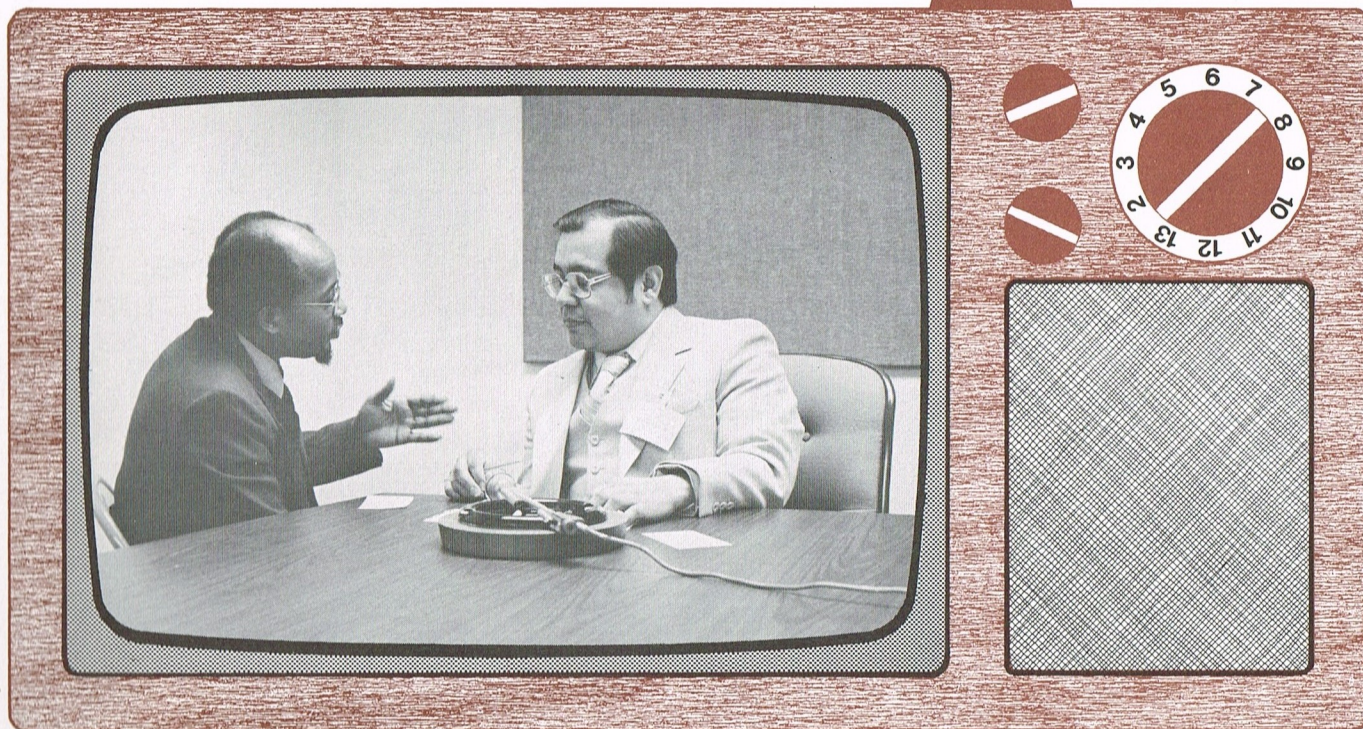


# CTA-TV



The minicam--it's everywhere! But did you know that it's CTA's own minicam? Operated by the Video division of the Training/Development programs department, CTA TV probably won't win any Emmies this year, but its producers, directors, and cameramen are out to capture the CTA employe audience.

Several programs have been produced already. One, entitled "Handling the Public," deals with bus courtesy, and consists entirely of group interviews with operators from the North Park and 77th Street garages.

In the tape, the operators tell their methods of dealing with problems, sometimes going beyond the methods illustrated in the rulebook. The situations are common ones, such as getting people to move to the rear of the bus, how to deal with complaints, and what to do with riders who insist on bringing baby strollers onto the bus. While most of the solutions are simply common sense, some are quite extreme, such as chewing garlic to get people to move back.

"Handling the Public" is going to be shown at every garage on the system, with the premiere scheduled for late January at the 77th Street and North Park garages.

The crew has also taped and produced two versions of the CTA Technical Institute. One is a five-minute tape that basically explains what the CTATI is, and it

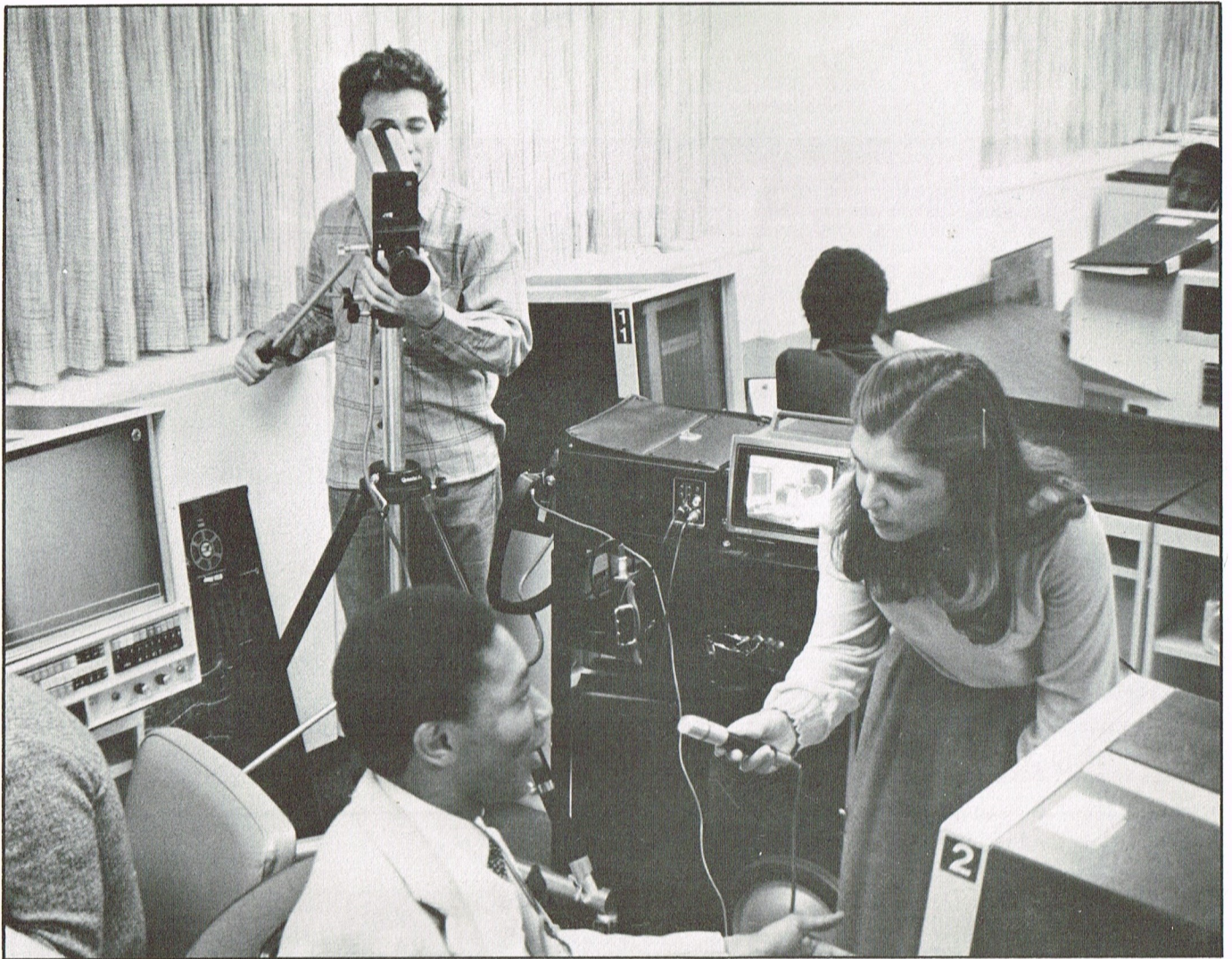


As Elonzo Hill, superintendent, Training Center, videotapes, Art Hubbard, assistant supervisor, Instruction, and Rosalio Garcia, M/P intern, engage in a role-playing discussion.

