

Building a playground under the 'L'

There's a lot of concrete at the Cabrini-Green housing project on the near north side. There are also a lot of children who need more than concrete and asphalt to play upon. Living in this highly populated area, many of the children think of trees and grass as things that only grow on television.

Yet, tucked underneath the 'L' tracks between Evergreen and Goethe is the beginning of a little oasis of green that some children are developing for themselves.

The CTA is playing a role in this project by leasing the property underneath the right-of-way to the children, ages 4 to 14. A "yard and garden" permit has been issued, so now the area that the children have worked so hard to develop will legally be theirs for the duration of the lease.

This area, when completed, will be a picnic ground and play area adjacent to a tennis court that the children have already built.

These youngsters are all members of the Cabrini-Green Community Sandlot Tennis Club. The club spent much of last summer and fall cleaning out the trash from underneath the 'L' structure. They removed old tree stumps, branches, garbage; raked and planted grass seeds. In all, over 60 tons of trash was removed from the block long area.

The children have already painted the fence adjacent to their new picnic area. The club's president, Captain Joseph Owen, in whose name the property will be leased, says the children are eagerly awaiting warm weather so that they can install picnic tables, touch up their paint job, and cut the grass.

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Top: As a Ravenswood train passes overhead, some children paint, others play tennis on a court they built last year.

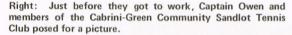
Middle: These two little girls seem to be enjoying their work.

Bottom: Spring Clean Up? Actually, this is just a touch-up. The children cleared away 60 tons of rubbish last Autumn.





Above: Captain Owen and Merritt Kotin, director, Real Estate, discuss under-the-'L'-improvements.



This community improvement project began in 1973 when Captain Owen's newsboy expressed an interest in tennis, but had nowhere to play. Owen, a Director-Captain in the U.S. Public Health Service and a retired Army Lt. Colonel, not only gave lessons to the newsboy and his friends, but taught them how to build tennis courts from donated concrete and sand.

Children gathered around Owen and his little helpers, more out of curiosity than any interest in tennis, but soon they joined the project and the club was born. Today, many large corporations, more affluent tennis clubs, and individuals donate cash, paint, and tennis supplies.

Owen's tennis technique concentrates on learning to control the spin of the ball, and he designed tiny rackets for the smaller children. Rackets are given to all club members.

"Dues" for membership are "cleaning up; painting up; fixing up; and passing five spin-the-ball tests." While the club's main purpose is to provide good, clean, constructive fun, it also keeps the children occupied and out of trouble, while instilling a sense of pride and accomplishment. Some of the youngsters involved have gone on to college, often joining tennis teams there.

The Cabrini group hopes to expand their under the 'L' improvement this summer. The children are willing to put in the effort to build another play area. In fact, they almost seem to enjoy building the sites more than playing on them!

Owen received the Chicago Sun-Times Thomas Jefferson Award this year, and the Robert F. Kennedy Ripple of Hope award in 1978 for his tennis program. He has also organized tennis, art, and music festivals in all of the Cabrini area schools. Often in his uniform (Public Health Service Officers wear Navy uniforms), more than one child has confused him with the captain of the Love Boat.







Middle: With one big reach, youngster puts the finishing touch on his paint job.

Bottom: Youngsters brighten the 'L' structure with a fresh coat of green paint.

The success of the program is attributed to the fact that the children do everything themselves, and regard the results as their own property. Since the first year of the club, there has been very little vandalism.

This summer, as the Ravenswood train rumbles overhead, the youngsters of the Cabrini-Green public housing property will have a tiny piece of the country to picnic and play upon, just a little green space that tiny children have worked hard to build for themselves.



Ms. Joby H. Berman appointed manager of External Affairs Division

Bill Baxa named manager of Public Affairs

Joby H. Berman

Ms. Joby H. Berman was appointed manager of the External Affairs Division of the CTA, effective May 1, by Eugene M. Barnes, CTA chairman. Ms. Berman formerly was the director of the Division of Public Transportation of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The new Division of External Affairs is being created to focus on the consumer perspective and highlight the CTA's concerns for its users. An aggressive marketing program will be established to match consumer needs with transit services.

"The mission of the External Affairs Division is to ensure that consumer needs and interests are adequately addressed and acted upon," said Barnes. "One of my goals since coming to the CTA as chairman has been to be more responsive to the needs and suggestions of our riders.

"We are placing strong emphasis on consumer affairs and elevating its activities to the department level. Ms. Berman, the division manager, will report directly to me." added Barnes.

"Ms. Berman brings to the CTA expertise in the public transit field. We are happy that she is joining the CTA team," said Barnes.

As part of the organization of the External Affairs Division, William Baxa was named manager of the Public Affairs Department.

Under the External Affairs Division are three departments--Consumer Affairs, Public Affairs, and Marketing.

Consumer Affairs

A new department has been established dealing with community and customer relations. This department will promote CTA in the neighborhoods and with special user markets by creating advocacy roles with neighborhood organizations, students, senior citizens, and the handicapped. Activities will include the expansion of the sales

of special fare passes and other consumer revenue promotions and broaden and improve transit information to the riding public.

Public Affairs

This department will coordinate media relations with the press, radio and television on all matters dealing with the CTA. There will be a publications section to oversee the monthly employe newspaper, maps, and other special interest information.

Marketing

A new department has been created which will be responsible for market research, service development, advertising, and promotion. This department has yet to be developed.

Ms. Berman comes to the CTA after having been associated with the Illinois Department of Transportation as director of the Division of Public Transportation for seven years.

In that capacity, she was responsible for planning, developing, coordinating, and implementing all of the state's transit programs.

Major accomplishments included involvement in the creation of the Regional Transportation Authority, obtaining operating subsidies for all Illinois transit carriers, and she was a member of the negotiating team that settled the five-year dispute regarding the Chicago Crosstown Expressway.

From 1965 to 1971, Ms. Berman was a city planner with the Chicago Committee for Economic and Cultural Development. In that capacity, she developed and managed the first federally-funded public transportation demonstration project in Chicago which was the CTA's O'Hare Express bus service between the Jefferson Park rapid transit terminal and the airport.



William Baxa

Ms. Berman has a degree in sociology from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and also has studied at Stanford University, and Carnegie-Mellon University.

Ms. Berman holds memberships in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Transportation Research Board, American Public Transit Association, American Society of Planning Officials, and Who's Who in Government.

Ms. Berman, 41, is married and the mother of three children.

William Baxa, who has been in the department for 22 years, started as a newswriter and has held various positions throughout his career. He was assistant director, Public Information; director, Public Information; director, Special Projects, and most recently was acting manager, Public Affairs.

