

The Mother Bus was on hand during the entire 13-day run of ChicagoFest, servicing buses that brought thousands of festgoers to Navy Pier.

## Mother Bus takes care of her own

Like a mother hen taking care of its chicks, CTA's "Mother Bus" "feeds" and "comforts" buses that congregate in large numbers away from their home stations.

The idea for a Mother Bus, which is officially designated a "Mobile Repair Unit," came from Dick Schneider, area superintendent, Automotive Vehicle Maintenance. He saw it as an answer to the need to service buses that had been in extended service and which were then used to carry crowds attending special events.

"When you have a whole bunch of buses put into special service after being out on the street, there could be a need for extra fuel or minor repairs," Schneider said. "And, when you shuttle big crowds around, you're sure to have an interior cleanup job on your hands, too. That's what this bus is for."

The Mother Bus is now a regular feature at ChicagoFest, at all Chicago Bears home games, and anywhere else large numbers of buses are assembled. It carries two 125-gallon fuel tanks with hoses to refuel thirsty buses on the spot, as well as individual barrels of engine oil and torque fluid. It also has a work bench with a vise to handle minor mechanical repairs, and tools and equipment for fixing or cleaning buses.

The Mother Bus concept was put into practice at the time of ChicagoFest 1979, when seats were removed from an old out-of-service bus, and barrels of fuel, engine oil, and torque fluid were loaded on board for use as needed in the bus assembly area at Navy Pier. The present, specially outfitted Flxible bus was placed in service for the first time during the visit of Pope John Paul II last October.

The bus is staffed with from two to four maintenance people from the Campaign Area under the direction of Jim Schultz, assistant foreman. A portable radio keeps the crew in contact with the Control Center and supervisory personnel.

While a number of maintenance people served on the Mother Bus during the 13 days of ChicagoFest 1980, bus repairers Sam Washington, John Finley, Joe Dixon, and Jon Rucker were regulars who were almost constantly on the job. The white-painted bus with black markings is generally kept at North Park garage.



All available space is put to good use on the Mother Bus. Work bench straddles tank for engine oil. Cart carries a 5-gallon tank of torque oil.



## CTA offers Health Maintenance Plan

On November 1, 1980, CTA will open a 30-day enrollment period for eligible employees to choose either to join a Health Maintenance Organization, HMO for short, or to maintain their present comprehensive medical coverage under Travelers Comprehensive Medical Plan.

If an employee elects to continue with Travelers, his health coverage will remain exactly the same. However, if an employee chooses to join one of the six HMOs offered, his HMO coverage becomes effective on January 1, 1981, and his Travelers' coverage will remain in effect until that time.

## What is HMO?

An HMO provides health care on a prepayment basis--with emphasis on comprehensive, preventative treatment. A set monthly fee is paid in advance, and then all necessary services are provided. Enrollment is voluntary. Each enrollee in the HMO plan selects a physician to serve as his "family" doctor. However, complete services--including referrals to specialists, lab services, and hospital services--are provided. Most types of services do not require claim forms.

## How much will HMO cost?

The HMO plan is an alternative to the present comprehensive medical plan. Therefore, the CTA will contribute the same amount toward the cost of the HMO as it does for the Comprehensive Medical Plan. If the cost of the HMO plan is more, the employee will pay the difference through payroll deductions.

## Is there a choice of HMO plans?

Yes. Six HMOs will be available to eligible CTA employees. They are: Anchor, HAP, Intergroup,

Michael Reese, Northcare, and Roosevelt.

## How does an employee enroll?

An enrollment package will be given to each employee at his work location near the end of October. This package will contain:

- A general brochure giving more information about HMOs.
- A sheet showing a comparison of benefits under HMOs and the Comprehensive Medical Plan.
- Specific rate information.
- Brochures from each of the six participating HMOs.
- An enrollment card.
- Payroll deduction authorization card.

Every employee must complete the front of the enrollment card and return it to the Insurance Department. An employee will choose either to enroll in an HMO plan or to continue the present insurance plan. If he chooses HMO coverage, he must complete the back of the card also. This selection will be in effect for at least one year.

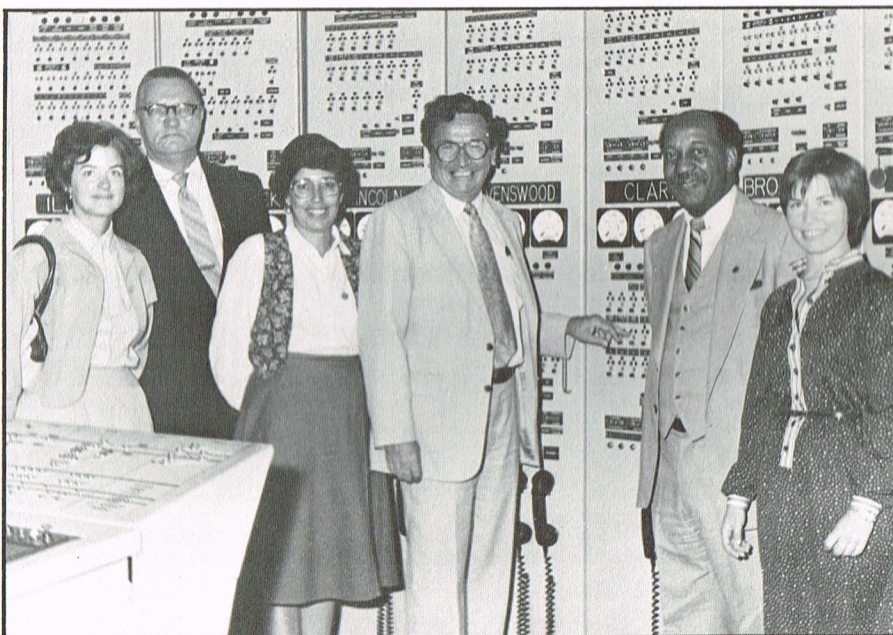
## Will dental coverage be affected?

The Dental Plan will not be affected. The HMO coverage will not provide dental services. An employee will continue to obtain the services from his dentist and be reimbursed, just as in the past.

**For more information**

Posters providing the telephone numbers of each HMO will be placed at each work location, and representatives of the individual HMOs will be visiting each location as well.

Employees are urged to use all the resources available to choose the best health plan.



CTA Chairman Eugene Barnes, second from right, hosts a tour of the CTA control center during the recent visit of Ms. Susan Young, right, director, Division of Public Transportation, Illinois Department of Transportation. Joining the tour were, from left, Ms. Helen Goodkin, CTA advisor for the handicapped; Harold H. Geissenheimer, General Operations manager; Ms. Joby Berman, manager, External Affairs division, and James Blaa, manager, Transportation department.



# CTA celebrates Mexican Independence Day

When Chicago's Mexican community observed the 170th anniversary of Mexico's independence on September 13, the CTA was well represented.

CTA employees of Mexican heritage joined the parade along Michigan avenue with a beautiful float commemorating the start of Mexico's War of Independence with Spain in 1810. The float was sponsored by Local 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union.

The CTA's "Mini bus" and an articulated bus were also included in the parade. The float, "Mini bus," and articulated bus also were in the Little Village parade along 26th street earlier the same day.

Among CTA employees participating in the day's festivities were Agustin Martinez, Archer garage, driver of the articulated bus; Electra de Alba and Maria Hernandez, North Avenue garage; Heriberto Nino, Archer garage; Nidya Rodriguez, Accounting department, and Elda Leal, Public Affairs.



