

NIPPERSINK

Employees Share A Fun-filled Day at Group Travel Plan's First Outing

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Group Travel Plan Off To Good Start

The CTA's new Group Travel Plan for employees and retirees got off to a good start Sept. 17 with a one-day outing at the Nippersink Manor Resort in Genoa City, Wis.

"Fantastic" was the way Mrs. Harriett Murphy, special projects coordinator in the Department of Human Resources, summed up the day. She is in charge of the Group Travel Plan, which is being administered under the Employee Welfare Fund.

More than 300 CTAers, at a charge of \$33 each for the day, traveled by chartered buses to the Nippersink Resort. The photographs give a graphic account of the many activities of this initial Travel Plan event, which included a country style breakfast and a buffet luncheon.

Mrs. Murphy reported that a survey has indicated that most employees are in favor of having four major events or trips a year under the new Group Travel Plan. She said the next event confirmed for Jan. 20-26 will combine Disney World, a private Super Bowl Party, and a Caribbean Cruise at a cost of \$650-\$699. For reservations contact Harriet Murphy, ext. 751, Mart.

The Employee Welfare Fund, which is separate from the CTA, derives its funds from profits of vending machines accessible only to CTA employees at various work locations. Its principal activities have been assisting employees in times of dire emergencies and supporting organized athletic programs.

(CTA photos by Mike Hoffert)



Theresa Urban, Nippersink owner, shown with Leon Barry, greeted all the CTAers as they arrived.



While waiting for the later buses to arrive, Pat Banks and Lois Littleton learned juggling from Larry Stein of the Nippersink staff (left) and Verneda Scott played Hop-Scotch.



Trying their luck in the bingo games (above) were, left to right, Carol Hardy, Delores Bryd, Adeline Scott, Roosevelt Nelson, Dee DuBois, and Ruth Gales.

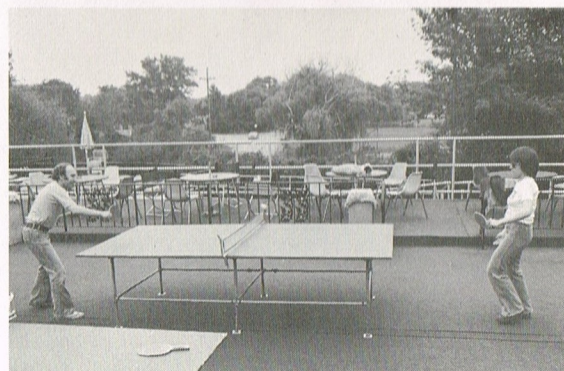
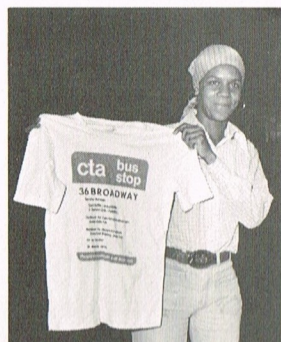
Bessie Pleasant won a kerosene lamp as a bingo prize (right).

Many door prizes were donated by CTA departments including a T-shirt won by Yvonne Tuck (below) and a set of CTA Historic Posters (below right) presented to Elcosie Gresham, left, by retiree Agis Bray.



Cover Photos

1. Arrival at Nippersink Manor.
2. Joe Collymore, Travel Information Center, won the largest Bingo prize.
3. Barbara Reeves, Central Assignment, played "Lets Make a Deal" Bingo and traded for the mystery prize behind the curtain, Henrietta, the chicken. Barbara opted for four dozen fresh eggs because Henrietta could not ride home on the bus.
4. Rosemarie Ritrovato, Treasury, pondered the fine art of horsemanship as her horse backed into a cornfield.
5. Enjoying a boat ride, left to right, Clara Harris, Maxine McDonald, James McDonald, and James McLane.
6. Tap dancing lessons from Theresa Urban, Nippersink owner, were enjoyed by, left to right, Yvonne Tuck, Frank Ippolito, Clara Bray (behind Theresa), Barbara Taylor, Elaine Ippolito, Marilyn Gresham, and Cora B. Johnson.
7. Ron Tuck danced with his wife Yvonne (left) and Irma Pryor at the Disco Party.
8. Tennis stars, left to right, Vertna Smith, Gail Bowen, Claudette Bryant, and Mary King.



Dave Phillips and Beata Welsh played ping-pong on the sun deck (left) while Marti Hallock rowed across the lake.



The Group Travel Plan's next event will be held Jan. 20-26, 1979, and will feature:

DISNEY WORLD SUPER BOWL PARTY and CARIBBEAN CRUISE

Cost will be \$650-699. Contact Harriett Murphy, ext. 751, Mart for reservations.

Out for a pleasant afternoon on the bridal path, left to right, Kimberly Miles, Barbara Mitu, William Miles, and Ozetta Portis.



W. Edward Nash scored a hole-in-one on the indoor putting range (left).

Ron Tuck attempts to steal the basketball from a Nippersink staff member. Other CTAsers on the court are Ron Hawkins, Tommy Artis, and Larry Murphy (right).



Burt and Evelyn Bosan sampled the delicious buffet luncheon (left).

Card games were a popular indoor activity (right). Shown here, left to right, are Charlie Lee, R. Glover, Larry Stein (Nippersink), Carrie Miles, and Clara Harris, standing.



Two first prizes in the raffle of \$50 each were awarded after the luncheon. Marie Quintanar (left) received her prize from Joseph Kubicki, Archer Credit Union, and Harriett Murphy, project coordinator for the Group Travel Plan. William Donahue (center, right), 69th Street Credit Union, presented the other top prize to Debbie Robinson.



George Krambles, CTA Executive Director, center, and Fred King, Manager, Personnel, right, congratulated Harriett Murphy, left, and Travel Plan volunteers for the success of their first outing.

Volunteers shown above with Harriett Murphy are, left to right: Florence Plant, Tommy Artis, Michael Guice, Pam Marshall, Harriett, Jimmy Robinson, Marilyn Hayward, Beata Welsh, and Lois Littleton.

A News Story Read Throughout The Country

The Associated Press transmits its news articles in different ways. If the article is considered to be of interest within a state, it is sent on the "state wire." If it is of interest to a region, such as the midwest, it is sent only to newspapers within the region. If the article is considered to be of wide general interest, it is sent on the "national wire" to all AP-member newspapers in the country. This article, written by Charles Chamberlain, of the Chicago AP Bureau, was sent on the national wire, which meant that it appeared in numerous newspapers throughout the country.

Blind Jeanne Clark and her seeing-eye dog, Sheba, waited on the corner of Ogden and Monroe for their extra-special bus driver.

Precisely at 3:58 p.m., Walter Ruscik, a Chicago Transit Authority driver for 29 years, wheeled his bus toward the corner.

Sheba began barking. Mrs. Clark, a small red-haired woman with a gracious smile and wit, knew it was her favorite bus driver stopping for her as he had every working day for the last 18 months.

Ruscik opened the door and Sheba led the woman to her "reserved" seat just behind the driver. Sheba then sat at Ruscik's side.

"How are you today, doll?" Ruscik greeted Mrs. Clark. Other passengers said "Hello, Jeanne, what's new?"

Sheba placed her head on Ruscik's lap. He pulled some small dog biscuits from his pocket and gave them to her. "What do you say, Sheba?"

Sheba barked. Every now and then, Ruscik would give her a couple of more biscuits. The passengers laughed at Sheba and chatted with Jeanne.

Then suddenly the laughter stopped. Ruscik announced that this was Jeanne and Sheba's last ride with him.

"Jeanne has reached 65 and is retiring today," said Ruscik on the bus ride last Friday. He placed a little package in Mrs. Clark's hand.