Baxa, 53, was graduated from St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota, and has studied at Loyola and Northwestern Universities.

He is married and the father of five children.

David Hardin honored by Chicago Police

Conductor David Hardin (West Section) received the Citizen's Award of the Chicago Police Department in ceremonies held in police headquarters

Hardin was cited for his part in the capture and subsequent arrest on January 7 of a purse snatcher. The suspect has a long record of offenses, the police said.

Deputy Supt. Ira Harris, Bureau of Community Services, made the presentation in the crime laboratory auditorium, 1121 S. State st.

The award was for Hardin's swift response to the call for help from the victim who chased the purse snatcher from Hardin's westbound train stopped at the Kedzie station on the Lake street elevated route.

"It happened so fast, I didn't realize the danger," Hardin said. "I heard this woman's call for help and saw her chasing a man from the train as he held a woman's purse.

'I ran after the fleeing man, spun him around, and pushed him against the side of the train. The woman was saying that the man had stolen her

purse.
"Then I realized I didn't know to do with him, what I was going to do with him, after I had him.

Just then Lawrence Butler, an off-duty policeman, stepped up, showed his badge to Hardin and took custody of the suspect.

Hardin summoned additional police



Conductor David Hardin (from left), Police Deputy Supt. Ira Harris, and Policeman Lawrence Butler at Chicago Police Department awards ceremony. Hardin and Butler received citations from Harris for their part in capturing purse snatcher.

help from his motorman's train phone. Minutes later the train was on its way.

"This young man put his life and safety on the line in this effort," Harris told the audience at the ceremony. "He voluntarily came to the aid of a citizen needing help."

The citation states.
"This award is an expression of

appreciation for the assistance given the Chicago Police Department in

apprehending criminals.

"This act is gratefully acknowledged on behalf of the Chicago Police Department and citizens of greater Chicago.

The citation is signed by Richard J. Brzeczek, police superintendent.

Muraski, Venticinque named outstanding apprentices

Two CTA shop employes attending Washburne Trade School of the Chicago Board of Education have received Outstanding Apprentice Awards for 1980.

They are Martin Muraski, 20, sheet metal worker in South Shops, and Martin Venticinque, 28, machinist in Skokie Shop.

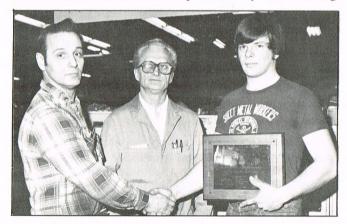
Both men received gold wrist watches and certificates of achievement citing them for high grades and craftsmanship, workmanship, safety, and human relations.

They were among 37 Washburne students honored at the 12th Annual Award Dinner sponsored by the Building

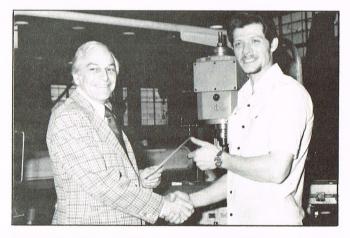
Trades Council, Building Construction Employers' Association, and the Chicago Board of Education.

The awards dinner was held April 11 in the Conrad Hilton hotel.

Ralph D. Cusick, Washburne's director, said the awards were for the students' abilities to recognize the aesthetic value of quality work, their ability to do quality work with skill and precision, their knowledge of safety and practices of safe work habits, and their ability to work well for and with others.



Martin Muraski (right) receives congratulations in South Shops from Frank Hecht (left) sheet metal shop union steward (now deceased). and Ray Klaub, sheet metal foreman. Muraski holds plaque made for him by his sheet metal shop teacher, Fred Schumacher,



Martin Venticingue (right) receives congratulations from Robert Flowers, area superintendent, rail vehilcle maintenance, who heads Skokie Shop.

promotions



Mary Boski

Mary Boski, superintendent in the Office of the Executive Director since 1977, has been appointed director, Forms/Records Management, Management Services. Boski joined CTA as a typist in the Insurance Department in 1950. She moved to the office of the Assistant Secretary in 1952 and became administrative clerk, Inspections and Security two years later, serving as stenographer to John E. Blare, executive assistant to the General Manager. In 1964 Boski was assigned as administrative clerk to George Krambles while he was Skokie Swift project manager, moving to Research & Planning in 1966. In 1972 she was chosen secretarial assistant, Operations, and, in 1975, executive secretary/supervisor, General Operations.

In other job reassignments, Karen Domino, former unit supervisor, Central Assignment, has been selected assistant superintendent, Agents. Walter Alexander, former station clerk, 69th Street, and Joseph Grady, former driver, Forest Glen, are now management/professional interns, Bus Service. Joseph Fucarino, former carpenter, Plant Maintenance, has been chosen unit supervisor, Buildings & Grounds, in the same section.

Gail Halleran, former stenographer, Claims/Real Estate/ Sales, has been selected confidential office assistant, Law. Michael McGovern, former transit professional trainee, Human Resources-Training/Development Programs, has been named system safety monitor/inspector, Safety, and, in Materials ManagementProcurement, Ilias Khan has moved from buyer to procurement engineer.

In Transportation-West Section, Charles White has been promoted from conductor to yard foreman. New in Transportation-Utility as service truck chauffeurs are former bus drivers David Harris (Lawndale) and Eddie Harris (Beverly).

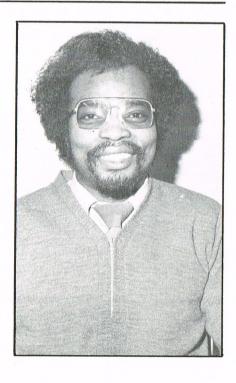
Former bus repairers now serving as relief foremen, Vehicle Maintenance-North Avenue, include James Williams Street), Daniel Ahern (Forest Glen), and Bruce Norgard (North Avenue). William Wilson, former bus repairer, Campaign, is now relief foreman, 69th Street, while James Thompson, another former bus repairer from the same location, has been selected substation attendant, Plant Maintenance.

In Operations Planning, James Terry has moved from traffic checker to traffic clerk. Marsha Gochenour, former utility clerk, Insurance & Pensions, has been chosen statistical typist, Management Services, and, in Materials Management-Procurement, Catherine Brady has been reassigned from reception clerk to utility clerk.



Left: Miss Tina Poulos, daughter of Motorman Antonio Poulos, Jefferson Park, and his wife, Coula, was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications design at University of Illinois Chicago Circle Campus, on March 15.

Right: Congratulations to Operator William Thompson, Archer, who has been named to the National Dean's List while working toward an associate's degree in Liberal Arts at Richard J. Daley College. In 1978, Thompson earned an associate's degree in Transportation from Daley College.