This colorful float was sponsored by Local 241 of the Amalgamated Transit Union. Ready to join the parade were, from left, Union President John Weatherspoon; Secretary-Treasurer Charles Hall, Frank Koziel, executive board member, North Park garage, and Leonard Morris, executive board member, 69th Street garage. On the float (seated) are Electra de Alba and Maria Hernandez, bus operators from North Avenue garage. Playing the guitar, right, is Francisco Flores, bus operator, Archer Avenue garage, and an unidentified employee in the background.



Children and supervisors from the Home of the Child, a day care center in the Pilsen area, enjoy the novelty of the CTA "Mini bus." Ms. Electra de Alba, left, bus operator assigned to North Avenue garage, greets them.



The "Mini bus" was a big hit with everyone. The man at right, portraying Cuauhtemoc, the last Aztec ruler of Mexico and defender of the Aztec Capitol Tenochtitlan, now Mexico City, stands by in regalia ready to check out the little bus. Local 241 float and articulated bus followed the "Mini bus" in the parade.



# CTA revisits Santa's Village

Nearly 1,000 persons participated in the second annual "Old Fashion Family Day" picnic at Santa's Village in Dundee on September 14.

The outing was sponsored by the CTA Group Travel Program for employees, retirees and members of their families. "Everything went off as planned," said Mrs. Harriett Murphy, special projects coordinator in the department of Human Resources. "There was plenty of tasty food, excellent prizes, and everybody had a good time."

Harold Burda, who retired from service in the CTA Property Accounting section in 1974, agreed that the picnic was very successful. "We could have had many more people out, especially senior citizens," said Burda.

"It was a great picnic because it was well planned," said Burda, who promised he would return for future outings.

The numerous amusement park rides were a big hit with the children as well as the artistic touch of Christine Steiner, a makeup



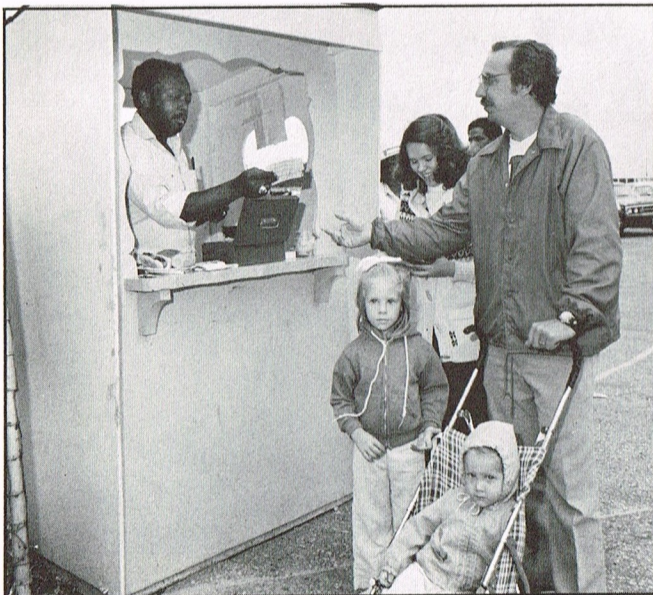
The lines were long at check-in time.

artist from Loyola University Theater group, who amused youngsters by painting their faces.

Susan Pudelek, a mime from the Loyola University drama department, provided entertainment throughout the day. Picnic revelers also witnessed an astounding example of guessing when nine-year old Maria Benitez estimated that a gallon jar on display at the park contained 1,079 jelly beans when it actually held 1,078 of the little pieces of candy. As a re-

ward she got to keep the candy.

Mrs. Murphy, picnic coordinator, was assisted by several others who helped to make the occasion a success. Working in various capacities at the picnic grounds were Fred King, manager, Human Resources; Carol Hardy and Larry Murphy, also of Human Resources; George West, Schedules; Norris Larson, Claims; Judith Leavell, Beverly garage; Officer Eddie Paschal, Security, and Ron Tuck, Job Classification.



Larry Murphy was very busy at the gate selling raffle tickets. Tom Czech, Job Classification, his wife, Susan, and their daughters, Nikki and Katy, made this one of their first stops.

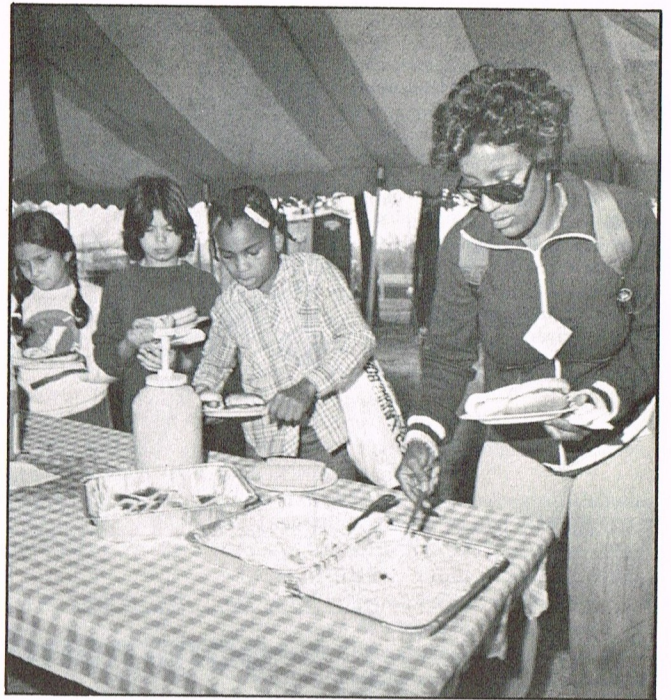


Christine Steiner, makeup artist from Loyola University, applies her talent by painting the face of John Paschal while his sister, Kuwana, waits her turn.





Tops in the guessing game was nine-year old Maria Benitez, right, who estimated that 1,079 jelly beans were in the big jar, only one more than the actual count. Maria is congratulated by mimer Susan Pudelek of Loyola University; Harriett Murphy, project coordinator, and Fred King, manager, Human Resources.



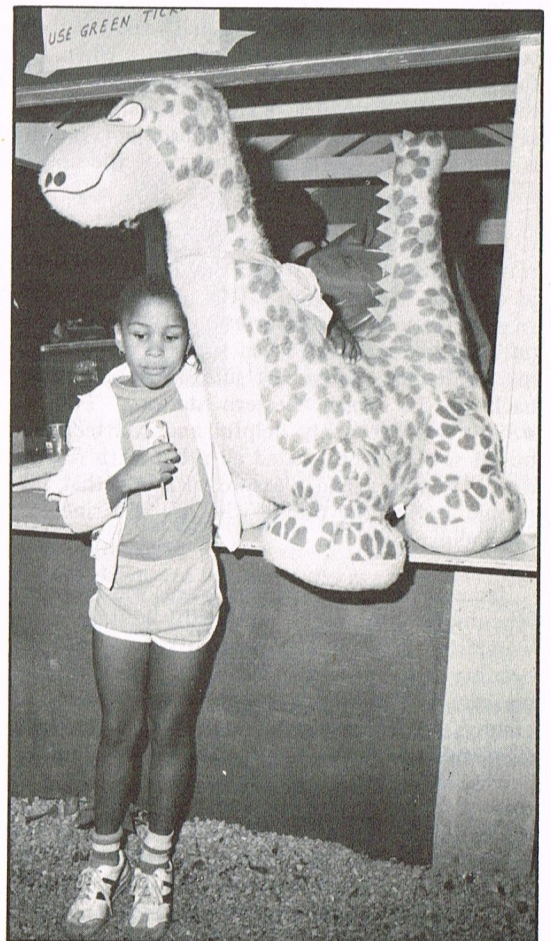
Brenda Sparks and Sharon Maxon dig in at the refreshment table while others check out the morsels and wait for a chance to sample them as well.



