near us and waited for us to make our foot-weary way to his vehicle. He was like a Chicago welcoming committee to us. He is a person who does his job very well, and has a nice manner with the public. He is very much appreciated."

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Jesse Whitehead (Kedzie garage) "is a man who should be put up as an example for all other CTA bus drivers to follow," wrote Simone S. Gestautas, of West 37th place. "This driver stops in front of Cook County hospital at 3:20 p.m. each day. And each day, he makes sure all the rules are obeyed. He enforces the no smoking law, does not let people sneak onto his bus by the back door, inspects all senior citizen riding cards and transfers, and he clearly calls out each oncoming bus stop. He also maintains a courteous attitude while doing all of these duties."

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Elijah Wiggins (North Park garage) "deserves a pat on the back for his excellent driving ability," wrote Ms. Melda Starkey, of West Diversey avenue. "I was on a southbound No. 151 Sheridan bus with driver No. 8337 at the wheel. We were at Sheridan and Broadway when all of a sudden a yellow car ran a red light and headed straight for the bus. The bus driver quickly and smoothly brought the bus to a stop without even a jolt, and avoided a serious accident. Not many riders saw what happened, but those of us who did thanked him when we left his bus. He is a marvelous driver and I say God bless him."

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Among other operating employees receiving commendations recently were:

Claude Allen, 77th; Andrew Anderson, Albert Armes, and Willie Arrington, all of North Park; and Jose Asensio, janitor.

Fitz Bariffe, Limits; Miguel Barreto, North Section; Philip Benford, 52nd; George Benson, 69th; David Benson and Juris Bitanks, both of North Park; Felicita Borges, Forest Glen; John Bright, West Section; Earlie Bryant, North Avenue; and James Brooks and Sylvester Byrd, both of Kedzie.

LeRoy Carr, North Park; LeRoy Carter, 77th; Robert Clemons, Kedzie; James Colon, Limits; John Cook, 61st; Richard Corbett, North Section; John Crayton, West Section; and Vidal Cruz, Forest Glen.

Arthur Davis and Albert Dayan, both of Limits; Linda Downing, Beverly; Fred Dubynes, 52nd; Wilfred Dupree and Jerry Durbin, both of North Park.

Constantino Estrada, Forest Glen.

Judge Ford and Benjamin Farfan, both of Limits; and Robert Foster, Forest Glen.

Leon Gaddy, 69th; James Gardner, Eddie Gholston, Jose Gomez, and Hector Gonzalez, all of North Park; Richard Goodman and Juan Guzman, both of Limits; Albert Grady, 77th; and Ronald Gray, Beverly.

Raymond Hamb, Archer; William Hass and Otto Houston, both of North Park; and George Hiensman II, 69th.

Lelia Jenkins, North Avenue; Jose Jimenez, Forest Glen; Willie Johnson, Kedzie; and Jacqueline Joseph, 77th.

Alex Lacey Jr., Carl Lambert, and Ruben Lopez, all of North Park; LeBlanc LeDree, Limits; Delia Lee, Archer; and Melvin Little Jr., North Avenue.

Calvin McCants, William McCotry Jr., and Warren Morris, all of 69th; Milton McCloud, North Avenue; Dearester Miller and Albert Moore, both of North Section; Martha Moore, Forest Glen; and Timothy Mulvey, Beverly.

Joe Nash, North Park; David Nealis, North Section; Youssef Nejad, Forest Glen; and Luther Newburn, North Avenue.

Jesse Orange, Kedzie.

Eusebio Padro, Forest Glen; and Phillip Perricone, 77th.

Billy Ragsdale and Daniel Rogers, both of 52nd; David Rejmer and Robert Rogers, both of North Park; Richard Riddle, North Section; Jewel Roberson, Beverly; Angel Roman and John Ross, both of Kedzie; and Rex Runnels, West Section.

Homer Savage, Limits; Charles Sayer, North Park; Richard Scholl, Forest Glen; Johnny Sherrod, Kedzie; Franklin Spring and Phillip Stokes, both of 77th; and Nathaniel Stevens Jr., 52nd.

Annie Taylor, West Section; George Taylor Jr., 69th; and Jerry Turner, North Avenue.

Joseph Vareika, Archer; and Arthur Voss, Limits.

Robert Wash and Laurence Whitney, both of North Park; David Weathington and Johnnie Winston, both of 77th; Charles Williams, Kedzie; and Johnny Wright, West Section.

Charles Young, West Section.

Frank Zanazard, Forest Glen.

Latest Suggestion Plan Winners



Donald C. Boll (second from right), bus repairer at Forest Glen, and Nick K. Simonetti, unit supervisor, Bus Shops, show checks for \$500 and \$225, respectively, which they won for their suggestions. Participating in the presentation were Bill Anderson (left), suggestion analyst, and Jim Pankonen, director, Vehicle Maintenance.

Donald C. Boll, bus repairer at Forest Glengarage, has received an award of \$500 from the CTA Employee Suggestion Plan for recommending that 1000-series bus stoplight circuits be separated from engine compartment light circuits and be given their own circuit and fuse. Adoption of the suggestion has reduced the failure rate of brake light circuits on all newer CTA buses, thereby lessening the possibility of rear-end collisions.

Anthony Arini, electrical worker at Skokie Shop, now retired, won \$500 for designing and building a 2000-series car inverter tester for use in the repair area. Use of the device eliminates the need to find an available rail car, transport the repaired inverter to it, install and connect the inverter for testing, and reverse the entire process.

Nick K. Simonetti, unit supervisor, Bus Shops, has accepted an award of \$225 for creating a machine to cut and straighten

the wire used in winding stators in bus generators. The work previously was done by hand.

Cash awards of \$25 were won by Daniel L. Reel, balance clerk, Revenue Accounting, for suggesting the elimination of a seldom-used portion of the ticket agent's report; and by James P. Lyons, stock clerk, Stores, for recommending an alternative source of supply for a threaded stud.

A supplemental award of \$25 went to John Steinmetz, stock clerk, Stores, for a previously-adopted suggestion that a freight audit company be engaged to examine storage freight bills for possible refunds. Malcolm Simpson, inspector, West Shops, received \$10 for suggesting the revision of a form relating to escalator maintenance, and a second Honorable Mention award of \$25 plus a gift certificate.

Dominic A. Nicosia, rail vehicle foreman, 98th Street, won a safety award of \$15 for suggesting the posting of signs outside



Anthony Arini (right), recently retired electrical worker, holds a check for \$500 which he received from Bob Flowers, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Maintenance, at Skokie Shop ceremony in front of rail car inverter tester that Arini designed. (CTA photos by Julius Brazil)

98th Street Shop reminding employees to place wheel stops in their proper positions in front of cars awaiting servicing at the shop.

Gift certificates worth \$10 each were given to Honorable Mention award winners Leonard R. Skrine, mail service supervisor, Office Services; Dorothy L. Rose, personnel record clerk, Human Resources-Job Classification; and John M. Vidas, bus and truck mechanic, South Shops.

The suggestor whose idea results in the greatest savings to CTA in 1978 will receive a bonus award of a color television set. This additional incentive was approved at a recent meeting of the Executive Decision Committee chaired by Roger D. Wood, manager, Management Services. The committee determines the amount of Suggestion Plan awards in excess of \$50.

LaVelle Named Outstanding Public Service Executive



Eugene Tracy (right), President of Peoples Gas Light & Coke company, presents Outstanding Executive Employee award to Michael LaVelle, director of service in the Transportation Department.



Shown with LaVelle and George Krambles, Executive Director, are three finalist award winners. From left to right are: Charles Marble, Eileen Neurauter, LaVelle, Krambles, and Frank Venezia.