Efrain Villareal (North section) received praise from Esparanza De Lara of Northwest Highway, who rode on his Ravenswood train. "I climbed aboard the "L in a very bad mood because I was late for work. As I sat on the seat, sleepy and tired. I heard a clear, crisp, delightful voice over the intercom saying the stops; and every third stop he would say 'Have a nice day'. The smiles I saw around me were enough to put my bad mood out the window and wear a smile myself, all due to one man's effort!

Ellis May (Archer garage) won the heartfelt appreciation of the family of Nathaniel Winters of Keeler avenue for his quick action when Mr. Winters became ill on his Archer bus. father suddenly became ill and passed out near Western avenue. The prompt action of the driver in summoning the paramedics resulted in his being released from the hospital five hours later. We are indeed grateful for the happy ending."



commendation corner

HERMAN LLOYD (52nd Street garage) impressed Edgar Prasse of Chicago, a rider on the #5 Jeffery bus. "From the time people get on the bus to the time they get off, he is a model of complete courtesy. He is patient with people fumbling for money as they get on, and reminds them to watch their step on alighting from the bus. He not only calls all the streets but the downtown hotels and theaters as well. This happens in a clear and distinct voice, and driver #4668 is an example of the CTA at its best. His effectiveness is exceeded only by his courteous manner. My day always brightens when I catch him as my driver."

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CONRAD WEIL (Forest Glen garage) was praised by Helen Pasier of West Leland for his operation of the #91 Austin bus. "Driver #3959 always has a big smile and kind words for everyone, young or old. He is jolly and everyone on the bus just loves this man. I ride the bus with several others every morning, and he makes the day for all of us. I could go on and on about this terrific man, who should be nominated for driver of the year!"

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ELLIE ELAM (69th Street garage) was called a "remarkably exceptional operator" by Jon Osborne, a passenger on her #55 Garfield bus. "She went out of her way to be courteous to everyone who boarded the bus, greeting people as they boarded the bus. When one passenger refused to pay, the driver was stubborn, but courteous, and the passenger eventually deposited his fare. It was raining that day, and when we stopped at a red light at Cottage Grove, a southbound bus began to pass by. She asked quickly if anyone wanted to make a connection. Some passengers did, and the driver signaled the other bus to wait. Several people made their transfer without having to stand in the rain. I've seen courteous and efficient drivers before, but #7871 was outstanding."

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CARL AIKENS (Archer garage) received favorable comments from passenger Allen Eckert for his good driving on the #15 Canal/Wacker bus. "Driver #4502 is not only constantly considerate of his passengers, even under the most trying of circumstances, he is quite an expert driver and more than once it has been through his efforts alone that accidents have been avoided—accidents inspired by careless motorists, particularly taxi drivers. Yet I have never seen him become incensed or even mildly irritated. When passengers become surly or belligerent, his comments are always respectful and courteous. It is a delight to get off this bus and have his sincere 'Have a good day' as a warm thought to carry along."

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CHARLES YOUNG (Forest Park) was commended by Albert Novak of West Addison, Chicago, who rode on Young's Jefferson Park train. "He is the first conductor I have ever heard announcing the next stop as the train pulled away from a station. He informs the passengers that they are riding on a "B" train, tells them what stops they will make and which ones they will skip. If a passenger needs to transfer, he or she is well informed ahead of time. It is a pleasure to be a passenger of someone who is truly respectful of his job and responsibilities."

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WILLIAM JOHNSON (52nd Street garage) received kind words from Mrs. R. B. Mitchell of East 33rd, a passenger on his #1 Drexel route. '#6219 is a very courteous driver. He always drives to the curb when he picks up or drops off passengers, and advises everyone to watch their step. He calls all bus numbers and destinations at transfer points, and announces all hospitals and other important buildings on the route. A visitor to the city would never get lost while traveling on this bus. He answers all questions with a smile, making it a pleasure to travel with him. I hope there will be more drivers like him."

Thanks - - for a job well done

Among other operating employes receiving commendations recently were:

Byron Acker and Claudio Alvarez, both of North Park.

Lerline Ball, 77th Street; Larry Bergquist and Nikola Blagojevic, both of Limits; Albert Brown, 52nd Street; Everett Brown, Forest Glen; and Willie Brown, 69th Street.

Naomi Caldwell, 77th Street; John Cameron, Ashland; Sergio Candelaria, Limits; Leroy Carr, North Park; and Tyree Cobb Jr., Forest Glen.

Samuel Davenport, North Park; Thomas Dohoney, Forest Glen; and Eugene Embry, Ashland.

Lynette Flowers and Verla Friend, both of North Avenue.

Ted Galus and Wallacene Good, both of Forest Glen; C. Griffin and James Griffin III, both of 77th Street; Terrence Griffin, Archer; and Luis Gualdron, North Park.

Eldred Hall, North Park; and George Hartwig, Forest Glen.

Henry Jackson, 69th Street; Roy Jenkins Jr., Lawndale; Joseph Johnson, Beverly; Richard Jones, 77th Street; and Michael Jordan, North Park.

James Kearney, North Park.

George Lantz, Forest Glen; Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland; and Ruben Lopez, North Park.

Kevin Majors and William Mandeldove, both of Forest Glen; Jesse Marshall Jr., North Park; Albert McCormick and Orville Murray, both of 77th Street; Earl Miles, Lawndale; and Albert Morrison, North Avenue.

Michael Nicholson, Beverly.

Daniel Olvera, Limits; and

Tommy Owens, North Avenue.

Claudette Panfil, North Park; Emanuel Paul and Walter Poppe, both of Forest Glen; Beverly Phillips, 77th Street; Davis Price, Howard/Kimball; and Bobbie Pruitt, South Section.

Lorenzo Ramos Jr. and Margaret Robertson, both of Forest Glen.

Tuesday Simpson, Limits; and Eddie Smith, North Avenue.

Romulo Tamondong, North Park.

Johnny Van and Richard Vaughn, both of North Park; and Efrain Villarreal, Howard/Kimball.

Cleven Wardlow and Laurence Whitney, both of Limits; Henderson Williams and Loyce Wright, both of Forest Glen; and Phillip Wood, 69th Street.

Jacques Yezeguielian, Forest Glen.

Joseph Zukerman, North Park.

Wedding mementos

When Dianne Weier, forms designer, Forms Control/Records Management, was a teenager, her aunt had received a unique bridal shower gift that would be a prized possession for many years to come.

The gift was Dianne's aunt's wedding invitation which was trimmed in lace, and decorated with miniature flowers, a bible and wedding rings, and enclosed in a wooden picture frame.



