

# CTA to build new Kedzie garage

A modern bus garage is to be built on the 93-year-old site of the Kedzie garage at Kedzie avenue and Van Buren street.

To facilitate construction of the new garage, 685 operators from Kedzie, along with the 225 buses assigned there, have been transferred to the revamped Lawndale garage, Ogden avenue and Pulaski road, and to other garages.

Twenty bus routes were reassigned from Kedzie. Lawndale, which had been unused as a bus garage since 1972, now has nine of the Kedzie routes assigned there. The North Avenue garage has four routes, and the remaining routes have been assigned to other garages.

Harold Geissenheimer, manager, General Operations Division, told the Chicago Transit Board at its Sept. 5 meeting that Lawndale has "been reopened as a staging area in order to implement our garage construction program. The garage designated with the highest priority for replacement was the Kedzie garage."

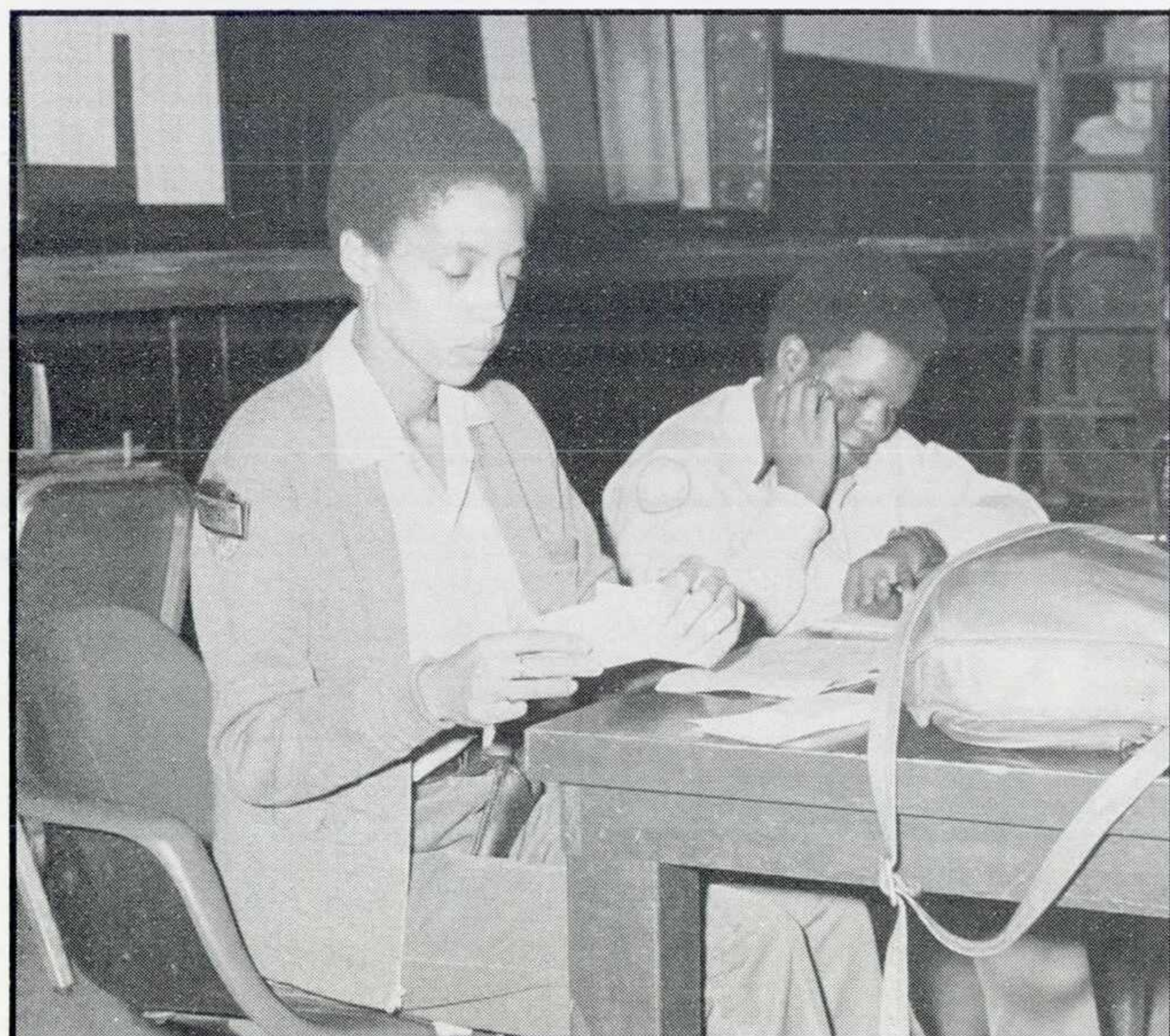
Geissenheimer said that the new Kedzie garage is to be ready for operation by 1982. This garage is to be one story high with about 336,000 square feet of floor space to accommodate 250 buses.

Len Wiksten, director, Plant Maintenance, said work on refurbishing Lawndale garage started on June 15.

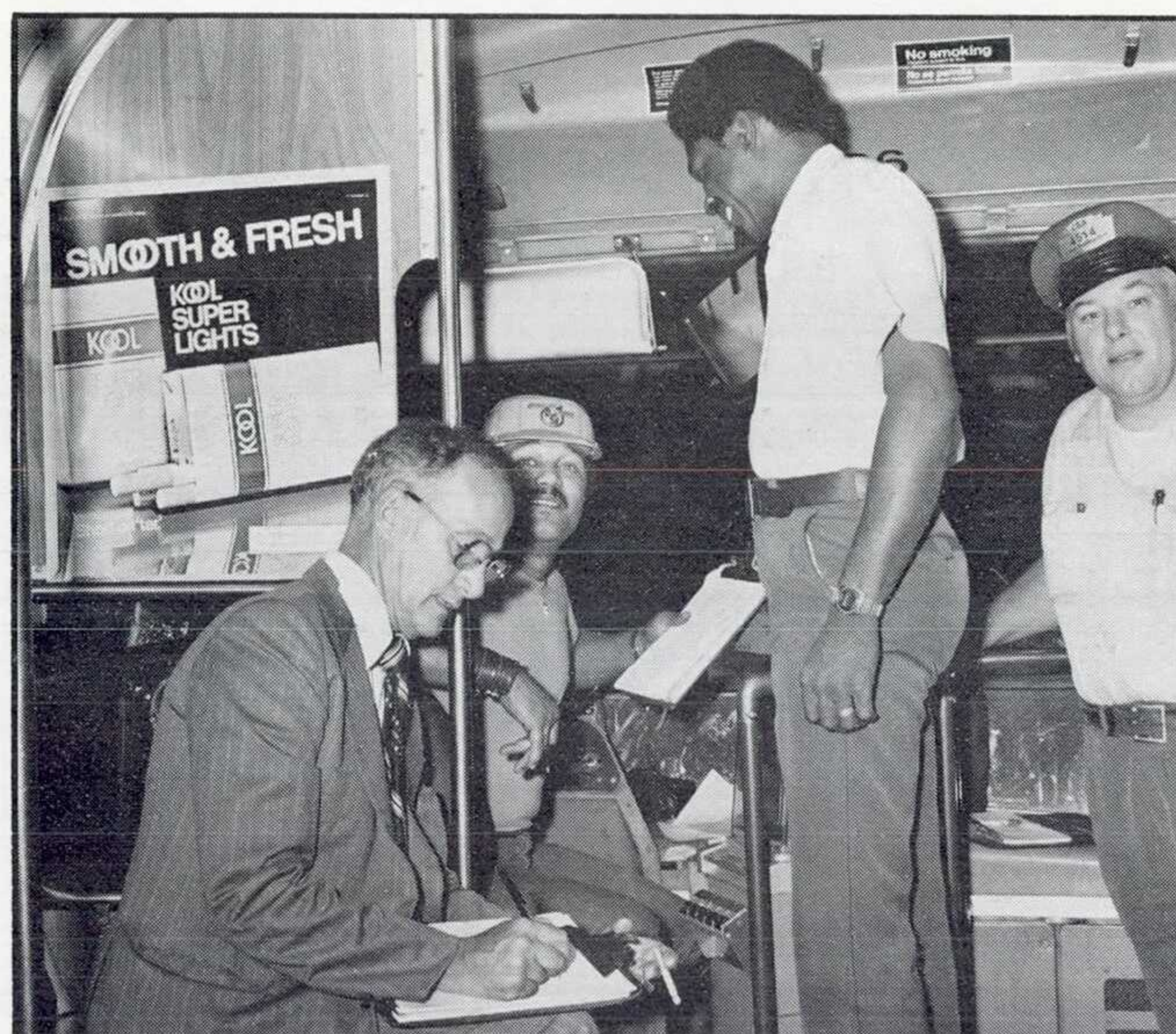
Several hundred maintenance department personnel worked on various parts of rejuvenating the closed garage and moving facilities from Kedzie garage. Lawndale was ready for operation Sept. 2.

Leading the project and coordinating the workers were Walter Hallford, superintendent, Building and Grounds; Paul Swanson, superintendent, Maintenance Engineering, and Walter Gaedtke, superintendent, Power and Way.

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Phyllis McCoy and Stephanie Scales prepare for their runs in the Lawndale train room.



Assigning one of the last runs at Kedzie garage (left to right): Ray Colello, assistant superintendent; Lorenzo Rodriguez, Leon Richman and Martin Dzinciolski.

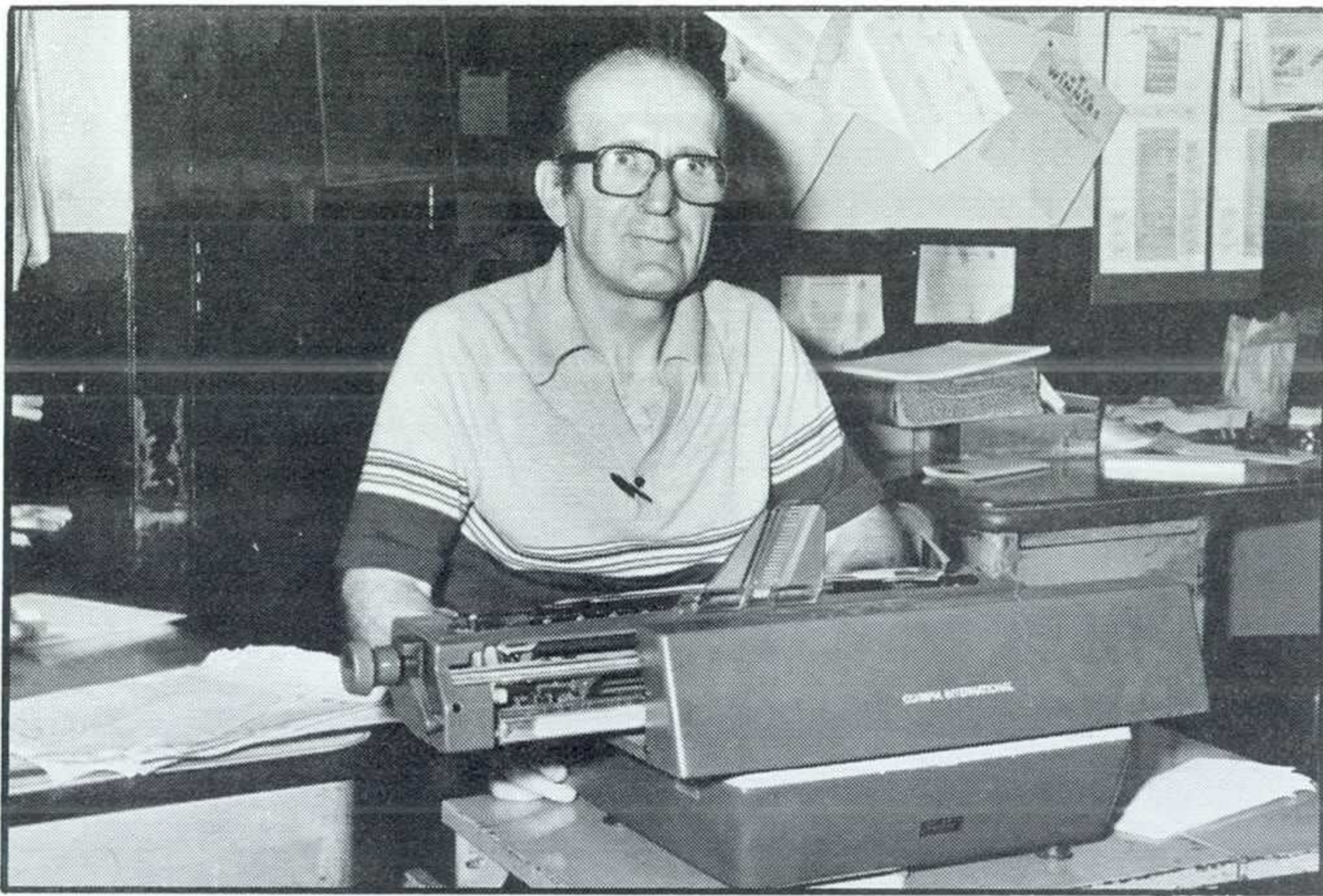


Enjoying their last day in the Kedzie train room (left to right): Billie Jones, Cleophus McGee, Charles Barr, Collins Scott, Curtis Coleman and James McDonald (standing).