Michael LaVelle, director of service in the Transportation Department, was selected the Outstanding Executive Employee in the city-wide Superior Public Service Awards competition.

The competition was held among municipal employees representing the City of Chicago, the Chicago Park District, the Metropolitan Sanitary District, the City Colleges of Chicago, the Chicago Board of Education, the Chicago Housing Authority, and the Chicago Transit Authority.

The award was presented to LaVelle by Eugene Tracy, President of Peoples Gas Light & Coke company, at a civic luncheon on May 11.

In introducing LaVelle as the top Outstanding Executive Employee, Tracy said: "Michael LaVelle serves in the critical position of directing all bus and rail system service for the Chicago Transit Authority. He is responsible for the coordination of service to this large and intricate system.

"Mr. LaVelle has consistently demonstrated innovative managerial skills in his highly sensitive role as director of service. His stamina and knack for finding a solution to some of the CTA's most difficult problems make Mr. LaVelle a problem solver deluxe. Without a doubt, his dedication and tireless effort keep the CTA's inconveniences to its passengers at a minimum," continued Tracy.

"It is a great pleasure to present this award as Outstanding Executive Employee to Mr. Michael LaVelle," he said.

In accepting the award, LaVelle said: "I accept the award with humility as I realize that there were many public servants as deserving. I accept the award on behalf of all CTA employees. I accept the award with the understanding and realization that the Chicago Transit Authority must endeavor to give the best, the safest, and the most efficient and reliable service to the people of Chicago and suburban areas who use our service."

LaVelle added: "I accept the award on behalf of the leadership that I have received from my superiors at the CTA who have given me direction, incentive, and directives in keeping with the high responsibility of the CTA. I accept the award realizing that deeds speak louder than words.

"Finally, I accept the award on behalf of my family and my wife, Jean, who have been understanding and tolerant with the long hours and days that I have spent on my job while performing my required duties," concluded LaVelle.

Three other CTA employees were honored as finalists. They are: Frank W. Venezia, superintendent of vehicle and industrial equipment design, Engineering Department, in the Outstanding Professional Employee category; Charles Marble, supervisor of administrative services, Sales/Risk Management Department, in the Outstanding Supervisory Employee category, and Eileen Neurauter, customer service representative, Public Affairs Department, in the Outstanding General Service Employee category.



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Throughout the summer and into September, Navy Pier is catching the spotlight as a great place for fun and entertainment for everyone in the family.

Many of the programs, which are sponsored by Mayor Bilandic and the City of Chicago, are on weekends, as shown on the schedule printed on this page.

However, there will be a major period--the 10 days from Aug. 4 through Aug. 13--when there will be big events every day and evening at Navy Pier.

Those 10 days will be a part of an 18-day ChicagoFest, Mayor Bilandic's Lakefront Festival of Music and Fun. For further information, phone 744-4202, or write ChicagoFest, 600 E. Grand av., Navy Pier, Chicago 60611.

JULY

1-4	"An Old Fashioned-New Fangled Fourth at Navy Pier"	*
1,2,4	"3 Ring Circus on 1 Pier"	12:00 P.M.
3	"Music from Outer Space"	*** 7:30 P.M.
	Chicago Pops Orchestra	
5-9	"The First Chicago Modern Dance Festival"	
5	Chicago Contemporary Dance Theatre	7:15 P.M.
6	Chicago Council on Fine Arts Dance Group	7:15 P.M.
	Mo Ming	7:45 P.M.
7	Joel Hall Dancers	7:15 P.M.
8	Childrens' Program	11:00 A.M.
	The Chicago Moving Company	2:00 P.M.
	Wendy Taucher	7:15 P.M.
	Joseph Holmes Dance Theatre	7:45 P.M.
9	Childrens' Program	11:00 A.M.
	Julian Swain	2:00 P.M.
14	Magic Slim Blues Band	7:15 P.M.
15	Bob Reidy Blues Band	7:15 P.M.
21-23	"Midsummer Musicale"	**
21	Chicago Musical College,	
	Roosevelt University	7:00 P.M.
22	DePaul University School of Music	7:00 P.M.
23	Northwestern University School of Music	2:00 P.M.
28-29	The Big Band Sound	
28	Tommy Dorsey Band	7:00 P.M.
29	Ralph Marterie Band	7:00 P.M.
30	St. James Choir and Orchestra	* 1:30 P.M.

AUGUST

4-13	"Chicagofest" Ten days of eclectic musical entertainment for the entire family. Complete program including times, events and admission through the Mayor's Office of Special Events, City Hall, 744-3315	
17	School of the Lyric Opera	7:15 P.M.
18	School of the Lyric Opera also Chicago Pops Orchestra "All Italian Program"	6:45 P.M.
19	School of the Lyric Opera	2:15 P.M. 7:15 P.M.
24-27	County Fair for City Folk	

SEPTEMBER

1-2	Casablanca at the Pier	7:00 P.M.
3	"Give My Regards to Broadway"	*** 3:00 P.M.
	Chicago Pops Orchestra	
4	"Day of Dixieland"	* 12:00 P.M.
7-17	Chicago Council on Fine Arts Artists-in-Residence Repertory Theatre William Shakespeare's "A Comedy of Errors"	* 7:15 P.M.

Special attraction: Sundays and holidays at 1 P.M. — THE NONESUCH PLAYERS perform with no strings attached.

ADMISSION: All events are \$1.00 for adults; .50 for senior citizens and students with I.D.; free for children under 12, unless otherwise (*, **, ***) indicated.

* — Free admission

** — Adults, \$.50; seniors/students, free

*** — Adults, \$4.00; seniors/students, \$2.00

NAVY PIER SUMMER '78

Christine Houston, Ticket Agent and Playwright

Chicago Sun-Times, Monday, April 17, 1978, by Betty Washington.
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When Christine Houston was growing up in a neighborhood of apartment buildings on the South Side during the 1950s, she could not have known that friends and neighbors who walked through her life would some day become characters in a play.



(CTA photo by Mike Hoffert)

Women sitting on the stoop, rambunctious children, fathers cranky from overwork and the raptures and rhapsodies of day-to-day life on her block were, back then, common enough events.

Her "227," a comedy, last year was given the top award in a playwrighting competition sponsored by the American College Theater Festival, based at Kennedy Center in Washington.

Norman Lear, creator of several popular television series, made the selection, which has resulted in an opportunity for Mrs. Houston to write a script for Lear's show, *The Jeffersons*.

In July she will go to Los Angeles for story conferences with the show's regular staff writers and put the final touches on her script.

"I just never dreamed that any of this would really happen. I'm really very excited," said Mrs. Houston who, aside from her writing, is employed as a CTA ticket agent and is enrolled in the theater arts department at Kennedy-King College.

Mrs. Houston said the play also won first place in the S. Randolph Edmunds playwrighting contest sponsored by the National Assn. of Dramatic and Speech Arts.

"The story is about some of the people who lived in our building. Most of the action takes place right out in front of the building where two women who have been best friends just talk," Mrs. Houston said.

"It's a comedy, but it also has sadness, tragedy and joy. It's also a joy because people can see themselves and look at their mistakes in a humorous way.

"The play tells a true story, exaggerated, of course, for theatrical purposes. The names of the people are changed to protect the innocent and the guilty," she said with a chuckle.

She said she heaves a big sigh of relief whenever she recalls that the play was nearly stillborn.

The first scene had been sketched out in longhand in a notebook that was rarely out of her sight. But then the pad vanished.

"My sons have a habit of borrowing my things, so I questioned them about it. Nobody had seen it. Of

course, somebody fibbed." After about six months the tablet turned up in a place where it could be found easily, she said.