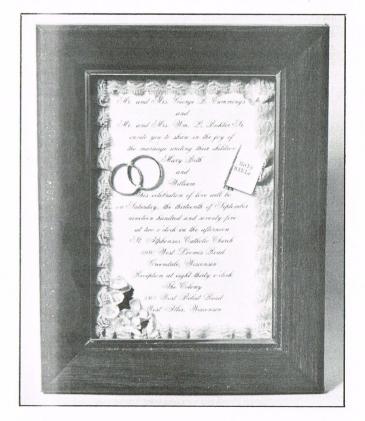
Dianne was so thrilled with this that she decided to make one for a friend who was getting married. This was the beginning of a life-long, sentiment-filled hobby.

Now, as soon as Dianne receives a wedding invitation, she begins planning the memento. The picture frame is chosen according to the decor of the soon-to-be-newlywed's home, the rings are selected by the silver or gold of the bride's engagement ring, and the flowers vary according to the season.

Dianne sews the lace, flowers and rings onto the invitation. She designed the bible herself out of cardboard and gold ink. It must be pasted on because it is too thick to be stitched. The completed product is both beautiful and sentimental.

"Friends who have received them just love them," said Dianne. "It's often the most personal wedding gift they receive."

For Dianne, the best part of making the gift is seeing the reaction of the recipient. Many of her friends at CTA have



received them, and some of them have asked Dianne to make them for other friends.

Still, the mementos are so personalized that they remain very special to anyone lucky enough to receive one. Dianne has had offers to produce them commercially, but she refused, saying that without the personal reaction she just didn't feel the same amount of satisfaction.



Minority businesses show their wares

The CTA participated in the 13th annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair at Expocenter/Chicago in the Apparel Center on April 22nd and 23rd. The purpose of the Fair is to provide opportunities for more than 300 minority owned businesses to meet with and explain their products to over 100 major corporations.

At the CTA booth, staff from Materials Management and Human Resources departments met with representatives of small businesses. After describing their product or service, the businessmen or women filled out an "Application for Placement on Bidders' List" form for Material Management's use. When bids for particular products are requested, the firms will be notified. Other CTA staffers visited sellers' booths for demonstrations of products, and encouraged the business representatives to 'talk shop' with the CTA.

Chairman Eugene Barnes visited the CTA booth while attending the Fair. "The CTA's participation at the Fair illustrates our responsibility to community businesses," Barnes commented. "The interaction and mutual support shown here is vital to the present and future of both minority business and the CTA."

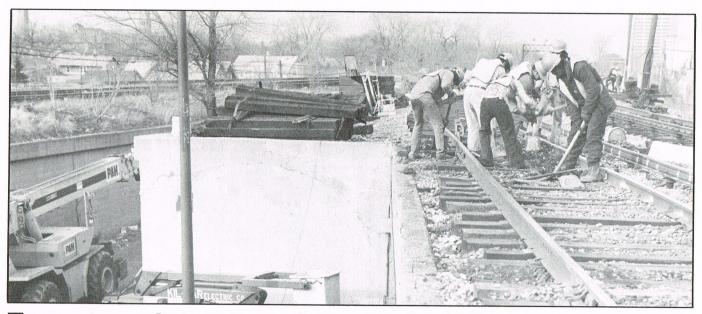
The Fair provides both minority businesses and large corporations with lists of buyers and sellers, including what types of goods and services the corporations are seeking. The CTA was listed as seeking vendors in 25 categories in such diverse fields as plumbing, catering, and building contractors.

At the CTA booth, CTA Chairman Eugene M. Barnes (center, standing) discusses the fair with Marjorie Holmes (left) supervisor, Human Relations, and Mario Ochoa, Minority Business Enterprises Program coordinator, both of the Human Resources department. Buyers Edward Ahlbrand and Olivia Bradley (seated behind table) interview potential bidders. (CTA photos by Bert Cadney)



Joe Cannon (left) general manager, and Nelson Carlo, president, of Abbott Pipe and Supply Company, discuss possible business with Mario Ochoa.

Sponsors of the Fair were the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council, the Chicago Economic Development Corporation, the Urban League, and the National Economic Development Association.



Evanston phase 1: replace 17,000 ties

One of the CTA's oldest stretches of "L" tracks—the 72-year-old Evanston branch between Howard terminal in Chicago and Linden terminal in Wilmette—is being replaced.

The $3\frac{1}{2}$ -mile long right-of-way containing nearly seven miles of tracks and more than 17,000 ties currently is undergoing a \$6.2 million renewal project scheduled to be completed in 1982.

Roy Smith, superintendent, civil engineering, said the first phase of the project is underway. T.P.I. Construction Services, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., is now replacing 17,000 timber ties from the Chicago avenue overpass to the North Shore channel bridge in Evanston at a cost of \$1.5 million.

Later this year, Smith said, as T.P.I. completes

its work, the CTA's maintenance department will renew the Evanston branch's grade crossings at Isabella street in Evanston and Maple avenue in Wilmette.

In 1981, the CTA will replace the old joined rails with about 33,000 feet of modern continuous welded rails. This will give passengers a smoother, quieter ride. The route's third rails do not need to be replaced, Smith said.

In 1982, the CTA will replace the rails, ties, and ballast on the right-of-way north from the North Shore channel bridge to the entrance to the Linden terminal vard.

Funds for the entire project come from federal and state governments.

(CTA photo by Mike Hoffert)



On April 8, CTA Chairman Eugene M. Barnes (second from left), and CTA General Operations Manager Harold Geissenheimer (center), toured the Control Center with visitors from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. At left is UMTA Administrator Theodore C. Lutz, holding one of CTA's new radios that are used by rapid transit train crew members. Second from right is UMTA Regional Director Theodore G. Weigle Jr., and far right is Regional Chief, Transit Assistance Division, D. J. Mitchell.



Joe Daquilante (left), assistant superintendent, Control Center, answers questions from Alan Coleman (far right) and George Briggs (second from right), visitors from the Merseyside Passenger Transport Executive in Liverpool, England. Also shown during the April 15 tour are CTA General Operations Manager Harold Geissenheimer, CTA Transportation Manager James Blaa, and bus controller Jack O'Conner. Coleman and Briggs were studying CTA's computerized Vehicle Maintenance System while planning a similar system for use at Merseyside.



CTA generates interest at job fairs

Interest in the CTA has never been higher, and evidence of this is the overwhelming response to the CTA's employment information booth at two job fairs held at the Expocenter/Chicago at the Apparel Center in April.

More than 800 people expressed an interest in working for the CTA at the WVON Radio Job Fair and the Women's '80 Expo. Applicants ranged from unskilled and unemployed individuals seeking entry level positions to engineers, financial analysts and attorneys.