Ray Colello, Esteban Lleras and Reuben Muzzall loading equipment for move to Lawndale garage.





William Ruddle, chief clerk, Kedzie, finishing the last minute paper work.

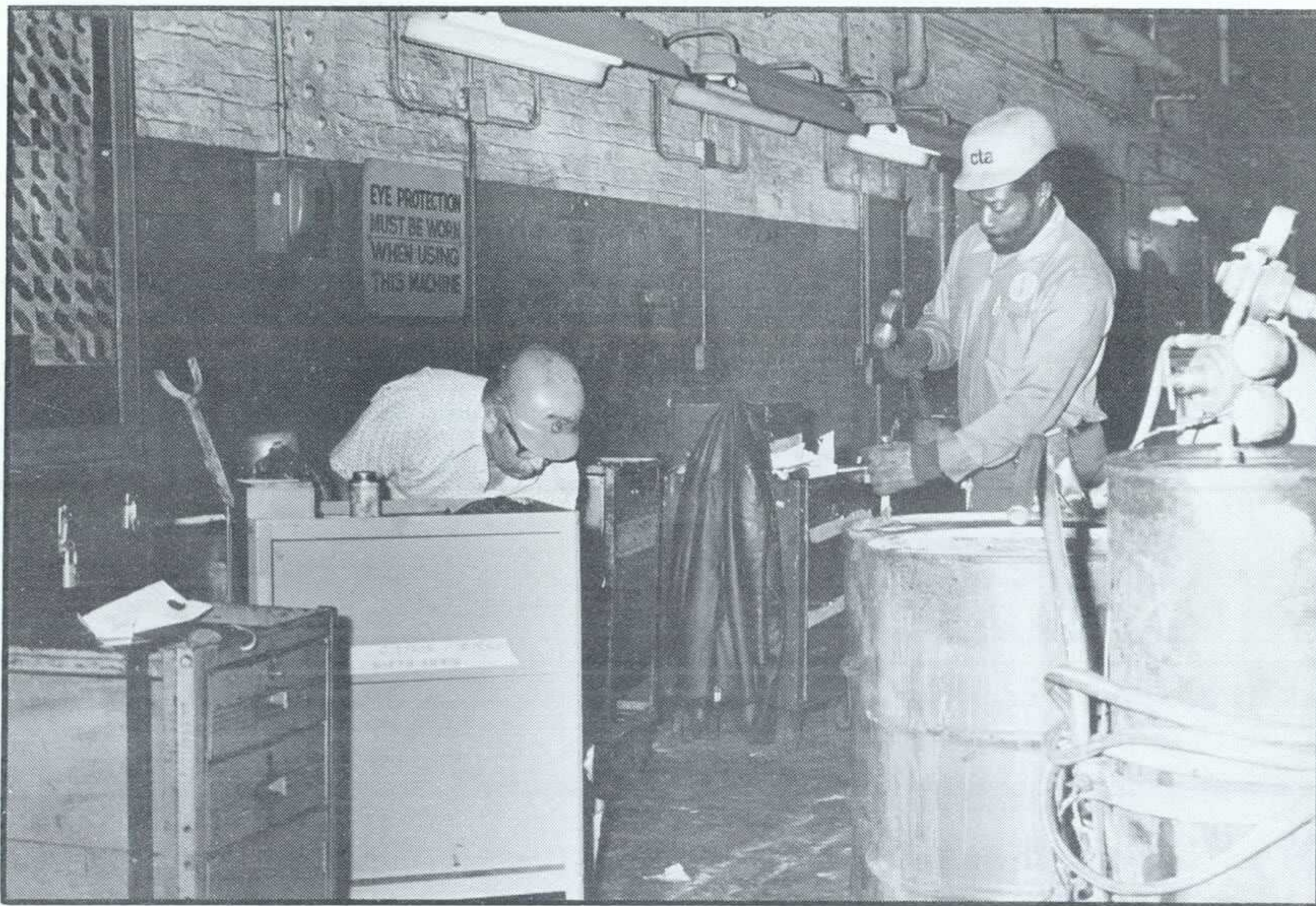
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Cost of the refurbishing project at Lawndale was \$460,000, Wiksten said.

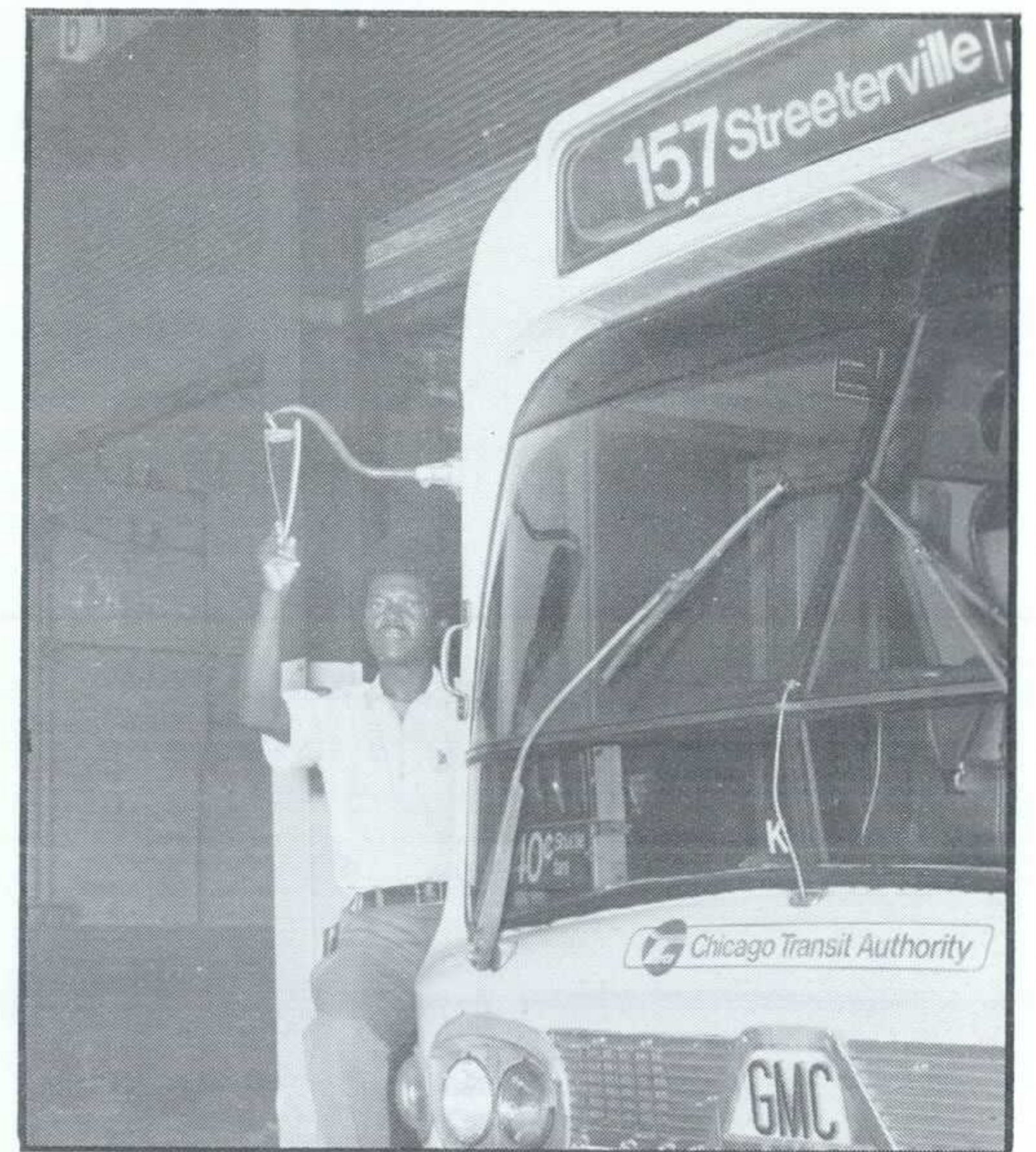
The Kedzie garage is the second transit facility on the Kedzie and Van Buren site. The first was a horse-car barn, stable, and blacksmith shop opened in 1886 by the Chicago West Division Railway Company.

That building was rebuilt for streetcar operation in 1906 and razed in 1910 when the present building was constructed.

The nine routes reassigned to the Lawndale garage are Nos. 7 Harrison, 12 Roosevelt, 16th-18th, 21 Cermak, 25 West Cermak, 52 Kedzie-California, 58 Ogden-Randolph, 60 Blue Island-26th, and 82 Kimball-Homan.



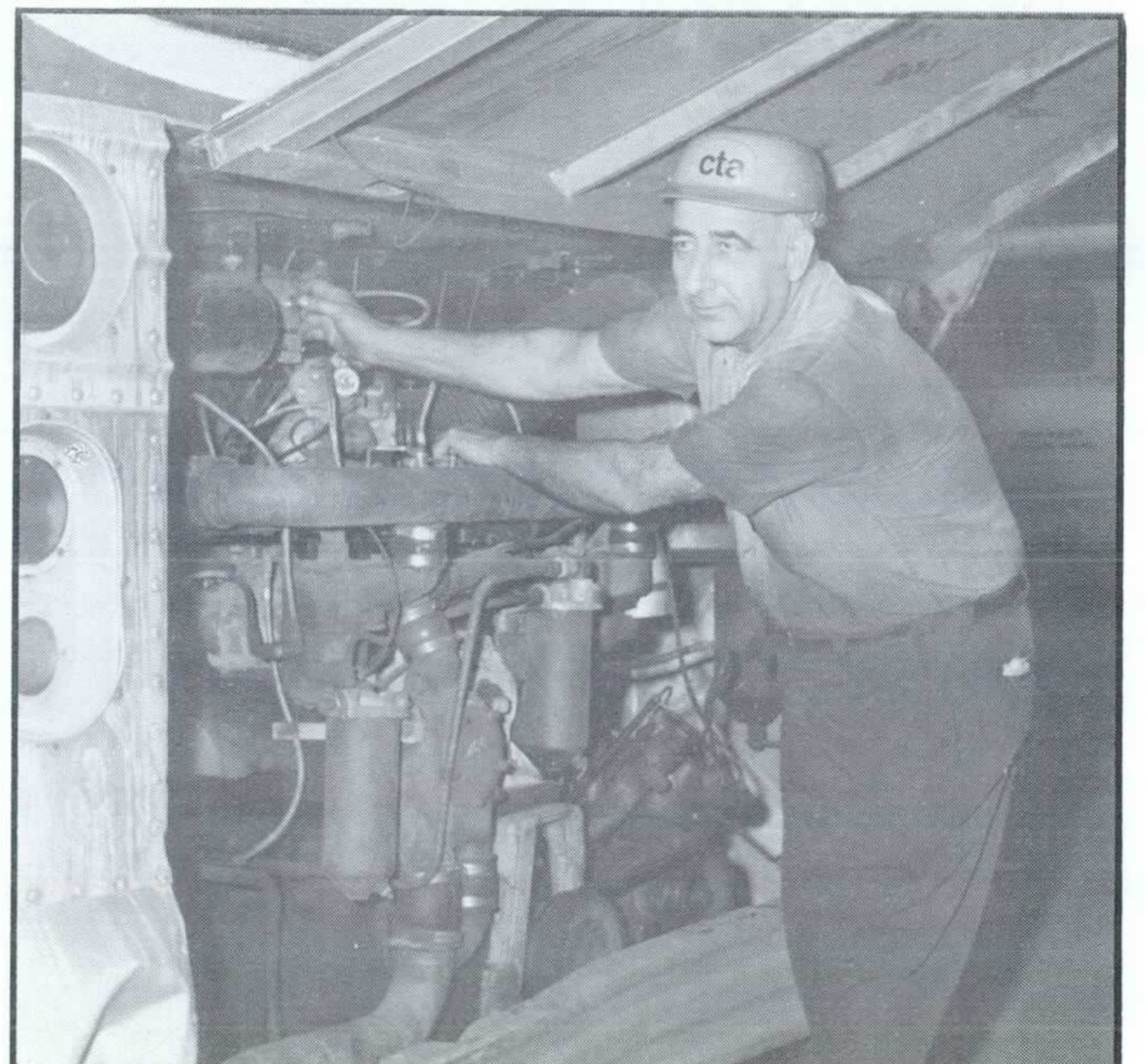
Romeo Romero (left) and Coleman Tyson preparing equipment for shipment from Kedzie to Lawndale.