Mrs. Houston's older sons, DiMarkco, 21, and Marshaund, 19, are students at DePaul University. Jermayne, 17, will graduate this year from Kenwood High School.

Her husband, Ike, a CTA motorman, "helps out quite a bit" around the house, as does Mrs. Houston's mother, who does a lot of the cooking.

Although constantly on the run, Mrs. Houston said she has managed to block off several hours a week to write. She recently completed two one-act plays and is working on another full-length play.

She will graduate next month from Kennedy-King and says she'll miss the friends she made in her theater classes who have performed "227."

Mrs. Houston says she never would have been able to write without the support she has received from her family, but she says she also owes a lot to Susan Ashton, a professor in the English department at Olive-Harvey College.

Mrs. Ashton, she said, "always gave me such good, constructive criticism. And she gave me confidence because she always had good things to say about my writing."

Having proved to herself that she is a winner, Mrs. Houston said she now gives a great deal of thought to her future as a writer.

"I need to write constantly," she said. The future does hold several interesting possibilities. She knows of three Lear contest winners who were hired to work for him full time. Should she receive such an offer, "I'd probably bite my nails and try to figure out how I could do it."

If she remains in Chicago she'll continue her education at a senior college or university.

"I know one thing for certain," she said. "I must write, and I will."

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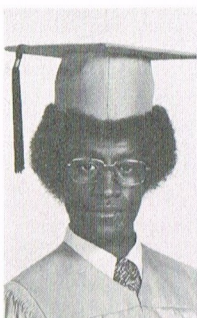
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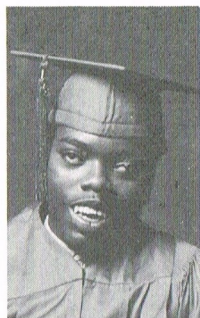
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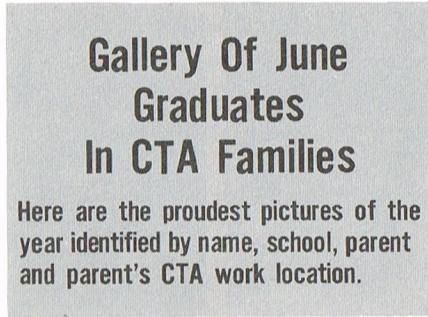
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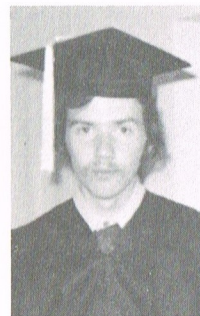
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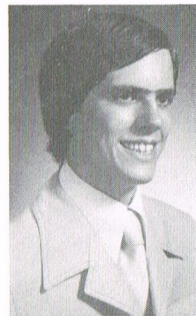
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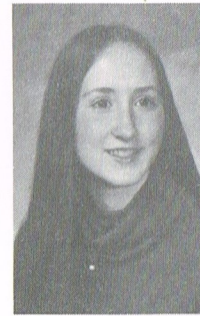
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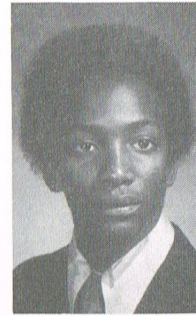
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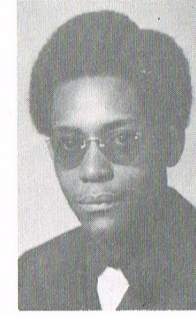
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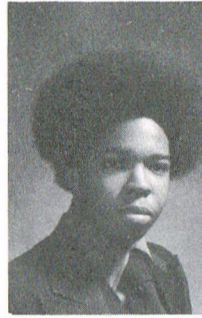
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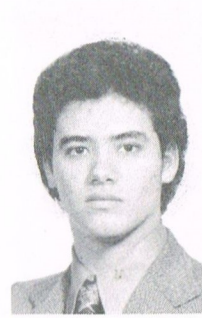
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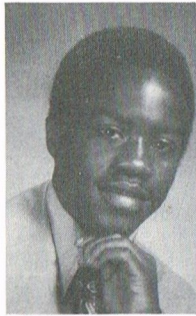
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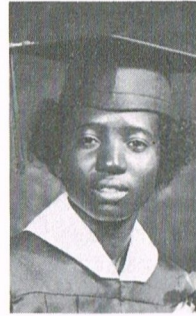
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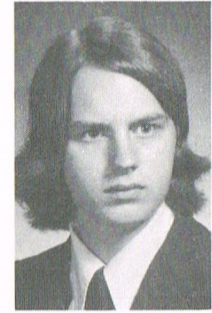
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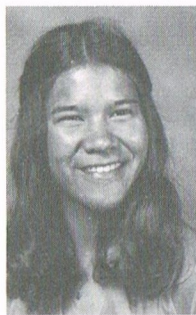
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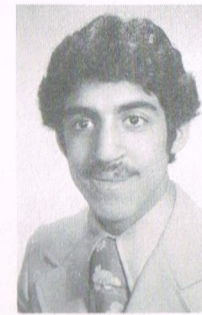
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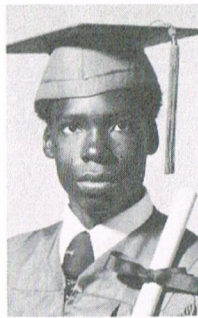
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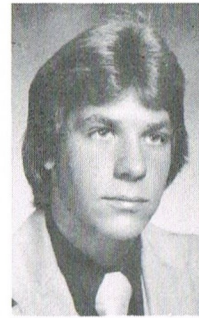
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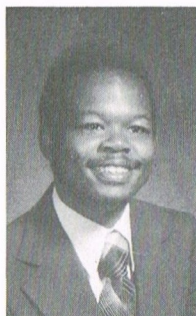
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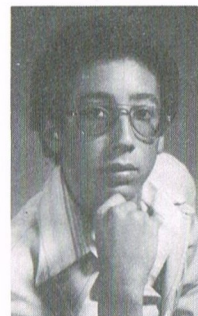
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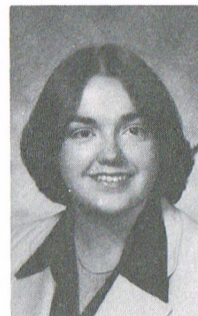
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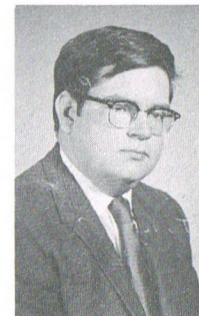
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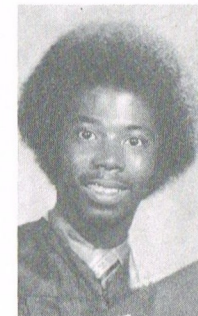
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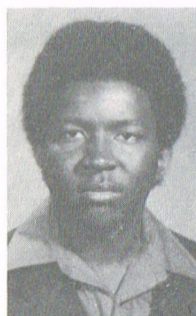
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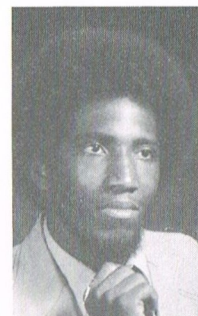
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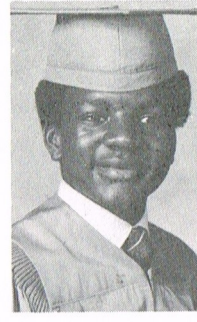
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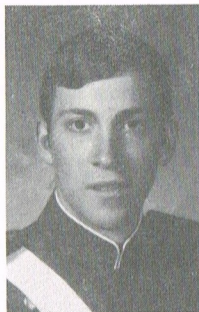
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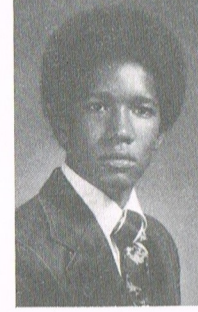
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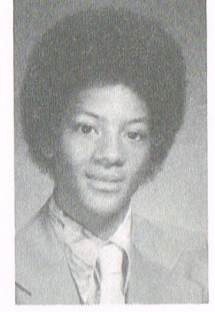
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CTA Mixed League Ends Season

The CTA Mixed Bowling League ended its season on May 12, with the TIC (Transit Information Center) team the champs for 1977-78.