Marjorie Holmes, supervisor, Human Resources, coordinator of the program, attributed the high level of interest among the professional applicants to "CTA's reputation as a company with good security, stability, and benefits providing equal opportunity. These qualities attracted a lot of professionals seeking a better place to work."

Job-seekers filled out an employee profile listing their educational background, previous work experience and related skills. College students were told of the co-operative trainee

and transit professional trainee programs.

At the WVON Radio Job Fair Chairman Barnes remarked that, "By actively showing our interest and need for qualified, new employees, the CTA ensures more public input and broader horizons for itself, as well as better public service."

Lena Phillips, Larry Murphy, Rudy Mendez, Holmes and several

volunteers from the Human Resources Department had two very busy weekends at the fairs, and during the weeks afterwards. While the staff was actively seeking engineers and financial analysts, everyone filling out an employee profile is being considered for employment, and the staff must now categorize each profile.

If an applicant is qualified, and there is an opening available, the





profile is forwarded immediately to placement. If the applicant is qualified, but there is no opening available in his or her field right now, the profile is maintained in the Human Relations file until an opening comes up. Entry-level bus and rail applications are sent to Personnel. Each applicant will receive a postcard informing him or her of exactly what is being done with the employment profile.

The great success of CTA's involvement at these two job fairs encourages participation in future events of this type. Plans are now being made for our participation in a job fair sponsored by members of the Hispanic community, making the CTA's talent pool even bigger and better.

Above: Chairman Barnes greets a friend as his daughter, Eugina, a freshman at Whitney Young High School, observes the Human Resources staff: Lena Phillips, Rudy Mendez and Felipe Gonzalez.

Opposite page, top: large crowds fill the Apparel Center lobby before the WVON Fair begins.

Left: Lena Phillips (left) and Marjorie Holmes explain what types of CTA careers are available to a large group of women.

Right: Holmes and Phillips accept a resume from a prospective employee.





With the melting of Chicago's snow at winter's end, the fishing season starts heating up.

All anglers worth their lines and sinkers have already hooked their tackle boxes and rods from under the Christmas decorations in attics, garages, or crawl spaces and are getting ready to go after the really big ones.

With the soaring gasoline prices these days, many fishermen who once travelled hundreds of miles to their favorite fishing spots are counting their coins and thinking twice. Mother Nature and the Chicago Park District have combined forces to help anglers save their money and get plenty of fishing, because all of the Park District's fishing locations can be reached by CTA.

In addition to largemouth and smallmouth bass, bluegill, bullheads, trout, perch, and catfish, there's the fast-growing popularity of salmon fishing in Lake Michigan. Thanks to the introduction of coho and Chinook salmon to Lake Michigan a couple of years ago, Chicago is becoming a "hot spot" for salmon fishing—once limited to the nation's coastal waters. These beauties can weigh from 9 up to 20 pounds.

The Chicago Park District has fishing piers along the lakefront. There are fishing piers at the foot of Farwell avenue in Loyola Park, at the ends of North avenue and Montrose avenue in Lincoln Park, the foot of 31st street in Burnham Park, and at the ends of 59th and 63rd streets in Jackson Park. Fishing also is available at park lagoons in Lincoln, Humboldt, Garfield, Columbus, Douglas, Washington, Jackson, Marquette, Sherman, and McKinley Parks. For more information, telephone the Chicago Park District at 294-2200.

In addition to Chicago Park District fishing locations, the Cook County Forest Preserve District has 30 locations open on small lakes, sloughs, ponds, quarries, lagoons, and the Des Plaines river. For locations, types of fish available, regulations, and

Fishing pier at end of Montrose avenue in Lincoln park.

(Chicago Park District Photo)

directions, telephone the District's headquarters at 261-8400 or 366-9420.

State law requires fishermen between the ages of 15 and 65 to have a valid fishing license. The basic license, good until March 31, 1981, costs \$5.50; those doing salmon fishing must have a \$2.50 stamp affixed to their license. The licenses and stamps can be purchased at most sporting goods stores, from city and village clerks, or the Illinois Department of Conservation, Room 100, State of Illinois Building, 160 N. LaSalle street, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Persons over 65, disabled, or blind are not required to have licenses. For information about fishing licenses, telephone 793–2070.



The Omnibus Society of America chartered a CTA "Big Bend" articulated bus on Sunday, March 23, for a tour of the North and West sides of Chicago, in celebration of the 10th birthday of Samantha Lynn Kunz and the approximate first anniversary of articulated bus service at CTA. Shown in photo, left to right: CTA General Operations Manager Harold Geissenheimer, Samantha Lynn Kunz, her father, Richard R. Kunz, who is a founder of the Omnibus Society of America, and bus operator Delia Lee (52nd Street garage) who is holding a birthday cake baked in the shape of an articulated bus.

New home for historic sculpture

Evanston's 33-year-old transit historical marker has been brought out from behind the wrought iron fence at the Davis street "L" station and put into the limelight--where it belongs.

The four-ton marker highlights the entrance to the recently completed "L" station where many passers-by have paused to read the marker's metal plaque.

"Here stood from 1886 to 1909 the Davis street station of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway company," the plaque reads in part. "The right-of-way still owned by its successor the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company, was leased by the North Western Elevated Railroad Company in 1907 and was elevated in 1908." The CTA later bought the right-of-way.

Concluding the inscription, the plaque reads..."This marker was erected by the railroad company as an historical record of its contribution to earlier transportation here.

"Approved 1947 by the Evanston Historical Society."

A spotlight mounted in the ceiling of the new station's canopy will flood the marker with light at night.

"Our records show the historical marker, with its 1880s bas relief transit scene, was created by sculptor Boris Gilbertson of Cornucopia, Wis., and paid for by the railroad," said Mikell Darling, director of the Evanston Historical Society.

The marker measures about 5 feet high, $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet wide, and is a foot thick. It stood on 10 square feet of the embankment about 200 feet north of the station's entrance. The marker belongs to the historical society.

"About 10 years ago the iron fence from North-



western University was moved to the Davis street station to separate the embankment from the side-walk," Darling said.

The fence had to be cut open for removal of the marker and then soldered closed.

Cost for placing the marker in the new station's entrance was part of the \$324,700 federal grant given for the modernization project.

The funding came from the U.S. Department of Commerce under a program of the Economic Development Administration.

The grant had been a joint application by the City of Evanston, Cook County government, and the CTA.



