

# Why ban the buck?

One of the ways that we can help keep costs down during this time of financial crisis is to encourage our riders to refrain from using dollar bills to pay CTA fares. The Operations Planning, Treasury, and External Affairs departments have been working together to get the message to our riders. But these efforts can only be successful if all of us, especially operating employees, courteously remind our riders that we need their help and thank them for cooperating.

Daniel Perk, manager, Treasury, explained the seriousness of the problem: "The daily flood of dollar bills into the fare boxes on board CTA buses is costing the Authority \$5 million to \$6 million a year. This awesome deluge of dollar bills has to be brought down and kept under control."

A dramatic rise in dollar bills deposited in fare boxes began after the basic fare was raised to 90 cents on July 6, 1981.

John O'Connor, director, Central Counting, cited examples:

"On April 1, 1981, when the basic fare was 80 cents, we counted 85,034 dollar bills from bus fare boxes. On September 9, 1981, the number of dollar bills had soared to 296,320. It was a flood of dollar bills in the Central Counting Room. Our staff could not possibly count that many bills; we also had a dramatic increase in damaged bus fare boxes jammed with dollar bills."

The dollar bills had to be bagged and shipped to contracted banks for counting, and damaged fare boxes had to be sent to repair shops.

Perk cited two defenses in this dilemma of the dollar bills.

"The first defense—I call them our front line—are our bus operators. Most of our operators are familiar with many of their riders. If our operators urge their 'regulars' not to use dollar bills for fares, and to pass the word along to their friends who ride CTA buses, this will help stem the flow.

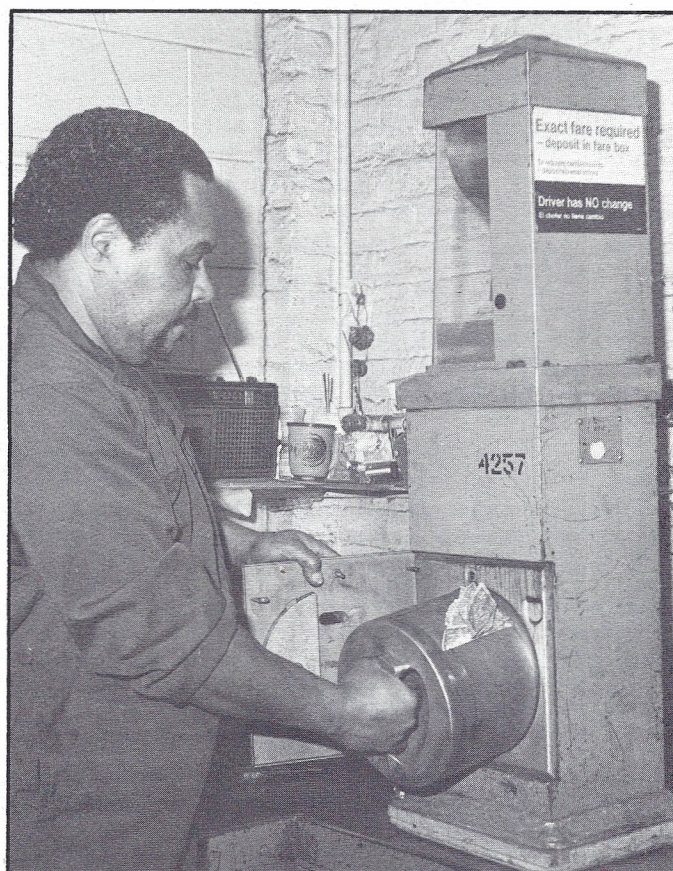
"I urge all bus operators to stress to riders the economical use of discounted CTA tokens—10 for \$8.50; the more economical use of the \$40 monthly unlimited riding pass, or the use of coins to pay fares.

"By stopping the flood of dollar bills, CTA may be able to save enough money to help stabilize the fares at their present levels. It serves our riders' interests not to use dollar bills.

"I hope all CTA employees—rail, administration, as well as bus operations—will spread the word to their transit riding friends—don't use dollar bills for bus fares."

Perk said the second defense against the use of dollar bills is CTA's continual reminder to the news media urging riders to refrain from putting paper money in bus fare boxes that are designed to process coins only.