will be used rather like an advertisement. It will be sent to prospective participants at other authorities throughout the nation.

The second version is longer and more detailed. It will be shown to people not having time to take the entire TI, but interested in increasing their knowledge of mass transit. (continued, page 2)

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Bob Bizar, director of the video project, envisions CTA TV as a three-fold program. First is its training value, especially in refresher courses. Secondly, the system can easily be used as an internal communication system, carrying messages in a more vibrant form than a simple memo. And third, the camera can record, both visually and aurally, events of historical significance, such as the October visit of the Pope, and last summer's White House fire.

With the limited equipment of one color and two black-and-white cameras, the eagerness of the crew, and the cooperation of the subjects are essential elements to the project.

Future training problems to be taped include a feature on turning the 55 foot long articulated bus; an explanation of how the control center operates, and a tape on Naperville roads for the travel information center.

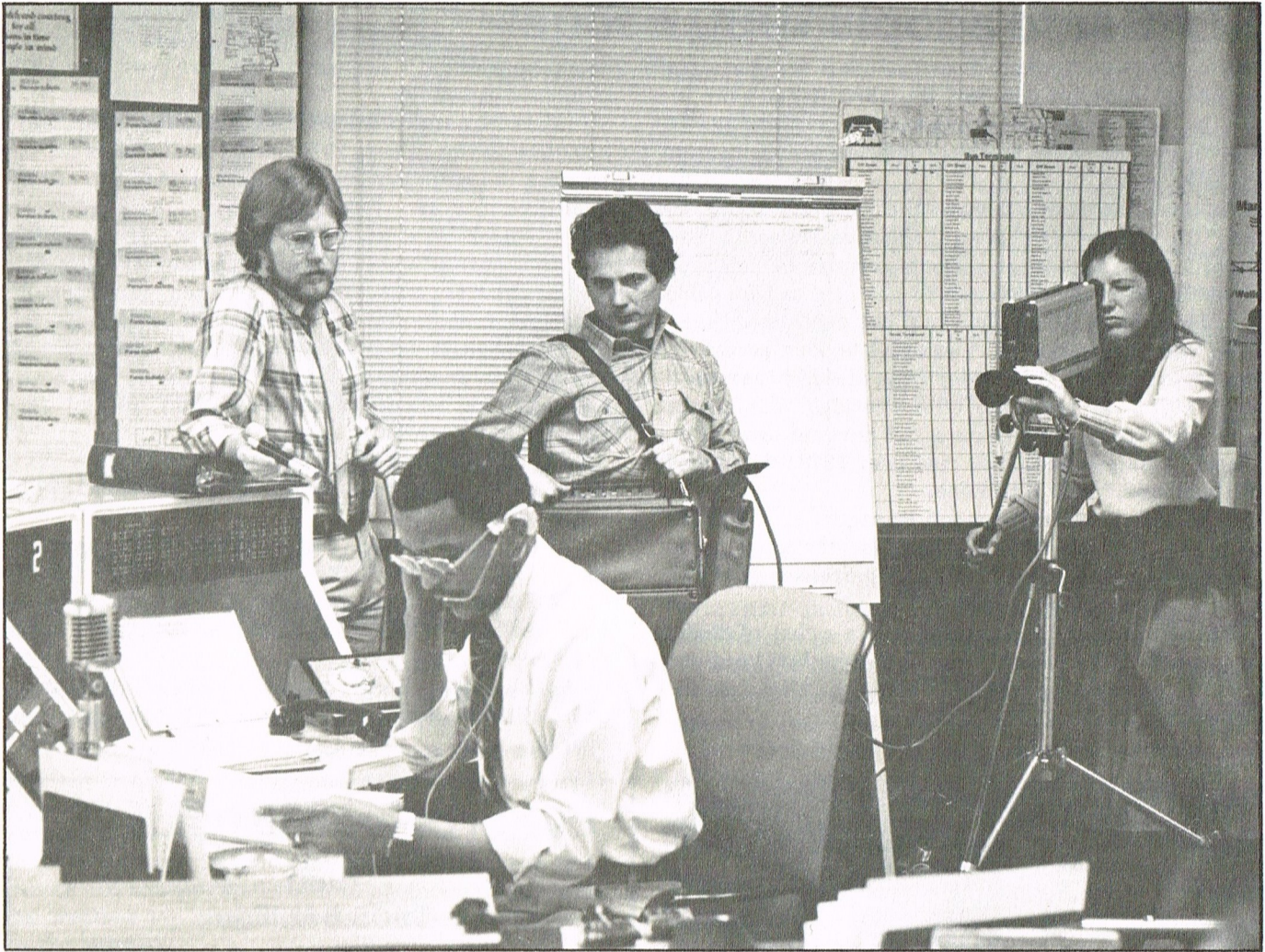
In addition, the Claims and Law departments have requested tapes of their guest speakers, so that the speakers will not need to keep returning for small groups of trainees. The tapes will then be filed and replayed whenever necessary.

Ted Radakovic tapes as Martha Koch interviews Harold Robinson in the Travel Information Center.