The picnic meant fun with the grandchildren for Earl Rogers, Forest Glen repair, and his wife, Lottie. Enjoying this moment also were Bethany, Robert and Cathleen Hoffert.



Nothing like old-fashioned ice cream push-ups to keep a trio of little ones busy. Testing their taste buds with the yummy goodies are Colleen, Jeffrey and Megan Mroz, the children of Gerald Mroz, Internal Auditing.



India Peel, daughter of Ronald Peel, Operations Planning, and "Dino," the trusty Flintstone character, take a respite from the action to enjoy a tasty ice cream treat.



Charles Whitman Jr. (Lawndale Garage) is regarded by M. Pivonka, of Allport Street, as "one of the fine bus drivers you have on the 18th Street line. He goes out of his way to treat everybody with consideration -- women with children in their arms and older people with canes, of whom I am one. He does not pull away if he sees you can't run for the bus, and gives you a pleasant smile. My thanks to him and you for a fine bus driver."



Ralph Lindquist (Archer Garage) was the driver of a #15 Canal/Wacker bus that K. D. Jonynas took on the way home to South Rockwell Avenue. "It was my true pleasure and good fortune to board this driver's bus. He was pleasant and considerate to all riders, and patiently explained any and all queries. I could catalog the variety of kindnesses extended by this driver. He is like a breath of much-needed fresh air. His decency and excellence as a human being and driver can serve as an example to all."

## commendation corner

Gerald Tamborello (North Section) has the respect of Jeff Schacht, an industry official who works on Clybourn Avenue. "I just wanted to express my satisfaction and gratification for the courtesy and efficiency of agent #962 at the North and Clybourn station. When I pass through this station after work, there are three lines of people rushing through the turnstiles. This gentleman always smiles and says hello, no matter what the problems or conditions. He is in a class by himself. Thanks for the hospitality on the CTA."

Royal Woolfolk (Archer Garage) "makes taking public transportation a real treat," according to Donetta Horne, who works in Elmhurst. "It is not often that I get into the city or ride public transportation. However, while downtown on company business, I had the distinct pleasure of boarding his #129 bus. I was not sure of which bus to take to get back to the North Western station. Fortunately, driver #8979 was extremely helpful and courteous. While on his bus, I saw that he treated all riders with respect and politeness. It was a real pleasure to know that there are some people serving the public who are still sincere and doing a spectacular job."

James Estes (Forest Glen Garage) was described by Pauline Moennich, who works on north Western Avenue, as "the wonderful driver I encountered" on a #81 Lawrence bus heading east from the Jefferson Park terminal. "It was a pleasure on such a hot, humid morning, when everyone was crabby, to have a cheerful, pleasant driver calling off every stop, telling the passengers to 'Watch your step,' and even exchanging a few words with a smile. It's seldom we see such a person in this day and age when everyone thinks the world owes them a living. He made my day, and I am sure many other riders felt the same way."

Raul Lopez (North Park Garage) was praised by Christina Barri, of Lakewood Avenue, for his "thoughtfulness and consideration" concerning an injured girl along his #151 Sheridan bus route. "This child apparently had been hit by a car while roller skating. There were no police around, nor

was there an ambulance in sight. Your driver used his bus phone to report the incident. None of the bus passengers minded the few seconds he took to see that something was done, and I think everyone appreciated his concern. After a police car arrived on the scene, we drove on. I thought you should know about this young man's actions."

Arthur Campbell and Robert Smith (Forest Glen Garage) were thanked by L. F. Byers, of Larned Avenue, for their courtesy while driving #80 Irving Park buses. "I am slightly deaf, and was talking to another rider about transfers when driver #9672 (Campbell) offered some information that was a great help to all, explaining in detail what the CTA is doing for the seniors. At the same time he did a great job handling the bus, contending with drivers cutting in and out, trucks double-parking, unloading, etc. Returning home later, driver #7334 (Smith) called every stop clearly so that even myself, being a little deaf, could hear."

Lynval Thompson (52nd Street Garage) was appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Downs, of Stony Island Avenue, for his conduct while driving a #1 Drexel/Hyde Park bus. "A man who was waiting at our bus stop started cursing everybody there. As the driver opened the door, the man wanted to know where he had been and began cursing him, too. The driver asked him in a most courteous manner to stop, but he went on and on. When the passenger heard the driver's foreign accent, he told him he was a refugee and should not say anything, threatening to report him to CTA and the mayor. The driver acted carefully and cautiously, and did not lose his temper during this terrible ordeal. We thank him."

Robert Dluger (North Park Garage) was commended by Mr. and Mrs. Bror Johansson, of Clifton Avenue, for his courtesy while driving a #22 Clark bus. "This driver waited for us to get on the bus instead of driving ahead, as some other drivers do. He called out the names of the streets and was extremely courteous at all times. We told him we had a 'verbal carnation' for him, and here it is. We recommend him very highly, for he assuredly deserves it."



# Thanks - - for a job well done

Among other operating employees receiving commendations recently were:

Maria Acevedo, North Section; Christopher Adams, North Avenue; Robert Adams, 69th Street; Amparo Alvarez, Bertil Anderson, and Albert Armes, all of North Park; and Delbert Ashford, Limits.

Pedro Balderas, Brenda Berry, Carmen Betances, and Jesse Bolian, all of North Park; Thomas Baloue, Archer; Michael Batts, Adonis Berrios, and Everett Brown, all of Forest Glen; Vera Beckley, 52nd Street; John Brugess, Limits; and James Bush, 69th Street.

Jean Cage and Juanita Clark, both of Limits; Ignacio Campos, Noel Castro, Michael Collymore, Jackie Coots, and Griz Craig, all of North Park; Lindsey Carney, Howard/Kimball; Witherspoon Carr, 52nd Street; Lawrence Carter, 77th Street; Tyree Cobb Jr., Forest Glen; and Clarence Cubie, North Avenue.

Albert Dayan, Limits; Electra de Alba, North Avenue; and Dante Deza, North Park.

Dwaine Elliott, Limits; Bruce Ellison,

North Park; and Wilbert Ellison, North Avenue.

Rosetta Flowers, North Section.

Ronald Gipson, 52nd Street; Albert Graham Jr. and Mildred Grover, both of 69th Street; Odell Granger, Hans-Dieter Gruenert, and Peter Guidizi, all of Forest Glen; Noble Graves, Limits; and Jeffrey Gresser and Terrence Griffin, both of Archer.

Rogers Harmon and Booker Howard, both of Lawndale; Larry Harper, North Avenue; Walter Harris, North Park; and Irving Henderson, Beverly.

Steve Ingram, Douglas/Congress.

Earl Jenkins, Beverly; Carole Johnson, 69th Street; and John Johnson, North Avenue.

Frank Ketter, Limits; and Robert Kremmer, North Park.

Ricardo Leiva and Teresa Lopez, both of Forest Glen; and Robert Lucas, Lawndale.

Charles Martin, 52nd Street; Frederick Moore, North Park; and Linda Murray,

77th Street.

Doris O'Neal, Ashland Terminal; and Robert O'Neal, Lawndale.

Daniel Poelinitz, North Avenue; and Victor Priolo, Limits.