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Machinist Frank Williams removes a damaged cash box from a fare box at CTA's Central Counting facility. The cost of repairing damaged fare collection equipment and processing and counting dollar bills has become a serious problem for CTA and other major transit systems.





## Ban the buck!

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On October 4, 1981, CTA launched its "Ban the Buck" campaign. News releases to the radio, television, and newspaper outlets helped bring down the high number of dollar bills used. Window signs in buses, "L" trains, and stations urged riders not to use dollar bills for fares.

"The riders' response was wonderful," O'Connor said. "The number of incoming dollar bills dropped down to about 40,000 a day. The number of damaged fare boxes also dropped."

But this success was short-lived. Bus riders were again depositing increasing numbers of dollar bills in fare boxes, as demonstrated by the January 8, 1982, dollar bill count of 111,597.

So, on January 17, 1982, Phase II of the "Ban the Buck" campaign began.

Revised window signs took a harder line in stressing the economic advantages of the program to our riders, and new bus windshield signs read "NO DOLLAR BILLS."

Bus operators were instructed to hand a special leaflet to dollar-bill depositing riders. The leaflet read:

"Next time please cooperate. Don't use dollar bills. Save yourself and the CTA money. Use: tokens, monthly pass or exact change."

In addition, a 30-second broadcast by Michael Horowitz, General External Affairs Manager, over 12 Chicago radio stations made this plea to riders:

"The CTA needs your help—the use of dollar bills in bus fare boxes is up again. We can't afford it. We cut 35 million dollars from our budget—but your continued use of dollar bills could cost us up to six million dollars this year—and that means higher fares or less service to you the rider. Let's help each other—use a monthly pass—discounted tokens—or exact change—but not dollar bills. Save yourself and the CTA money. Your CTA thanks you."

### Please... NO dollar bills

Due to problems caused by dollar bills, in our fareboxes, CTA asks your cooperation by doing one of the following:

- Using coins only
- Purchasing tokens
- Purchasing a Monthly Pass
- Using the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin

cta thanks you

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### Save yourself and cta money Don't use dollar bills

Use of dollar bills is increasing and the processing will cost us up to \$6 million a year. We can't afford it. We need your help.

**Save**  
use: tokens 10 for \$8.50  
monthly pass \$40  
exact change

**Ban the buck!**



Tokens available at Jewel, CTA stations and other convenient locations  
Chicago Transit Authority

## Ride for less!

## Use Tokens



## 10 for \$8.50

Available at Jewel, CTA stations and other convenient locations

Window signs in vehicles and stations continually remind our riders that they can save money by using tokens and monthly passes instead of dollar bills. The "NO dollar bills" sign on bus windshields (top, left) has been very effective.

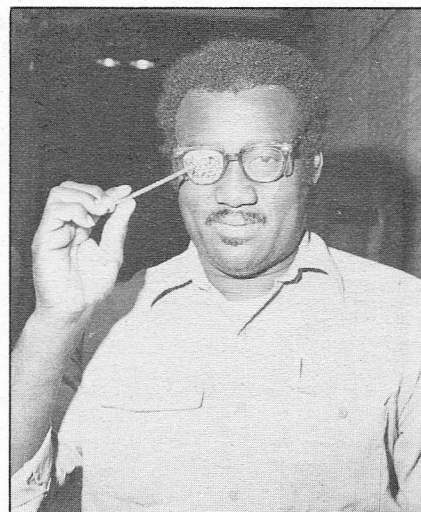
Recent dollar bill counts indicate that the second phase of the "Ban the Buck" campaign is reducing the use of dollar bills. But experience also has demonstrated that our riders, although willing to cooperate, must be frequently reminded that we really do need and appreciate their help.

You, our operating employees, can make this program a success through your all-important daily contact with our riders, by courteously asking them to refrain from using dollar bills, and thanking them for their cooperation.



## Pass sales leader

A certificate of special recognition is presented to Walter Kozubowski (left), Chicago City Clerk, as a token of appreciation for the high volume of CTA riding passes sold. The Clerk's office reported \$ 2,058,880 in riding passes sold for the month of December, which was the highest sales volume of riding passes for 1981 recorded at any CTA retail location. Making the presentation at the Clerk's annual Christmas party is CTA General External Affairs Manager Michael N. Horowitz.