"It's perfume, doll," he said. The little blind woman tried to smile, but she couldn't. She just said, "Thank you very much. We will miss taking this bus. We will miss the other regular passengers."

Then it was time for her to get off. Ruscik gave Sheba another biscuit. "Goodbye, Jeanne, I'll miss you and Sheba." Everyone on the bus said, "Goodbye, Jeanne, God be with you."



For years Jeanne had worked for the welfare department. This was her last day.

"I live by myself, except for Sheba," she said. "My husband died years ago. I lost two daughters in the last three years. I have nice neighbors. But I will miss people like Ruscik."

Ruscik, 56, father of four children, said that Jeanne "was something special."

"I have a lot of regulars, but none like Jeanne. She sort of made the day for me, and I think I helped make it for her," he said. "She was very witty, and made us laugh. I looked forward to that bus stop where she and her dog would be waiting in all kinds of weather near where she worked. And she was always writing sweet poems. One was about a bus driver. I carry it with me."

"The funniest story she ever told us was about the time she was trying to cross a street near the Skid Row area," Ruscik said. "A man tried to help her across, but he had been drinking a little and staggered a little. But they got across safely. Then a policeman on the other side tried to arrest the man. Jeanne said she told the cop that the man helped her and wasn't at all that drunk."

"I'm not taking him in for that, ma'm," explained the officer. "I know you can't see. But he hasn't got any pants on."

"I have Jeanne's North Side address," said Ruscik. "I'm going to invite her to Thanksgiving dinner with our family. I'll drive my car over and pick her up. I can't think of that sweet little woman being alone."



On board the first bus on new West Route.

West Route to Ethnic Museums, Garfield Park Conservatory Added to Culture Bus Service

Buses To Operate Thru Fall And Into The Winter

The success of the RTA-CTA Culture Bus service has been punctuated by these two major developments:

- * A new West Culture Bus Route has been added on the west and near-south sides to serve five ethnic museums and the Garfield Park Conservatory.

- * A decision has been made to operate the Culture Bus routes on Sundays throughout the fall and into the winter.

Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic, who are very supportive of the Culture Bus service, rode on the first bus Oct. 1 on the new West Route.

Among others taking the initial ride were CTA Chairman James J. McDonough; Lewis Hill, new RTA Chairman; CTA Board Member Mathilda Jakubowski; Board Member Ernie Banks and Mrs. Banks; and Ms. Janice S. Crebbs, Executive Director of the Chicago Council on Fine Arts.

In addition to the Garfield Park Conservatory, the new West Culture Route makes these stops: Polish Museum of America, 984 Milwaukee av.; Ukrainian National Museum, 2453 Chicago av., with the Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art nearby at 2320 Chicago av.; Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, 4012 Archer av.; and the Ling Long Museum, 2238 Wentworth av., in Chinatown.

The new West Culture Bus Route is in addition to the popular South and North Culture Bus Routes which have attracted increasing ridership from the starting point at the Art Institute on Michigan avenue at Adams street.

As of Oct. 8, more than 64,000 rides had been taken on the Culture Buses. Last year, when the service was ended on the fourth Sunday of October, riding totaled 42,500 rides.

"The Culture Buses have proved to be so popular this year that we believe many persons of all ages will also enjoy this special Sunday service during the winter for sight-seeing trips and for visiting museums and other attractions," said George Krambles, CTA Executive Director.

"As the days get shorter, it will be necessary to adjust the operating hours and trips accordingly; but the Sunday Culture Bus service still will be very enjoyable and worthwhile," he said.

(CTA photos by Bert Cadney)



Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic with (left to right) Mike Cramer and Steve Hastalis, Culture Bus commentators, and George Krambles, CTA Executive Director.



Among those greeting Mayor and Mrs. Bilandic at the Polish Museum of America were (left to right) Miss Sabina Logisz, secretary of the museum; Mrs. Mathilda Jakubowski, CTA Board member; Edwin Cudecki, president of the museum; and Walter L. Sojka, treasurer of the museum.



Ernie and Mrs. Banks (left) chat with Mrs. Bilandic and Ms. Janice Crebbs, Executive Director, Chicago Council on Fine Arts.

All CTA Buses Now Radio Equipped

All of the CTA's 2,400 buses are now equipped with a modern communications system.

This important project, which represents a major milestone in technological advancement for the CTA, was completed when the equipment was installed on a remaining 230 buses.

The new communications system for the CTA's surface operations consists of these three parts:

- * Two-way radio communications between buses and the Control Center in the Merchandise Mart.

- * A silent-alarm emergency device by which a busdriver can send a distress signal to the Control Center in the event the two-way radio cannot be used.

- * An automatic bus-locator system by which the Control Center can quickly pinpoint the location of a bus in distress. This is a unique system that has been developed by the CTA not only for its use, but also as a model for the transit industry.

The equipping of buses with this new communications system also has been accompanied by an expansion of the CTA's broadcast capability.

For surface operations, the CTA now has six radio channels, as compared with two previously. Of the six channels now in use, four channels are for the buses and two are for supervisory work.

Pictured on these pages are drivers, bus controllers, and others using the new system.



Assistant Superintendent Herman Miles, left, and Area Superintendent Lester Racker.



Darden Fuller

George Hatchett



George Collins



Ken Kusek



John Batzel



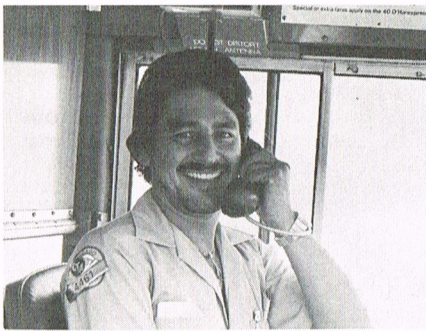
Bill Karcher



Terry Pierre



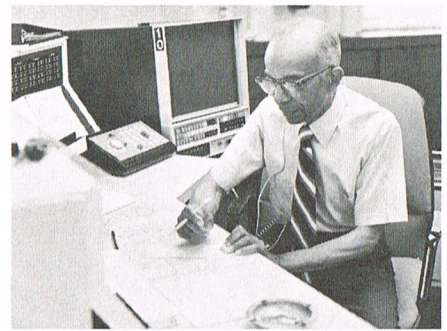
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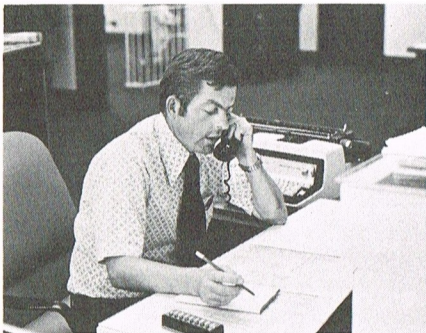
Armando Gonzalez



Carol Turner



William Taylor



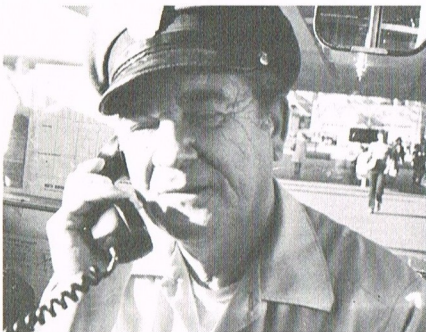
George Hand



Donald Corbin, District A Supervisor



John Leahy checks the tape console that records all voice transmissions between controllers and bus and rail operating personnel and supervisors.