Isaac Dean adjusting his mirrors before his last pullout from Kedzie.



Clerk Perry Harmon in the new Lawndale assignment office.



Salvatore Salatino servicing a bus engine in the Lawndale garage.

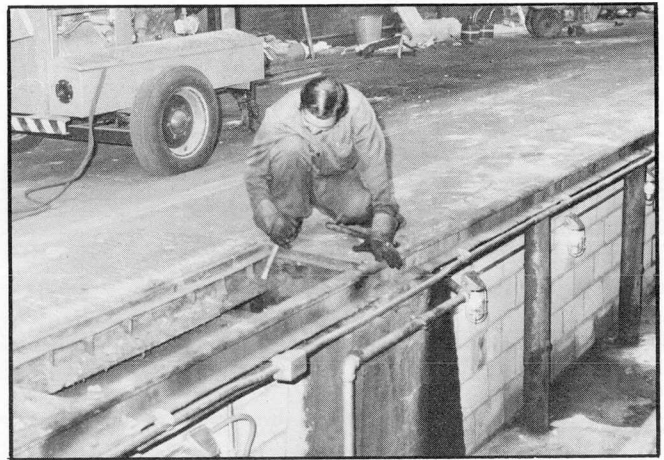


Four routes reassigned to North Avenue garage are Nos. 17 Westchester, 20 Madison, 126 Jackson, and 131 Washington. Limits garage received Nos. 149 Stateliner and 157 Streeterville. No. 9 Ashland went to the 69th Street garage; No. 50 North Damen to North Park.

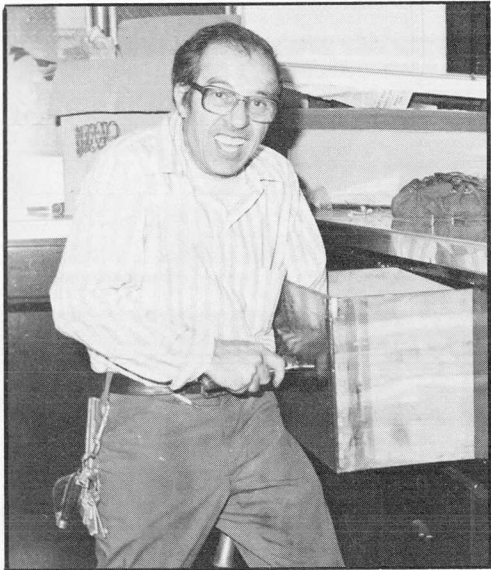
North Park and Limits garages split three Kedzie routes between them--Nos. 36 Broadway, 153 Wilson-Michigan, and 156 LaSalle.

Razing the old Kedzie garage and construction of the new replacement will be funded by the federal and state governments.

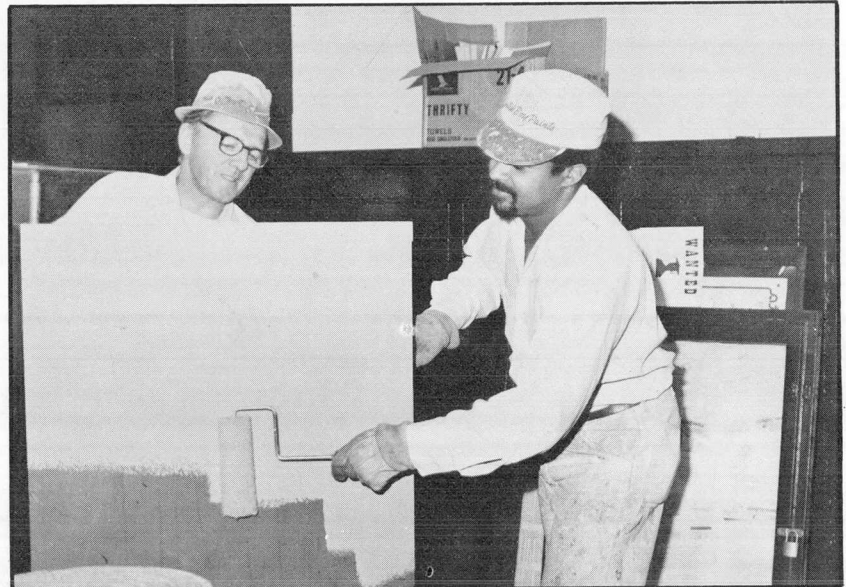
Fritz Petzold, plant engineering, is project manager for replacing the old Kedzie garage.



Conrado Carlos cleaning a bus service pit at Lawndale.



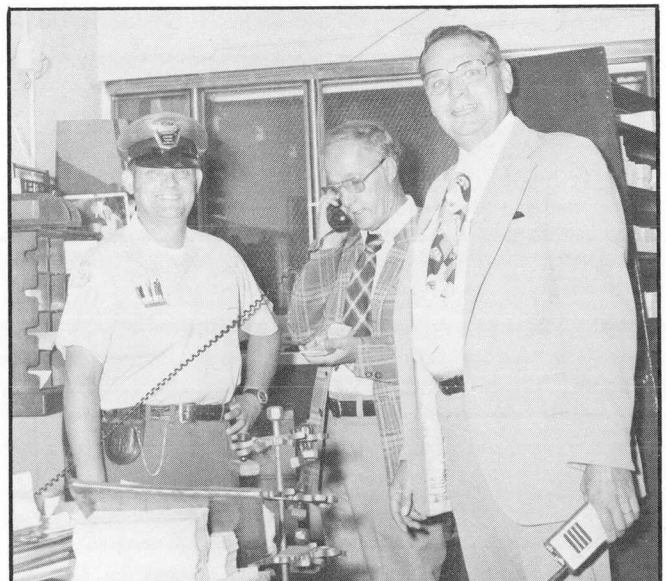
Carpenter Bill Yadgir installing hardware on repainted furniture at Lawndale.



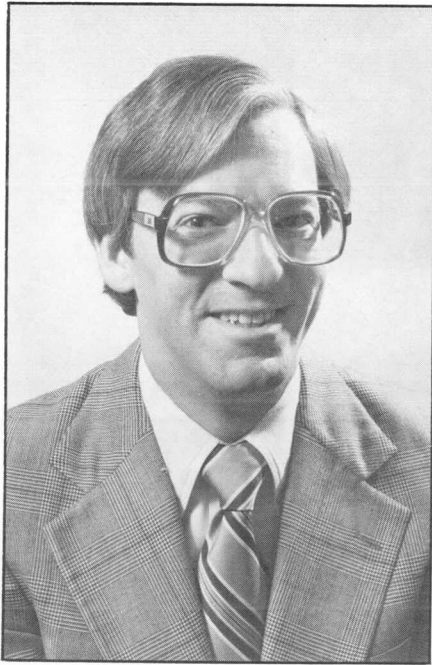
Painters Martin Cawley (left) and Cobbie Huff spruce up Lawndale train room.



Martha Pace receiving her first Lawndale assignment from assistant superintendent Ray Colello.



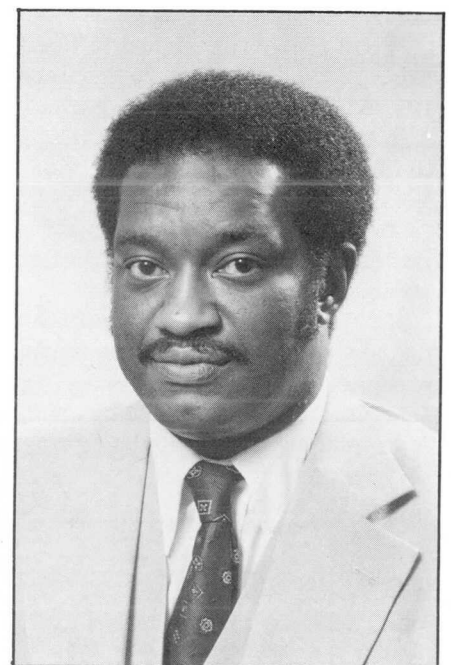
Supervisor Dave Eggesdorf, assistant superintendent Ray Colello and Ed Panik, assistant superintendent, Archer, in the Lawndale assignment office.



Robert J. Kren



Marilyn Randall



William H. Mansker

## Kren is appointed special assistant to Chairman Barnes

Robert J. Kren has been appointed special administrative assistant to CTA Chairman Barnes.

Kren, who is 35, has served for the last five years as a budget and fiscal analyst and committee aide on the staff of the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in Springfield.

His duties in that position included preparing an analysis, with recommendations, of the annual budget request of the Illinois Department of Transportation and all appropriation requests and budget and fiscal matters related to transportation.

He also served as majority legislative analyst for the House Committee on Transportation. In this capacity, he was the majority staff aide for a special Transportation Subcommittee which was headed by Mr. Barnes, as state representative, and which investigated the problems of crime on the CTA.

Kren was graduated with a B.A. degree from St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., and earned a master's degree from Western Illinois University, at Macomb. He did additional graduate work at Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, and Sangamon State University, Springfield.

He grew up in Berwyn, and attended Fenwick High School in Oak Park. For a number of years he sang in the famous men and boys' Paulist choir under the direction of Father Eugene F. O'Malley at Old St. Mary's Church at 9th street and Wabash avenue.

## Mansker is elected Board secretary

The Chicago Transit Board on Oct. 3 elected William H. Mansker secretary of the Board. In this position, Mansker succeeded Francis J. Mullen, who is handling special assignments for the CTA.

Mansker, who is 30, has been a superintendent in the Tort Litigation Section of the Law Department. He joined the CTA in 1974 as a para-legal assistant and became a staff attorney the next year.

He was graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.A. degree in 1971, and earned his J.D. degree at the Law School of the University of Chicago.

## Ms. Randall named executive secretary to Chairman Barnes

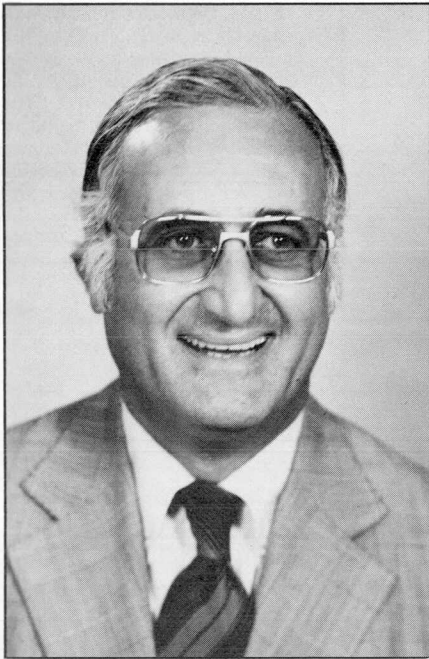
Ms. Marilyn Randall has been named executive secretary to Chairman Eugene M. Barnes of the Chicago Transit Authority. In this position, she also is supervisor of the executive personnel.

Before joining the CTA, Ms. Randall served with the Illinois state government in Springfield.

For the last three years, she was secretary to Mr. Barnes as state representative of the 29th District. During this period, she also was the committee clerk of the House Appropriations II Committee, of which Mr. Barnes was chairman.