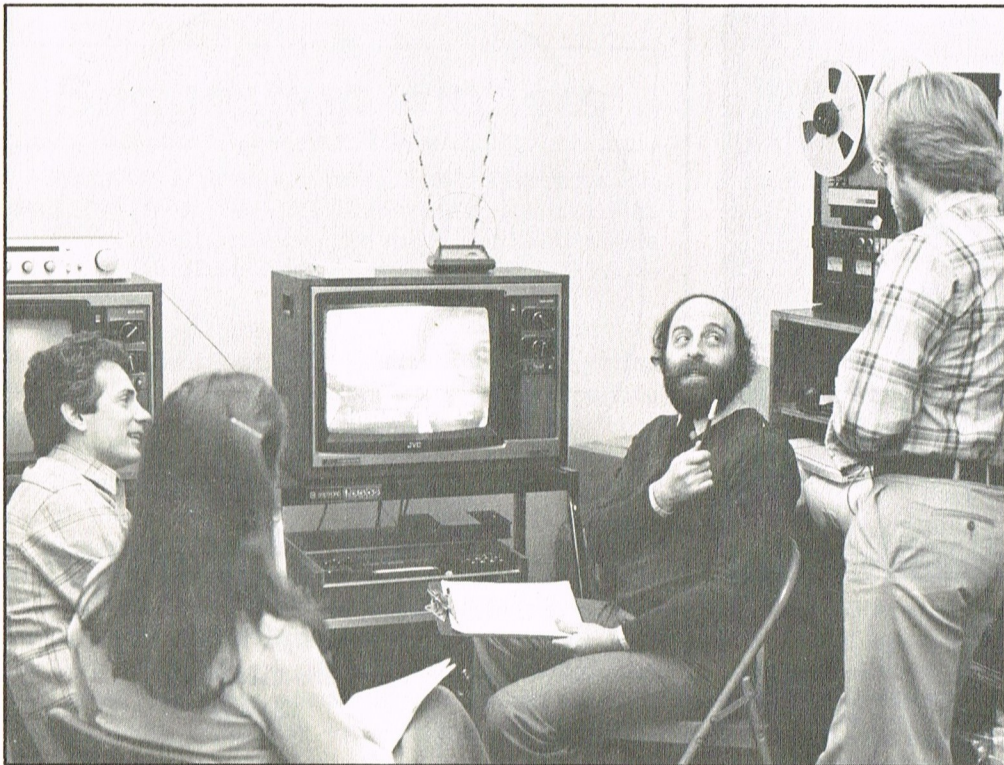
Management education sessions also use the video system in their role-playing sessions of corrective case interviews and performance evaluations. The sessions are recorded, then played back and critiqued by the group. By actually seeing and hearing how they perform in typical employe relation situations, the participants gain a better perspective on how they are actually seen by others.

Currently, a documentary is being produced. Its subject is the accessibility that CTA provides throughout the city, from the Loop to the neighborhoods. The tapes' premise is that the CTA is responding to the needs of the thousands of people who, for one reason or another, are moving into, or staying in, the city. This "special" is going to be viewed by neighborhood organizations, the State Street Council and other concerned business groups, as well as the CTA Board of Directors.

The video crew, Martha Koch, Mike McNamara, and Ted Radakovic, has become a familiar sight to many employes in the past few months. So now, when you see the camera, SMILE, you're on CTA TV.



Mike McNamara, Ted Radakovic and Martha Koch (left to right) tape their latest effort, a documentary on the control center. The bus controller is Derrick Robinson.



Bob Bizar (second from right), director of the video project, reviews the tape "Handling the Public" with the CTA TV staff.

# CTA Board adopts 1980 budget

The Chicago Transit Board adopted an operating budget of \$504,482,000 for the 1980 fiscal year on Jan. 9. The 1980 budget represents an increase of 13.4 per cent over the 1979 operating expenses of \$445,002,000.

In an introduction before the budget hearing on Dec. 12, George Krambles, Executive Director, explained that the budget reflects continuing inflation which for 1979 will be over 14 per cent and for 1980 is anticipated at a 9 and one-half per cent rate.

"A 30-year decline in ridership has been reversed, and the number of CTA riders has steadily increased since 1973. In 1979, the CTA provided 722 million passenger trips, an increase of 3.7 per cent over 1978, and an increase of 15.6 per cent over 1973. This trend will continue," said Krambles.

Paul Kole, General Finance Manager, said that the 13.4 per cent increase for 1980 is attributed in its entirety to anticipated inflationary increases in labor, material, and other expenses.

"As an example," Kole said, "the price of diesel fuel was 42 cents per gallon at this time last year and now the current price is 72 cents a gallon, an increase of 71 per cent."

System-generated revenue for 1980 is expected to

increase to \$262.7 million or 15.7 per cent over 1979 projected results.

"This increase results mainly from the fare change effective in November, 1979, and also includes an estimated one per cent increase in ridership for 1980," said Kole.

To cover 1980 operating expenses, \$241,792,000 will be required in public funding through the Regional Transportation Authority. In addition to the public funding for operating costs, the 1980 budget also includes requests to the RTA for public assistance of \$801,000 to pay interest on CTA revenue bonds and \$300,000 for unanticipated emergency capital improvement expenses.

The required public funding through the RTA represents a decrease from 49.1 per cent in 1979 to 48 per cent in 1980.

Of the total budget, 64.4 per cent is for operating the 2,420 buses and 1,100 rapid transit cars. Buses on 137 routes operate over 254,000 scheduled miles each weekday. Over 2,500 train departures are made each weekday.

Maintenance of buses, rapid transit cars, structures, and facilities account for 29.7 per cent of the operating budget.

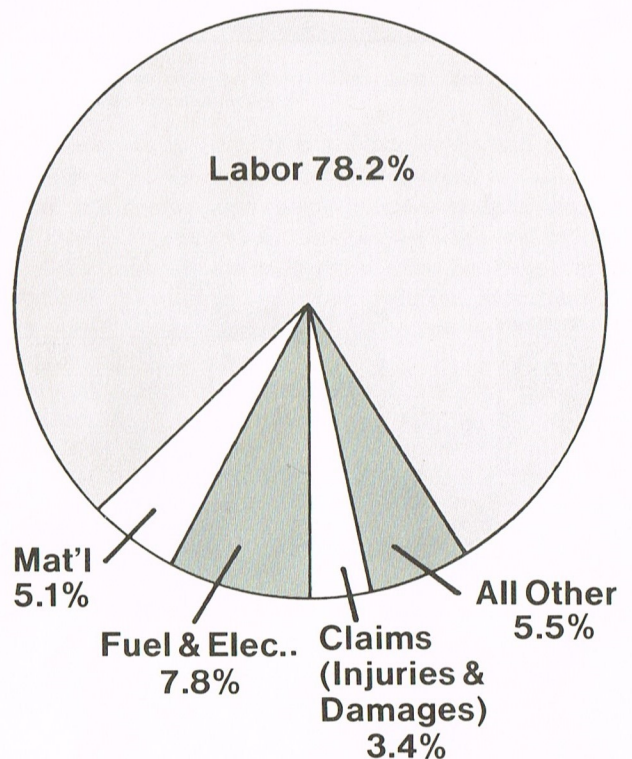


## New Year's resolution

Board Member Nick Ruggiero presents button with the wording "CTA 1980 New Year's Resolution - Keep within our budget" to Chairman Barnes when the budget was approved at the January board meeting. While distributing the buttons, Ruggiero expressed his hope that every employee of the CTA will make every possible effort to achieve this goal.

## Use of operating funds

1980  
\$505.6 Million





First CTA bus passenger shelter with cantilevered roof is visited by CTA Chairman Eugene M. Barnes (right) and his guests at corner of Adams street and Campbell avenue on Dec. 3. They are State Rep. Douglas Huff Jr., (D., 20th) in cap and white coat; Ald. Eugene Ray (27th) in black coat and hat; Chicago Sewer Commissioner Edward A. Quigley, behind Mr. Barnes; Lawrence Allen, deputy supt. of sewers, in white car coat and hat, and Mrs. Willie Jackson, representative of Midwest Terrace, senior citizens building, 150 S. Campbell, near the new shelter.

## Construction of 225 new bus shelters begins

The first CTA bus passenger shelter designed for narrow sites was constructed at the corner of Adams street and Campbell avenue on Nov. 30.

This shelter, one of 10 experimental shelters being tried out by the CTA, was among an order of 225 shelters now being constructed throughout the CTA's service area.