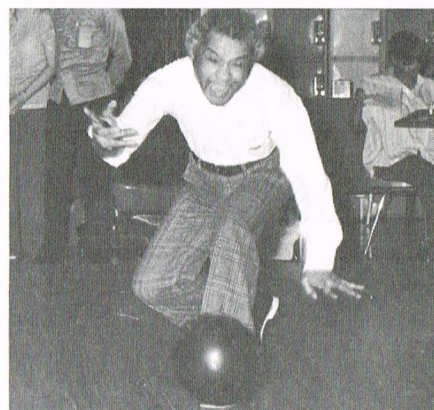
Members of the winning team are: Margaret Archer, Dianna Doyle, Michael Johnson, Percy Passmore, and Abner Williams.

Pictured here are some of the members of the league in action on the bowling lanes.

(CTA photos by Eric Blakely)



Margaret Archer



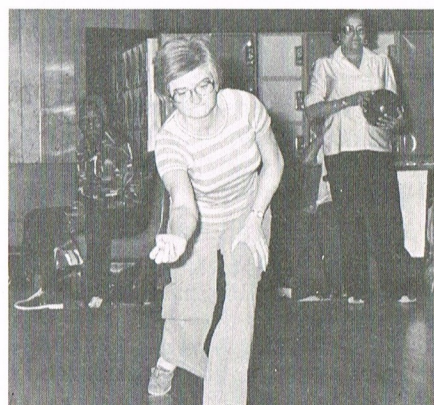
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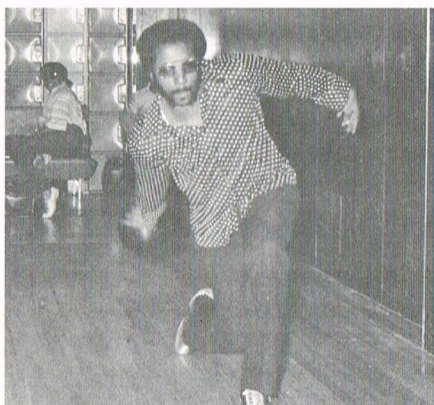
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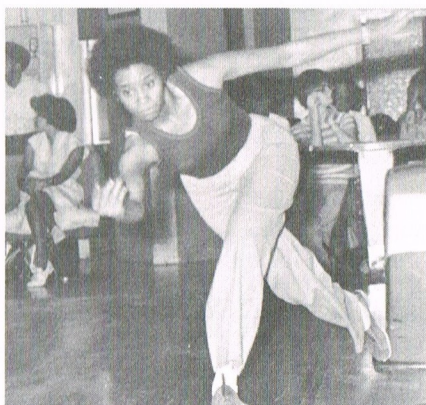
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Michael Johnson



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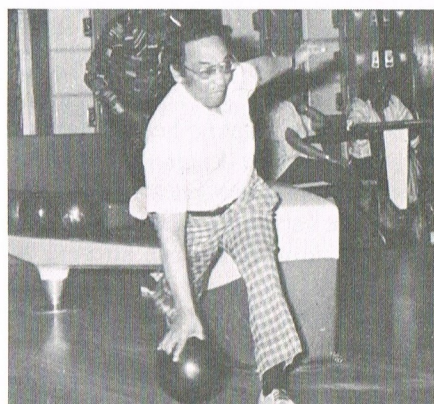
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Percy Passmore



Sandy Portis



Lester Smith

He Hits The Long Bomb

By W. B. Wolfan

The presence of Dave Kingman in the Chicago Cub lineup this season is surefire box office for the north-siders, win, lose, or draw in the NL eastern division.

The home run is the "long bomb" of baseball. The phrase was plagiarized by the pro football leagues, but actually "long bomb" has referred to baseball's home run ball from way, way back.

They said of Babe Ruth that when he hit a home run, you knew almost from the moment the ball left his bat that it was going out of the park.

Sports writers described "a Ruthian Clout" as a tremendous blow, a high skyscraping drive good for four bases and often the winning runs on a given day at the ball park.

Dave Kingman, who hit three Cub homers in a single day on May 14 against the Dodgers, also clouts that long bomb like no one else—even Philadelphia's Greg Luzinski.

One of Kingman's homers that day hit the back wall of the Dodger's ball park behind the bullpen, traveling well over 430 feet. This was the type of blow that can be described as a "Ruthian Clout," the ball clearing the wall with the enemy outfielders looking on helplessly from their positions.

There are some baseball men who say that if Kingman ever realizes his true potential, he will break Roger Maris' record of 61 homers for a single season.

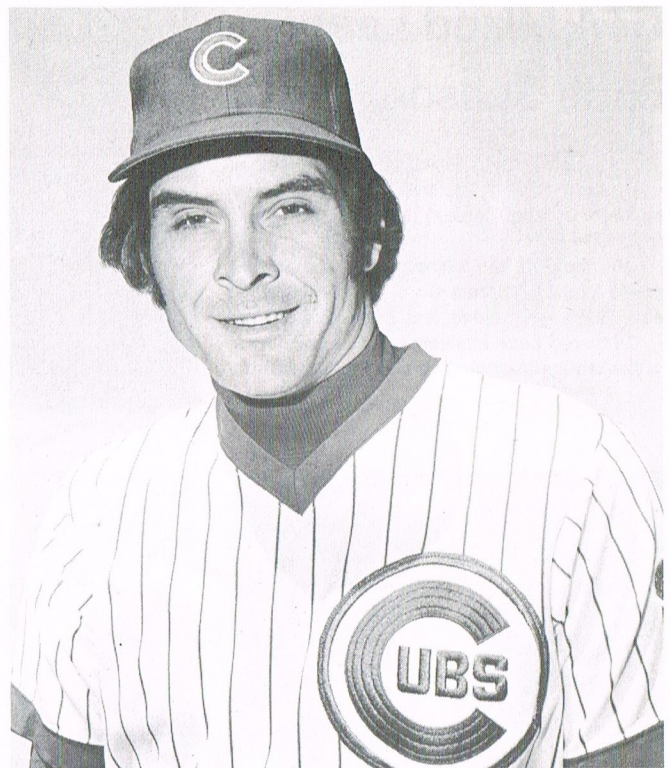
Kingman, like Ruth, strikes out a lot. But when he connects for one, spectators get their money's worth. There is no question that the fans pay to see that long ball. That is why Yankee Stadium was called "The House That Ruth Built." The Babe packed them in with his home runs.

A former N.Y. Met teammate describes the Kingman swing as "awesome, almost unbelievable, and if he ever gets to the point of taking a normal swing, look out because Dave will be busting fences all over the National League."

Obviously the 6-foot, 6-inch, 210-pound Kingman is physical power personified and like Cub Hall-of-Famer Ernie Banks, he has "wrists of steel." Those wrists propelled Ernie into the Hall of Fame. If the husky Kingman can put it all together, physical power and wrist strength, he could wind up as one of the game's leading home run hitters.