Previously, she was committee clerk to the House Appropriations II Committee and had served with the public service center and the toll-free "hot line" of the Secretary of State Office under Michael Howlett.

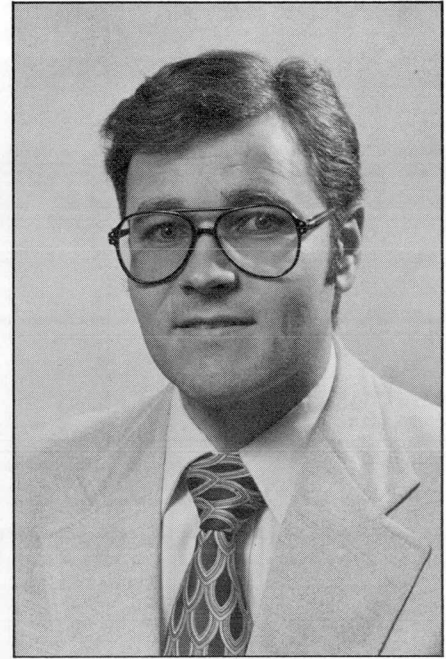




Merritt R. Kotin



Loretta Eadie - Daniels



Bruce Talaga

## Law department promotions, organization change announced

Three promotions and an organizational change at the Chicago Transit Authority were announced by Eugene M. Barnes, CTA Chairman.

In a promotion effective Oct. 1, Merritt R. Kotin, an attorney with the CTA's Law Department the last 26 years, became director of the Real Estate Department.

At the same time as an organizational change, the Real Estate Department was placed under the Law Department. The Real Estate Department had been part of the CTA's Sales/Risk Management Group.

Effective also Oct. 1 were the promotions of Mrs. Loretta Eadie-Daniels and Bruce Talaga, both staff attorneys, to the positions of superintendents in the Tort Litigation Section of the Law Department.

"The organizational change affecting the Real Estate Department is the first of a

series of changes that will be made in our CTA organization with the objective of improving still further our efficiency and enabling us to serve the public better," said Barnes.

"In personnel matters, whenever possible, we will adhere to a policy of promoting from within our ranks of CTA employees, thus giving recognition and reward to those employees with outstanding performance records," Barnes said.

As the CTA's new director of Real Estate, Kotin fills a vacancy created recently when Thomas M. Kennedy left the CTA to join another organization.

Kotin, who is 55, joined the CTA's Law Department in 1953 and has been a superintendent in the Tort Litigation Section. Before coming to the CTA, he had been a counsel in Washington with the former

federal Office of Price Stabilization and an administrative assistant to the late Illinois Congressman A. J. Sabath. Kotin studied at Princeton University and received B.S. and J.D. degrees in law from Northwestern University.

Mrs. Daniels, who is 30, joined the CTA as a staff attorney in 1977 after having served as a trust officer with the American National Bank and Trust Company of Chicago and with the Cook County Public Defender's Office. She was graduated with a B.A. degree from Loyola University and received her J.D. degree from DePaul University Law School.

Talaga, who is 29, became a CTA staff attorney in 1975. He was graduated with a B.A. degree from St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn., in 1971, and from DePaul University Law School in 1975.

### promotions

Three new station clerks have been appointed by the Transportation Department. Daniel Luberd, former driver, Forest Glen; Floyd Williams, former clerk, Transportation; and Lettie Robinson, former payroll clerk, Financial Services. Nolan Watkins, former driver, Kedzie, has become a traffic checker in Operations Planning, while within the same section Vernon Coleman has moved from traffic checker to traffic clerk, and Joe Milbrook has been reassigned from traffic clerk to schedule clerk.

New at South Shops as electrical workers in Vehicle Maintenance are Roger Ferguson, former bus repairer, Beverly, and Phan Huu

Dang, former bus servicer, Forest Glen. At Skokie Shop David Perez has moved from shop tractor operator to unit exchange clerk, while Michael Fabian, former bus servicer, North Park, has become assembler-helper, and Michael Warchol, former bus servicer, North Avenue, has been chosen machinist apprentice.

Robert Costner, former car repairer, 61st Street, has been selected substation attendant, Plant Maintenance, while, in the same section, Michael Consentino has moved from trackman to 'B' helper. Now in Plant Maintenance as an ironworker helper is Leroy Bush, former service truck chauffeur, Transportation-Utility.

Michael Finnegan, former bus servicer, North Avenue, is now service truck chauffeur, Transportation-Utility. Michael Planthaber has been reassigned from token

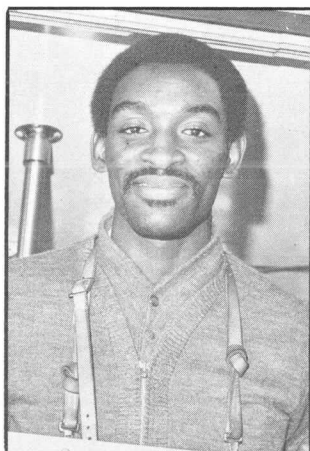
clerk to turnstile collector, Treasury. Benny Stubblefield, former driver, Kedzie, has become chairman, Engineering.

Carol Kimbrough, former call directory operator, Human Resources-Employment & Placement, has been appointed electrical keyboard operator, Management Services. Virginia Lane, formerly unassigned, Employment & Placement, has been selected stenographer, Materials Management-Procurement. Donna O'Connor, former clerk/stenographer, Transportation, has become stenographer, Materials Management-Stores.

In Claims/Real Estate/Sales, Iris Rodriguez, former utility clerk I has been named utility clerk II, and in Financial Services, Donna Pasquesi has moved from data entry operator to balance clerk.



Nathaniel Lee Jr. (South Section) was commended by Mrs. Hattie Billups, of South May Street, for keeping riders informed on a Lake/Dan Ryan train she was riding. "I boarded the 'B' train going north, and when we got downtown just before the first stop at Adams, the train was delayed. The conductor told us we would have a few minutes' wait, and we did. When the train started, he thanked all of us, and when we got to Adams, he wished us a good day. It was such a pleasant ride, as he called all the stops and was so happy."



Estela Rodriguez (North Park garage) was the driver of a 151 Sheridan bus that C. W. Zerler, of West Chicago Avenue, rode one afternoon rush period. "The bus was crowded, and the driver was doing her best to make room. She was most charming and delightful. As more and more people boarded, she pleasantly asked those already on board to please step back, as we all wanted to get home quickly and safely. She had everyone smiling with her intelligent but firm requests."

## commendation corner

William Johnson (Limits garage) won the admiration of several riders on his 157 Streeterville bus for foiling the theft of a woman rider's purse. Mrs. Lawrence Crump, of North Lake Shore drive, wrote: "At Wabash and Washington, with a very full bus in the afternoon, he showed great presence of mind and initiative in apprehending a thief who stole a woman's purse and dashed out the rear exit. He got off the bus and chased and caught the thief. When he returned he got an enthusiastic round of applause from all of us. We thought he was terrific."

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Bryant Alexander (South Section) is "the most courteous and understanding ticket agent I have ever come across in my years of riding the CTA," according to Mrs. Bernadine Cooper, of Princeton avenue, a patron of the 95th Street station on the Lake/Dan Ryan route. "He works fast, giving the correct change and never forgetting to give you a nice big smile to carry you through the day. That means a lot. He has what it takes to work with the public every day and to encourage riders to take rapid transit trains. I hope he keeps up the good work and grand attitude."

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William Byrd (Archer garage) was complimented by Grace Kaminkowitz, of North Lake Shore drive, for his concern for riders on his 15 Canal/Wacker bus. "I became aware of him during the snowstorms last winter, and found his courtesy and concern far above the norm. His disposition is pleasant. He apologizes for being a minute or two late. He takes care to pull up near the curb so it is easy to alight, and to avoid leaving us off in front of trash baskets or where we would have to step in puddles. These little touches of thoughtfulness are appreciated."

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Hager McFarland (Forest Glen garage) was the driver of an 81 Lawrence bus ridden by Alice Harney, of Wilson avenue, who is 90 years old. "I found her

the most courteous and efficient driver I have ever ridden with. She called all the streets, and there was no jerking when starting or stopping. She also watched in her rear-view mirror to be sure the way was clear to pull away from the curb. Just thought you would like to know."

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Witherspoon Carr (52nd Street garage) was thanked by L. Hannah Jackson, of East 33rd street, for being considerate of passengers on his 1 Drexel/Hyde Park bus. "During the trip to the Loop, there were periods of heavy rainfalls. This driver was very courteous and patient with all passengers. He had a pleasant smile for everyone. Always on rainy days some seats on the bus are wet. The driver even had paper towels and offered one to a passenger to wipe off the seat so she could sit down. It was a pleasure to ride his bus and arrive downtown on a rainy, dreary day feeling eager to begin a day's work."

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Garland Rhines (North Park garage) got a cheery note of thanks from A. B. Crossman, of Summerdale avenue, who was a rider on his 22 Clark bus. "I am writing to let you know how kind and considerate one of your bus drivers has been. He waits for riders if they are not right at the bus stop and he sees them coming. There are many ways he shows he cares, and it is not just a job to him. In his quiet way he makes your day."

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David Jones (North Avenue garage) won praise from Phyllis A. Holmes, of Elmhurst, for being "an outstanding driver" on the 17 Westchester route. "He is impeccable in his person and uniform. He answers questions and is courteous to all. Many of his passengers feel the way I do, but perhaps they are too busy to write. This man is aware of the plight of his passengers, and really is most deserving."

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Among other operating employees receiving commendations recently were:

Charles Agnew, Forest Glen; and Aaron Amos, North Avenue.

Pedro Balderas and Mike Batista, both of North Park; Vera Beckley, 52nd Street; Carmen Betances, North Park; Harvey Bey, Lawndale; Nikola Blagojevic and Nathan Brown, both of Limits; Robert Bruce, Lawndale; Henry Bruckner Jr. and Buford Bryson, both of Forest Glen; Obed Bullitt, Beverly; and James Bush, 69th Street.

John Cameron, South Section; Edward Chew, Forest Glen; Joseph Chocolate, Archer; Diana Cody, North Avenue; and Robert Cooper, Beverly.

Earl Davis, 69th Street; James Davis, South Section; Travis Dixon, 77th Street; Josef Dornseifer, Limits; William Douglass, North Park; Lachester Drain, Limits; John Dugan, Forest Glen; David Durden, 77th Street; and Robert Duslak, Forest Glen.

Eva Edwards and Patricia Edwards, both of 77th Street; and James Estes, Forest Glen.

Gerald Fels and Larry Felts, both of North

Park; James Fitzgerald, Limits; Annie Fitzpatrick, 77th Street; Lonnie Ford, 69th Street; and DeWitt Forrest Jr., North Avenue.

Albert Garner, North Park; Wallace Good, Forest Glen; Ralph Graham, 77th Street; Joe Griffith, Lawndale; Evarin Guardiola, North Avenue; and Carmen Guerrero, Lawndale.

Clifton Hall and Robert Hampton, 77th Street; George Haralson, 69th Street; William Harris Jr., 77th Street; Willie Hopson, Lawndale; and Joe Horace, 77th Street.

Albert Jacques, North Avenue; Willie James, North Park; Lawrence Jarecki, Forest Glen; John Jimenez, North Park; and Rosalind Jones, Beverly.

Robert Kain, Forest Glen; and Donald Kuratnik, Archer.

Ralph Larson, Forest Glen; President Laura, Lawndale; and Ricardo Leiva, Forest Glen.

Nazario Magana, North Park; Joseph Martin Jr., Rail District-South; Larry McNeil, Forest Park; Richard Meyers, North Avenue; Joseph Mitria, Forest Glen; Gerald Mock, North Park; Phyllis Montgomery, 77th Street; and Abraham

Morgan and Robert Mumbower, both of North Avenue.

James Neely, Lawndale; and Victoria Nesbit, North Park.

Robert O'Neal, Lawndale.

Francisco Perez, Forest Park; and Adell Petty and Donnell Prater, both of Limits.

Robert Randle, Douglas-Congress; Otto Reynolds Jr., Archer; Martin Reynolds, Howard-Kimball; Felipe Rivera, Limits; Joseph Rodenski, Forest Glen; Curtis Rogers, North Park; and George Rojas, Limits.