Bob Geiser, Traffic Supervisor



Robert Chambers



Mike Bowman



Ed Wojdyla, District D Supervisor



Roy Mohler



J. C. Hall



Katy Moriarty



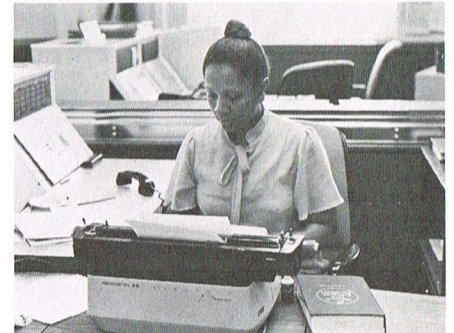
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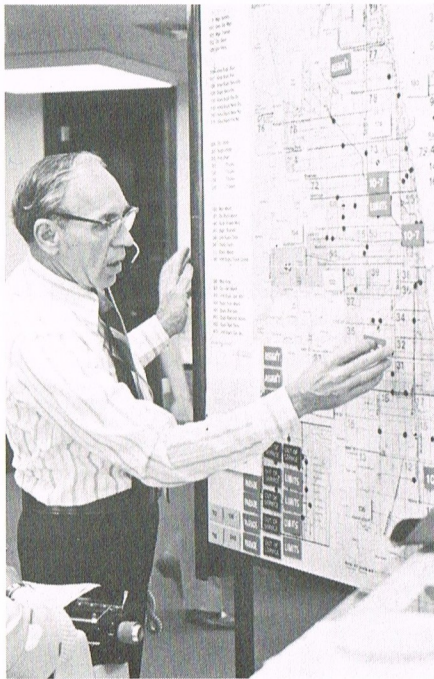
Darden Fuller reads the control room's teletyped weather reports which are received directly from the U.S. Weather Service.



Beverly Chapman, Clerk



Carol Kimbrough, Clerk



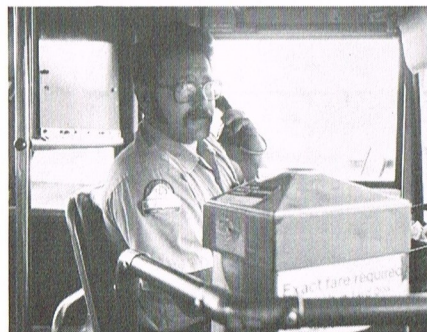
John Leahy updates system map showing locations of district and street supervisors.



Joe Ulasz



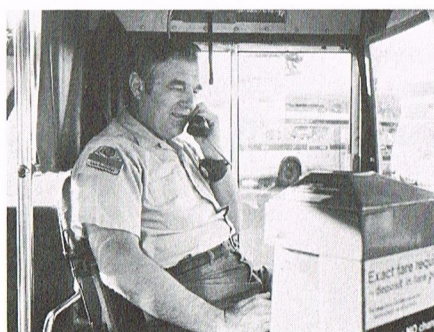
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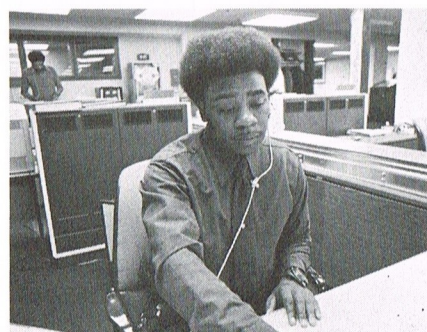
Michael Matas



Dorothy Harris



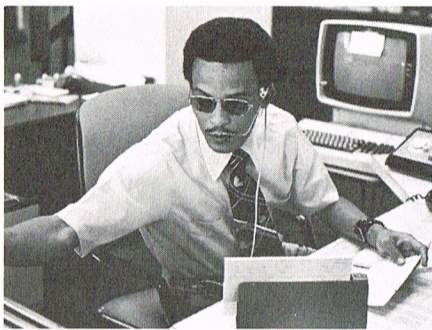
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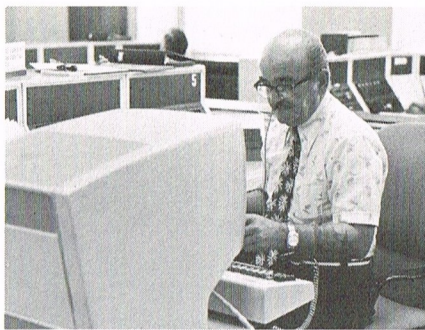
Stanley Wiggins



Sadie Brooks



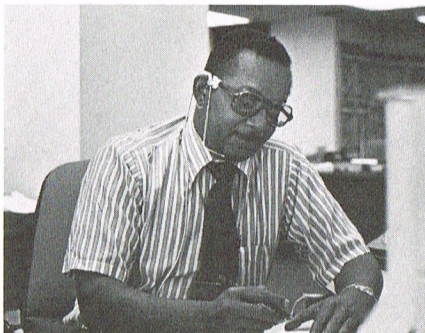
Derrick Robinson



Raymond Lugai



Harry Bowles



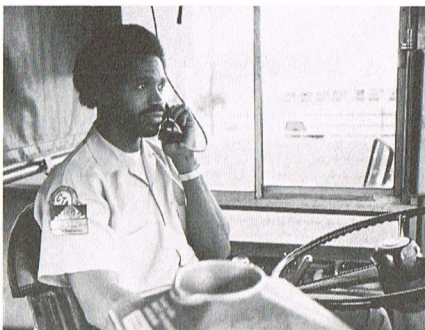
George Booker



Walter Bunch locates fire alarm file index card after receiving bell and tape message direct from the Chicago Fire Department, for possible rerouting.



Gerald Hogan reads over the computer printout of bus and rapid transit repair orders sent to the garages and terminals.