The 10 experimental shelters have narrow side panels and cantilevered roofs to protect persons from the weather yet permit passers-by plenty of access on the sidewalk.

Forty of the 225 shelters are 12 feet, 4 inches long. The remaining 185 shelters, including the 10 experimental shelters, are 8 feet, 3 inches long. All 225 shelters protect an area 5 feet, 8 inches deep and are 7 feet, 6 inches in height.

"We are especially pleased to get this project underway before the severe winter weather begins," said CTA Chairman Eugene M. Barnes.

The 225 shelters cost a total of \$309,500 and are funded by federal and state governments and the RTA.

Crews of the Maintenance Department are constructing the shelters on sites throughout the CTA's service area in Chicago and suburbs.

The new shelters are similar in design to the 200 previously installed by the CTA.

## Suggestion Winners

Dominick Lopiccola, driver at 69th Street garage, won \$705 from the CTA Employee Suggestion Plan for recommending changing the relief point for drivers on the #52A South Kedzie bus route from 111th to 103rd street.

Another cash award winner was Nick Suero, car repairer at Congress, who received \$30 for suggesting the use of a new brush holding tool for 2400 series car motor alternators. Lawrence Bernas, machinist, Central Counting, was given \$10 for proposing the installation of safety guards around the Central Counting grinder.

Honorable Mention gift certificates were awarded to 10 other employees for submitting usable ideas about making work easier or safer at CTA. Included were: James Bell, bus servicer, 69th Street; John Garner, bus repairer, Beverly; Michael Gray, bus and truck mechanic, South Shops; Daniel Joseph, driver, North Park; and Winmon Lewis Jr., painter, South Shops.



Dominick Lopiccola (left), driver at 69th Street, receives a check for \$705 from Gene Jendrach, Suggestion Plan analyst.

Other Honorable Mention winners were: Betty Rice, ticket agent, West Section; Richard Stenzel, bus repairer, Forest Glen; Ralph Stephens, shopman, Skokie Shop; Richard Wadington, bus repairer, Forest Glen; and Robert Wrobel, electrician, Plant Maintenance.



James Walker (Beverly garage) is a hero to Mrs. Phyllis Finney, of West 118th street. "One afternoon my 10-year-old son Corey ran away from the school where he is supposed to stay until I pick him up. He wasn't at home, either, so I called the police. While they were at my home, the telephone rang. It was Mr. Walker. He had my son with him, and he was unharmed. He had encountered Corey at a bus stop on 111th Street and saw that he was not boarding the bus, so he began to question him. When he found out that Corey had run away, he had him get on the bus and ride with him until he could get to a phone. I hate to think of what could have happened if it were not for a wonderful and kind man like Mr. Walker."

Assunta Kaya (Forest Glen garage) was thanked for her help by Matilda Ippoliti, of North Newland avenue. "I have not taken the 91 Austin bus too often, so I had to ask the driver for assistance, and she was extremely helpful and courteous. Also, I noticed that she was considerate of all her passengers, especially older people. When questioned about the all-day Sunday transfer, she gave out information without ever interrupting her driving schedule. She gave everyone boarding the bus a cheerful smile, and her friendliness touched everyone."



## commendation corner

Emma Watt (77th Street garage) was the driver of a 3 King Drive bus that Elmer Beard took both downtown and back to his home on King drive the same evening. "The ride downtown was smooth, and the operator was a very businesslike young lady who was an excellent driver. To my surprise, the same driver was going south at 8th street when I was ready to retrace my steps. She was so skillful and careful I was deeply impressed and pleased. About midway on the trip, a police officer boarded the bus. His presence made me feel quite secure. As a senior citizen of 77 years, personal safety is important to me. I arrived at my home in the same 45 minutes it took going down. I was delighted with the evening's transportation."

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Charles Robinson (North Park garage), the driver of a 151 Sheridan bus, was the subject of a letter from Jacqueline Jones, of North Lake Shore drive. "He is courteous, predictable (always at my corner at exactly the same time each day); always has a smile, a kind word; offers directions and assistance to people...I could go on and on. I will no longer be traveling this route in the morning and will really miss seeing this gentleman each day. He richly deserves commendation. He does his job well above and beyond what can be expected."

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Ignacio Hernandez (Archer garage) was the driver of a 62 Archer bus that Dorothy Rohl and her family took from the Loop on their way home to South Trumbull avenue. "We just returned from a pleasant, relaxing ride with operator #7014 from Kinzie street through the State Street Mall, and found it is a convenient and pleasant way to see the new mall. He was courteous to all and operated the bus so smoothly, it really was a joy to ride with him to Kedzie. Our salute to him and all drivers like him."

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James Kolstad (Beverly garage) was appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. John Crescent Sr., of South Washtenaw avenue, for his courtesy on a 49A South Western bus. "We have not ridden buses or trains for several years, and it was a refreshing experience to be greeted by your driver. This man called out the cross streets, which I am sure the older riders appreciated--especially those with poor eyesight, as they didn't have to strain to see the signs. This man operated in a most professional manner, and I am certain your ridership would increase if others were as courteous and pleasant as he was."

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Irma Saucedo (Archer garage) was the driver of a 94 South California bus that George Tomisek, of South Homan avenue, was afraid he had already missed early one evening at 19th street. "I got to the corner a few seconds late, and she started to go, but when she saw me she stopped, and I sure did appreciate it. I was coming from St. Anthony Hospital, and after dark I'm afraid to stand on that particular corner. It takes a fine lady like her to protect us elderly men. (I am 71.) I don't know the lady, but I do think she is a wonderful person, and very courteous."

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Thomas Southern (69th Street garage) and Kench Borum (77th Street garage) are drivers of buses that Catherine Rajca takes regularly from her home on South Wood street to school at 73rd and Oak Park avenue. "I get the first driver on Garfield. He is always so polite and has a smile every day. He also has a kind word for everybody when they leave the bus at Archer and Cicero. I get the second driver at 73rd street, and when he sees a bus coming on Cicero, he waits for us because he knows there is a half-hour wait for the next bus. He also smiles and has a kind word for everyone."

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Among other operating employes receiving commendations recently were:

Carlos Alonso, Limits; McBride Anderson, 69th Street; and David Arreguin, North Park.

Pedro Balderas, Arnold Beler, and Bobby Brown, all of North Park; Bruce Berkowitz, Forest Glen; and Booker Bolton, North Avenue.

Jean Cage and Leroy Carr, both of North Park; Gail Calloway, North Avenue; John Cameron, Ashland Terminal; Glen Carpenter, 69th Street; Edith Carr, Anthony Ceriale, and Floyd Cooley, all of Forest Glen; and Wayne Cousins, Lawndale.

Bruno Diaz, Limits; James Dolan, Howard Terminal; Frederick Douglas, North Park; and George Duszynski, Forest Glen.

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

Carmelo Gonzalez and Jesus Gonzalez Jr., both of North Park; Wallace Good, Forest

Glen; James Gregory, 77th Street; and Edgar Griffin Jr., North Avenue.

William Head, Forest Glen; and William Henderson Jr., North Park.

Arthur Jackson, John James, and Willie Jett, all of 77th Street; Zeke Jagst and Willie James, both of North Park; and Robert Johnson, Archer.

Edward Kaminski, Archer; and Chester Konopacki, Limits.