Frank Serrano, North Avenue; Willie Shelton, Beverly; Tuesday Simpson, Limits; Eddie Smith, North Avenue; Joseph Smok, Archer; and Lela Steele, Lawndale.

Wendell Talbert, North Park; Bobby Teague, Forest Glen; Robert Thomas, Lawndale; and George Thompson, Archer.

Frances Walker, 69th Street; Wilson Washington, 77th Street; Walter White, Beverly; Leon White, Limits; Billy Williams, 69th Street; Maurice Willis, North Park; and Donald Wilson, Central Bus District.

## Rail supervisors and agent instructors graduate

A number of "firsts" were recorded in connection with the recent graduating classes of rail service supervisors and rail agent instructors. Mary Fryar, former rail clerk, South Section, became the first female rail service supervisor at CTA. Her class, which included 14 males, also was the first to spend one full eight-hour session in the Control Center with a line instructor. Two of the graduates--Edward Wallace and Rodney Wafer--were

not present at the graduation ceremonies.

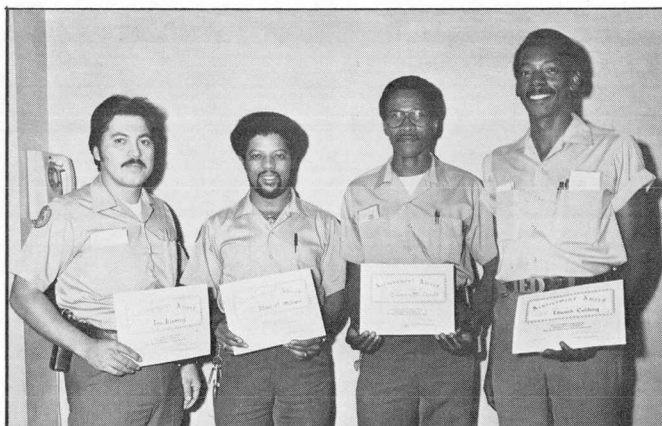
The five new rail agent instructors were part of the first class of employees to be trained for these positions. Their 13-week training session was designed to teach them how to instruct ticket agents, assignment agents, and agent supervisors, as well as future agent instructors.



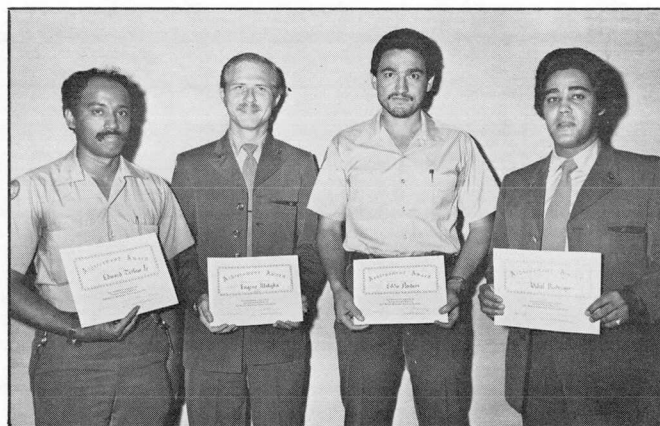
The first graduating class of rail agent instructors includes (left to right): Shirley McClure, Karen Eden, Rudolph Lyles, Barbara Reeves, and Betty Morris.



New rail service supervisors are (left to right): Alexander Chacko, Hubbard Coleman, Mary Fryar, Leroy Albert, and Wilbert Gerrish.



Displaying their graduate certificates are (left to right): Jose Irizzary, Warren Lattimore, Lawrence McDonald, and Edward Colding.



Other graduating rail service supervisors include (left to right): Edward Tribue Jr., Eugene Motyka, Eddie Andros, and Vidal Rodriguez.



# Riding the rails of yesteryear

On Saturday, Aug. 25, more than 200 employees, retirees, and their families and friends enjoyed a trip back in time sponsored by the CTA Group Travel Program. During an afternoon at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, they rode, touched and explored the fleet of 140 antique steam locomotives and electric trains, trolleys and streetcars. Other activities included car restoration and signal tours, hand car races, and old-time railroad movies and training films. Round trip transportation from the Merchandise Mart was provided by a special CTA "Big Bend" articulated bus.

(CTA photos by Mike Hoffert)

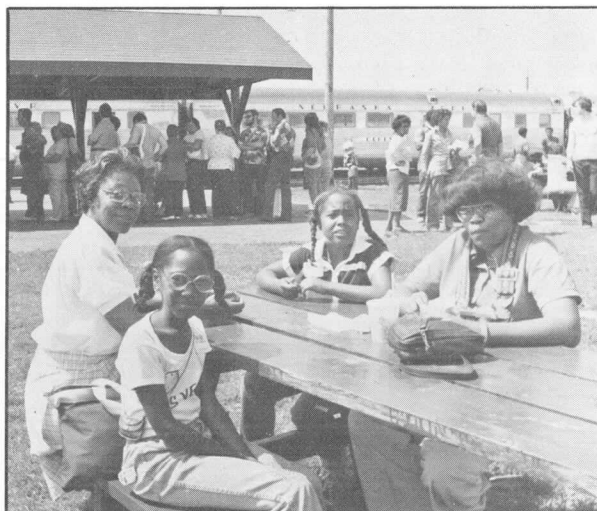


Official welcome in front of CTA's last trolley bus (left to right). From Railway Museum: Frank Sirinek; Lois Geister, museum executive director and Northwest Suburban Mass Transit District board member; Glenn Anderson; Tim Peters, board member, and Nick Kallas, general manager.

From CTA: George Krambles, executive director; George Millonas, manager, Engineering; Tom Boyle, manager, Safety; Harriet Murphy, Group Travel Program coordinator; Harry Reddrick, director of personnel, Transportation; and Fred King, manager, Human Resources, with son Rodney.



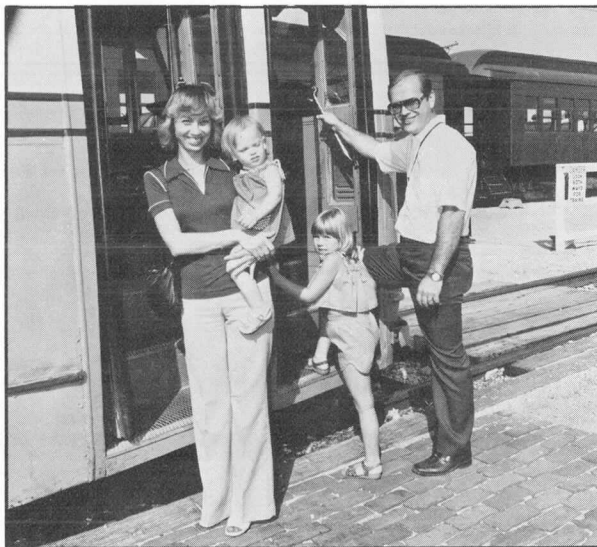
After the long ride from Chicago, many rode the Red Rocket streetcar to the refreshment stand and picnic area.



(Left to right) Millye Beatty, Stephanie Helms, Karen Jones and Cynthia Florence.



William and Beryl Stafford (right) enjoy a ride on the steam train with their children Sherri, Jennifer and Suzanne.



(Left to right) Ginny, Michelle, Marissa and Ed Deles explore the Green Hornet streetcar.





70 years of transit history! CTA's new articulated bus (left), last trolley bus (center), and Red Rocket streetcar (right).



Reminiscing about the Green Hornet (left to right) Lois and Paul Kadowaki, Ward and Marge Chamberlain and Ruth and Vic Johnson.



Exploring an old steam locomotive are CTA Board Member James P. Gallagher (front, right) and seven of his nine children. In front are Ann (left) and Beth. Standing on locomotive (left to right) are Jimmy, Lynn, Nancy, John and Ellen.



(Left to right) Carl Illwitzer, Nick Kallas and Lois Geister; Glenn Anderson, supervisor, Industrial Equipment Design, CTA; Pete Vesic, CTA Signal Maintenance department.

## 1980 vacation line-up

### Hawaii\*

December 1 - 8, 1979  
8 days - 7 nights  
\$478.00

### Las Vegas

February 29 - March 3, 1980  
4 days - 3 nights  
\$239.00 - \$299.00

### San Francisco and Lake Tahoe

May 3 - 10, 1980  
8 days - 7 nights  
\$468.00

### Austria

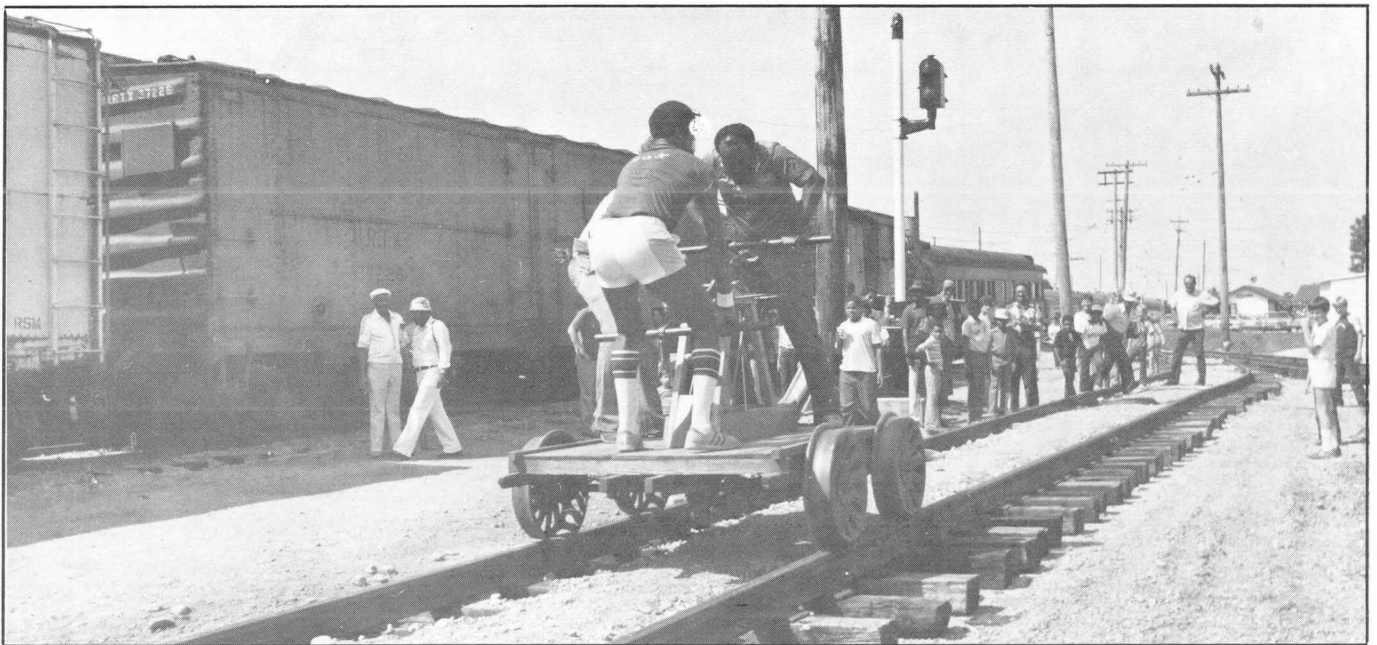
September 20 - 28, 1980  
8 days - 7 nights  
\$648.00

### \*Hawaiian vacation raffle

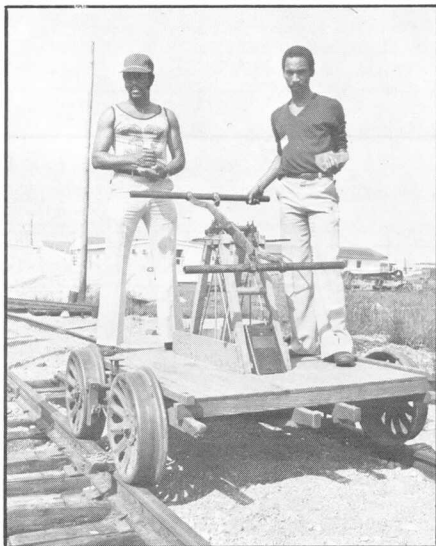
A free trip for two persons will be the grand prize of a raffle for which tickets are available for \$1. The drawing is scheduled for late Friday afternoon, Nov. 16, in the CTA cafeteria in the Mart. Second prize will be a color TV set, and third, a CB radio. There also will be 22 other prizes. Raffle tickets are available through Ms. Harriett Murphy or group travel volunteers.