The entrance at the recently modernized Davis street 'L' station features Evanston's 33-year-old historical marker (shown above) commemorating the station's origin as part of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railway company. (CTA photos by Bert Cadney)

General Office 1979-80 basketball champs

The 1979-80 CTA Basketball League ended its season on Sunday, April 27, with the General Office Jaguars meeting North Avenue for the championship at Robichaux Park Fieldhouse. Approximately 175 fans turned out to root for their favorite team.

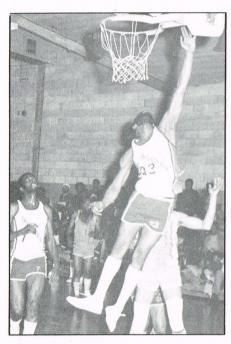
Culminating a very exciting season in which 17 teams participated, the league was divided into two divisions, American and National. A total of 136 games were played at the Washington Park Fieldhouse.

The General Office team, coached by Arliss Jones, and the North Avenue team, coached by Wade Simmons, provided the fans with an exciting championship game. The Jaguars were in complete control and led all the way, beating North Avenue by a score of 65-54.

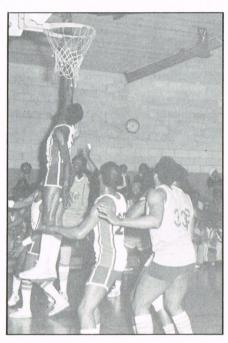
Scoring leaders for General Office were John Harvey with 28 points, and Reggie Williams with 17. High scorers for North Avenue were Allen Gordon with 13 and Alan Willis with 11.

In the consolation game, it was nip and tuck all the way with Forest Glen edging 77th Street, 60-57.

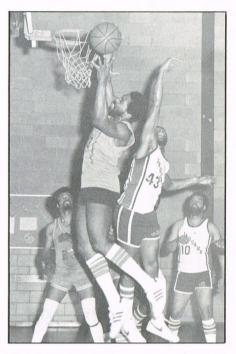
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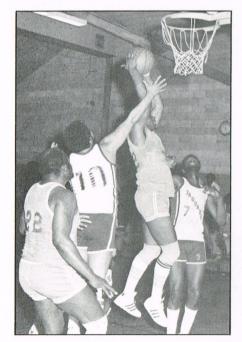
Reggie Williams, G.O., jumps high for two points as Bob Jenkins, 7, comes in to help if needed.



Bob Jenkins, G.O., makes a clean block on shot by Allen Gordon, N. Ave., as John Harvey, 43, Reggie Williams, 23, and Michael Reynolds, 33, await the outcome.



Michael Reynolds, N. Ave., pulls down rebound despite efforts of John Harvey, 43, as Phillip Ross, 10, and Julius Nelson, 23, watch the play.



Allen Gordon, N. Ave., pulls down rebound from the outstretched arms of Phillip Ross, G.O., as Maurice Baker, 22, and Bob Jenkins, 7, watch the action.



Michael Reynolds, N. Ave., goes high for an easy layup as Allen Gordon, 32, Ron Tuck, 33, and Reggie Williams, 23, look on.

77th Street Operators end bowling season

With the ending of the 77th Street Operators Bowling League for the 1979-80 season, Friday's Trouble, last year's champs, triumphed again as the winners.

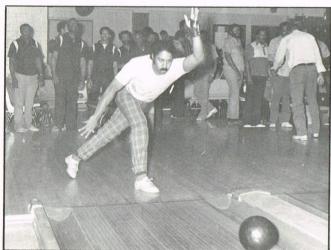
Finishing in second place were the Close Encounters with the Clippers and Archer Bandits third and fourth, respectively.

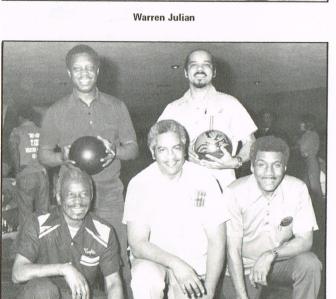
Jeff Moore, a member of the winning Friday's Trouble, was named the most valuable bowler of the year. He also led the league with a 188 average.

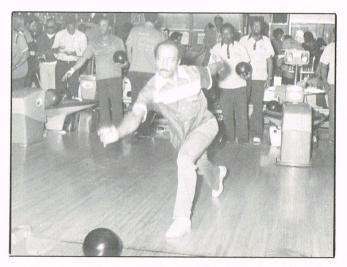
League president, Booker Byers, expressed his thanks to all the bowlers for an excellent season.



THE CHAMPS: Displaying their first place trophies are, kneeling (left to right): John Weatherspoon, president and business agent, Local 241; Bill Thompson, and Calvin McCants. Standing (left to right): Jeff Moore; Emery Gipson; J. C. White, and Levi Wardell.







Ulysess Buck

Left: Elected officers for the 1979-80 season were, kneeling (left to right): Earl Cooke, treasurer; Luther Lee, sergeant at arms, and Horace Kemp, vice-president. Standing (left to right): Booker Byers, president, and Jimmy Beatty, secretary.

Local 241 golf date set

Plans have been completed for the 14th annual Local 241 golf tournament and banquet at the Cog Hill Country Club, Lemont, IL., Saturday, July 5.

Tee-off will begin at 1000 hours and end at 1300

The cost of the tournament this year will be \$20 for golf and banquet; \$10 for golf or banquet only.

All retired employees who wish to play are welcome. Contact Charles Hall at 341-1733 for reservations and tee-off times.

CTA Retirees Dinner-dance

The April 28 dinner dance of the CTA Senior Citizens Retirement Organization attracted 267 persons and was held in Niko's restaurant, 7600 S. Harlem av., Bridgeview.

Highlighting the group's monthly meeting was the music of Frankie Jay and his orchestra, who played for their dancing pleasure following dinner.

Joe Nolan, the organization's general manager, said that membership is nearing 1,500 retirees from the CTA, West Towns, and the former Evanston Bus Company.



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



Ernest Nelson (77th '78) and his wife, Evelyn.



Joseph Lacki (Maintenance '76) and his wife,



Edward Matthias (Forest Glen '66) and his wife, Florence (at left); right, Henry Kalata (Beverly '76) and his wife, Arlyne, and her father, Al Gendreau (center).



Stanford Rogers (69th '77) and his wife, Grace (at left), Mrs. Arthur Porter (center) and Mrs. Katherine Ramsey.



Anthony Vidmont (South Shops '77) and his wife, Helen.



Joseph Partipilo (Transportation '67) and his wife, Florence.

Robert Stach retires after 40 years service

Robert Stach, assistant to the superintendent of administration, Transportation department, ended his 40-year career in public transit April 24 when more than 150 friends and co-workers attended an open house held in his honor in the Transportation department's main office in the Merchandise Mart.