William Rice, 52nd Street; John Richardson, North Avenue; Dedric Roberts, Ashland Terminal; Jack Robinson, Limits; Adilia Rosado, North Park; and John Ross, 77th Street.

Angelo Santana, 69th Street; Vera Smith and Vytautas Stukelis, both of Archer; Angelo Sturino, Howard/Kimball; Willie Mae Surles, 77th Street; and David Swain, Limits.

Jesse Terry, 77th Street.

Richard Vaughn and Sergio Villanueva, both of North Park.

Dennis Walker, North Avenue; Johnnie Washington, Archer; Vaddie Weekly, 52nd Street; Welborn Williams, Forest Glen; William Williams, Limits; Maurice Willis and Lloyd Winston, both of North Park; and Bartholomew Wurtzebach, Howard/Kimball.

Jacques Yezeguielian, Forest Glen.

Edward Zamiar and Joseph Zukerman, both of North Park.

## promotions

John Schwartz has been appointed superintendent of the Travel Information Center, where he had been acting superintendent since February. Schwartz joined the Chicago Surface Lines as an inside mail clerk in 1942. After military service during World War II, he returned to work as a timekeeper in Maintenance before becoming a record clerk and shop clerk. Schwartz was selected analyst, Methods and Procedures, in 1962, moving up to administrative analyst before being chosen coordinator, Office Services, in 1970. In 1974 he was promoted to superintendent, Office Services, and, in 1978, he was named special projects coordinator, Management Services. Schwartz lives in the downtown lakefront area.

Walter Keevil is now superintendent, Electric Vehicle Design, Engineering. He had been supervisor in the same section since 1974. Keevil started with CTA in 1968 as a development engineer. He was selected technical services engineer in 1970, and equipment engineer a year later, before being named senior technical services engineer in 1972. Keevil makes his home in Evanston.

Bhupindar Mallhi has been named superintendent, Motor Vehicle Design, Engineering. Mallhi began his CTA career in 1971 as a technical services engineer in the Maintenance Department, having previously served as a major in the Indian Army Corps of Engineers. In 1973 he was chosen equipment engineer, Engineering, and, in 1974, he became supervisor, Motor Vehicle Design. He and his wife, Neeta, have two sons and live in Downers Grove.

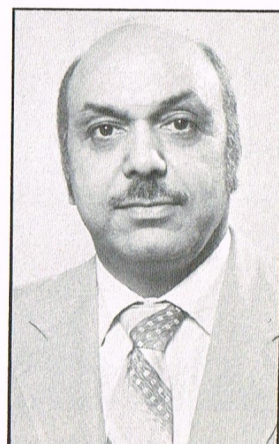
Cynthia Florence, former unit super-



John Schwartz



Walter Keevil



Bhupindar Mallhi

visor, Agents, has been selected assistant superintendent, Transportation-Personnel, Near North Area. In Plant Maintenance, David Allen and William Chrishon have been promoted from janitor foremen to unit supervisors, Rapid Transit Janitors.

Constance Brabec, former stenographer, Security, and Rosemary Brady, former material control clerk, Plant Maintenance, have been chosen confidential office assistants, Security. Named to a similar position in General Finance is Ana Maria DelRivero, formerly unassigned, Human Resources-Employment & Placement.

In Operations Planning, Napoleon Turner has been promoted from traffic checker to traffic clerk, while James Patterson, former driver, Archer, has been chosen traffic checker. Lucie Bleers, former payables and material utility clerk, Financial Services, and Steven Schroeder, former file clerk, Law, have been selected treasury utility clerks, Treasury. In Law/

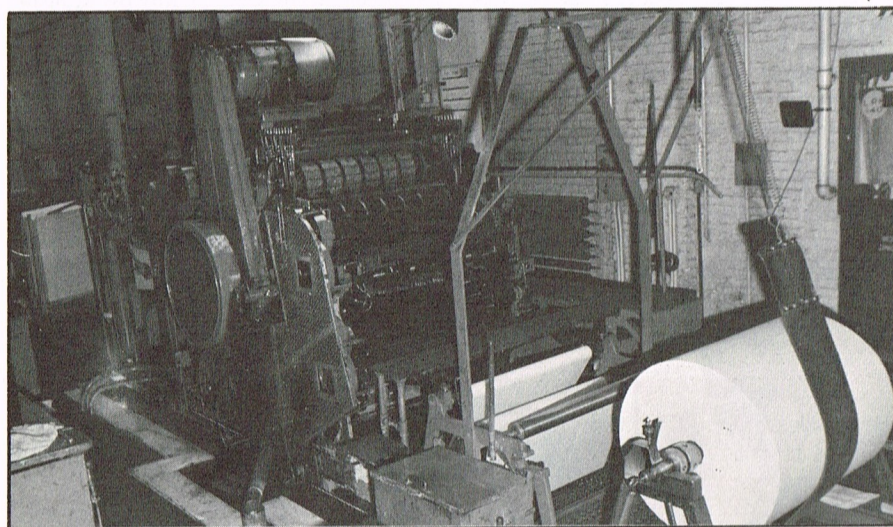
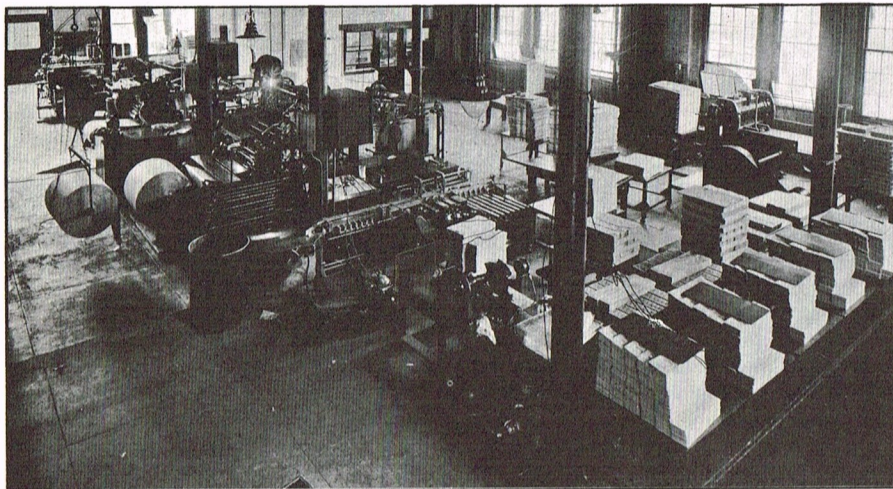
Claims, Lorna Appleton has moved from utility clerk I to utility clerk II.

Carolyn Browne, former typist, Maintenance, has been appointed electronic keyboard operator, Management Services. Beverly Montgomery, former ticket agent, West Section, has become payroll clerk, Financial Services. Artemia Martinez, formerly an unassigned clerk typist, Human Resources-Employment & Placement, is now typist, Insurance & Pensions.