## Safety first

The old adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" never had more meaning for anyone than it does now for plant maintenance carpenter Turner Holmes. Holmes prevented disaster by wearing safety glasses as he and other carpenters were renovating a platform decking at the Chicago avenue Ravenswood station recently. A 20 penny nail glanced by Holmes' hammer suddenly was a projectile which struck his glasses and shattered the right lens, but did not cause injury. "Everybody should wear safety glasses," said Holmes following the incident.

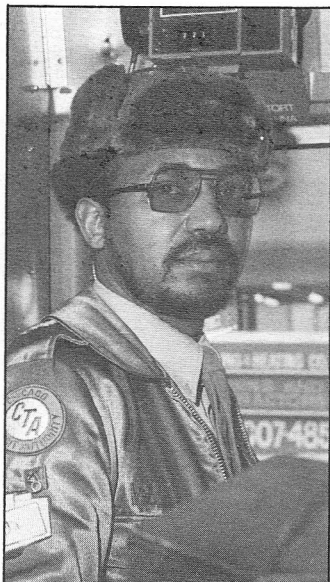


The Lawson National Distributing company of Houston, Texas, a minority vendor, will provide the CTA with 20 new mini-buses for use in the special transportation service for mobility limited riders. CTA Chairman Eugene M. Barnes who signed the contract, gets a handshake from Danny Lawton, president of the distributing company. Manufacturer Larry Burton of Carpenter Body Works, Mitchell, Ind. (seated left), was also on hand. Others present for the \$2.2 million contract signing were (from left): Larry Pianto, Manager, Materials Management; Harold H. Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager; Joel Ettinger, UMTA Regional Administrator; CTA Executive Director Theodore G. Schuster, and Ernest Sawyer, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. The contract signing took place on December 22.

Below left: Fourteen employees at South Shops received certificates of apprenticeship completion recently. On hand for the occasion were (from left): Body Shops unit supervisor Al Haas, and Mechanical Shop unit supervisor James Forrestal. Certificates were presented to Scott Litt, mechanic; James Mutnansky and Richard Parrish, machinists; Aaron Morris, mechanic; Glennis Buford, carpenter; David Rivera, mechanic; Percy Harrell, carpenter; Joseph Garner, mechanic; Martin Muraski, sheet metal worker; Richard Murray and Walter Wheeler, mechanics. Frank Venezia, superintendent, Bus Shops, and Nick Simonetti, unit supervisor, Unit Rebuild, were also present. Unavailable to receive their certificates during the presentations were Mark Arroyo, mechanic; Jim Jankus, carpenter, and Robert McClelland, welder.







**Levy Johnson** (77th Street garage) was applauded by Mrs. Zubaydah Madyun, of East 38th Street, for the way he handled unruly riders on his #4 Cottage Grove bus. "As we approached 63rd Street, someone started smoking, and the driver immediately stopped the bus and demanded those smoking (reefers) to put them out. He said he wasn't moving until this was done, and the offenders complied without hesitation. We really appreciated this. It is very insulting and offensive to get on the bus after a hard day's work and be confronted with this sort of abuse."

**James Brown** (Limits garage) was commended by Laura Meade, who rode his #145 Wilson/Michigan Express bus to her office on South Michigan Avenue. "He is an outstanding example of grace under pressure. It seemed that no one who got on the bus knew their way around Chicago. They asked if he stopped at such-and-such a street or what the fare was for senior citizens. He was warm and helpful with everyone, patiently answering a constant stream of questions. He warned disembarking passengers about construction sites, etc. In short, his whole attitude communicated tremendous care and concern for people."



## commendation corner

**Gregory Williams** (South Section) was the conductor of a Jackson Park/Howard train that Oliver Young Jr. was riding early one morning to his home on South Michigan Avenue. "Right away I sensed he had total control of his train. He reminded youths entering with snacks that no eating was allowed, and announced that smoking was prohibited. When two young men sat down next to an older man who was sleeping, he announced, 'Pickpocketing is not allowed on this train. All passengers are cautioned to watch their belongings.' The would-be culprits grinned sheepishly and bolted for the door at the next stop."