Stach started in 1940 as a clerk for the Chicago Surface Lines, a predecessor company to the CTA. In 1947 he was assigned as a clerk in the CTA's Transportation department where he coordinated activities for garage clerks until his retirement.

Joining Stach at the party was his wife, Jeanette. Farewell gifts included a portable radio and a cash gift.

Stach and his wife have moved to their new home in New Port Richey, Fla. They have two married daughters.



Robert Stach (center) receives gifts at an April 24 open house marking the end of his 40-year career in public transit. Stach is joined by his wife, Jeanette, and Joseph Vodvarka, superintendent of administration. The open house was held in the Transportation department's Merchandise Mart headquarters.



Joseph Vasa (right) retired April 1 ending his 33-year career in public transit. Vasa was a mobile bus repairer headquartered at Limits garage. Pictured with Vasa is his long-time co-worker Keith "Butch" Klein.

Library book sale offers bargains

Looking for a bargain? The Friends of the Chicago Public Library and the City of Chicago have over 200,000 of them in their Book Sale in the Park on June 19,20 and 21. Mayor Jane M. Byrne is honorary chairman of the sale which will be held Thursday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. under two huge circus tents in Grant Park at Randolph across from the CPL Cultural Center. There will be continuous entertainment, prizes and visits from well-known authors.

The books are being donated to the sale from the Library shelves, the public, private libraries and major publishers. They range from current affairs, fiction, juvenile, humanities, social sciences, science and technology and the classics to mysteries and love stories. All books are in good condition and will cost 50¢ for adult

books, and 25¢ for children's books. There is no admission charge and the sale is open to the public.

To make these bargains available to the public, the Library needs more books. If you have some to donate, take them to the nearest branch library or the circulation desks at either the Cultural Center, 78 East Washington, or the Central Library, at 425 North Michigan. Deliveries can also be made to the South Shed of Navy Pier, where the books will be housed before the sale, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Book pick-ups can be arranged for 50 or more hardcover books in good condition by calling 269-2922 or 269-2809.

And, just as importantly, the Library needs your time and skills to type, answer phone calls, pass out flyers and posters, write letters, sort books, set up and sell books at the sale itself. To volunteer call 269-2922 or 269-2809.

"The fourth Library book sale is expected to earn \$50,000 to \$100,000 for special projects sponsored by the Friends of the Chicago Public Library," estimated co-chairman Norma (Mrs. Alan) Harris and Patty (Mrs. Patrick) Crowley. The last sale provided \$25,000 in seed money to install the acoustical systems in the Auditorium and Preston Bradley Hall of the CPL Cultural Center.

Bargain hunters should arrive early at the sale since long lines quickly form.

Parking is available in the Grant Park underground garages.

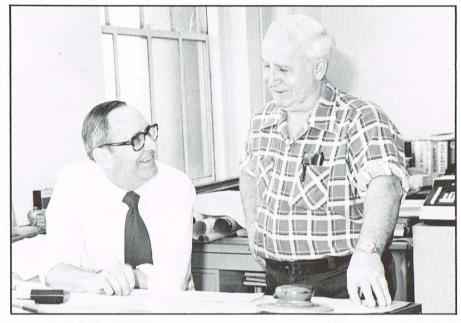
Retirement, a family celebration

Herman Smith and John Wirth, CTA employes for more than 30 years, are more than brothers-inlaw--they're friends.

The men have taken their families on vacations together, celebrated holidays together with their families, regularly play golf together, and they retired on the same day--May 1--but not together.

Smith was an engineering assistant in the Engineering Department in the Merchandise Mart. He has completed 33 years of service with the CTA. His career highlights include his work on developing the CTA's rapid transit routes in the Dan Ryan, Eisenhower, and Kennedy expressways.

Wirth finished 30 years with the CTA as a carpenter in West Shops. Some of his finest projects are radiator covers and book cases for the office used by CTA chairmen, book cases for the Anthon Memorial Library, and cabinets for bus controllers in the Control Center.



Herman Smith (left) and John Wirth anticipating a happy retirement. (CTA photo by Bert Cadney)

"We have had a lot of great times together—away from our jobs," Smith said. "And we are going to continue having great times together," Wirth chimed in.

Both men have three grown children. Wirth, who is a widow-

er, plans to join Smith and his wife, Elizabeth, on vacation trips, holiday get-togethers, and family celebrations.

"We're a close family," Wirth said, with justification, because Smith's wife is Wirth's sister.

Keeping in touch

To the Chicago Transit Authority Board and Employes:

I want to express to you my deep gratitude for the good things I've enjoyed for 20 years, since my retirement.

I have received an escalating monthly pension, without any interruption. I am enjoying a "pass" that permits me to ride comfortably and freely about Evanston and Chicago.

Your spirit of sharing and the continuous effort of everyone in all departments to improve and expand transportation efficiently and safely to all people in Chicago and its environs; that has made this possible, I know.

The CTA Transit News with its excellent pictures, accounts of people in various departments and their work, news of cultural events and plans for the future keep me well posted. The January-February edition "Battling the Winter of '79" is an heirloom item. Wonderful!

Again, a thank you! With my uninterrupted interest and good wishes to you all—

Marie Louise Pulliam

Gentlemen:

Paul G. Burandt, 88 years old. He retired 24 years ago at age 65. He had 44 years and 9 months of service as a conductor on the streetcars. Thirty-seven years at Archer Terminal and the balance at 69th and 77th Street Terminals.

He has lived on the southwest side at the same address for nearly 80 years.

He has two daughters, Annetta Rueter and Elda Eichhorn.

He has four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

His wife Anna died 8 years ago.

This picture was taken on Christmas Day, December 25, 1979, at his grand-daughter's home in Downers Grove, Illinois.

He is a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Synod, located at 37th and South Honore Street, Chicago, Illinois.

He enjoys reading the Chicago Transit News and anxiously waits for the next issue.

He is thankful to the Good Lord for all the blessings He has bestowed on him.

Yours truly, Mrs. Elda Eichhorn



Paul G. Burandt

Dear Friend:

I started to work for the B&O Railroad in 1915. I got transferred to CTA about 1920 and worked as a gateman 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

After that I got to be a conductor until I was 65.

I am going to be 87 August 9. I lost my wife last July. On July 8th of this year we would have been married 58 years.

I enjoyed working for the CTA, Thank you.