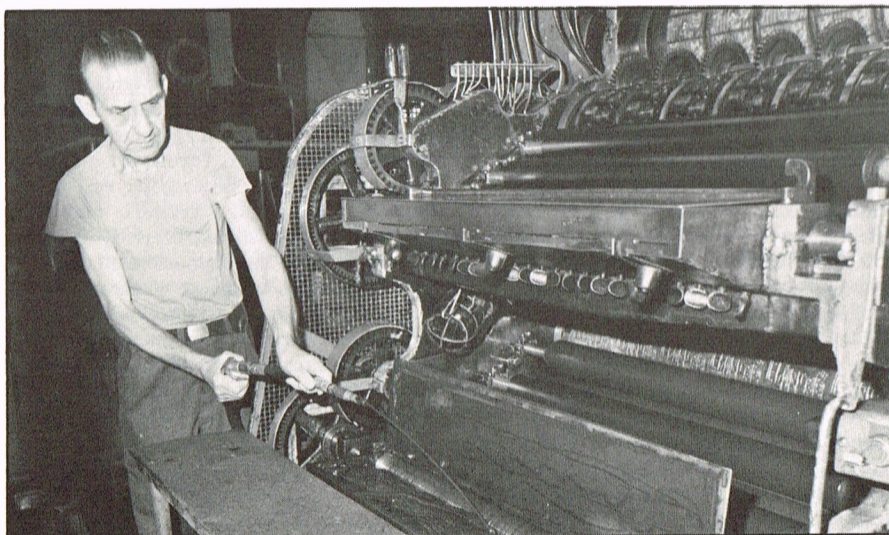
At Skokie Shop, David Weatherspoon, former laborer, has been named unit exchange clerk. New at Skokie Shop as a blacksmith/welder apprentice is John Laffey Jr., former bus repairer, North Park, and, as a laborer, Thomas Newell, former boiler maintenanceman, Plant Maintenance. Glenn Knerr, former trackman, is now a "B" helper in Plant Maintenance. O. G. Scroggins, former driver, Beverly, has become shop tractor operator, South Shops.



# Sixty billion transfers in sixty-three years



The 63-year-old press (top photo) as it looked in 1919 when it was two years old, and as it looks today (above), has produced more than 60 billion transfers.



Pressman Hank Siuba gives press a shot of blue ink as press prints its daily supply of more than two million transfers.

Sixty BILLION transfers.

That's one heck of a lot of transfers.

Sixty-three years.

That's one heck of a long time.

Put the number of transfers together with the number of years and you get the picture of one of public transportation's most productive--and enduring machines--the CTA's transfer printing press in the South Shops.

Standing alongside the rotary web press in the print shop, Ed Meskimen, shop foreman, said the printing press has been in the print shop longer than anyone--or anything--currently in the shop.

"We know from old records the press came to the shop, then owned by the Chicago Surface Lines, a predecessor to the CTA, in 1917, just in the middle of World War I.

"And based on the old records, in addition to our present records, we have figured this press has printed something more than 60 billion transfers," Meskimen said.

He has been with the CTA 29 years, 19 years in the print shop.

Over the years, the press has had many of its worn-out parts replaced. The manufacturer of the press went out of business years ago, so the CTA fabricates replacement parts to keep the old timer humming.

It prints an average of 2,500,000 to 3,500,000 transfers a day. Its yearly output is an average of 628 million transfers.

"During World War II, when transfers were free, this old press used to go three shifts a day. Transfers were free until 1961," Meskimen said.

The old press uses three colors -- black, red, and blue. It can use another color, if the CTA wants another one.

"The press prints nine different types of transfers used throughout the CTA on weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays," he said.

"The transfers are printed on sheets containing 78 individually numbered and dated transfers.



These sheets come from 1,000 pound rolls of transfer paper measuring 33 and 1/8th inches wide. A roll can produce 3,000 sheets for a total of 1,014,000 transfers."

James Gilliland, stitch clerk, is in charge of the paper stock room that can hold up to 132 rolls. Gilliland, who has been in the print shop for 29 years, uses a mobile carrier to bring the rolls to the press.

Hank Siuba, pressman, oversees the operations of the old press. Siuba has been in the print shop 30 years. His helper is assistant pressman Vincent Brancaccio.

Stacks of 100 finished sheets go from the press to paper cutter John Davis, who cuts and trims the transfers into rows and sends them to Mrs. Dorothy Kalwasinski, a stitcher who has been in the shop

20 years.

Mrs. Kalwasinski stitches 100 correctly numbered and dated transfers in a row, 13 books at a time, on her 25-year-old stitching machine.

She sends the rows of transfers to Toby Warmack, a paper cutter who cuts the 13 joined books into separate books for shipping.

Warmack sends the books to bindery workers Mrs. Mary Ann Artis, Robert Sladky, Felix Harper, Mrs. Margaret Ellison and Mrs. Tillie Moore, bindery worker leader and assistant shop foreman.

They pack the transfers in boxes and prepare them for truck shipment to the CTA's 10 bus garages.

Three other bindery workers prepare unstitched transfers for shipment to nine rapid transit terminals. They are Mrs. Wil-

moth Simpson, Mrs. Margaret Zajac, and Mrs. Roberta Lewis.

The print shop prepares transfers at least a month in advance.

The old printing press is kept in top running condition by two South Shops tool makers, Ron Jareckas and Tony Polich of the machine shop. In addition to keeping the old press finely tuned, they also maintain and repair the other machines in the print shop.

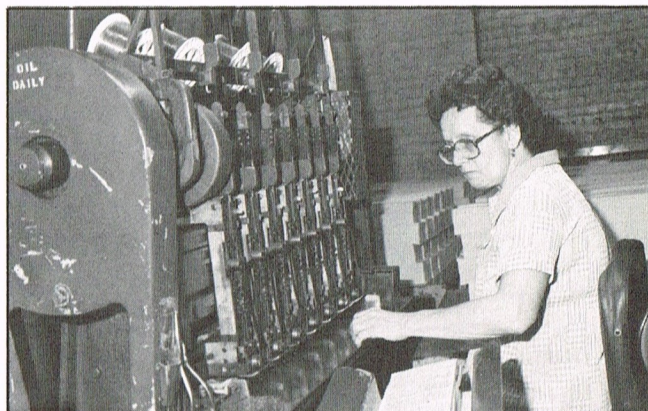
Meskimen said the print shop has a second transfer printing press.

"That press -- it's only 25 years old -- is used when the old timer is periodically torn down for preventative maintenance and repair," Meskimen said.

Asked how long he expects the old press to keep going, Meskimen shrugged and said, philosophically, probably longer than any of us.



Mrs. Margaret Zajac (left) and Mrs. Wilmoth Simpson, bindery workers, prepare unstitched transfers for shipment to rapid transit terminals for use by ticket agents and conductors.



Mrs. Dorothy Kalwasinski, stitcher, cuts stacks into rows of 13 books of 100 transfers each.



Ron Jareckas, machine shop tool maker, repairs stitching machine. Jareckas and Tony Polich, also a tool maker, keep all print shop machines in running order.



Toby Warmack, paper cutter, slices stitched and joined books into transfer size--5-3/8 inches long, 2-1/4 inches wide.