Emmett Beard



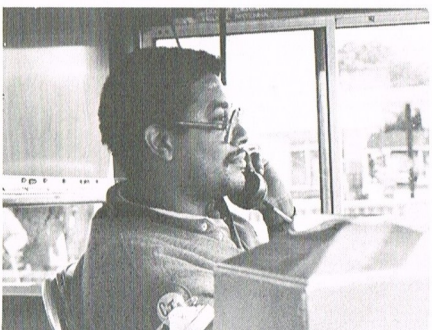
Michael Sanchez, Traffic Supervisor



Eugene Daniels



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Tyrone Culbreath

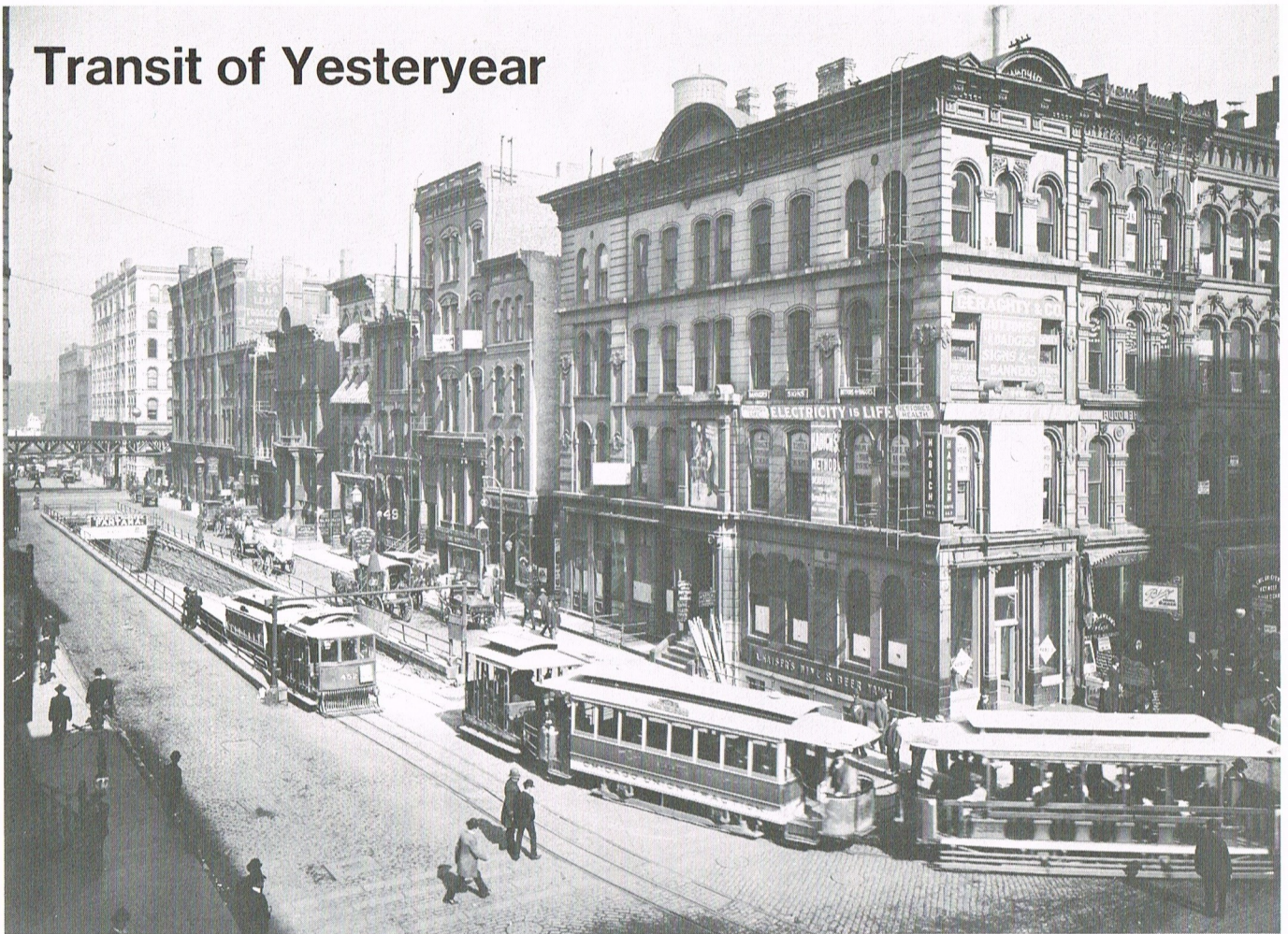


Joseph Stumpf



Assistant Superintendent Joseph Daquilante

Transit of Yesteryear



LaSalle and Randolph streets, looking northeast (above), about 1906.

After its debut at the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893 in the Midway Plaisance near Jackson Park, the world's first Ferris wheel then served as a popular attraction along the Clark street cable car route on the north side. The photograph, about 1898, is looking east in Drummond place toward Clark street. The area on the left side of the picture is the site of CTA's Limits Garage. The original Ferris wheel, named after its inventor, George Ferris, of Galesburg, Ill., was taken from Chicago to the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904.



Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, who is now Pope John Paul II, paused for a brief interview on the steps of Holy Name Cathedral on Aug. 20, 1976, when he and 15 other Roman Catholic bishops visited Chicago during a tour of American cities with large Polish populations. While in Chicago, the group chartered a CTA bus to see the sights of the city. CTAers handling the charter were (left to right) Dan Villanueva, bus instructor; Bill Reynolds, supervisor, District C, and Eugene Daszkowski, bus operator, North Avenue. The sign on the bus welcomed the prelates from Poland.

(CTA photos by Rich Stanton)



CTA Senior Citizens Hold Hawaiian Dinner Dance

The CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization recently held a Hawaiian night dinner dance at its regular monthly meeting in Ferrara Manor, North and Central avenues. More than 350 persons attended. A number of the retirees sported shirts of many colors. The organization holds a dinner dance on the last Wednesday of each month with cocktails starting at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. followed by dancing. For more information, telephone Joe Nolan at 287-9058. (CTA photos by Art Tonner)



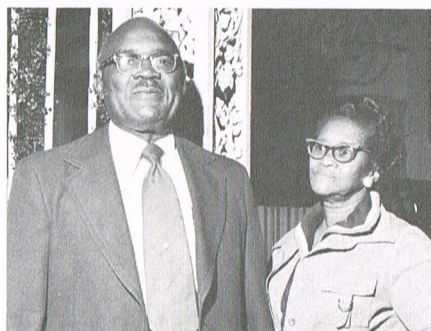
Henry Kalata (Beverly '76) and his wife, Arlyne.



Bruno Trutty (Archer, '78) and his wife, Gertrude, are joined by their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soley.



Myles Harrington (Kedzie, '73) welcomes Mrs. Bernice Dowdall, wife of Peter Dowdall (North Avenue, '73).



Charles Wesley (77th Street, '75) and his wife, Jeanette, get set for the festivities.



Alessandro Carello (West Section, '76) and his wife, Louise.



William Winters (Street Traffic, '76) and his wife, Marion, step in from outside to join the senior's monthly party.



The theme for the monthly meeting was Hawaii, so Harold Williamson (North Avenue, '73) and his wife, Josephine, found a palm tree to stand under.



Rudy Misek (Kedzie '77) and his wife, Alice, await friends' arrival.



From left, Michael Urganus (Kedzie, '64), Thomas Murphy (North Avenue, '72), and Fred Spoeri (Kedzie, '66) gather for a chat.



Armin Muth (Archer, '69) and his wife, Anna, at left, and James Richardson (Kedzie, '75) and his wife, Katherine, gather at the piano in Ferrara Manor. They were attending monthly meeting of CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization.

Promotions

Herbert Lowenstein, who joined the Rapid Transit Company as an extra trainman in 1945, has been appointed area superintendent, Rail Service. He most recently served as superintendent, Rail District-South. Lowenstein became a yard foreman in 1948, a district supervisor in 1955, and a relief district superintendent in 1965, before being named district superintendent four years later. He and his wife, Gertrude, live in West Rogers Park. They have a son and a daughter.

Also in Transportation, Harvey McClinton, former supervisor, Methods/Standards, has been selected superintendent, Methods/Standards and Safety Inspection. McClinton, who has a degree in business administration from Chicago State University, joined CTA as a conductor in 1969. He became a motorman in 1971, a graduate trainee in 1974, and, in 1976, Methods/Standards analyst. McClinton and his wife, Hollistine, make their home in South Chicago with their son and daughter.

Elonzo W. Hill, former assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction, has been named superintendent, Training Center. Hill began his CTA career as a bus driver at Kedzie in 1961. He was appointed traffic supervisor in 1974, instructor in 1975, and management/professional intern in 1976. He and his wife, Barbara, live in the South Avalon Park area with four of their eight children. One of their two sons, Carl, is a conductor out of West Section.

In other job reassignments, John Burns and Sylvester Horbach, both former management/professional interns, have been chosen assistant superintendents, Bus Service. John P. Gill, former senior storekeeper, Materials Management-Stores, has become supervisor, Storerooms, in the same section.

New as management/professional interns, Transportation, are William Mooney, former transit professional trainee, and former bus instructors Kenneth Chrabasz and Horace Brooks. Charles F. Arndt, former transit professional trainee, and David S. Lafferty, former driver, North Park, have been selected planners, Operations Planning.

Dorothy Etscheid has moved from retirement record clerk to pension representative, Insurance & Pensions. Now in Insurance & Pensions as risk management analyst is Charles Anderson III, former education coordinator, Claims/Real Estate/Sales. In Management Services, Jesse L. Barker has been reassigned from senior travel information representative to Travel Information Center instructor.