Ricardo Leiva, Forest Glen; John Lemond and Jorge Lopera, both of North Park; and Paul Lewis, North Avenue.

John Mack Jr., Lawndale; Joseph Mackin, Adolph Marth, and Angel Martinez, all of North Park; Eleanore Madrecki and Flora McClure, both of Forest Glen; Lamont Maxwell, Archer; Daniel McGee, North Section; Gysbertus Mheenbeck, Howard Terminal; Willie Moore and Robert Mumbower, both of North Avenue;

and Nelson Mounia, Limits.

Vito Napoli, Forest Glen; and Victoria Nesbit, North Park.

Ollie Oliver, 77th Street.

Angel Perez and Robert Pritchard, both of North Avenue.

Johnnie Readus, 52nd Street; Jose Rivera, Jose Rodriguez, and Angel Roman, all of Forest Glen; and Pablo Rosario, Limits.

Joseph Sanhamel, Mary Schmidtke, Glenn Steude, and Daniel Stronach, all of North Park; Donald Sheller and Edna Stiffend, both of Forest Glen; and Lela Steele, Lawndale.

Reuben Thomas, Lawndale; Robert Thomas, North Park; and George Thompson and William Thompson, both of Archer.

Leroy Vaughn, 77th Street.

Cleven Wardlow, Limits; Gary Williams, North Park; and Howard Wilson, Forest Glen.

John Zupko, Howard Terminal.

## promotions

The Transportation Department has appointed two new assistant superintendents. Assigned to the same sections in which they previously served as management professional interns are Horace Brooks, Personnel, Far South, and William Mooney, Support Services.

In Materials Management-Stores, James Riley Jr. has been promoted from order control clerk to unit supervisor, Inventory Operations. Anthony Ambut, former driver, North Avenue, is now training coordinator, Human Resources-Training/Development Programs. Sergio Rodriguez, former analyst, Labor Relations, has been selected senior financial analyst, Financial Services. Also in Financial Services, Daniel Reel,

former travel information representative, Management Services, has been appointed data entry operator.

Five former bus repairers, Vehicle Maintenance, have been chosen relief foremen in the same department. In their new positions, Daniel Costley, formerly of Forest Glen, and Leodis Royster, formerly of 77th Street, both move to North Avenue; Lonnie Austin, previously at North Avenue, moves to Archer; Daniel Gleich remains at 77th Street; and Dennis Cook stays at North Park.

Recently assigned as bus drivers to Forest Glen are Kevin Majors, former laborer, Vehicle Maintenance, South Shops, and Wilson James III, former conductor, North Section; and to 77th Street, Wavie Murphy, former ticket agent, South Section. Within South Section, Oliver Baylor has

been reassigned from conductor to work train conductor.

In Operations Planning, Ronald Peel has moved from traffic checker to traffic clerk. Now serving as traffic checkers in the same department are former drivers Eddie Tinsley (69th Street) and Eleson Murphy (77th Street), and former motorman Dorris Wilson (South Section).

At Skokie Shop, Giuseppe Geraci has been reassigned from laborer to shop tractor operator. Anthony Finney, former driver, Archer, is now substation attendant, Plant Maintenance. Maureen Danaher, former clerk/stenographer, Engineering, has been selected stenographer, Grant Programming. Anne Bandur, utility clerk, has moved from Claims Management to Administration and Development within Claims/Real Estate/Sales.

## Seven new M/P Interns appointed

Seven employees have been appointed as Management/Professional Intern Trainees by Chicago Transit Authority Chairman Eugene Barnes.

Bus Supervisors Linda Brooks, Rosalio Garcia, Rosalind Jones, Charlene McFadden and Mike Sanchez; as well as Rapid Transit Supervisor Cynthia Florence and Line Instructor Mary Beth Cobleigh, began their on-the-job training on December 24th.

The Management/Professional Intern program consists of a deep and varied involvement in many divisions of the Transportation Department.

The interns will spend the next year learning about, and working within the divisions of Personnel, the Control Center, Bus Instruction and Supervision, and also will serve as special assistants to the Transportation Manager.

Part of their training also includes a Management Education Training Seminar. After that, they will spend a few months in each division of the Transportation Department.

Next December when their one year internship concludes, the interns will be placed in the Transportation division in which he or she performed best.



The seven Management/Professional Interns appointed by Chairman Barnes in December are: left to right, Linda Brooks, Rosalind Jones, Mary Beth Cobleigh, Charlene McFadden, and Cynthia Florence. Standing, left to right, Mike Sanchez and Rosalio Garcia.

# School children learn about cta

As the sight and sound of a giant steam locomotive filled the room, the eyes of the second graders grew wider and wider. Their eyes had been almost as wide a moment before, when a horsecar, complete with ringing bells, had appeared.

This excitement is part of a program called "What is CTA?". Its purpose is to acquaint elementary school children with Chicago's transportation system at an early age. The program is sponsored by the Public Affairs department, and is available in both Spanish and English.

"What is CTA?" explains, through slides, tape recorded sounds, and live commentary, that CTA is buses, trains, and most importantly, people. The children are shown a brief history of Chicago transportation including the bobtail horsecar of 1859, the trolleys and streetcars, and the Big Bend buses and rapid transit trains of today.

The commentator, through pictures, explains the exact fare system, the difference between the elevated and the subway, and the roles of motorpersons, operators and maintenance workers. The youngsters are shown pictures of a bus being shampooed, and the commentator answers any questions that the children might have from previous trips taken on CTA with parents or teachers.

To ensure audience participation, a "name that bus sound" game is played. The sounds of coins dropping into the farebox, windshield wipers, doors closing and directional turn signals are played, and the children are asked to identify them. Some of the guesses can only be attributed to the imagination of an eight-year-old, but with a little concentration all of the sounds are eventually identified.

The bad habits of graffiti writing and littering are not mentioned. The children are encouraged to keep trains and buses clean by holding on to paper wrappings, and are advised never to remove the cap of a pen while the vehicle is moving.

Since everyone takes the CTA sooner or later, the concept behind the presentation is to encourage chil-





dren to begin taking CTA earlier, but with more safety and greater awareness. "What is CTA?" illustrates the best ways to use the system.

Using children of CTA employes as models, the slides demonstrate the best ways to sit and stand on buses and trains, where to safely stand on an "L" platform and at bus stops.

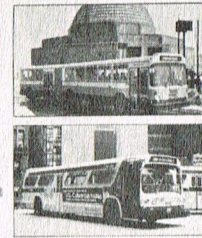
Showing that the CTA can be taken to fun places, the program includes pictures of animals at the zoo, the circus, museum exhibits and the Culture Bus. Each child is given a poster to take home, and all are urged to discuss the program with their parents.

"What is CTA?" is geared primarily toward first through fifth graders. Cam Render, writer/coordinator of the program, hopes to have a middle grade program ready by next fall.

The program has been enthusiastically received by both students and teachers. More than 120 schools have been visited so far by Mrs. Render and two associates, Elda Leal and Steve Hastalis, both of Public Affairs. Several schools have requested the program to return. More information on the program is available from the CTA Public Affairs department.