In April and early May, Kingman was off to a very slow start but the season has a long way to go at this writing.

Most fans may not be aware of the fact that ex-Cub Phil Cavarretta, N.Y. Mets' batting coach, worked with Kingman when he was with that club. Cavarretta



(Photo Courtesy Chicago Cubs)

describes Kingman as a free swinger who strikes out often, but is one of the most aggressive batters at the plate in all of baseball. Rival pitchers will agree to that analysis.

A genuine home run hitter is a fellow who gets 35 or more per season. If Dave Kingman does that for the Cubs, the deal for him that cost so much will be worth every penny Bill Wrigley paid to sign him.

A Kingman-Buckner-Murcer batting punch is the best threat the Cubs have had in many a year. The trio provides the Cubs with a solid power front line.

Incidentally, while in college at the University of Southern California, Dave was a pretty capable pitcher for the Trojans. But hitting is his forte—not the pitcher's mound.

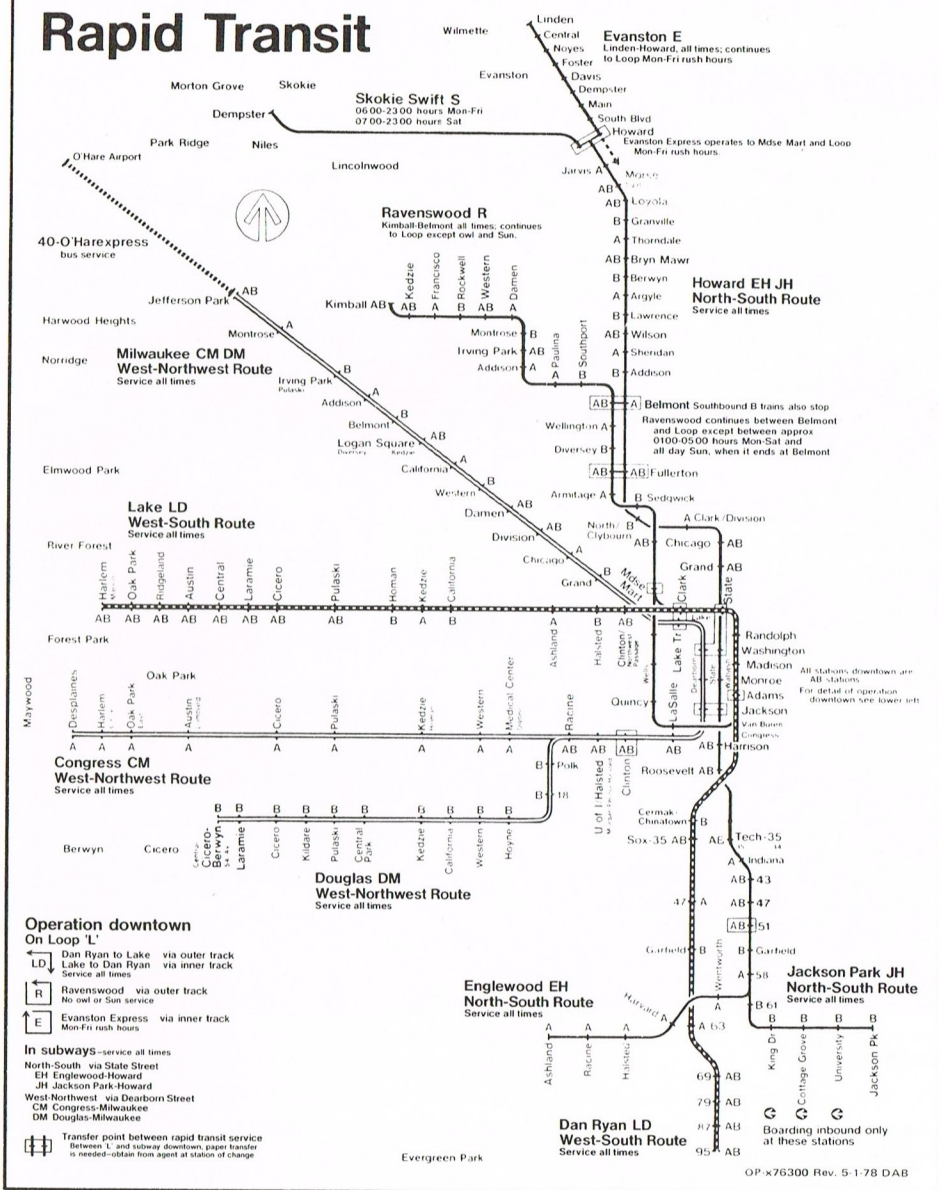
It also seems that the big guy does very well when he returns to his home stamping grounds in Los Angeles.

Just ask Tommy LaSorda. The Dodgers' managers would just as soon Kingman claimed somewhere else besides L. A. as native territory. Kingman likes to ruin Dodgers pitching the same as Bill Buckner, who was a Dodger before coming to the Cubs.

No one is making any predictions at this point. But one thing is certain. The Cubs and Kingman will be winners at the box office in 1978.

The opposite page (page 17) was published early in June as part of a special pamphlet by the CTA for the Rapid Transit Conference of the American Public Transit Association held in Chicago.

Rapid Transit



historical highlights

Rapid transit in Chicago had its start 90 years ago when two companies were incorporated for the purpose of building elevated railroads. Both the South Side and Lake Street railways were formed in 1888.

Two other companies were organized—the Metropolitan West Side "L" in 1892 and the Northwestern "L" in 1893.

The first to operate was the South Side system, known as the Alley "L", which began operations with "dinkey" steam locomotives on June 6, 1892. On the opening day of the World's Columbian Exposition, May 1, 1893, this elevated railway was in full operation between downtown Chicago and the Jackson Park Fairgrounds — a distance of 8½ miles.

Lake Street service started on Nov. 6, 1893, with steam engines also.

Electric motive power was used for the first time when the Metropolitan system began operations May 6, 1895.

The Northwestern system was also constructed for electric operations, and it began service on May 31, 1900. In the meantime, the Lake Street service had been electrified in 1896. The South Side system pioneered the use of multiple unit electric cars in 1898.

The elevated Loop, as we know it today, was completed in 1897 as a common downtown terminal for the four separate companies. Previously each company had its own terminal downtown.

In 1924, the four companies were consolidated as the Chicago Rapid Transit Company.

In 1938, the City of Chicago began constructing two downtown subways. The State Street subway was completed in 1943; the Dearborn subway in 1951.

The Chicago Transit Authority began operating the rapid transit system on Oct. 1, 1947, after acquiring properties of the Chicago Rapid Transit Company. (At that time, the CTA also acquired the Chicago Surface Lines.)

On June 22, 1958, the CTA began operating the rapid transit route in the Congress (now Eisenhower) Expressway, as an innovative concept of incorporating rail rapid transit with a highway right-of-way.

Similar rapid transit routes were opened in the Dan Ryan Expressway on Sept. 29, 1969, and in the Kennedy Expressway on Feb. 1, 1970.