For more information contact Harriett B. Murphy, Special Projects Coordinator, Human Resources Department, Merchandise Mart, Room 7-170, 664-7200, ext. 751.





One of the most exciting and strenuous events was the handcar race. Ron Tuck and Larry Murphy won third place.



1st place: James C. Collier and Wayne McKenzie.



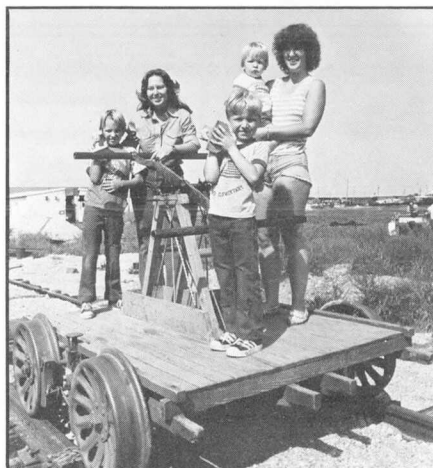
2nd place: Charles and Stephanie Davis.



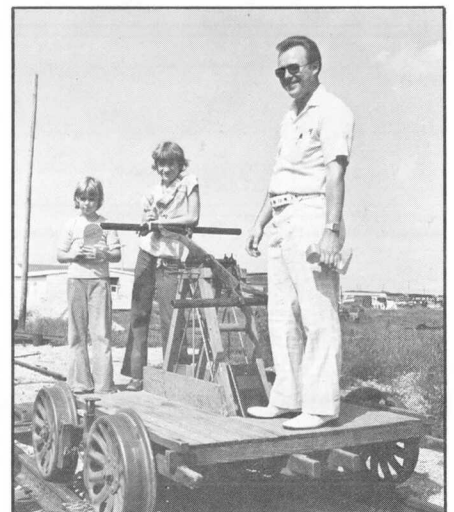
4th place: Harry Horn and Tod Horbach.



5th place: James C. Collier and his son, Michael.



6th place: Scott Hendricks, Camille Mathews, Keven Hendricks and Monica Hendricks, holding her baby, T.J.



7th place: Jennifer, Sherri and William Stafford.





Janet, Bruce and Alyce Anderson enjoyed their ride on Chicago, North Shore & Milwaukee car 251.



George Millonas (left) and George Krambles (right) visit with CTA retirees William Heffernan and Clarence Spindler.



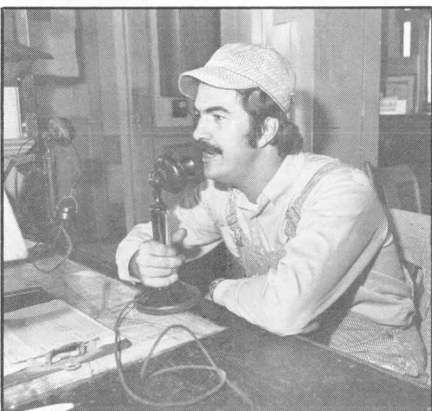
Helen and Alex Johnson (on stairs) and Marge Chamberlain leaving Chicago, Aurora & Elgin car 431.



Steve Hastalis and Tom Blenkinsop recording train sounds.



Richard and Karen Juvinal on the Green Hornet.



Museum dispatcher Jim Nicholas works in radio maintenance at CTA's West Shops.



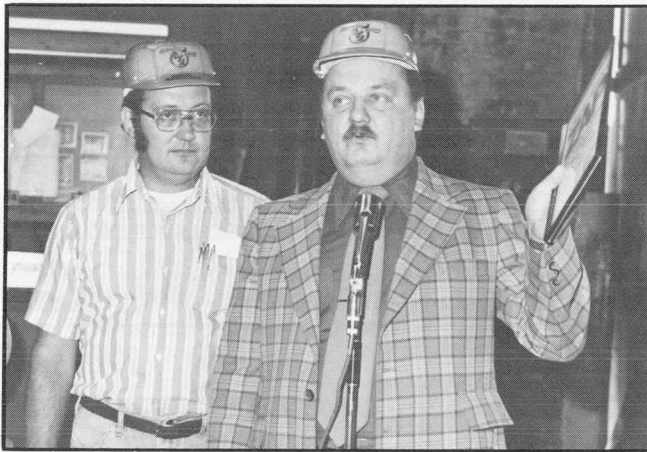
At the end of a perfect day, Railway Museum General Manager Nick Kallas waves goodbye as CTA Executive Director George Krambles drives away in Big Bend.



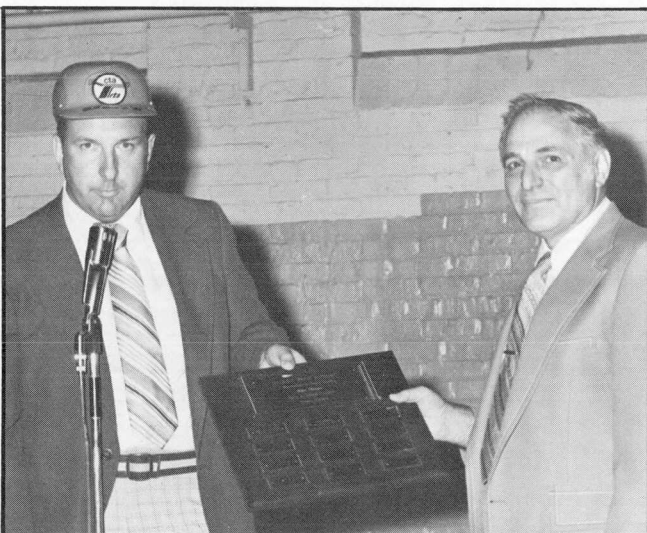
# safety awards

The Maintenance Department presented awards to five winners in its Zero Accident Program, or ZAP competition, for the second quarter of 1979. 52nd Street garage had a perfect record of no personal injury accidents at all during the quarter. 69th Street had the lowest frequency rate of accidents per man hours worked among bus garages. Beverly came in second. Howard took first place among terminals, with the second place ZAP award going to Desplaines.

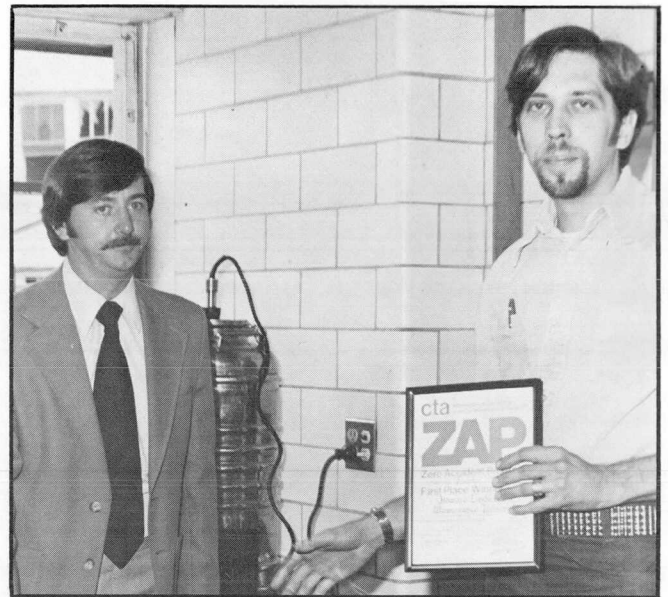
In keeping with a practice established at the beginning of 1979, winners were also chosen from among competing sections of the Vehicle Maintenance shops at both South Shops and Skokie. At South Shops, Unit Rebuild won out over Mechanical and Body Area. For the second quarter in a row at Skokie, Unit Overhaul took first place over Vehicle Overhaul.



Don Sturenfeldt, supervisor, Bus Garages South, prepares to present ZAP award for an accident-free second quarter to Charles Kubal (left), garage foreman, representing the maintenance team at 52nd Street.



In the special maintenance competition within South Shops, Nick Simonetti (right), unit supervisor, Unit Rebuild, receives first-place award from Jim Pankonen, director, Vehicle Maintenance.



First place in the safety contest among rail terminals went to Howard, where Jim Plomin (right), terminal foreman, accepts ZAP award from Leonard Davenport, unit supervisor, Rail Vehicle Terminals.



Coffee, rolls, and first-place confidence are held by the winners at 69th Street, where Hosea Johnson (kneeling, right), garage foreman, and Terry Short, day assistant foreman, display second quarter award.



At Skokie Shops, Richard Lorimer (left), unit supervisor, Unit Overhaul, accepts congratulations and a first-place plaque from Matt Coyle, supervisor, Skokie.



## Chairman Barnes honored by Friends of Library

Amanda S. Rudd, deputy commissioner, Chicago Public Library System, presents a plaque to Eugene M. Barnes, CTA chairman, at a reception given in his honor at Preston Bradley Hall by the Friends of The Chicago Public Library. The plaque read: "With grateful recognition to Eugene M. Barnes for his dedicated efforts and enthusiastic support in advancing the development of libraries in the State of Illinois."

(Photo by Gary F. Degnan)



Dawn Heller (left), president of the Illinois Library Association, presents Chairman Barnes with a blue and white T-shirt labeled "I get around to the library CTA" while Deborah Miller, chairperson of ILA's legislative-library development committee and treasurer of the board of directors of the Schaumburg Township Public Library, enthusiastically approves. The gift was presented at the close of Mrs. Heller's speech at the reception at the Cultural Center. Mrs. Heller also gifted the Mayor with a T-shirt and one for each of the CTA board members.

(Photo by Gary F. Degnan)



A new L-shaped bus turnaround, serving the Nos. 82 Kimball/Homan, 155 Devon, and 155A West Devon bus routes, was completed at the northwest corner of Devon and Kedzie. Designed by CTA Engineering

dept. and built by Ross, Lynn, and Norman Construction Co., the turnaround features a concrete bus staging area and energy efficient, shadowless lighting provided by tall, high pressure sodium vapor light fixtures.



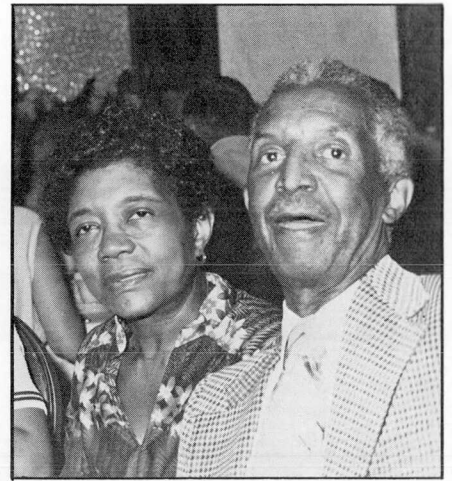
# Senior's Dinner-dance

Nearly 350 persons attended a dinner-dance of the Senior Citizens Retirement Organization on Aug. 29. The dinner was held in Niko's restaurant, 7600 S. Harlem av., Bridgeview. The organization now has more than 1,300 members and is growing daily, said Joe Nolan, general manager of the organization.