## what is cta?

cta is  
buses



trains



and people



people moving people

for travel information call 836-7000

Chicago Transit Authority, Public Affairs Dept., P.O. Box 1080 Chicago, IL 60604



Above: To help create a lasting good impression of the CTA, each youngster receives a "what is cta?" poster. The poster was designed by Ervin Harris, an artist in the Training/Development programs section, Human Resources department.

Far left: During the slide show, Cam Render, writer/coordinator of the program, asks one of the children to identify some of the interesting places that can be visited by riding CTA.

Left: Steve Hastalis (right) operates the tape recorder as the youngsters listen intently during the "name that bus sound" game.

# Retiree brings joy to hospital patients

When Walter Chrusciel retired from his 35-year job as a CTA bus operator in 1976, he found that gardening, travel, visits to his children, and becoming active in several Senior Citizens clubs just wasn't enough to keep him occupied. At his wife Helen's urging, he joined her in volunteer work at Oak Forest Hospital.

Every Wednesday the Chrusciels arrive at the hospital at 8 a.m. Mrs. Chrusciel is a shopper for bedridden patients. A volunteer since 1974, she wheels a large cart throughout the hospital, selling candy, soda, cigarettes, toiletries and other items from the hospital's commissary.

Mr. Chrusciel volunteers in the woodshop, which is part of Oak Forest's activity therapy program. He and the patients work together to create salad bowls, bird houses, doll cradles and book racks. Mr. Chrusciel works with each patient individually, since each one has a different project, varying according to their ability.

The patients keep their finished products. Many give them as gifts to friends and family, or sell them at the Patient's Activity Bazaar in November. Proceeds from this bazaar go towards the financing of patient's field trips.

The Chrusciels don't just work on Wednesdays. They also escort patients on field trips. In the past year they have gone to ball games, bowling, museums, shopping centers, and even took a group of patients to the Papal Mass in Grant Park. Both Mr. and Mrs. Chrusciel speak Polish, and were able to interpret the Pope's native tongue for the patients.

Every Christmas the Chrusciels dress up and play Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, distributing gifts and holiday snacks to the 1200 Oak Forest patients. Naturally, Mr. and Mrs. Claus were received with hugs, smiles and Christmas cheer by all the patients.

"We made them happy, and they let us know it," said Mrs. Chrusciel.

The Chrusciels reside in Oak Forest, not far from the hospital. They have five children and 10 grandchildren. Mr. Chrusciel began working for the CTA in 1942. Many of the Oak Forest patients reminisce with him about the old streetcar routes. His last assignment before retirement was Beverly garage.



**Top: Walter and Helen Chrusciel dress up as Mr. and Mrs. Claus to distribute gifts and holiday cheer throughout Oak Forest Hospital.**  
*(Photo courtesy Oak Forest Hospital)*

**Center: Helen Chrusciel offers an assortment of candy to patient Edward Cassell.**

**Bottom: Walter Chrusciel shows patient John Gierut how to build a wooden car with wheels.**

Lori Romito - O'Connor, wife of Tim O'Connor, lineman, Plant Maintenance, West Section, and daughter-in-law of John O'Connor, director, Passenger Controls/Graphics, has performed in the Ruth Page production of Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" at Arie Crown Theatre for the past six years. She appeared as one of the maids and also performed in the "Snowflake" and "Marzipan Shepherdess" sequences.

Lori began her ballet studies at age 5. After years of training, she became a member of the Milwaukee Ballet Company performing in various productions, and she has appeared on television. She executed dance in its modern form with the musical group "Styx" in a Canadian tour, and she has made numerous appearances in and around the Chicago area, embracing all forms of dance including classical ballet, jazz, and disco. Currently Lori teaches dance classes in the western suburbs.

(Photo courtesy Chicago Tribune)



## Pioneers elect officers, announce 1980 program

Maynard "Pinky" Moran (Control Center '73) has been elected president of the CTA Pioneers, an organization of CTA retirees.

Moran heads the organization he helped to found five years ago and now numbers about 600 members. The CTA Pioneers meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Golden Flame restaurant, Higgins road and Nagle avenue.

"While the monthly meetings are for retirees and their guests, we have four ladies' day luncheon and dancing programs planned this year," Moran said.

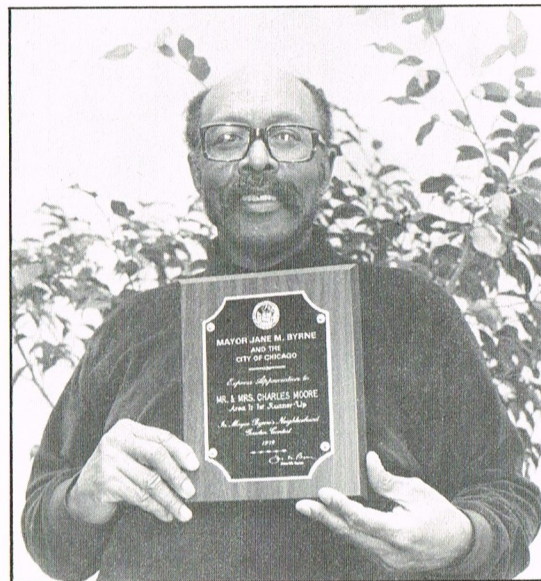
"These will be a Valentine's day party on February 12; Mother's day party on May 13; back to school party on September 9, and a Christmas party on December 9. The parties feature door prizes for the ladies," he said.

Other officers elected for 1980 are George May (Limits '71) 1st vice president; Myles Harrington (Kedzie '73) 2nd vice president; Walter Steinbeiss (North Park '74) secretary, and Melvin Horning (North Park '77) treasurer.

Nine members were elected board members. They are Frank Laske (North Park '72), Carl Larsen (Control Center '72), William Pinasco (Forest Glen '75), Ralph Kugelard (Transportation '73), Clarence Lind (Limits '71), Everett England (Skokie Shop '72), Warren Scholl (Local 241 '79), Raymond Reighard (Transportation '73), and Russell Warnstedt (Suggestion Committee '75).

Peter Collucci (Limits '76), Frank Turpin (Forest Glen '70) and Raymond Kocmoud (77th '77) were elected seargentants at arms. George Nash (Control Center '79) was elected entertainment chairman.

Pioneer meetings are open to all CTA retirees. Dues are \$1 per year. Lunches cost approximately \$4 per person.



Charles L. Moore holds the plaque he received from Mayor Byrne after being chosen first runner-up in the Mayor's Neighborhood Garden Contest for the seven-ward area surrounding his home.

## Honored in gardening contest

"Urbs in Horto"--city in a garden--is the motto that appears on Chicago's city seal, but it takes people and hard work to give the motto meaning. One of those who works to make the garden bloom every year is Charles L. Moore, night yard foreman at Jefferson Park.

Moore can transform an ordinary backyard into an orderly oasis of shrubs and flowers blended to bring out the best in any property. In recognition of his gardening achievements at home, Moore recently received a plaque from Mayor Byrne as first runner-up in his community in the Mayor's Neighborhood Garden Contest.

For Moore, the award should have come as no surprise. He has been gardening for more than 20 years, and once took a three-month course in landscaping at the University of Illinois in Champaign. He also has been a licensed landscaper, working with architects and others to plan the beautification of commercial as well as residential property.

While Moore won the mayor's award for what he did in his own yard, his efforts by no means stop at his garden gate. He has also helped neighbors in the 8100 block of Wabash avenue enhance their own lawns and gardens with tips on good landscaping practices.