On April 20, 1964, the CTA began operating Skokie Swift as a fast, non-stop shuttle service between a suburban area and a major terminal. Skokie Swift was the first rapid transit project to receive a demonstration grant from the federal government.

cta rapid transit system

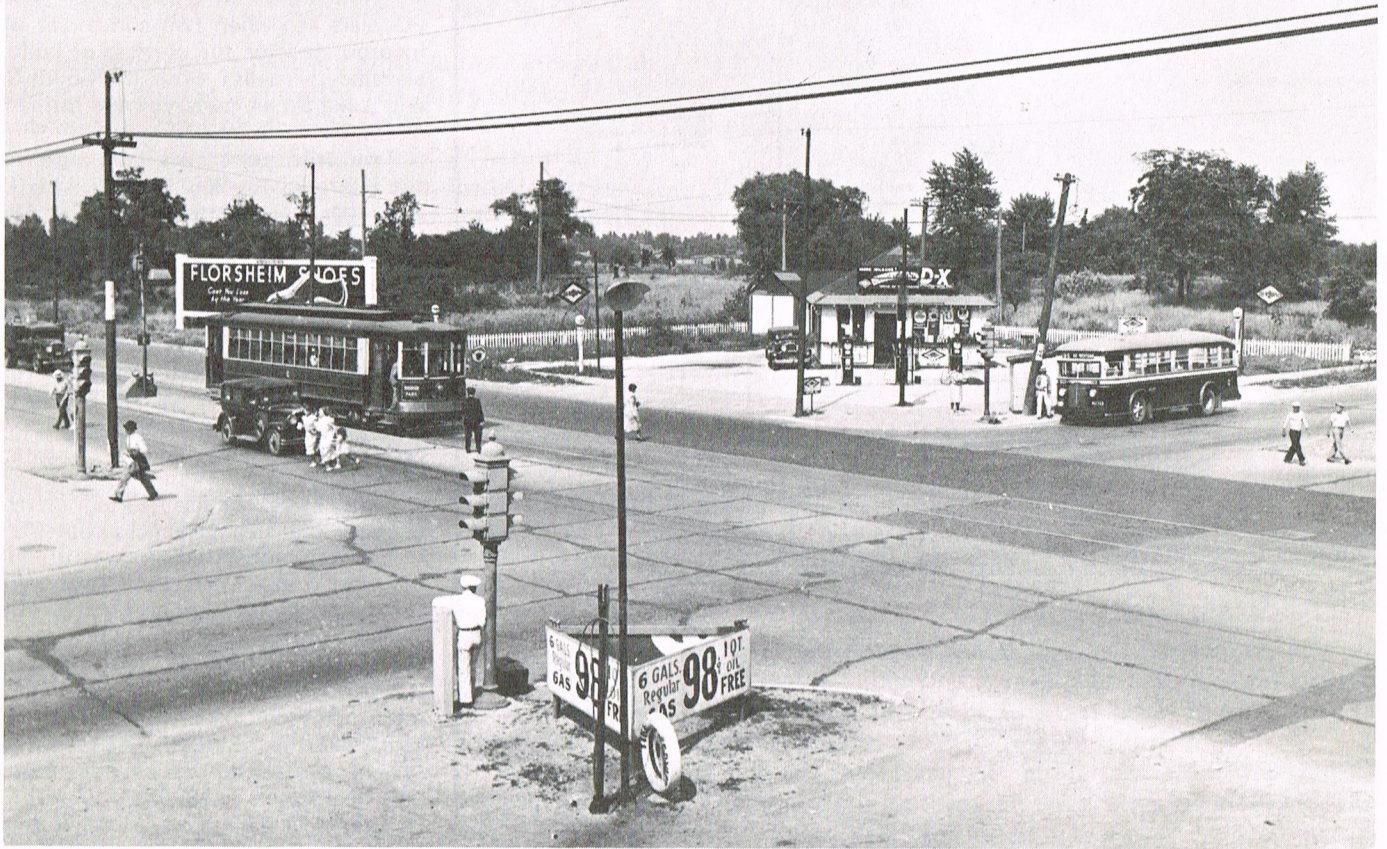
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	Right-of-Way (First Track)	All Tracks *	
Elevated on Structure, Embankment or Fill	50.0	113.1	88
Expressway	22.2	44.1	22
Subway	10.1	20.3	20
Grade Level with Street Crossings	5.7	11.3	10
Below Grade Level, Open Cut	1.4	2.8	—
Total	89.4	191.6	140

* Not including 40 miles of tracks in yards

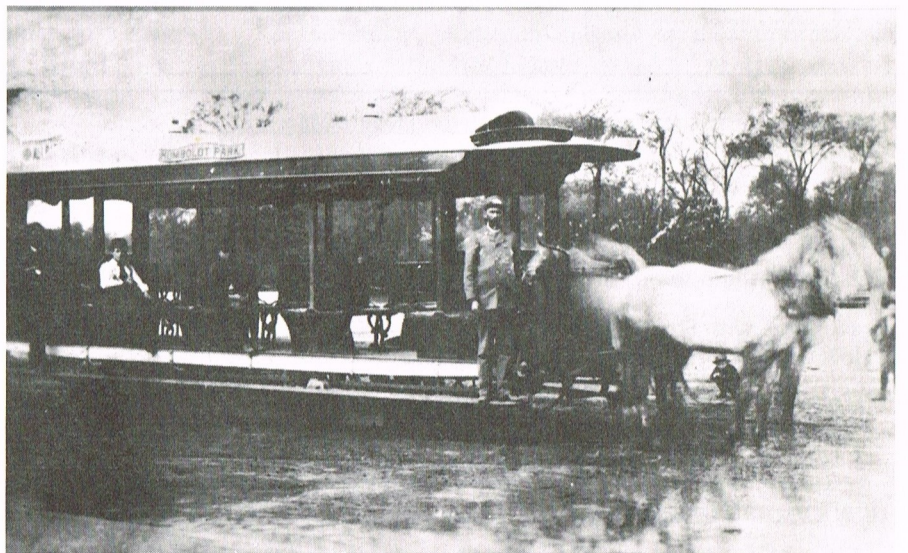
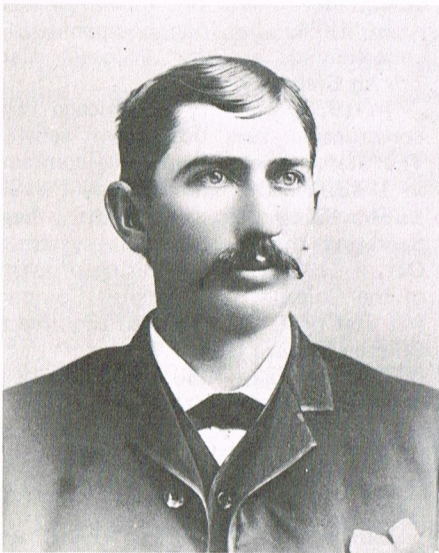
ridership and operations

	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Originating Riders	308,000	139,000	54,300
Transfer from CTA/RTA buses	192,500	93,000	72,100
Non-Revenue	13,500	5,500	4,100
Total Riders	514,000	237,500	130,500
Scheduled Cars	889	280	165
Train Trips	2,400	2,064	1,424

Transit of Yesteryear



95th Street and Western Avenue Looking Northeast, 1935



This dapper transit employee was Frederick Rohr, a conductor of the Chicago West Division Railway Company, an early streetcar operator. Rohr's great-grandson is Edward Schalk, superintendent, office procedures and budget, Engineering Department. Schalk sent Transit News this picture to share with our readers. The picture was taken in 1886, probably in Humboldt Park. Rohr was a transit employee until he died in 1933 at the age of 72.

Promotions

Noreen C. Scanlan has been appointed supervisor, Human Resources Information Center. She was formerly personnel analyst, Job Classification, in the same department. In Materials Management, Victor L. Johnson, former unit supervisor, Stores Procedures, has been named supervisor, Data Processing Operations; and David L. Stevens has moved from supervisor, Purchasing Contract Negotiations, to supervisor, Buyers.