Also in Management Services are six new travel information representatives: Brendan Gregg and Joe Zukerman, both former drivers, North Park; Andris Kristopans, former conductor, West Section; Donald Liberko, former janitor, Plant



Herbert Lowenstein



Harvey McClinton



Elonzo W. Hill

Maintenance; Linda McElgin, former purchasing clerk, Materials Management; and Angel Delatorre, formerly a bilingual travel information representative in the same section.

Eugene G. Jendrach, former interviewer, Human Resources-Employment & Placement, has been appointed suggestion analyst, Human Resources-Job Classification. In Treasury, John Thurow, former supervisor of money handlers, has become chief clerk, while former money handler Douglass Guest has been named supervisor of money handlers.

Rafael Torres, former traffic checker, Operations Planning-Schedules, has been named traffic clerk in the same section, while William Killion, former driver, 77th Street, has been chosen traffic checker.

Five new trackmen have been selected by Plant Maintenance: Michael Cohen, former electrical worker apprentice, Skokie Shop; Jose M. Perez, former motor cleaner, Howard; Richard Marek, former ticket agent, North Section; and former bus servicers George Mosely (77th Street) and Renato Godinez (69th Street).

New in other Plant Maintenance jobs are Robert L. Fields, carpenter, formerly a carpenter at South Shops; John M. Fritz, production clerk, former audit clerk, Comptroller; and Kenneth Rossow, material coordinator, former shipping clerk, South Shops.

Chosen as bus repairers, Vehicle Maintenance, are Will Intoe, former relief clerk, South Section; Francisco Torres and Robert G. Larsen, both former drivers, Forest Glen; and Lois M. Boley, former driver, Beverly.

Joseph Pulliam and John Melendez, both former car repairers, Howard, are now electrical workers, Skokie Shop. Also at Skokie Shop, Richard C. Bee, former ticket agent, North Section, and Rodney Queen, former car repairer, 98th Street, have become electrical worker apprentices.

James H. Spraggs, former bus repairer, Beverly, has been selected bus and truck mechanic, South Shops. Terry J. Carroll, former conductor, West Section, has been chosen stock clerk, Materials Management-Stores. Alex Fritzler, former signal helper, Plant Maintenance, has been named payroll clerk, Financial Services.

Lorna Copeland, former typist, Insurance & Pensions, is now utility clerk, Claims/Real Estate/Sales. New as a utility clerk, Insurance & Pensions, is Margo Julun, formerly a typist in the same office. Now serving as personnel research clerks, Human Resources-Employment & Placement, are Maria Grabowski, formerly unassigned in the same section, and Debbie L. Bason, former typist, Transportation. Teresa M. Sweeney has been promoted from stenographer I to stenographer II, Security.

McDonough Elected President of American Public Works Association



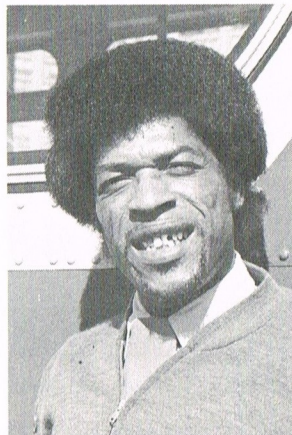
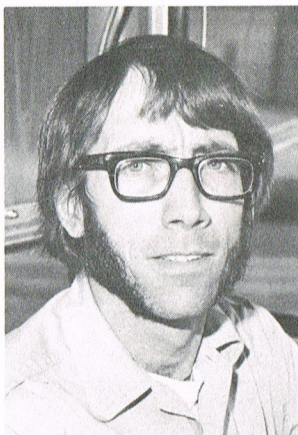
James J. McDonough, CTA Chairman, on Oct. 16 was elected president of the American Public Works Association at the association's annual convention in Boston. The association, with headquarters in Chicago, has 18,000 members in the United States and Canada.

McDonough, who formerly was Chicago Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation, had been the association's vice president during the last year and a member of the association's Board of Directors since 1973. Previously, he served as president of the association's 750-member Chicago Metropolitan Chapter.

In 1972, the American Public Works Association selected McDonough as one of the nation's Top Ten Public Works Men of the Year for his outstanding achievements.

In September, McDonough completed two years of service as chairman of the American Public Transit Association, representing transit systems in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Thomas M. Dunn (Archer garage) was the driver of an Archer bus ridden by Jeanette A. Kelly, of West 55th street. "As we were going west, near Lockwood, everyone on the bus saw an elderly man on the street bend backwards holding his back, obviously in very great pain. The bus was in motion and no one really knew what to do except the driver. He stopped the bus, ran back to the man and assisted him over to the side of the street. Fortunately, just then he was able to hail a passing squad. He gently helped the man into the police car and hurried back to the bus as though it were all in a day's work."



Tommy E. Gumbus (Kedzie garage) won the gratitude of Charles Branch, of North Sacramento boulevard, for helping his mother. "She somehow slipped away from a nursing home on Austin boulevard and got on his Roosevelt bus in the terminal at Monitor. He knew something was wrong with her because of her speech, but he did not put her off. He got her to tell him where she was from, and called in for permission to remain with her until the nurses could come for her. Thank God he was where he was at this nerve-wracking time for my family."

commendation corner

Gilbert L. Washington (North Section) was admired by Brenda Eatman, of Evanston, for his handling of an Evanston train one Friday evening. "He very cheerily called us on board with an 'All aboard, please. This is an Evanston train. This is not a Skokie train.' He also clearly announced each stop and said, 'No smoking is permitted on the train.' An older man, evidently in a great hurry, stood at the front doors and said loudly, 'Let's cut the speeches and get moving.' The operator good-naturedly continued making all necessary announcements. He deserves recognition for keeping such a wonderful disposition on the job."

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Laurence B. Whitney (North Park garage) was commended by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Atkins, of Melrose street, who regularly ride his Addison bus. "He is one of the most polite, courteous, and skilled drivers we have ever ridden with. He calls out the streets loudly so people can hear. Most important is he greets people with a smile and drives his bus very professionally. Even under the worst conditions, we have yet to see him lose his temper with his passengers. If all drivers were like #9690, CTA would be most enjoyable."

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Ronald L. Gray Sr. (Beverly garage) was appreciated by Edna G. Schettler, of South Michigan avenue, for the way he drove his South Michigan bus. "He called every corner in a loud, clear voice, and also the transfer stops and where those buses went. As people alighted, he cautioned them to watch their step and wished them a good day. Please let this fine human being know that someone appreciated his courtesy and thoughtfulness."

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Margie LaBoy (North Avenue garage) won the praise of Marixsa Cabrera, of North avenue, for the way she handled her Pulaski bus. "This attractive young lady drove the bus as close as possible to the curb and waited patiently until I sat my kids down before starting up again. I also noticed she greeted

everyone with a big smile and a pleasant attitude. Please let her know how grateful I am for her service."

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James Larry (77th Street garage) was praised for "what I consider a masterpiece of chivalry" by Mrs. Lorraine C. Tuggle, of South Wabash avenue. "This Sunday morning going north on King drive, he greeted everyone, cautioned his passengers to be careful on alighting, and bid everyone to have a good day. This in itself was heartwarming, but there's more. When a tiny old lady seated near the front tried to get off the bus with her two pieces of luggage, she just couldn't manage. The driver got up, told us he would have to help her, and did -- all the way across the street. On reboarding, he apologized to us for the delay. Cheers for bus driver #2587."

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Joseph Leone (Forest Glen garage) was commended by Gertrude A. Haehlen, of Sheridan road. "He was extremely considerate of his women passengers during a heavy rainstorm and under very trying conditions. He was careful about stopping his bus close to the curb and patiently waiting for the passengers to get off safely, which was really something, considering the lateness of his run. It certainly was refreshing to see a driver conduct himself the way he did. P.S. We do appreciate the extension of the Peterson bus route to Sheridan road."