Moore's prize-winning technique includes the use of evergreens for ornamentation in front of his home. Alongside a fence in the back are shrubs, which he keeps well pruned to provide accent for the rest of the garden. Among the flowers he grows in carefully arranged displays are petunias, begonias, geraniums, peonies, marigolds and mums.

For Moore, landscaping and creating beauty outdoors using nature's own tools provide a pastime that anyone who sees the results can enjoy. By sharing his expertise with his neighbors, he not only helps them beautify their own yards and gardens, but enhances everyone's property and ensures stability in the community.

## safety awards

"It seems to me I've heard that song before" could have been the theme song for the Vehicle Maintenance Department's Zero Accident Program Safety Award contest for the third quarter of 1979. In the competition among rail vehicle terminals, 61st Street came out on top, just as in the first quarter of the year. Howard was second, having been a winner in the pre-

vious quarter.

Among bus garages, 52nd Street took first place honors for the second quarter in a row, having had a perfect accident-free record during the previous three-month period. Still trying hard, but coming in second, was 69th Street, which was first in both of the two earlier quarters.

At South Shops, the winner was Mechanical Area, which also won in the first quarter. Only Vehicle Overhaul, at Skokie Shop, was a first-time award winner during the third quarter of 1979.



Surrounded by his award-winning crew, Chuck Kubal (center), day foreman, holds the first place ZAP award that 52nd Street took for

both the second and third quarters of 1979.



Night crew members at 69th Street celebrating their award are (left to right): Louis Green and Michael Jagielski, bus repairers; Glen Brunson, night foreman; Odell Morris Jr., bus servicer; Ted Nickel, clerk; and Edmund Smolinski and Henry O'Neill, bus servicers.



At 61st Street shop, the satisfaction of being a winner is reflected in the faces of (left to right): John Shanahan, car repairer; Ronald Benschish, safety specialist, Safety; Leon Fields, foreman; Thaddeus Gutt, car servicer; and Johnnie Henderson, assistant foreman.



The men who made it all happen share the limelight at ceremonies marking Howard's winning of the second place ZAP award among rail

terminal shops. Howard came in first in the previous quarter.

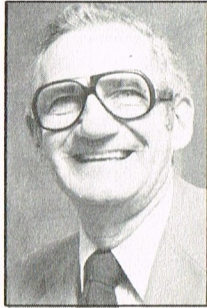


James Forrestal (left), unit supervisor, Mechanical Area, happily accepts the safety award his area won in competition with other units at South Shops from George Haenisch, supervisor, Bus Shops.



At Skokie, Matt Coyle (right), supervisor, Rail Vehicle Shops, presents third quarter safety award plaque to Paul Venticinque, unit supervisor, representing Vehicle Overhaul.

# NEW PENSIONERS



JOINING THE ranks of the retired on Jan. 1 were WALTER OQUIST (left), and THEODORE PIETRUS who had 40 or more years of service with CTA and its predecessor companies.

HAROLD ANDERSCHAT, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-15-42  
 WILLIAM BALDYGA, Supervisor, Transportation, Emp. 4-5-46  
 ARMAND BARATTA, Valuation Acct., Property Accounting, Emp. 7-1-40  
 WALTON BELL, Motorman, South Section, Emp. 2-14-46  
 JOHN BOLL, Painter Helper, South Shops, Emp. 10-22-52  
 EDWARD CECH, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-28-46  
 JOSEPH CERVELLI, Machinist, South Shops, Emp. 5-1-46  
 WAYMOND COBB, Mobile Equip. Oper., Materials Management, Emp. 11-1-56  
 CLETUS COBLEIGH, Bus Repairer, Beverly, Emp. 10-3-47  
 LOGAN COLLINS, Money Handler I, Central Counting, Emp. 8-10-48  
 CHESTER CORDEK, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 3-24-42  
 WILLIAM CROSSE, Carpenter, South Shops, Emp. 10-1-41  
 JOSEPH CZAJA, Electrical Worker A, Skokie Shop, Emp. 12-10-45  
 DANIEL DALY, Bus Repairer, 77th Street, Emp. 2-11-49  
 GEORGE DAUBS, Superintendent, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-1-53  
 MARGARET DORGAN, Keypunch Oper., Datacenter, Emp. 3-1-44  
 DAVID DURDEN, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 11-13-51  
 RAPHAEL EDWARDS, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 10-4-51  
 FRED EGGER, Machinist, Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-8-51  
 HARRY FILIP, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 9-30-43  
 CHESTER FILIPEK, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-21-49  
 KATHLEEN FORBIS, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 7-15-61  
 JOHN HALLAHAN, Area Superintendent, Far North, Emp. 1-29-46  
 ROBERT HARNISH, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 10-18-45  
 WILLIAM HARVEY, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-6-51

WILLIAM HASS, Operator, North Park, Emp. 5-4-67  
 JOHN HENNELLY, Garage Foreman, North Park, Emp. 12-8-47  
 JOHN HORTON, Supervisor, Central District, Emp. 6-27-46  
 OWEN HOSENDOVE, Operator, Archer, Emp. 9-8-47  
 CALVIN HOWARD, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 8-22-47  
 VERNON HOWE, Paint Shop Foreman, South Shops, Emp. 4-29-40  
 WILLIAM HOWE, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 8-21-47  
 HARRY JOHNSON, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 6-24-46  
 WILLIE KELLEY, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 6-10-48  
 RALPH KEMPE, Foreman, Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-5-47  
 LOUIS KINCANON, Schedule Maker, Schedules, Emp. 5-18-42  
 JOSEPH KMIEC, Operator, North Park, Emp. 3-8-44  
 ANTHONY KRISCHUNAS, Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 5-16-46  
 MICHAEL KRISTMAN, Foreman, Maintenance, Emp. 1-12-42  
 ALVIN KRZEMINSKI, Foreman, Skokie Shop, Emp. 12-10-46  
 JOSEPH KUBICKI, Operator, Archer, Emp. 5-13-42  
 PETER KUTCHEN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-8-45  
 ALDEN LAWSON, Claims/Law Coord., Law, Emp. 4-19-50  
 MARGARET LYNCH, Index Clerk III, Sales/Risk Management, Emp. 8-27-47  
 EMMETT MALONEY, Painter A, South Shops, Emp. 3-18-41  
 GERDA MATHEWS, Ticket Agent, North Section, Emp. 1-5-63  
 JOSEPH MCCRAY, M&S Technician, South Shops, Emp. 9-30-47  
 ALFRED NIBLACK, Operator, 52nd Street, Emp. 8-22-49  
 VINCENT ONDRIAS, Bus Repairer, 69th Street, Emp. 11-13-47  
 WALTER OQUIST, Sr. Transit Technician, Transportation, Emp. 10-28-35  
 WILLIAM PANEK, Foreman, South Shops, Emp. 6-18-46  
 RAYMOND PAUS, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 7-14-48  
 GEORGE PEDERSEN, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 7-1-42  
 WALTER PETERS, Box Puller, North Park, Emp. 3-10-43  
 HERBERT PETERSON, Box Puller, North Avenue, Emp. 5-21-46  
 MELVIN PFEIFFER, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 6-9-47  
 ARTHUR PHILLIPS, Claims Rep., Sales/Risk Management, Emp. 6-2-41  
 JOHN PIETROWSKI, Motorman, North Park, Emp. 8-12-48  
 THEODORE PIETRUS, Unit Supervisor, South Shops, Emp. 4-17-39  
 ALEX PLODZIN, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-17-51  
 STANLEY RAVEN, Electrical Worker A, Skokie Shop, Emp. 8-11-41