Nick K. Simonetti, former foreman, electrical workers, has become unit supervisor, Vehicle Maintenance, South Shops. Now serving as management/professional interns, Transportation, are former bus instructors John H. Grayer, Neville C. Keller, and Robert Williams.

In Financial Services, Maynard Ellis, former methods and procedures analyst, has become computer liaison coordinator. Also in Financial Services, Arnell V. Allen, former conductor, North Section, has been selected balance clerk; and Lucie L. Bleers, former switchboard operator, Management Services, has been named payables and materials utility clerk.

Four new bus servicers have been chosen by Vehicle Maintenance; they are former bus drivers Eugene Graham (69th Street) and Carol J. Evans (Beverly), and former South Section conductors Mel Maldonado Jr. and Bertrand Haynes Jr.

Now serving as bus and truck mechanics, South Shops, are former bus repairers Lorenzo Ballard Jr. (Campaign) and Jairam M. Seedo (North Avenue). New as bus and truck mechanic helper, Vehicle Maintenance, is Arthur Adams, former ticket agent, South Section; while John S. Small, former bus repairer, North Avenue, has become bus and truck mechanic apprentice.

Anthony J. Velcich, former stock clerk, Materials

Management-Stores, has been named material coordinator, South Shops, and Edward P. Blicharz, former combination clerk coordinator, Vehicle Maintenance Production Supply Control, has become supply control coordinator, Skokie Shop.

In Plant Maintenance, Carole M. Novak, formerly unassigned, working in Human Resources-Employment and Placement, has been selected material control clerk; Timothy J. Brucker, former ticket agent, North Section, has been assigned as 'B' helper; and James Gage, former mobile equipment operator, Stores, has been named shipping clerk.

Selected as station clerks by Transportation were Cleotha Carter, former ticket agent, West Section, and Arthur Williams, former bus driver, 52nd Street. Also in Transportation, Michael A. Nelson has moved from bus driver, 69th Street, to service truck chauffeur, Utility.

Chester Urban and Gerald R. Poces have been promoted from stock clerk I to stock clerk II, Materials Management-Stores. New in Materials Management as a utility clerk is Linda S. Coleman, former typist, Insurance and Pensions.

Now serving as position control clerk, Human Resources-Job Classification, is Tomoko Smart, former keypunch operator, Datacenter; and in the same department, Carol Musto, former unassigned clerk typist, has been named clerk II.

Diana Blaino, former clerk-stenographer, Maintenance, has been selected utility clerk, Claims/Real Estate/Sales; Timothy Jacobs, former laborer, Skokie Shop, has become token clerk, Treasury; and Betty Paczkowski, former typist, Human Resources-Employment and Placement, has been chosen clerk III, Transportation-Security.

Donald Thiclin, former bus driver, 69th Street, has become principal mail clerk, Management Services, and, in Operations Planning, Joseph E. Ritrovato has moved from schedule clerk to schedule control clerk.



Drivers Lowell Brubach, Pearlle Mae Williams, and Rafael Gonzales (left to right), were honored for their outstanding performances when North Park won the First Quarter 1978 Public Safety Award in garage competition. North Park's accident rate of 9.19 per 100,000 miles of operation was 13 per cent lower than the systemwide rate, while its passenger frequency rate of 1.82 was 3 per cent below the average.



Conductors James W. Colles (second from left) and Eugene U. Taylor hold special recognition certificates they received during safety award ceremony at Jefferson Park attended by Tom Boyle (left), manager, Safety, and Jim Blaa, manager, Transportation. Jefferson Park's combined traffic and accident frequency rate during the first quarter of 1978 was 0.36, or one accident per 300,000 miles of operation.

Illinois Arts Council Wins Award for Poetry Car Cards

(Please see back cover for June car card.)

"Here is some good news for all of us," said Miss Jennifer Moyer, artists' program coordinator for the Illinois Arts Council, in a memorandum dated June 2.

Miss Moyer reported that the Illinois Arts Council had won a design award for the series of six poetry car cards for display on CTA buses and trains.

The design award was won in a competition known as "Chicago '78" sponsored by a group of organizations under the name of Communications Collaborative.

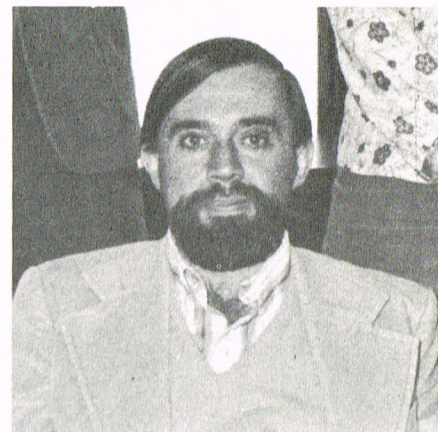
The winning CTA poetry car cards will go on display with other communicating arts winners on July 21 in the first floor gallery of Sears Tower.

For the Arts Council's poetry car cards, Kerig Pope was in charge of the design. He also personally did the design for CTA poetry car cards that went up in buses and rapid transit cars in June.

The poet for the CTA poetry car card



Kerig Pope



Ted Schaefer

for June was Ted Schaefer, of Antioch, who teaches English at the College of Lake County in Grayslake. His poetry and fiction

have appeared in the Saturday Review, Village Voice, Northwest Review, and other magazines. He also writes book reviews.



One happy fella is John H. Lynch (third from left), former superintendent of Archer, who retired May 1 after 41 years of service. Shown with him at a retirement party held in his honor on June 4 at Burbank Manor in Burbank, Ill., are (left to right) Harry Reddrick, director of personnel, Transportation, James Blaa, manager, Transportation, Lynch, Harold Geissenheimer, manager, General Operations, and Frank Wsol, area superintendent, Near South.



Jose Ascencio (left), rail janitor, Loop Area, was highly commended at a recent Board meeting for his outstanding dedication to his job, and willingness to assist riders beyond the call of duty. With him are his son (center), Dr. Juan Ascencio, who is interning at Presbyterian-St. Luke's hospital and was a former summer CTA conductor, and J. J. Repplinger, manager of Maintenance.



Congratulations to Juanita Fields, office equipment clerk, Office Services, who was graduated May 11 from Malcolm X Junior College with an associate degree in business. Juanita had been attending Malcolm X for the past five years, and hopes to be accepted at Chicago State University in September. Juanita is shown with her son, Aaron, who was graduated from Chicago Vocational this June with a major in electronic maintenance, and her daughter, Anedria.



Congratulations to Dr. B. Pierzynski who celebrated his 50th year as a physician. Dr. Pierzynski works on CTA's Mobile Examining Unit. He interned at St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital and became a staff member there. After retiring from private practice, he came to CTA in 1969. He and his wife, Stephanie, reside in Elmwood Park.



Virginia and Vincenzo Gariti celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently at Esposito's Restaurant, with four children, 15 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren among the 170 relatives and friends attending the festivities. Mr. Gariti started with the Chicago Surface Lines on May 1, 1936, and retired on Dec. 1, 1969 from Forest Glen garage. Mr. Gariti also celebrated his 73rd birthday which was the same day as the party.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Famera of North Riverside recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Famera is a retired CTA bus driver. He worked for the CTA and the Chicago Surface Lines for 43 years. A concelebrated mass in Mater Christi church, North Riverside, and a reception for 140 persons were held in their honor.