# ZAP Awards

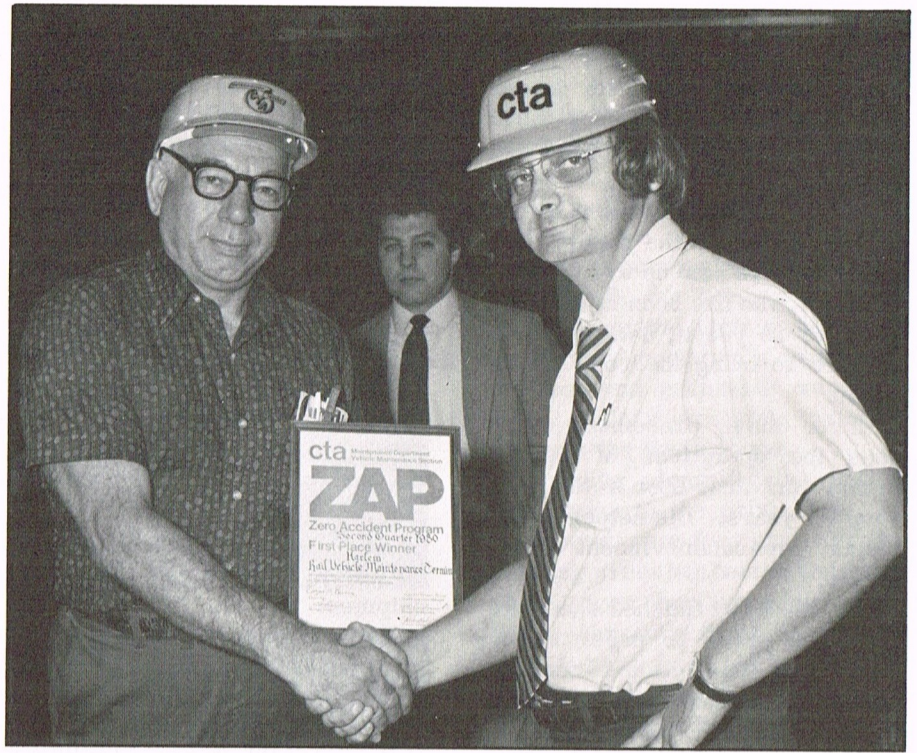
For some groups, winning gets to be a happy habit.

Members of the 61st-Racine rail vehicle maintenance terminals are ecstatic after their fourth consecutive Vehicle Maintenance Zero Accident Program safety award. Their latest award was for the second competition period for 1980.

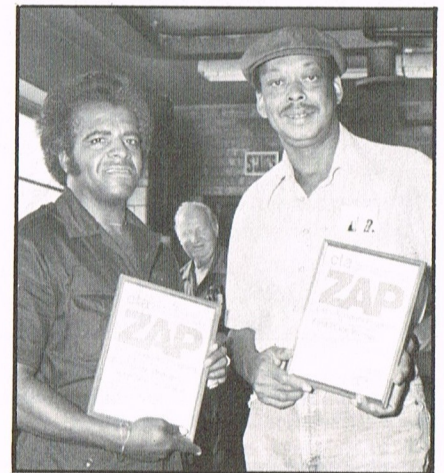
Other rail division winners for the second quarter were Harlem terminal, which took its third consecutive first place finish, and the vehicle overhaul section in Skokie Shop, which won its second top safety award this year.

The crews at Howard street-Linden avenue terminals were also first place winners in the rail vehicle division.

The automotive vehicle division first place winners were 52nd street garage, 77th street garage, and the Unit Rebuild section at South Shops. Forest Glen garage and 98th Rail Vehicle Maintenance terminal took second place awards for the competition in April, May, and June.



Sheldon Rita (left), rail foreman, Harlem terminal, receives the first place Vehicle Maintenance Zero Accident Program safety award from Larry Monaghan, terminals supervisor. Kevin Rayburg of Safety Department, views ceremony.



Above: Cicso Williams (left), assistant rail foreman, and Frank Steen, car repairer, both of 61st-Racine terminals display safety awards their group won for the fourth consecutive time.



Top Left: Chuck Kubal (right), day foreman, 52nd Street garage, accepts first place safety award and congratulations from Don Sturenfeldt, supervisor, south garages.

Bottom Left: Henry Dickerson (left), rail unit supervisor, presents second place safety award to Dominic Nicosia (center), assistant foreman, and Joe Campbell, car repairer, both of 98th rail terminal.





Harlem terminal rail maintenance employees are joined by Maintenance Department's safety section personnel (at right) for photo marking

employees' first place finish in safety competition for second consecutive quarter.

Right: Night shift employees at 61st-Racine rail terminals who helped win safety award are (from left) Sam Stimage, car repairer; Jerry Armstrong and Dorthea Brown, car servicers; Steve Butler and Ulysee Nelson, car repairers, and Oscar Irby, car servicer.



Below: Members of 61st-Racine terminals maintenance section outside their shop.





# Charles Nelson, TennisFest doubles champ

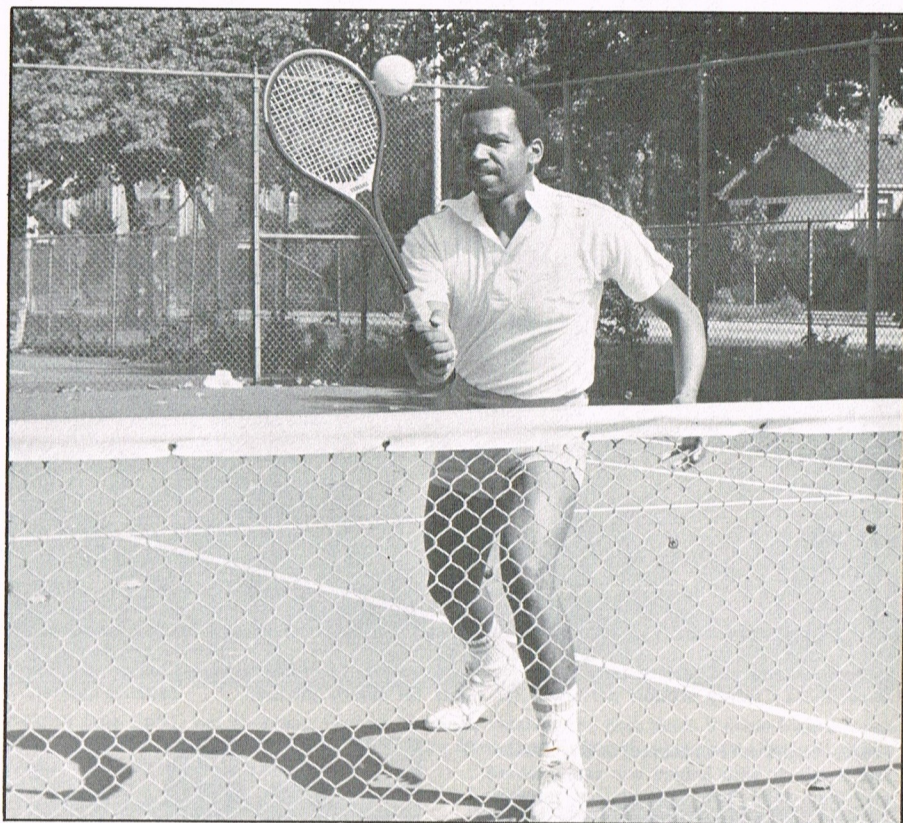


Charles Nelson

Winners in the second Sun-Times TennisFest championship matches at Mid-Town courts September 14 included CTA bus operator Charles Nelson who is assigned to Archer garage.

The 29-year old Nelson and his partner, Carl Lugg, garnered the first place trophy in the third division of the men's doubles as they defeated opponents Bob Pomplum and Larry Saylor 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

Nelson and his partner each received a one-week vacation for two at a tennis resort in Colony Beach,



Charles Nelson, first place winner in the Chicago Sun-Times second annual TennisFest doubles championship matches at Mid-Town courts, demonstrates the form that enabled him and his partner, Carl Lugg, to garner the first place trophy.

Fla. The Nelson-Lugg duo earned berths in the championship games after winning four matches in the locals, three in the regionals, and three in Mid-Town.

As a contender in the men's singles, Nelson swept the locals, but was defeated in the first round of the regional matches. The local matches began August 15.