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**Leon White** (Limits garage) was the operator of an early morning #135 Wilson/LaSalle bus taken by Joan Landi, of Winona Street. "He takes pride in his job and appearance, and is always courteous. He knows who his regular riders are, and if they are not at their stop, he'll look to see if they are coming. He always takes the time to give polite, detailed directions to people who ask. He takes time to care about people, and he still manages to keep his schedule. I know I'll be on time and have a safe, pleasant ride to work when I see him behind the wheel."

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**Edward Geddes Sr.** (77th Street garage) was appreciated by Dora Hodo, of University Avenue, for his courtesy on a #3 King Drive bus. "Never have I encountered such a polite, courteous, kind and accommodating driver. Already he had picked up almost a full load of other senior citizens, yet he was patient with us boarding. He was solicitous of us as we left the bus, urging each of us to be careful and watch our step as we alighted. All too often we find time to criticize public employees, but seldom take the time to praise them when they so generously deserve it, as did this driver."

**Robert Martinez** (North Park garage) was the operator of a #151 Sheridan bus ridden by Rosalind Fischer, of North Sheridan Road. "He is one the CTA can be proud of. He said 'Good morning' to each person boarding his bus, and when asked a question, he answered in a civil voice. He pulled into the curbs to take on and discharge passengers, aiding any senior citizens by being helpful in seeing they didn't fall. Also, he is neat in appearance with a haircut and no beard. It was a pleasure to see a driver make such a neat, clean appearance. He is to be commended."

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**John Cameron** (South Section) was praised by Lina Jones, of Dorchester Avenue, for the way he handled his duties as conductor of a Lake/Dan Ryan train. "He gave the time of day, the temperature, information on what station we were approaching, and, if transferring, what buses to take. Finally, the cordial statements of 'Watch your step and purses' and 'Have a good day' made the topping on the cake. After we left the train, we talked about the refreshing face and voice because it is such a joy to know someone who cares, is nice, and loves people."

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**Jacques Yezeguelian** (Forest Glen garage) was thanked for his careful, courteous operation of a #64 Foster/Lawrence bus by Charlotte Argall, of Rascher Avenue. "It was very rainy, and he warned passengers to watch out for the mud, and even stopped in a position so they could avoid it. As we approached Harlem and Foster, he announced to the students on board that there were a number of senior citizens getting on with grocery bags, and he expected everyone under 17 to give them a seat. There was no protest from the young folks, and they immediately got up. It was clear he was a friend of all his passengers."

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# Employees honored with a 'Day in CTA'

Outstanding performance by three Transportation department employees won them special recognition as "Day in CTA" honorees last month.

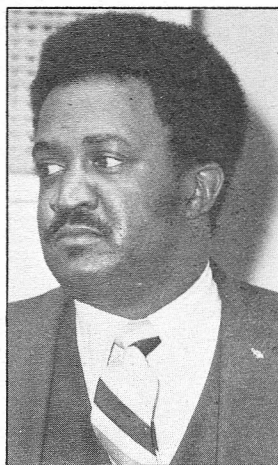
Transportation department management presented a certificate of special recognition to **Gordon A. Butler**, a ticket agent who averted theft of services by more than 100 riders who were using counterfeit passes. A special assistant to Transportation Manager James Blaa said Butler confiscated 42 bogus passes in one day.

Other honorees were **Thomas Davis**, a Washington garage bus operator, and Roman J. Doubek, a motorman on the Douglas rapid transit line.

When Davis received no response at the home of a southside user of Access Transportation, he notified the Control Center. Police were summoned to the address immediately, where officers found that the patron, although not at



Roman Doubek



Gordon A. Butler



Thomas Davis

home, had left the gas on in her apartment. Operator Davis was praised for alerting authorities to a potential danger.

Special recognition was also given to **Roman Doubek** for stopping his train in time to prevent a possible suicide.

Doubek brought the train to a halt immediately when a man jumped from the roof of a shelter onto the roof of the train at Damen avenue. A controller summoned police who took the man into custody.