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Benny Stubblefield (Kedzie garage) was applauded by Philip G. Waldrop, a Great Lakes Basin Commission planner from Ann Arbor, Michigan, who rode his Jackson bus from McCormick Place to the Loop. "He was very helpful and friendly to me. He told me where and when to get off the bus and how to find the rapid transit station. This operator made my day more enjoyable and greatly enhanced my impression of Chicago and the Chicago Transit Authority. The whole experience makes me very glad I took the bus."

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Among other operating employees receiving commendations recently were:

Charles Agnew, Limits; and Victor Andrade, North Park.

Pedro Baldecas, North Avenue; Walter Barnes and Cecil Bell, both of 77th Street; Adonis Berrios and Joe Brionez, both of Forest Glen; Michael Boyk, North Park; and John Brugess, Limits.

Luis Cabrera and Nicholas Costantino, both of Forest Glen; Moses Clay Jr., 52nd Street; and Robert M. Cowart, North Section.

Dominic DeMaria, District B; Jerald Denham, and Lucille Denmark, both of Archer; Robert Dolmetsch, North Park; and George Duszynski, Forest Glen.

Kenneth Ernst, Kedzie.

Atsia Fair, 77th Street; Chester Filipek, Forest Glen; and Juan Flores, North

Avenue.

George Garfield, 77th Street; Benjamin Gay, Archer; and Henry Golden, North Section.

Hyman Harrison, Forest Glen; Chester Hendrix, 77th Street; and Otto Houston, North Park.

William James, North Park; and Carlos Jimenez, Forest Glen.

Robert Kain, North Park.

James Latson, 69th Street; Francis Leak, Forest Glen; Ricardo Leiva, North Park; and LeBlanc LeDree, Limits; and Jesus Linas, 77th Street.

Vincent Maccagnano, Beverly; Pierino Mannarelli, 69th Street; Michael Marren, Charles McCalpin, Edgar Mollinedo, and Joel Montgomery, all of North Park; Robert Matthews, Archer; Eugene Motyka, North Section; and Robert Mumbower,

North Avenue.

Charles Newell, Limits; Charles Nichols, District C; and Jose Nieves, Archer.

Michael Powell and Dorothy Pugh, both of North Section.

Billy Ragsdale and Daniel Rogers, both of 52nd Street; Alice Richman, North Park; and Artis Rigsby and Jose Rodriguez, both of Forest Glen.

Joseph Slaughter, North Park; and Larry Starks, Forest Glen.

Gerald Tamborello, North Section; J. C. Taylor, North Avenue; Randolph Taylor, Limits; Earl Terry, Forest Glen; and Sterling Tharp, 52nd Street.

William Van Wieren, Archer.

William Ward, Limits; Jackie Wills, North Section; Maurice Willis, North Park; and Roscoe Wilson, Central District.

CTA Employees Cited for Good Work in Commuter Crisis

CTA employees received special commendations for their good work in late September when a nation-wide railroad strike interrupted suburban commuter operations.

The commendations came from the CTA Board and from Lewis W. Hill, new chairman of the Regional Transportation Authority, and D. Daniel Baldino, a suburban member of the RTA Board.

On a motion by CTA Chairman James J. McDonough, the Chicago Transit Board on Oct. 4 adopted a resolution pointing out that "employees of the Authority, in an outstanding display of teamwork and efficiency, swung into action in the emergency to help commuters."

"As a result of their unselfish dedication to duty, the image of Chicago Transit Authority service has been greatly enhanced, as evidenced by the grateful re-

sponse of suburban commuters and the editorial praise of the media," the resolution stated.

RTA Chairman Hill stated in a letter to George Krambles, CTA executive director, that "we especially appreciate the help of you and your people in adjusting to rapidly changing conditions."

"The efforts of Mike LaVelle, Alex Wyszynski, Gordon Balasz, Manny Wenger, and many others in the CTA organization helped us relay accurate, coordinated, and timely information and services to RTA commuters," said Hill.

RTA Board Member Baldino wrote McDonough that "the RTA had a crisis on its hands" and that "it couldn't have been handled without the cooperation and professional contributions made by your staff." Baldino also praised the Travel Information Center for "magnificent" work

in the emergency.

Krambles reported that on Sept. 27 the Travel Information Center handled 16,434 calls, more than double a normal day. More than 70,000 calls were handled in the last week of September.

Tickets for Suggestions

Free tickets to the "Nutteracker" ballet at the Aerie Crown Theatre, McCormick Place, on Dec. 17, will be offered for the first 20 eligible suggestions submitted in the month of December. Only one pair of tickets per employee, says Eugene Jendrach, new Suggestion Plan analyst.

Good Softball Season For CTA Lawyers' Team

The CTA Lawyers' Softball Team enjoyed a good 1978 season with 9 wins and 2 losses, finishing second out of 12 teams in the Equity Division of the Lawyers League.

However, the season ended on Sept. 6

with an 11-7 playoff loss to the law firm of Mayer and Brown. The highlight of the season was a 26-10 victory over the lawyers league perennial champions, the State's Attorneys. That game featured the fine pitching of John Haskins, the hitting of Greg Furda, Al Paul, and Bruce Talaga, and the sparkling defensive plays of Ron Bosco, Joe Sconza, and Rod Bergin.

This year's team showcased newcomers Tom Hogan and Jim Burke. Both are ex-

cellent players and insure the CTA Lawyers future winning seasons.

The team was managed by Ron Bosco, with Ron Bartkowiec as the assistant manager. Among the regular players were Mike Artery, Harry Brice, John Plante, Fred Fortier, Art Adler, and Bill Mansker.

With the nucleus of the team returning next year, the CTA Lawyers' Softball Team expects to be even better. (Our thanks to Al Paul for submitting this article)



At a CTA Board Room ceremony on Sept. 7, 1978, the six men pictured here graduated as rail service supervisors. Left to right are: McRayfield Caldwell, Isaac Taylor, Lonnie K. Perry, Russell R. Zdeb, Richard Bretz, and Lemuel Kemp.



Joining the ranks of agent supervisors are (left to right): Peggy Hyman, Chris Martin, and Helen Castile. Peter Rago, another new agent supervisor, could not be present at the CTA Board Room ceremony on Oct. 12, 1978.

77th Street Operators Bowling League Keeps The Ball Rolling

Now that the bowling season is in full swing, Transit News took its camera to Pallisade Bowl for some candid shots of the 77th Street Operators Bowling League.

This year the 77th Street Bowling League is under the guidance of Booker Byers, president for the 1978-79 season.



Left to right: Earl Cooke, treasurer; Jimmy Beatty, secretary; Booker Byers, president; and Luther Lee, sergeant at arms.