NEW PENSIONERS

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



L. T. USPEL
42 Years



J. J. VALAUSKAS
40 Years



E. H. BEHRENS
40 Years



M. M. MILOS
40 Years

LEROY G. ANDERSON, Carpenter Foreman, Maintenance, Emp. 3-28-49
EDWARD H. BEHRENS, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 8-18-37
ROY F. BOWERS, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 8-15-42
JAMES D. BROWN, Operator, Archer, Emp. 4-26-48
JAMES CALLOWAY, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 1-23-51
PAULINE M. HARALAMOS, Typist I, West Shops, Emp. 4-20-48
ELBERT P. JONES, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 5-03-51
JOHN J. KALISZEWSKI, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 5-05-47
EUGENE KANE, Switchman, South Section, Emp. 2-06-51
JOSEPH H. KUREK, Machinist, Skokie Shop, Emp. 7-10-52
LAWRENCE P. LEWIS, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 5-05-55
JOSEPH T. LYNCH, Schedule Clerk, Schedules, Emp. 6-01-48
LUTHER C. MC CLELLAN, Collector, Archer, Emp. 6-20-57
CARLTON L. MIELKE, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 8-12-41
MARION M. MILOS, Blacksmith, Maintenance, Emp. 8-16-37
ALBERT E. POWERS, Traffic Checker, Schedules, Emp. 5-26-48

WALTER J. RICKERT, Asst. Dist. Supt., District D, Emp. 10-13-43
WILLIAM H. ROWAN, Instructor, District C, Emp. 7-29-41
CLARENCE J. SCHULTZ, Comb. Clerk, Maintenance, Emp. 5-01-47
GUS L. SMEROS, Car Repairer B, Kimball, Emp. 5-04-51
LEO T. USPEL, Instructor, 69th Street, Emp. 1-19-36
JOSEPH J. VALAUSKAS, Bus Repairer, Archer, Emp. 8-10-37
JOSEPH T. VIRRUSO, Bus & Truck Mech. Leader, South Shops, Emp. 2-16-49
WALTER J. WARCHOL, Bus Repairer, North Avenue, Emp. 8-26-47
NICHOLAS J. ZAHN, Schedule Clerk, Schedules, Emp. 7-15-46
JOSEPH A. ZIEMBA, Operator, Archer, Emp. 4-19-51

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

SIDNEY J. HUTNICK, Operator, North Park, Emp. 1-19-61
HAROLD R. MC GANN, Asst. Foreman, 77th Street, Emp. 9-06-47
WILLIE L. SMITH, Operator, Limits, Emp. 8-22-66

IN MEMORIAM

MERRILL ANTHONY, 60, West District, Emp. 12-19-45, Died 4-07-78
SHELBY D. BARBER, 80, West Shops, Emp. 6-28-34, Died - - -
LOUIS BRENNER, 86, West Section, Emp. 9-17-13, Died 4-01-78
HENRIETTA A. BROWN, 86, West Section, Emp. 7-03-39, Died 4-01-78
JOHN CASHMAN, 81, West Section, Emp. 4-11-45, Died 3-22-78
LEO J. FORD, 69, West Section, Emp. 7-25-45, Died 4-19-78
THOMAS P. HOGAN, 68, Control Center, Emp. 1-20-31, Died 4-10-78
ELMER LIPPNER, 70, Beverly, Emp. 10-25-44, Died 4-21-78
GODFREY LOGERQUIST, 93, North Section, Emp. 10-04-19, Died 4-14-78
MICHAEL J. LYONS, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 1-09-13, Died 4-04-78
JOHN MC KENNA, 70, Trng. & Accident Prev., Emp. 10-11-30, Died 4-18-78
JOSEPH MICHALCZUK, 62, Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-02-32, Died 4-24-78
JOHN A. MOHAWK, 69, North Park, Emp. 8-12-41, Died 4-20-78
WILLIAM A. NEGELE, 76, North Park, Emp. 8-09-23, Died 4-09-78
BERNARD J. O'BRIEN, 71, West Section, Emp. 4-23-26, Died 4-19-78
MARTIN O'GRADY, 91, 69th Street, Emp. 6-07-12, Died 4-24-78
JOHN S. PIEGZIK, 88, Shops & Equipment, Emp. 7- -09, Died 4-16-78
ROBERT J. SCHEPKE, 81, North Park, Emp. 12-29-26, Died 4-10-78
ARTHUR B. SCHNEE, 71, Keeler, Emp. 11-28-42, Died 4-19-78

Service anniversaries in June

40 years



J. C. Kovarik
Maintenance

35 years

N. P. Aleo, Maintenance
H. V. Forbes, North Avenue
J. J. O'Connor, Central Counting
M. Vitale, Claims

30 years

R. J. Blair, South Shops
E. Blakely, Photographic
T. J. Basgall, Forest Glen
L. Jackson, Training Center
B. A. Jones, Electrical
W. E. Kelley, 77th Street
P. J. Kielty, South Shops
B. Konarski, North Park
C. J. Kotara, Electrical
J. D. Lasinski, Instruction
C. D. Mays, Central Counting
J. E. McKennie, South Shops
P. C. Owens, 77th Street
L. Rockmore, 77th Street
H. Thomas, 52nd Street

25 years

G. M. Butler, Limits
J. Carter Jr., 77th Street
D. A. Daley, Central District
J. A. Farr, 69th Street
J. J. Gingras, Systems Development
I. L. Henderson, Beverly
J. H. Henderson, Limits
A. D. Herrick, North Avenue
R. H. Owens, Schedules
J. West Jr., South Agents

JOHN J. VOLINO, 78, West Section, Emp. 11-15-44, Died 4-18-78
NEIL F. WARREN, 81, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-25-27, Died 4-01-78
VERNON R. WENNERBERG, 73, Keeler, Emp. 8-26-36, Died 4-23-78
WALTER J. WIDINSKI, 61, Skokie Shop, Emp. 9-10-37, Died 4-16-78
JOHN J. WIESOLEK, 51, Electrical, Emp. 3-24-47, Died 4-26-78
VIGGO T. WINDFELD, 69, North Avenue, Emp. 8-08-41, Died 3-15-78

Third Anniversary Celebration

Nearly 300 persons attended the third anniversary meeting of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization at Ferrara Manor, North and Central avenues. The organization holds its monthly meetings in Ferrara Manor on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 4:30 p.m.

Joe Nolan, the organization's general manager, said their membership continues to grow and now is near the 1,000 mark. Membership is open to all retirees from the CTA and the West Towns Bus Company.

(CTA photos by Mike Hoffer)



Mr. & Mrs. Thaddeus Kusiak



Mr. & Mrs. Jack Harty



Mr. & Mrs. James Nesbitt



Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zima



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bucaro



Mr. & Mrs. George May



Theresa Knor & Howard Walsh



Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ciucio



Mr. & Mrs. James Richardson



Mr. & Mrs. John O'Connor



Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Jearas

Dinner Dance Planned

The CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization is sponsoring a dinner dance Aug. 23 for CTA employees and retirees in the Sabre Room, 8900 W. 95th st., Hickory Hills. Featured will be the Guy Lombardo Orchestra.

Fran Knautz, ticket chairman, said there will be an advance sale of 1,100 tickets. Tickets are \$10 each.

Checks should be made payable to the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization, Inc., and mailed to Fran C. Knautz, 6450 N. Leoti av., Chicago, 60646, or to Joe Nolan, the organization's general manager, 1304 N. Laramie av., Chicago, 60651.

A cash bar will open at 6 p.m. Dinner of roast beef, french fried chicken, and mostaccioli, with rolls, vegetable, salad, coffee, and dessert will be served beginning at 7.

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NATURAL PROTECTION

When I step off
the kitchen porch
a soft gray mass
of birds starts up
and circles the roof.
Feather to feather they settle
as a single mind
in the magic ring of oaks
that shields this house
from random evil.

Ted Schaefer

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