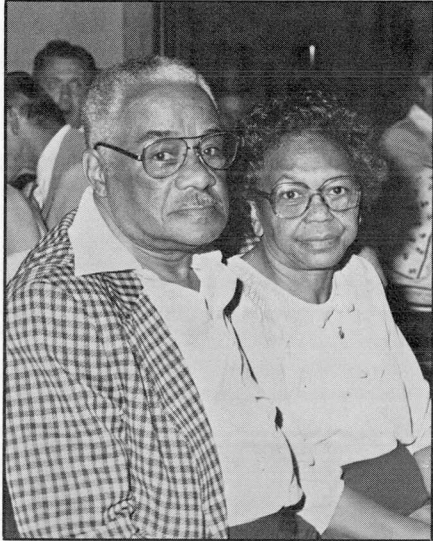
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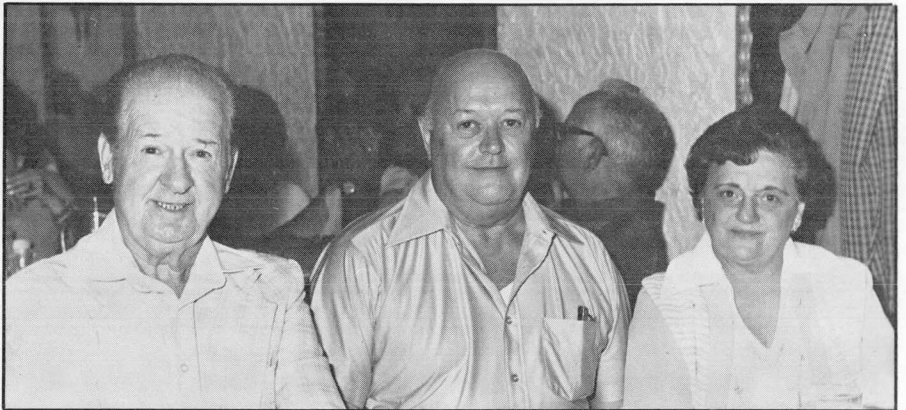
President, CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization, Bernard Scholz (North Av. '72) and his wife, Josephine.



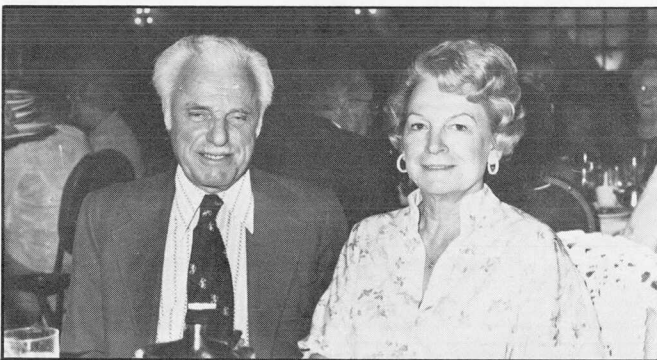
Charles Haynes (69th '75) and his wife, Elizabeth.



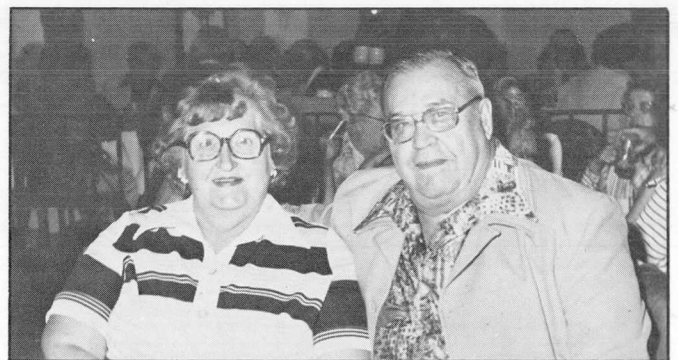
Charles Ramsey (69th '76) and his wife, Katherine.



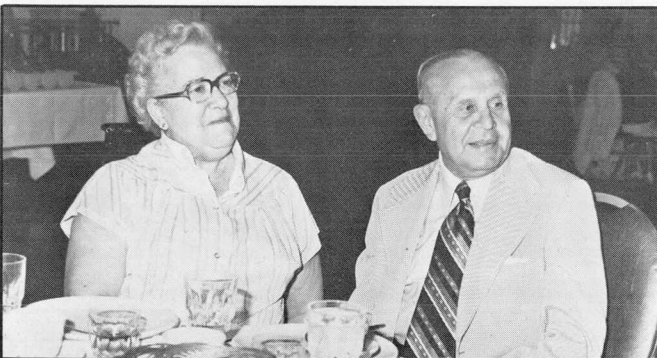
From left, John King (Beverly '74), Arnold Hillstrom (52nd '78) and his wife, Helen.



Anton Vihnanek (South Shops '72) and his wife, Ruth.



Harry Poces (So. Shops '77) and his wife, Grace.



Floyd Corbo (Gen. Office '75) and his wife, Mary Grace.



Bruno Gorski (Comm. Center '78) and his wife, Stella.

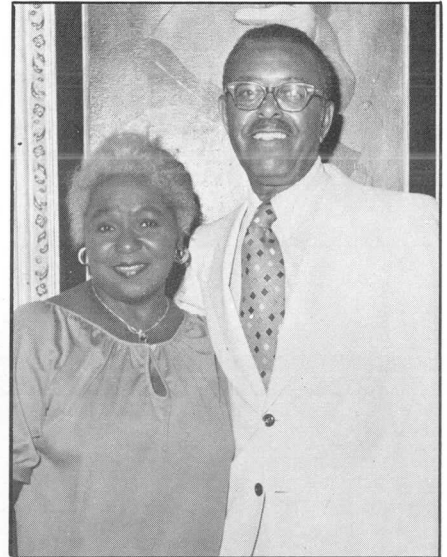




Leonard DeGroot (Rail, South District '65) and his fiancée, Mrs. Jean Primavera.



Clarence "Butch" Brieger (Rail, South District '69) and his wife, Dorothy.



Redo Hall (77th '76) and his wife, Opal.



Herb Beyer (Lawndale '67) and his wife, Anna.



Bill Dineen (Archer '76) and his wife, Anna, at left; Ray Mathis (So. Shops '79) and his wife, Sophie.



On Aug. 23 a surprise get together was held in the office of Bill Platt, director, Job Classification, commemorating his 40th anniversary of employment with CTA and its predecessor companies. CTA Chairman Eugene M. Barnes (left) congratulates Bill and his fiancée, Kay Brunke.



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schmitz who were joined in holy matrimony on June 23, 1979, in Our Lady of the Snows Catholic church in Chicago. The bride is the former Barbara Griseto, executive secretary in the Transportation Department. Bruce is a substation attendant in the Maintenance Department.



# Kedzie says farewell with a picnic

Prior to their closing on Sept. 2, the personnel of Kedzie Garage held a picnic on Saturday, Aug. 25, in the St. Phillip's School parking area, just adjacent to the garage, to herald its closing.

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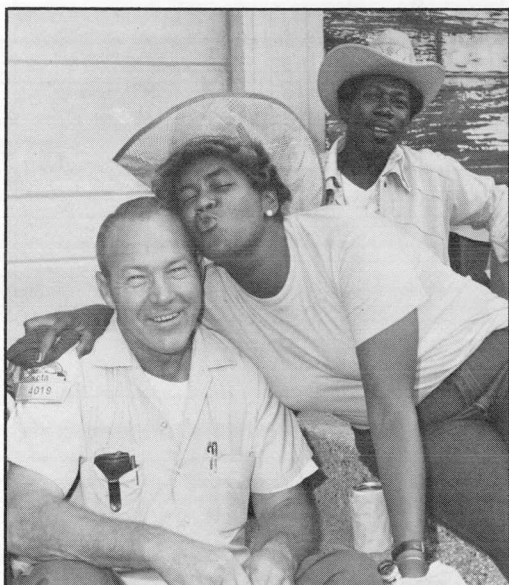
C. Herron, L. Pointer and E. Ware.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore also celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary at the picnic.



R. Harmon and B. Hall.



C. Waggoner, R. Lewis and J. Jones.



Supervisor Fred Riggins, District C, and his group supplied the musical entertainment for the picnic.



Mr. and Mrs. R. Franklin and L. Moore.



Picnic organizing committee: R. Harmon, J. Jonkis, R. Hall, R. Muzzall, B. Simmons, R. Franklin, J. Moore, M. Seaberry, M. Rogers, I. Washington, J. Brady, R. Lewis, D. Nailor, E. Allen and M. Franklin.

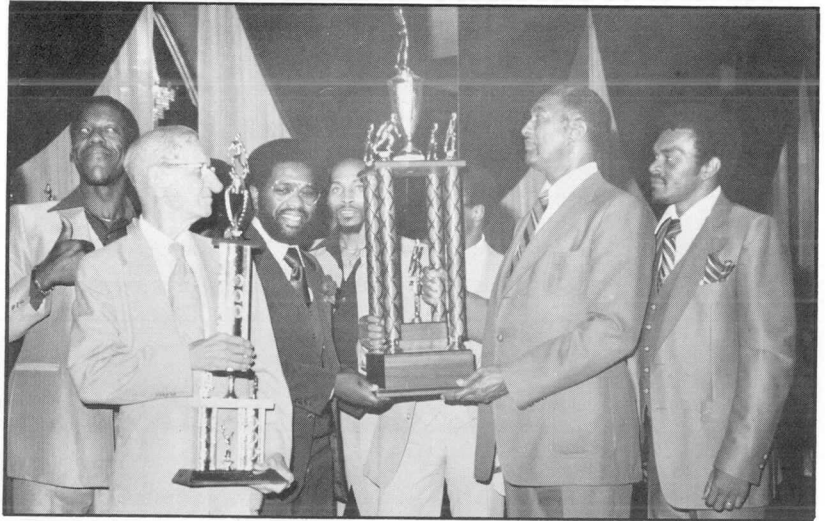


# CTA teams receive Grant Park softball awards

On Thursday, Sept. 27, the Grant Park Recreation Association held its yearly softball awards banquet at the Martinique Restaurant in Evergreen Park. Recipients of awards this year were two teams from CTA.

The North Park Renegades became the first team in CTA history to win the Grant Park Tournament of Champions softball title. Accepting fourth place trophies for the Grant Park Industrial Softball League were the Rapid Transit Roller Coasters.

(CTA photos by Eric Blakely)



Claude A. Walton, superintendent, Chicago Park District (second from right), presents the first place winners trophy for the Tournament of Champions to William "Sugar Bear" Robinson as other Renegade team members look on. Holding one of the individual team trophies is Stanley Siedlecki, member of the Grant Park Recreation Association (GPRA).



Mrs. Eugene Orr and CTA Chairman Eugene Barnes strike a happy smile, of victory as they pose before the trophies to be awarded to our CTA teams.



Lou Goldstein (right), officer of the GPRA, presents the fourth place winners trophy for the Grant Park Industrial Softball League to Leroy Crenshaw of the Rapid Transit Roller Coasters, as John Eckel, GPRA umpire looks on.



Proudly displaying the first place trophy they won are, left to right: Charles Dial, Superintendent Victor L. Johnson, North Park, and William Robinson.



Chairman Barnes poses with two lovely CTA operators -- Bobbye Byrd (left), North Avenue, and Dorothy Smith, North Park.



# An unusual family reunion on a charter bus

by W. B. Wolfan

The plans were all set. Eighty-eight year-old CTA retiree Edward M. Plikuhn was to be the guest of honor at the Baltimore-Sox game. A CTA bus was chartered to carry Plikuhn, his sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to Comiskey Park Aug. 24. Approximately 50 persons were aboard the bus. Another 15 joined them at the park.

Everything was fine except the ball park. Due to the condition of the field, the White Sox game with the Orioles was called off, so Plikuhn, a lifelong Sox fan, didn't get to see his favorites play as planned.

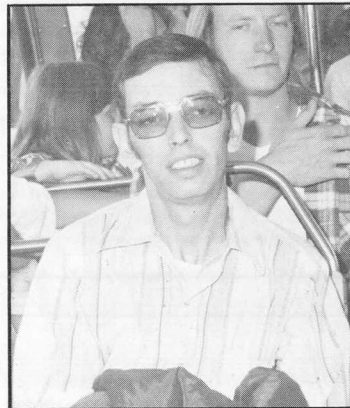
The Charter group tried a second time the following day and again the Oriole-Sox contest was canceled.

But Plikuhn's son-in-law, Terry Short, assistant day foreman, 69th Street garage, says, "We had a great time anyway, just getting the entire Plikuhn clan together, even if only for a bus ride to the ball park."

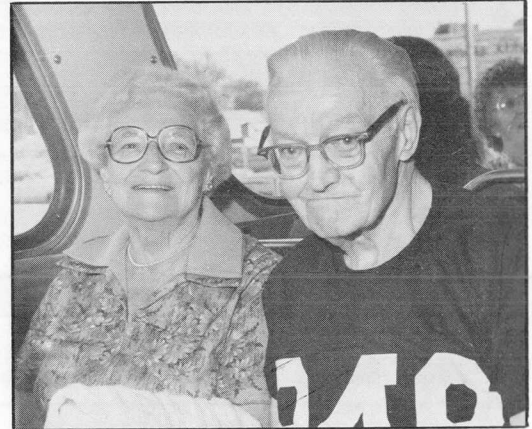
Plikuhn and his wife, Eileen, have been married 64 years. He started working on the old Chicago Surface Lines as a conductor in 1918 and retired in 1955.