## Niva Oghigian named IEC president



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Niva Oghigian, a project leader in the CTA Datacenter at the Merchandise Mart, has been named president of the Illinois Engineering Council. She is the first woman to hold the office in the organization's 41-year history.

The Illinois Engineering Council represents 19 principal engineering societies in the State. Its purpose is to influence public opinion, legislation, and government appointments related to engineering matters as well as the engineering profession.

Ms. Oghigian is a graduate of the University of Illinois with bachelor and master degrees in electrical engineering, and was

named Outstanding Woman in Illinois in 1975. She joined the CTA in November of that year and currently is developing a computer system to aid in preparing bus schedule reports.

Prior to her recent appointment as president of the council, Ms. Oghigian was president of the Chicago Regional Section of the Society of Women Engineers, and has been the society's representative on the Illinois Engineering Council since 1974.

She also has served for the past six years on the executive committee and board of directors of the University of Illinois Alumni Association.



# Sports benefit 305 youngsters

by W. B. Wolfan

Working with 305 youngsters, ages 6-15, in the Rosemoor Community baseball league this past summer, has been a "rewarding experience" for Ernest Sawyer, administrative assistant to CTA Chairman Eugene Barnes.

It was particularly satisfactory, says Sawyer, when "our Rosemoor Community All-Star teams won the Chicago-Rockford Championships in two divisions (Little League for ages 9-12, and the Pony League, ages 13-15 years).

"Our young All-Stars defeated the Rockford All-Stars in games played at Ernie Banks Field in Rockford. The baseball diamond there was named in honor of the Cubs' Hall of Famer Banks, a member of the CTA Board."

One of the most important accomplishments of the Rosemoor Community baseball program is providing a tutoring system in mathematics and reading for the boys during the summer.

Those who participate in school sports and other activities such as Boy Scouts and Science Clubs receive points and special awards for their efforts. This program also extends into church activities and has proven a strong incentive for the youngsters.

Also popular are 2-week camping trips during the

summer on Lake Michigan. During the winter months, the Rosemoor Community Organization offices are open for special tutoring services.

Sawyer deems it a real privilege to work with the youngsters who were honored at the Rosemoor Community baseball league awards banquet on Sunday, Oct. 12, at the "66 Room."

The important goal of taking part in sports in the formative years, according to Sawyer, is the team discipline that breeds the necessary initiative and desire to acquire a good education.

He says, "I made education my top priority after spending three years in the Army which included a tour of duty with the 4th Infantry Division in Viet Nam. I returned to Northwestern University to earn my degree in urban policy and planning.

"I am firmly convinced that sports can benefit education if one's priorities are evaluated properly. I try to teach the young athlete that an education represents insurance for a lifetime in contrast to a career in pro sports where the odds are astronomical against making the grade—about the same percentage as making it big in show business.

"But competition was wonderful while it lasted for me—those four sports in high school and three years in the Army provided a beneficial experience for teaming to accomplish meaningful goals."

Sawyer's Little League activities will continue next year with the second of a home and home championship series against the Rockford teams to be played in Chicago.

## Bob Schageman retires

At an informal reception held in Passenger Controls/Graphics section, Operations Planning department, on September 30, Robert C. Schageman retired after more than 43 years of service.

Schageman began his career as a North Section ticket agent on January 28, 1937. On February 9, 1953, he was promoted to distribution clerk, Electrical department, and served there until July 8, 1957, when he joined the Engineering department as a transit technician. He ended his long and faithful career as a transit technician in Passenger Controls/Graphics section.

Friends and co-workers presented Schageman with a cash gift. Attending the happy occasion was his wife, Mary.



John O'Connor (left), director, Passenger Controls/Graphics, presents retirement portfolio to Bob Schageman while his wife, Mary, and George Macek, supervisor, graphics production, look on.



# Joins retirement roll after 36 years service

"Most of the fellows I started out with have passed on," the big man said as he settled comfortably in the chair near the desk.

"Just me and one other fellow on this picture left now," he said, handing the photograph across the desk and pointing to the image of himself standing among the 14 uniformed Chicago Motor Coach company drivers.

Obed Leon Bullitt was reminiscing about his 36 years as a bus driver which he started June 27, 1944, and ended October 1, 1980, when he joined the long roll of CTA pensioners. His last assignment was with Beverly garage. He had also worked at both the 77th Street and 52nd Street garages.

"I've driven every kind of bus there is," said Bullitt as he recalled his days of service on the Grove double deck bus, the stick shift, the Green Hornet and the Pullman red streetcar.

Besides the photograph Bullitt's mementos included two safety award pins which were worn on the uniform



Obed Leon Bullitt, standing fourth from left, began his career as a driver with this group of Chicago Motor Coach drivers who assembled for this portrait in 1944. Bullitt (inset) as he looks today.

in the early days. They were presented to him in his second and third years as a driver. He had also kept an old Chicago Motor Coach company riding pass as well as a copy of the physician's

certificate of examination which he received on the day of his employment.

A northsider, Bullitt plans to enjoy his retirement in Chicago.

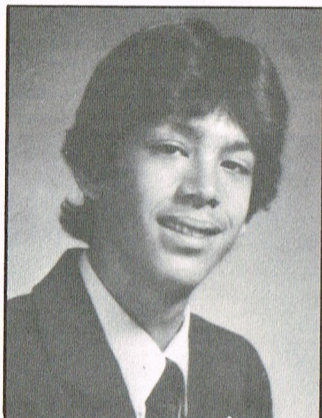
## Police commend youth for bravery

The 16-year old son of Human Resources Minority Business Enterprise Coordinator Mario Ochoa has been commended by the Chicago Police department for bravery.

Sergio Ochoa, a senior at Lane Tech high school, received a letter from 23rd District Commander Emil G. Giese in which he was praised for diving into Lake Michigan and attempting to pull a blind man to safety on September 11.

Commander Giese said although young Ochoa's attempt to save the man was unsuccessful, the youth's willingness to try under dangerous circumstances was highly commendable.

The letter said in part, "...Your concern for a fellow citizen and personal involvement in this incident have not gone unnoticed, and it is my privilege to thank you on behalf of the Chicago Police department for the courage you have demonstrated. ..."



## HATA Christmas party

The Hispanic American Transportation Association is planning its fourth annual Christmas party for Saturday, December 6, 1980, from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. on the 14th floor of the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans.

All CTA employees are invited to join the festivities. Donation is \$12 per person. The program will include dancing and entertainment, as well as door prizes and free hors d'oeuvres.

Call Jose Flores at 728-0035 for ticket information or contact Maria Benitez, Felipe Gonzalez, Rudy Mendez, or Elda Leal.



August 17 was a memorable day for Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Duke, as they celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Duke, who worked as an operator out of Forest Glen garage, retired on January 1, 1960, after more than 31 years of service.



Mr. and Mrs. James Collins Hood of Ellisville, Mississippi, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 13. The celebration was commemorated as the couple renewed their marriage vows in a ceremony conducted by the Rev. James Twiner of the Mt. Zion Methodist church. In a particularly nostalgic mood, the couple drove to the church in a 1930 Ford, reminiscent of the period in which they were wed 50 years ago. Hood retired as a West Section motorman on April 1, 1976, after more than 34 years of service.



## NEW PENSIONERS



JOINING THE ranks of the retired on October 1, was ROBERT SCHAGEMAN, who had 43 years of service with CTA and its predecessor companies.