WALTER REMBACK, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-6-48  
 JOHN ROGERS, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-25-56  
 ROBERT ROESING, Supervisor, West Shops, Emp. 1-22-36  
 NORBERT ROLNICKI, Substation Chief Operator, West Shops, Emp. 7-12-37  
 JOSEPH SARNECKI, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 8-27-47  
 EDWARD SCHAEFER, Operator, Limits, Emp. 9-8-41  
 THOMAS SLATTERY, Upholsterer, Skokie Shop, Emp. 10-11-48  
 RUDOLPH SMAJO, Operator, Archer, Emp. 10-24-52  
 ROBERT SMITH, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 3-4-47  
 RAYMOND SPATZEK, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 11-20-61  
 GEORGE STRESKE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-26-41  
 STEN STROBLAD, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 5-31-45  
 DORIS SULLIVAN, Blind Case Clerk I, Sales/Risk Management, Emp. 4-19-55  
 ALOIZE SZYMELL, Box Puller, North Avenue, Emp. 4-21-43  
 GEORGE TORSON, Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-20-56  
 CASIMER TUREK, Elec. Wrkr. Leader A, Skokie Shop, Emp. 12-4-42  
 NORMAN VON KAENEL, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 10-19-42  
 ROBERT WALTERS, Operator, North Park, Emp. 5-22-46  
 DAVID WEINBERGER, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 7-5-45  
 ROBERT WHITNEY, Conductor, North Section, Emp. 9-16-47  
 DONALD WILSON, Operator, Lawndale, Emp. 7-22-46  
 DAVID WOODS, Bus Supervisor, Beverly, Emp. 9-8-47  
 FRANK ZBROSKEWICH, Serv. Truck Chauff., Transportation, Emp. 12-14-50  
 WALTER ZURAWSKI, Resident Instructor, 77th Street, Emp. 6-5-46

## We're sorry...

In the August, 1979, issue of Transit News, we inadvertently omitted the name of the following retiree:

GEORGE WOODMORE, Conductor, West Section, Emp. 12-22-47

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ESTHER ANDERSON, 70, Accounting,  
Emp. 6-1-26, Died 11-23-79  
ANTONIO ARNIERI, 69, Limits,  
Emp. 9-20-28, Died 11-3-79  
PLATO BIBBS, 70, District A,  
Emp. 10-21-43, Died 11-15-79  
WALTER BIRKER, 80, Limits,  
Emp. 3-11-26, Died 11-13-79  
GEORGE BONKOWSKI, 71, North Avenue,  
Emp. 5-20-46, Died 11-4-79  
STANLEY BUGAY, 85, North Section,  
Emp. 6-26-19, Died 11-22-79  
ROBERT CHRISTIAN, 72, Keeler,  
Emp. 10-15-29, Died 11-15-79  
EDWARD CORRIGAN, 77, West Section,  
Emp. 3-2-46, Died 11-9-79  
SAMUEL FRASE, 86, Maintenance,  
Emp. 5-16-30, Died 10-27-79

ANDREW J. FLOOD, 78, Engineering,  
Emp. 2-16-19, Died 11-30-79  
JAMES GEORGE, 67, West Section,  
Emp. 5-20-41, Died 11-29-79  
FRED HEIDECHE, 85, West Section,  
Emp. 5-3-15, Died 11-28-79  
PATRICK HESTER, 89, Kedzie,  
Emp. 8-14-22, Died 11-23-79  
SAVERIO INTERRANTI, 89, Way &  
Structures, Emp. 4-11-20, Died 11-17-79  
JOHN JANKOWSKI, 70, Claims,  
Emp. 8-26-26, Died 11-21-79  
JAMES T. KELLEHER, 77, Lake Street,  
Emp. 2-8-44, Died 11-2-79  
WILLIAM KELLY, 52, North Avenue,  
Emp. 10-5-47, Died 12-9-79  
FREDERICK KNOERR, 83, Electrical,  
Emp. 1-2-45, Died 11-13-79  
LEON MALY, 66, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 12-16-47, Died 9-10-79

ALFRED MEDNUS, 64, Archer,  
Emp. 5-12-48, Died 11-8-79  
PETER MICELI, 79, Engineering,  
Emp. 11-13-30, Died 11-8-79  
JOHN MOENICH, 96, Skokie Shop,  
Emp. 2-24-36, Died 11-27-79  
FANNY RHODA, 85, North Section,  
Emp. 9-11-47, Died 11-9-79  
LYDIA RUCK, 82, West Section,  
Emp. 9-19-44, Died 11-1-79  
TONY RUDES, 86, Archer,  
Emp. 11-8-13, Died 11-2-79  
TOMMIE VINSON, 46, 69th Street,  
Emp. 8-10-64, Died 11-1-79  
SYLVESTER WALSH, 73, North Section,  
Emp. 6-29-39, Died 11-23-79  
JOHN WERSIC, 90, Lawndale,  
Emp. 6-22-23, Died 4-11-79  
ADAM WIELGOSZ, 66, Limits,  
Emp. 1-25-45, Died 11-20-79

## Service anniversaries in January

45  
years



W. T. Henderson  
Archer

35 years

V. J. Hartney, South Section  
L. C. McGee Jr., 52nd Street  
J. P. McGrail, Skokie Shop  
J. J. Rossi, Maintenance

25 years

F. J. Black, Adm. Services  
E. P. Blicharz, Methods & Standards  
E. C. Carter, North Avenue  
M. F. O'Connor, South Shops  
G. J. Weathers, Near South Area

30 years

W. L. Eldridge, South Shops  
M. J. Fahey, Foster Shops  
E. A. Levandowski, Central Counting  
C. A. Mathews, Rail North  
J. W. Richardson, South Section  
R. Suta, Far North Area  
R. H. Welter, Howard/Kimball

D. Williams, South Section  
T. H. Williams Jr., 77th Street  
F. H. Zimmerman, Rail North



Mary Ann Allison, training manager, Avis Rent-a-Car Division, David Rosanova, manager, RTA Consumer Services, Bernard Ford, general manager, RTA, Roger Wood, manager, Management Services, Jess Barker, instructor, Travel Information Center, and Dennis Nazak, training specialist, RTA, stand behind nine Travel Information representatives who partici-

ated in the two-day communications skills seminar held December 13-14 at the RTA Training Center. Displaying certificates recognizing their achievements are (left to right, front): Brendan Gregg, Valerie Barker, David Bourne, Odean Alexander, Irene Pastinsky, Doreen Horn, Mario Tricoci, Michael Johnson and Catherine Haymaker.

# Send us your ideas

Transit News wants to print your story, and we urge all employes and retirees to submit story ideas. Submissions to Transit News may fall under two categories:

## Feature story ideas

(As appear in this issue on pages 1-3, 8-9, 10.)

Feature story ideas may include interesting facts about the work of CTA departments and employes or accomplishments in community service, hobbies or other non-work activities by CTA employes or retirees.

## Short news items

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