Draco Slaughter



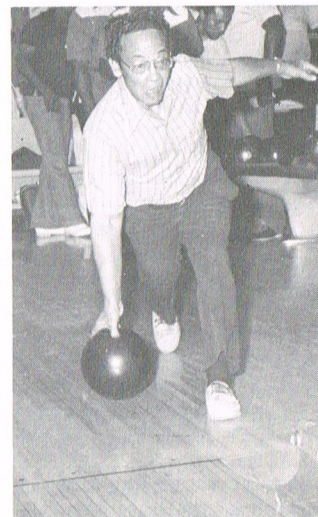
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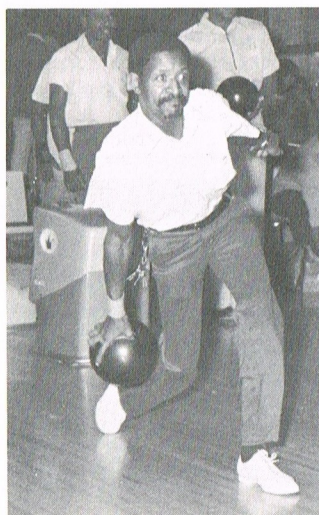
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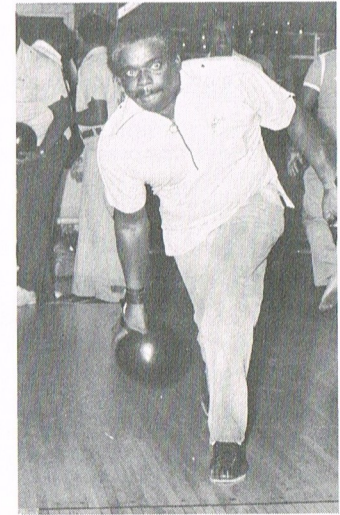
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It's Time For Ali To Hang Up Gloves

By W. B. Wolfan

It is one man's opinion that Muhammad Ali should hang up his gloves for good, now that he has recaptured his title.

The time has come for the 36-year-old heavyweight champion to call it quits while he's ahead.

Because one of these days somebody is going to bomb him into involuntary retirement. It happens to champions who fight too many years, and Ali has been at it a long while indeed.

Such an end to his career would be a sad finish for the man who says he is "the greatest." But it can happen if his legs give out as they will eventually.

Ali rates among the great fighters. I would say that Dempsey or Louis would beat him, but that is purely a matter of conjecture, since there is no way to prove it. They fought in different eras. But there is no question, however, that as a box office draw for television, Muhammad has no equal in modern times.

And you can bet on it that as long as Ali can command the top ratings on the TV tube, there will be pressure on him to keep on fighting from both television and the promoters, whose sole experience in matchmaking comes from books they've read about Tex Rickard and Mike Jacobs, the men who originated the name promoter.

The general public may not be actually aware of it, but it pays the freight for those million dollar boxing extravaganzas like the Spinks-Ali title bout.

John Q. Public lays it on the line for those sponsor products that are advertised on the tube at costly hundreds of thousands of dollars per minute.

With an audience of 60 or 70 million looking on at a title fight between an aging world champion and an opponent with only eight professional fights, the purses climb to astronomic proportions, far, far too high for the end product. But the sponsors pay for it and the public buys the goods.

Now it is obvious that Leon Spinks, barely out of the Olympics, isn't worth a cool three million dollars. Basically it is the sale of deodorants and shaving cream that makes a heavyweight title bout so attractive to those dominating Nielsen ratings which television lives by.

In case one is not familiar with Nielsen ratings, the simplest explanation is that the ratings are the lifeblood of advertising on TV, and if a Spinks-Ali fight gets the ratings, the advertising agencies and networks are content, no matter what kind of fight it proves to be.

Take the example of Howard Cosell. Now in listening to Cosell call the round by round, one must be a patient soul to survive. The ordinary person's nerves have to be geared to withstand Howard's blow by blow account—a symphony in monotony, if there ever was one.

Most of the time his announcing makes one oblivious to what is actually happening in the ring. He never stops talking and apparently assumes that the audience is seeing a fight for the first time, when the truth of the matter is that some of us attended title fights long before Cosell burst on the scene.

Yet Cosell gets the ratings, so it's Cosell you get, like it or not.

We ask only that Howard give the viewer a chance to exercise his own judgment of what is happening in a fight or football game or horse race. That's not asking too much.

It is not alone in boxing that television dictates from a cash position. Football games are shifted from night to day, and day to night. Scheduled times are moved ahead or back a couple of hours to fit the TV schedules to reach the maximum viewing audience.

The sports fan asks with good reason where is this taking sports in general. There was a day when games followed tradition and overlaps were unknown.

Now you get hockey in September and football in July. Somehow sports programs existed before without TV. Now college officials say they need the money to finance full sports programs for everybody.

Oddly enough some of the greatest teams and greatest athletes performed when money was not an over-riding factor in the conduct of sports.

Boxing is not the same today because yesterday the gate paid the purses. The fighters attracted the fans on their merits as champions and contenders.

Today the money comes from every possible source with a big chunk from television. And anybody who contributes that much has a lot to say about who plays and who fights. After all, let us not forget the ratings in prime time!

Society has undergone radical changes and so has the world of sports, and there is no turning back. But one can wistfully wish for yesterday when talent was not measured by dollars alone.

There must still be a place in sports for individual sportsmanship and fair play, for personal incentive and extra effort, and for values that are instilled for a lifetime.

If the athletes of today lose sight of those values, sports as we know it someday will no longer be a vital part of the American scene.

A man who coached more than 40 years once told me, "It gives me great pleasure to walk down the streets of our city and meet many of its leading citizens, most of whom played for me."

Not only did they play the game well—they learned to compete successfully in the game of life.

Distinguished Visitor

Charles E. Keiser, retired Operations Manager, recently visited the CTA to renew old acquaintances.

Mr. Keiser and his wife, Myra, reside in Fort Myers Beach, Florida. They spend their summers in Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee.

Since retiring in July, 1972, Mr. Keiser has done consulting work for transit properties in the U.S.A. and abroad.

Now, Mr. Keiser and his wife spend their spare time hunting, fishing, and traveling. They currently are planning a trip to the Galapagos Islands in South America.



Irresistable

Retired North Park bus driver Charlie Baraglia couldn't resist a moment behind the wheel of this replica of an old streetcar in the Wisconsin Dells. Charlie and his wife were returning from a trip to Minnesota where he visited with some of his World War II buddies whom he had not seen in thirty years.

Ninety Years Young

Lester Ludlam, left, retiree from Kedzie station, recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Among those joining the festivities were Edward Trausch, center, retiree from Elston station, Margaret Trausch Jacosz, right, and Mrs. Sophie Trausch, seated.

Edward and Sophie Trausch also recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.



First Grandchild

Bill Melfi, clerk, Forest Glen garage, and his wife, Kathy, are the proud grandparents of their first grand-

child. Kristi Lynn Melfi, a baby girl, was born in Herrin, Ill., on June 27, 1978, weighing in at 4 pounds 12 ounces to John and Cathy Melfi, Bill's son and daughter-in-law.

NEW PENSIONERS

JOHN J. GRADY, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 3-17-41
ALLAN C. GROFF, Operator,
North Park, Emp. 9-10-73
EDWARD P. GRZENIA, Stock Clerk I,
Materials Management, Emp. 1-08-48
JOHN B. HAYES, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 3-01-46
HOWARD L. HUFF, Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 7-14-44
JAMES W. JACKSON, Operator,
Kedzie, Emp. 11-10-47
DANIEL JEMISON, Yard Foreman,
North Section, Emp. 8-18-52
EDWARD S. KAZMIERCZAK, Operator,
Limits, Emp. 8-02-48
AGNES T. KUDULIS, Comptometer Opr. II,
Accounting, Emp. 1-16-77
LEONARD B. LACHOWICZ, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 4-15-54
FRANCIS J. LAMBERT, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 9-02-48
LEO LIZAK, Building Inspector,
Maintenance, Emp. 10-26-45
FRANCIS MC GINLEY, Stationary Engr.,
Maintenance, Emp. 2-26-74
RAYMOND J. NOREEN, Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-07-47
WILLIAM NOVAK, Stock Clerk I,
Materials Management, Emp. 7-02-46
RAYMOND RENNBACK, Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-01-48
WILLIAM C. ROHL, District Supt.,
District A, Emp. 4-06-42