Oscar Prietz

NEW PENSIONERS

BRUNO J. BILEK, Carpenter A, South Shops, Emp. 4-23-47 EDWARD P. BLICHARZ, Supply Control Coord., Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-27-55 WILLIAM P. CASEY, Rail Janitor, Maintenance, Emp. 9-13-65 CHARLES CIESLINSKI, Collector, Forest Glen, Emp. 5-20-57 JOHN R. CIRILLO, Sheet Metal Worker, West Shops, Emp. 5-25-45 MARTIN CUNNANE, Conductor, Ashland, Emp. 8-23-48 VINCENT LOVELADY, Supervisor, District A, Emp. 12-1-50 RALPH PELUSO, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 7-23-45 HERMAN E. SMITH, Engr. Asst. III, Engineering, Emp. 9-20-46 ROBERT STACH, Clerk V, Transportation, Emp. 5-10-40 LAWRENCE STROUD, Operator, Archer, Emp. 8-4-45 JOSEPH STWORA, Bus Repairer, ** Archer, Emp. 10-1-68 JOHN TRUNCALE, Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-25-57 FRANCIS VAN GEENEN, Chauffeur, Utility, Emp. 4-17-41 ANTHONY VIRGILIO, Car Serviceman, Kimball Shop, Emp. 2-26-60 JOHN J. WIRTH, Carpenter, West Shops, Emp. 3-3-50

DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

HARRY BORIS, Bus Serviceman,
North Park, Emp. 3-11-63
LEWIS COMBS, Travel Information Cntr.,
Management Services, Emp. 2-3-66
STEPHEN J. CUNNINGHAM, Unit Supvr.,
Maintenance, Emp. 1-1-62
MICHAEL F. HACK, Operator, *
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-5-54
DEWEY HILL, Motorman,
61st Street, Emp. 4-10-52
JOSEPH MOORE, Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 9-17-62
PETER NICOPOULOS, Operator, **
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-4-65

- * Retired effective 3-1-80
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IN MEMORIAM

EDWIN ANDERSON, 71, North Avenue, Emp. 11-2-33, Died 3-26-80 WILLIAM W. BALL, 85, Way & Struct., Emp. 5-5-36, Died 3-14-80 GEORGE BILLINGS, 96, 69th Street, Emp. 2-5-07, Died 3-14-80 BEN E. BRUHNKE, 68, Archer, Emp. 10-15-41, Died 2-9-80 MICHAEL BUCARO, 84, Way & Struct., Emp. 7-10-36, Died 3-20-80 EDGAR L. CRAIG, 93, West Shops, Emp. 10-1-19, Died 3-1-80 VERA B. CRIDER, 82, Comptroller, Emp. 10-1-25, Died 1-21-80 THOMAS J. DANIELS, 66, Beverly, Emp. 3-4-42, Died 3-2-80 AMANDA DePERE, 80, Lake Street, Emp. 2-1-43, Died 12-19-79 JOHN GIOVENCO, 90, Track, Emp. 3-21-20, Died 3-4-80 HARRY HASLAM, 87, West Section, Emp. 3-13-22, Died 3-27-80

MICHAEL J. HICKEY, 89, District A, Emp. 8-12-13, Died 3-1-80 VELMA JACKSON, 36, 77th Street, Emp. 8-1-74, Died 3-31-80 JULIUS JOHNSON, 53, West Section, Emp. 10-15-53, Died 4-15-80 GEORGE W. KABON, 85, South Section, Emp. 5-31-23, Died 3-9-80 EDWARD R. KARVANEK, 90, West Sect., Emp. 2-13-11, Died 3-29-80 NICHOLAS KRIER, 80, Logan, Emp. 12-28-18, Died 2-22-80 ANTHONY MAZIARZ, 97, Devon, Emp. 10-12-29, Died 3-5-80 PATRICK O'SHEA, 68, South Shops, Emp. 10-24-47, Died 3-10-80 JESSE PEAK, 47, North Park, Emp. 11-26-73, Died 3-23-80 WILLIAM THOMPSON, 87, Track, Emp. 9-17-30, Died 3-14-80 WALLACE C. WEBER, 72, 77th Street, Emp. 2-20-36, Died 3-3-80

Service anniversaries in May

40 years



R. A. Hodgetts Engineering

35 years

D. V. Andriacchi, Archer F. J. Gibasiewicz, Forest Glen

30 years

G. M. Andersen, Equipment Design

J. N. Baker, Beverly

L. R. Both, North Park

J. Jackson Jr., Archer

W. J. Kanady, 69th Street

J. J. Labellarte, Desplaines

J. F. Lipka, Methods/Standards

T. McPartlan, Methods/Standards

W. L. Rakauskis, Utility

D. M. Ryan, Maintenance

N. P. Triffon, District B

25 years

R. C. Dillard, Lawndale

W. J. Harris, Beverly

B. T. Henry, Beverly

J. T. Lazzara, Grant Program

W. Lewis Jr., South Shops

J. W. Moore, Maintenance

M. Powe, Maintenance

T. A. Randolph, 52nd Street

R. M. Stuart, 77th Street

S. R. Tillman, Maintenance

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Culture Bus begins 4th season

Warmer temperatures, blossoming flowers, and returning migrant birds remind us it's time for CTA's own harbinger of spring—the Culture Bus. The fourth season of Culture Bus operations will begin May 18 with Sunday and holiday service from the Art Institute to two dozen other cultural attractions on the South, North, and West Sides. Scheduled to continue through the 19th of October, Culture Bus tours include stops at such famous museums as the Field Museum of Natural History in Burnham Park.

The largest and most comprehensive display of Colombian gold artifacts ever seen in the United States is on exhibit at the Field Museum through July 6. The exhibit, called "Gold of El Dorado: The Heritage of Colombia," includes more than 500 gold objects, some as much as 1,000 years old, that were fashioned by Colombian Indians.

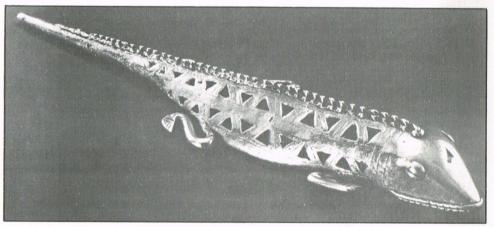
Most of the objects came from graves that were overlooked by Spanish Conquistadors and others who looted the Colombian countryside of much of its gold, beginning in the 16th Century. Colombian gold work is considered among the finest and most technically advanced in the world. Indians from the region had mastered almost all the techniques known to the modern goldsmith. Most of the artifacts are from collections of the Museo del Oro in the Colombian capital, Bogota.

Two of more than 500 golden treasures in the major exhibit, "Gold of El Dorado: The Heritage of Colombia," on display at the Field Museum of Natural History through July 6.

Above: Pendant, male figure with headdress. Cast gold. Height 4-9/16 inches. Museo del Oro.

Right: Lizard or alligator. Cast tumbaga (an alloy made from gold and copper). Length 5-3/8 inches. Museo del Oro.

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