## Thanks – for a job well done

Ruth Adkins, Archer  
Charles Alexander, 52nd Street

William Banks, North Avenue  
Rosaria Barreca, Forest Glen  
Jaime Benavides, North Park  
Gustavo Bran, Forest Glen

Jean Cage, Limits  
Lynette Clopton, Lawndale  
Patricia Cobb, North Park  
Jaime Colon, North Park  
Josephine Crouse, North Section

Lee Dagon, North Avenue  
William Delgado, Lawndale  
Joseph DiMartino, Forest Glen

James Fitzgerald, Limits

George Gavrilos, North Park  
Juan Gonzalez, North Park  
George Gray, Archer

Georgia Harris, 52nd Street  
Mary Hill, 77th Street

Jettie Jackson, Lawndale  
Willie James, North Park  
Arthur Joe, Schedules

Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland Terminal

John Lemond, North Park  
Melvin Little Jr., North Park  
Hilda Lopez, North Park

Angel Martinez, North Park  
Frederick Moore, North Park  
Howard Moore, 52nd Street  
Abraham Morgan, North Avenue

Everett Odle, Forest Glen  
Dianna Owens, North Park

Claudette Panfil, North Park  
Elbert Pearson, 69th Street  
Donnell Prater, North Park  
Maurice Preacely, Archer  
James Przybylski, North Park

Eugene Reid, Limits  
Jose Rivera, Forest Glen

Vincent Shayer, Limits  
Edward Springer, North Park  
Angelo Sturino, Howard/Kimball  
Robert Surita, 77th Street

Martin Troglia, Limits  
Ina Tuff, Archer

Amador Velez Sr., Washington  
Garage

Employees who have received commendations since the last listing.

Harrell Walker, 52nd Street  
Edward Woodard Jr., Howard

David Young, Limits  
Mohamed Yousef, Limits

Anthony Zenner, North Park



Sharon A. Nyzcak, 23, daughter of Dorothy Nyzcak, Payroll, received a bachelor of science degree in biology from DePaul University. Sharon is currently working in veterinary medicine and plans to return to school in September.



# Garage leaders retire

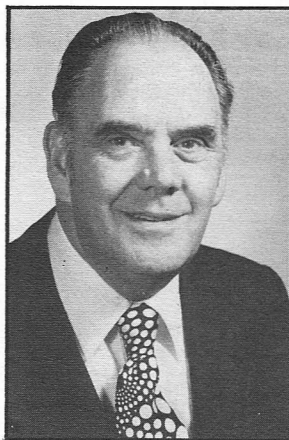
Six bus garage superintendents and assistant superintendents recently retired after 205 years of CTA service.

**Victor Johnson**, 63, superintendent, North Park garage, ended his 34 year career in public transit with his retirement January 1. Johnson and his wife, Ruth, moved from their Medinah, Ill., home to New Port Richey, Fla., where he plans to do some fishing, golfing, and continue his woodworking hobby. The Johnsons have a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren.

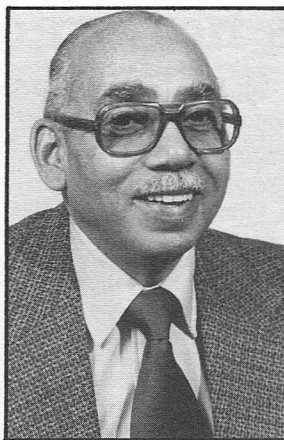
**John White**, 62, superintendent of the 69th Street garage, retired January 1, ending his 34-year career in public transit. White and his wife, Emily, have a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. White and his wife plan to remain in their south side home, and he plans to take up golfing as a hobby.

**Arthur Tabel**, 62, completed 35 years in public transit with his retirement January 1. Tabel was superintendent of the North Avenue garage. He and his wife, LaVerne, have a son and two grandchildren. The couple plan to remain in their northwest side home.

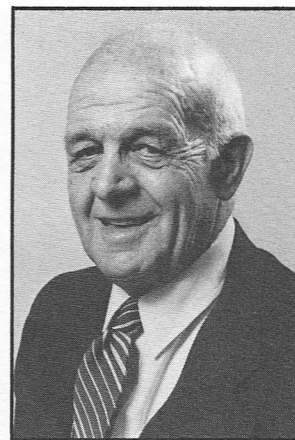
**Francis Zeiger**, 61, assistant superintendent, 77th Street garage, ended his 35-year career in public transit with his retirement January 1. Zeiger and his wife, Marguerite, have three sons, two daughters, and eight grandchildren. The Zeigers plan to re-