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

ALFRED J. BARTOLAI, Mail Clerk,
Administrative Services, Emp. 3-22-67
ANDERSON HARDY JR., Switchman,
West Section, Emp. 7-10-70
DORCY G. MUMBOWER, Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-15-56
JOSEPH F. SIMPSON, Stock Clerk I,
Materials Management, Emp. 2-22-51

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R. S. Winther, Vehicle Maintenance

30 years

R. R. Booth, Electrical
M. F. Cioffe, Electrical
V. A. Ferraresi, North Avenue
R. Fuhrman, South Shops
G. V. Hartwig, Forest Glen

25 years

D. J. Bell, Office Procedures
H. T. Cobb, Beverly
P. Colombo, Desplaines
G. W. Daubs, North Area
G. J. Figuero, Archer
J. H. Gines, 77th Street
F. Goodrich, Utility
A. K. Grabowski, North Avenue
C. A. Hollingsworth, Utility
G. L. Howard, Utility
C. E. Johnson, 77th Street
J. Johnson, West Section
T. A. McCann, District D
A. Meeks, Maintenance
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E. N. Paoli, Forest Glen
F. E. Parrott, North Section
J. Qualls, 77th Street
J. R. Roberson, Beverly
A. F. Sloan, Materials Management
M. B. Smith, 52nd Street
J. H. Stewart, 77th Street
W. L. Walton Jr., Utility
E. J. Watson, Central District
J. B. Whitehead, Kedzie

C. M. Hearn, Ashland/95th
A. Hennelly, North Park
J. Kinahan, Job Classification
E. L. Kruszyna, Electrical
R. L. Kurtz, Production/Supply Control
W. J. Rafa, Jefferson Park
R. J. Reding, Skokie Shop
W. Remback, North Avenue
F. Rio, Linden
T. P. Slattery, Skokie Shop
M. Tsuchida, North Park
R. E. Wilson, Skokie Shop

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN T. BINGLEY, 81, Howard,
Emp. 5-06-20, Died 8-15-78
NICHOLAS M. BRIGLIO, 86, West Section,
Emp. 8-21-17, Died 7-08-78
BOBBY BROWN, 37, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-23-64, Died 9-13-78
FRANK H. CLAXTON, 83, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-19-29, Died 7-18-78
HAZEL K. CUNNINGHAM, 83, Executive,
Emp. 7-26-54, Died 8-14-78
EDWARD J. DONAHUE, 71, Insurance,
Emp. 1-02-45, Died 8-18-78
WILLIAM J. ELDER, 72, North Section,
Emp. 7-01-29, Died 8-02-78
HARRY A. GINTER, 68, Devon,
Emp. 6-17-41, Died 7-27-78
MICHAEL H. JOYCE, 88, Devon,
Emp. 7-27-27, Died 6-10-78
CARL J. LARSON, 92, Devon,
Emp. 9-04-18, Died 7-30-78
WILLIAM LEAHY, 60, Central Counting,
Emp. 1-11-40, Died 9-15-78
TOTTIE MAGNUSON, 82, Switchboard Opr.,
Emp. 6-01-34, Died 7-31-78
VANGELIS MANUSAR, 85, 61st Street,
Emp. 4-25-18, Died 8-15-78
JOHN A. MARCH, 64, Archer,
Emp. 1-11-45, Died 8-06-78
JAMES A. MC CABE, 74, North Park,
Emp. 3-23-42, Died 8-29-78
GEORGE P. MIKOTA, 70, Stores,
Emp. 5-08-25, Died 8-14-78
JOSEPH W. PECHEK, 77, Kedzie,
Emp. 5-03-26, Died 8-10-78
JOSEPH PELLICANE, 91, Way & Structures,
Emp. 10-20-23, Died 8-07-78
PATRICK J. QUINN, 81, South Shops,
Emp. 5-19-21, Died 8-17-78
ROLAND RATLEDGE, 75, Central District,
Emp. 8-25-37, Died 8-11-78
EMMA L. RENNBACK, 74, North Section,
Emp. 4-02-41, Died 8-23-78
ROGER J. SHOEVLIN, 78, Maintenance,
Emp. 4-02-26, Died 8-15-78
CHESTER SKORA, 58, Stores,
Emp. 2-06-48, Died 9-09-78
WALTER W. SUNBLADE, 72, 77th Street,
Emp. 1-07-48, Died 7-03-78
GEORGE TOLBERT, 72, North Park,
Emp. 5-29-33, Died 8-10-78
OSCAR WALKER, 48, Maintenance,
Emp. 11-05-57, Died 8-29-78
GEORGE WICKMAN, 67, Executive,
Emp. 7-12-29, Died 8-27-78
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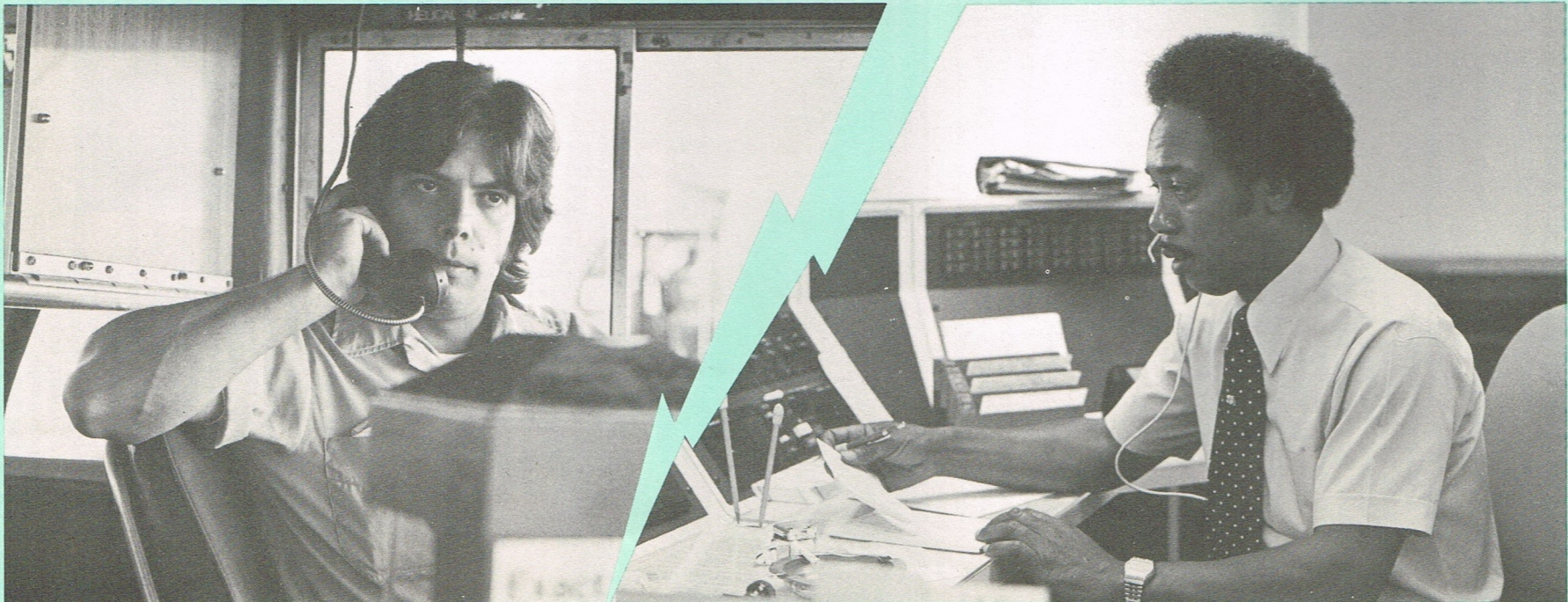
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