The Plikuhns have three sons and three daughters, and when their 33 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren all get together, the family has to rent a hall.

(CTA photos by Bert Cadney)



Terry Short, assistant day foreman, 69th Street garage.



Eileen and Edward Plikuhn.



Mary Ann Burns (seated, second from left), secretary to the manager, Labor Relations, will soon be leaving on a maternity leave of absence. She and her husband Jim, a plumber in Plant Maintenance, are looking forward to the arrival of their first baby in December. A luncheon was

held in her honor at the M & M Club on Aug. 10. Mary Ann has worked for CTA for ten years in the Stores, Insurance, Law and Labor Relations departments.



## NEW PENSIONERS



JOINING THE ranks of the retired on September 1 was RAYMOND J. RUZICH, director, Personnel, who had more than 43 years of service.

LAWRENCE BELIN, Conductor, 61st Street, Emp. 4-12-45  
 WILLIAM BYRD, Operator, Archer, Emp. 8-21-51  
 PAUL J. GRABOWSKA, Operator, North Park, Emp. 4-01-46  
 JOHN J. MEYER, Collector, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-13-47  
 AUBERT E. MUIRHEID, Stock Clerk I, Stores, Emp. 1-13-48  
 STANLEY F. NEDVAR, Shopman II, West Shops, Emp. 10-10-60  
 RAYMOND J. RUZICH, Director Personnel, Human Resources, Emp. 7-20-36  
 CECIL H. SIGGERS, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 9-08-48  
 CLIFFORD A. WUNCH, Mechanic, South Shops, Emp. 2-16-48  
 HAROLD W. YOUNG, Asst. Foreman, Wilson Shop, Emp. 12-08-65

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

JERRY BYRD Jr., Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 7-28-66  
 MARVIN KISSEL, Conductor, South Section, Emp. 2-13-48  
 GLENN E. MCCANN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-27-58  
 TOMMIE L. VINSON, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 8-10-64

## IN MEMORIAM

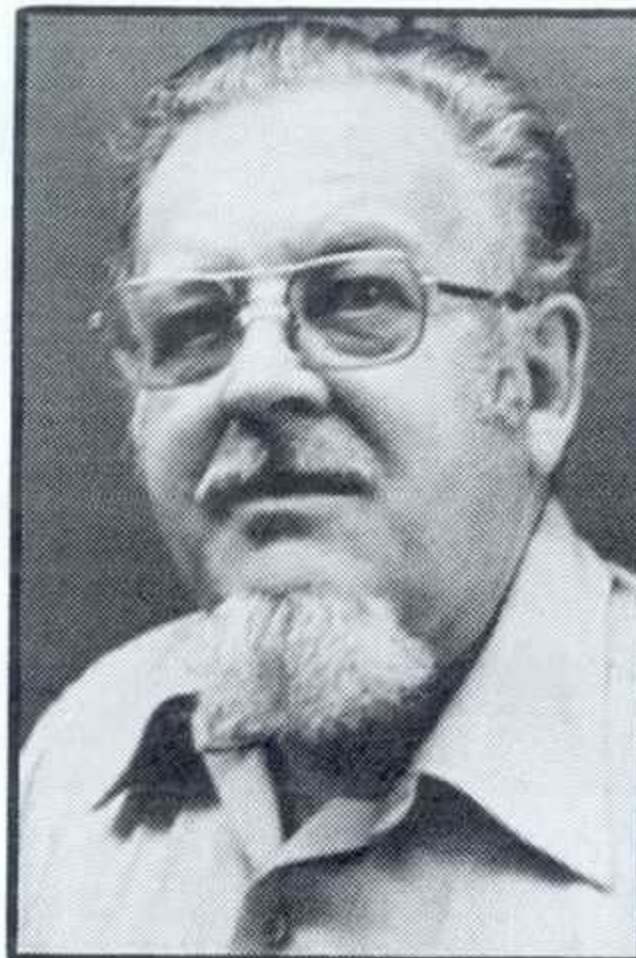
MARY E. BRANDT, 88, North Section, Emp. 3-24-30, Died 6-23-79  
 WILLIAM A. BRIEGER, 93, North Section, Emp. 10-09-03, Died 7-06-79  
 JOHN T. BURKE, 76, South Shops, Emp. 9-09-27, Died 7-15-79  
 CHARLES J. CARLSON, 65, Adm. Services, Emp. 8-25-37, Died 7-01-79  
 ALEXANDER CHESHIRE, 95, 69th Street, Emp. 11-19-19, Died 6-29-79  
 F. O. COFFEY, 79, Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-23-25, Died 7-10-79  
 WALTER P. DABROWSKI, 66, North Ave., Emp. 9-13-43, Died 7-14-79  
 HARRY R. DENZ, 77, South Shops, Emp. 3-02-42, Died 7-22-79  
 WILLIAM F. DVORAK, 79, West Section, Emp. 7-16-20, Died 7-23-79  
 HENRY D. EHRICH, 83, Security, Emp. 3-02-20, Died 7-25-79  
 ELMER C. EWERT, 81, North Park, Emp. 9-14-25, Died 7-17-79  
 JOSEPH FAMERA, 72, Archer, Emp. 9-06-28, Died 7-12-79  
 WALTER A. GIRA, 70, North Avenue, Emp. 11-24-52, Died 7-14-79

JOHN J. GRADY, 62, Beverly, Emp. 3-17-41, Died 6-25-79  
 HERMAN A. HASMANN, 77, North Avenue, Emp. 10-01-23, Died 7-26-79  
 CLARENCE L. JACOBSON, 82, District A, Emp. 8-25-24, Died 7-22-79  
 ELBERT P. JONES, 66, North Avenue, Emp. 5-03-51, Died 7-25-79  
 WILLIAM H. KEOUGH, 70, District B, Emp. 1-13-36, Died 7-09-79  
 RUDOLPH KOPROWITZ, 76, Beverly, Emp. 11-14-27, Died 7-07-79  
 HENRY R. MAUER, 74, Claims, Emp. 8-06-42, Died 6-11-79  
 WILLIAM A. MC CLANAHAN, 64, District A, Emp. 12-04-45, Died 7-16-79  
 FLORRIE A. PEZZATO, 80, Beverly, Emp. 3-01-44, Died 7-17-79  
 WILLIAM ROBINSON, 83, Kedzie, Emp. 6-27-27, Died 7-23-79  
 ROY C. THOMPSON, 72, North Park, Emp. 1-12-37, Died 7-26-79  
 JAMES A. VETO, 76, West Section, Emp. 11-23-27, Died 7-18-79  
 CLARENCE E. WESTERMAN, 80, Archer, Emp. 1-08-20, Died 7-25-79

## Service anniversaries in September

40 years

P. L. Janke  
Electrical



35 years

G. S. Rusin, West Section  
T. Yapelli, North Avenue

30 years

S. S. Kacmarek, Utility  
D. E. Martorelli, Claims  
D. J. O'Sullivan, Claims

25 years

P. W. Kolsch, Forest Glen  
R. S. Miller, Archer  
R. J. Oesterreich, Forest Glen

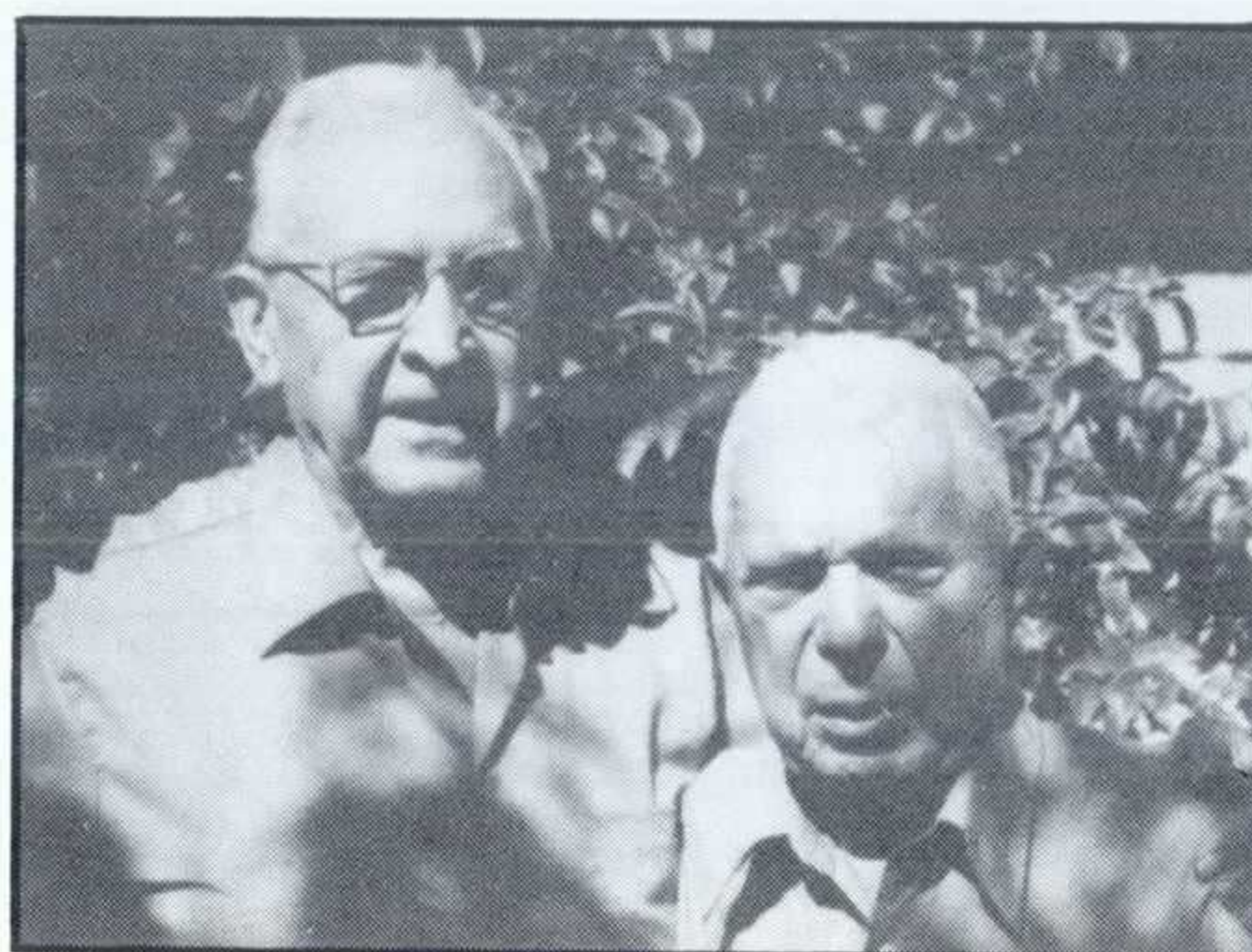
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Robert Dietz (retired '55), 89 (left), and Peter Mirkovich (retired '56), 90, enjoyed a Labor Day get-together in Anaheim, California. Mr. Dietz (42 years service) was a foreman, motor repair, West Shops, and Mr. Mirkovich (40 years service) was rail shop foreman at South Shops. (Our thanks to Mrs. Ruth Dietz Egan for contributing this item to Transit News.)



Martha and John Halvey recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with 165 guests at the Salt Creek Country Club in Itasca, Illinois. Mr. Halvey, who was a streetcar conductor at Lawndale, retired Jan. 1, 1961, after 43 years service.





### South Pulaski bus service increased

Service on the No. 53A South Pulaski bus route south of 81st st. to 111th st. has been increased to include Saturday evening through 2300 hrs. and Sunday from 1000 hrs. to 1800 hrs. Giving the first bus a grand send off on Sunday, Sept. 2, were: Robert Tolander, president of the

United Home Owners of Evergreen Park; Mayor Anthony Vacco of Evergreen Park; Mayor Philip Lucerto of Hometown; State Representative Herbert Huskey; Nick Ruggiero, CTA board member, and Harold Geissenheimer, CTA general operations manager.

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