JESSE CROSS, Car Repairer, Racine Terminal, Emp. 9-13-50  
 JULIAN DZIAK, Plumber, Maintenance, Emp. 8-8-47  
 ROLAND FORTIER, Operator, Archer, Emp. 7-22-41  
 BERTRAND FREEMAN, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 9-11-51  
 ALVIN HUBBARD, Foreman, 52nd Street, Emp. 11-3-49  
 BENJAMIN KOSEK, Car Cleaner, 98th Shop, Emp. 8-15-41  
 WOODROW OWENS, Bus Servicer, Forest Glen, Emp. 2-5-54  
 ROBERT SCHAGEMAN, Transit Tech. V, Operations Planning, Emp. 1-28-37  
 WALTER SMOKOWSKI, Janitor, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-1-73  
 PHILIP UPCHURCH, Operator, Kedzie, Emp. 1-26-56

### DISABILITY RETIREMENTS

OBED BULLITT, Operator, Beverly, Emp. 7-10-44  
 ALLISON DeBONNETT, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 8-13-62  
 MICHELI FERRANTELLI, Trackman, West Shops, Emp. 2-5-68  
 CHRIS JACKSON, Operator, 77th Street, Emp. 12-21-72  
 EUGENE JOHNSON, Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 9-15-60  
 GEORGE KADERABEK, Repairer, Forest Glen, Emp. 3-1-66  
 DONALD QUINN, Carpenter, West Shops, Emp. 3-17-60  
 MICHAEL SCHRAMM, Carpenter, South Shops, Emp. 4-9-47  
 CLARENCE TYLER, Repairer, Kedzie, Emp. 3-11-68

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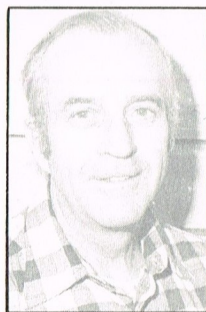
## IN MEMORIAM

CLARENCE ADAMS, 60, Instruction, Emp. 1-26-53, Died 8-15-80  
 ROBERT ANDERSON, 35, Beverly, Emp. 6-9-66, Died 8-24-80  
 JOHN APPELT, 67, Archer, Emp. 8-21-41, Died 8-24-80  
 JACOB BODEM, 90, West Section, Emp. 1-14-36, Died 8-14-80  
 REINHOLD BREITENBACK, 80, 61st Street, Emp. 11-27-18, Died 8-21-80  
 FRANK CIKAS, 90, Beverly, Emp. 7-30-43, Died 8-14-80  
 ADA CLARK, 85, North Section, Emp. 1-7-19, Died 8-28-80  
 MARTIN CONWAY, 74, Beverly, Emp. 1-8-43, Died 8-19-80  
 WILLIAM CUMMANE, 78, Stores, Emp. 8-23-26, Died 8-7-80  
 RUDOLPH DAVIS, 71, 98th Shop, Emp. 9-16-41, Died 8-12-80  
 CARL FISCHER, 75, South Section, Emp. 8-11-48, Died 8-1-80  
 ANGELO GOUNDAS, 96, 69th Street, Emp. 1-30-29, Died 8-28-80  
 DONALD GRAY, 56, North Avenue, Emp. 1-10-66, Died 8-22-80  
 HERBERT HERZFELDT, 80, West Sect., Emp. 5-2-42, Died 8-16-80  
 JOSEPH HUDALE, 66, Campaign Area, Emp. 12-16-47, Died 8-18-80  
 HARRY JABLONSKI, 69, Limits, Emp. 12-30-54, Died 8-4-80

MARION KIENTZLE, 84, West Section, Emp. 2-14-44, Died 7-31-80  
 EDWARD KRAMER, 74, North Avenue, Emp. 10-20-28, Died 8-20-80  
 WALTER LEAVELL, 38, Human Resources, Emp. 8-4-77, Died 8-31-80  
 ISAAC MOTTEN, 56, 69th Street, Emp. 10-15-53, Died 9-5-80  
 WILLIAM NEUSON, 85, Howard, Emp. 3-20-18, Died 8-4-80  
 MICHAEL NILAND, 81, Way & Struts., Emp. 7-19-28, Died 8-21-80  
 WARREN ODOM, 58, 77th Street, Emp. 7-18-48, Died 8-22-80  
 RICHARD O'GORMAN, 71, Utility, Emp. 9-15-41, Died 8-27-80  
 EDWARD OLSEN, 80, 69th Street, Emp. 12-15-25, Died 8-16-80  
 EDWARD PYTLEWICZ, 69, Forest Glen, Emp. 11-29-40, Died 8-22-80  
 WILLIAM SCHMIDT, 86, 77th Street, Emp. 12-1-20, Died 7-14-80  
 RICHARD STANTON, 67, Rail Supervision, Emp. 7-1-42, Died 8-28-80  
 DENIS SULLIVAN, 74, 77th Street, Emp. 5-1-43, Died 8-25-80  
 LEONARD TROJANOWSKI, 67, South Shops, Emp. 2-14-39, Died 8-1-80  
 LOUIS URBON, 69, North Avenue, Emp. 9-6-55, Died 8-14-80  
 ISAAC WOODS Sr., 61, South Shops, Emp. 1-21-45, Died 8-23-80

## Service anniversaries in October

### 40 years



Robert J. Johnson  
North Park



William C. Dunn  
Electrical

John J. Cichorski, Utility

### 30 years

Martin Hennessy, Skokie Shop  
 Edward A. O'Brien, North Park  
 John G. Pelzman, Beverly  
 Jake Reed Jr., Archer  
 Thomas F. Spencer, 77th Street

### 35 years

Edward E. Berndt, District B  
 Rudolph Chucan, Skokie Shop  
 Frank D. Corbett, Schedules  
 John F. Gamperl, 69th Street  
 Thaddeus M. Lesniak, Skokie Shop  
 Charles H. Luepke, North Avenue  
 George E. Schultz, Maintenance

### 25 years

Alan R. Downing, Maintenance  
 Charles Dunkins, Maintenance  
 Anthony Espinosa, North Avenue  
 Luther B. Lee, 77th Street  
 Worthy B. Mattox, Rail South  
 Viola E. Meyer, Payroll  
 Charles J. Spears, Ashland/95th  
 James A. White, 69th Street

### PENSIONERS —

There is still time for you to have your riding card picture taken at the following location:

CTA Photographic Department  
 Room 7-189  
 Merchandise Mart  
 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.)

No ID cards can be sent out unless the pensioner has had a new photo taken.





## Bus 8499 returns to service

Bus 8499, placed in the CTA historical collection in 1974 due to its one-of-a-kind status, was returned to revenue service this summer on the 32-West 31st route.

It presently serves the 89-Northeastern Illinois University route, and is expected to continue indefinitely on similar limited routes.

The bus was taken out of moth balls in June as more than 1,000 diesel engines in the CTA fleet were sidelined. Thanks to a comprehensive engine overhaul program, however, CTA bus availability has nearly returned to normal.

The design of bus 8499 combined the body of a standard 40-foot propane bus of both the 8000 and 8200 series along with the then newly designed Flixible "New Look" front end

which includes the larger windows.

In the early sixties, this "collectors item" had a variety of experimental propane engines, but has been equipped with a standard V6 71 Detroit diesel engine since 1966.

Although buses powered with liquid propane gas played a major role in the movement of CTA passengers for a quarter of a century, the demise of CTA's fleet of 1,700 propane buses was triggered when manufacturers discontinued producing propane engines, and propane fuel became more expensive.

The first propane buses were delivered to the CTA in 1950 when propane was considered a surplus fuel and was priced considerably less than the then more expensive diesel and gasoline fuels.

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