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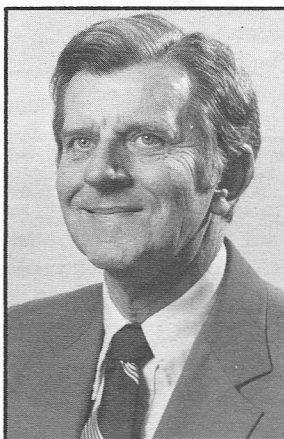
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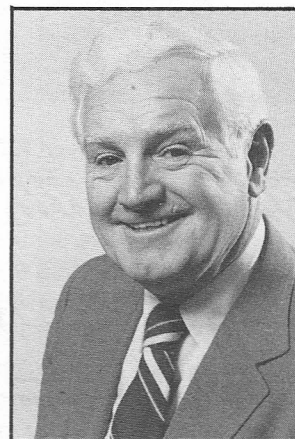
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Francis Zeiger



Ray Trezise



Edward Weston

main in their Beverly home and do some traveling, and he plans to continue his ceramics hobby.

**Ray Trezise**, 60, closed out his 36-year public transit career January 1 when he retired as an assistant superintendent of the 69th Street garage. Trezise and his wife, Dolores, have two sons, a daughter, and a grandchild and plan to remain in their Oak Lawn home. Trezise and his wife are veteran campers and plan to travel

to Texas' Big Bend National Park and other places throughout the country.

**Edward Weston**, 62, completed 31 years in public transit January 1 with his retirement. Weston was Forest Glen garage assistant superintendent. He and his wife, Virginia, have three sons, a daughter, and 12 grandchildren. The Westons plan to remain in their home in Niles which Weston built by hand. His hobby is woodworking.

## 47th Street progress

View of new southbound platform at 47th Street 'L' station on the North-South route. When \$1 million station remodeling job is finished later this year, both platforms will have modern sodium vapor lights. There will be a new brick station, stainless steel agent's booth and passenger controls, a new concession stand, and fluorescent lighting throughout the station and stairs. The new station and platforms replaces a facility built in 1892 -- 90 years ago.

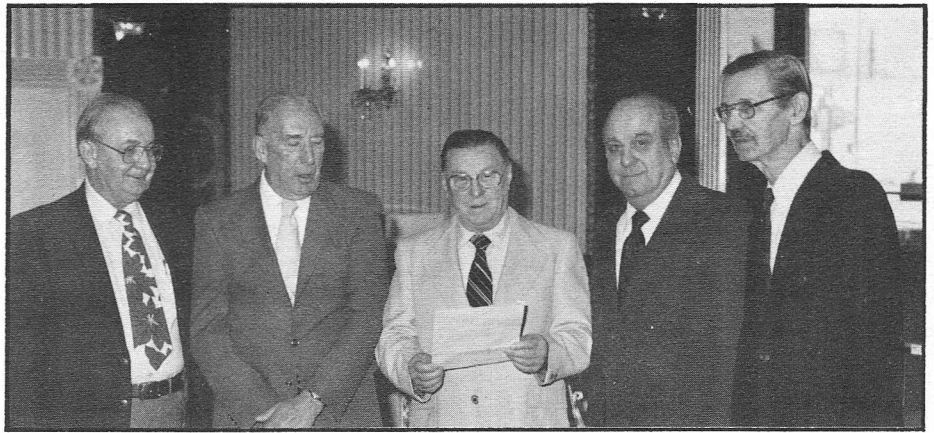




# New Pioneer officers announce '82 schedule

The CTA Pioneers Retirement club has slated four "Ladies Day" luncheons with dancing parties for 1982. They are **February 9 - Valentine party; May 11 - Mother's Day; September 4 - Back to School party; and December 14 - Christmas party.**

The Pioneers meet the second Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Golden Flame restaurant, Higgins and Nagle avenues. Luncheon is served at 1:30 p.m. For further information, telephone "Pinky" Moran at 763-6379.



Recently elected CTA Pioneers club officers for 1982 look over schedule of events for the new year. They are (from left) Melvin Horning, 1st vice president; Walter Steinbeiss, treasurer; Maynard "Pinky" Moran, president; Carl Nelson, 2nd vice president, and Warren Scholl, secretary. The Pioneers, founded in 1975, have more than 600 members.

## Frank Corbett, Chester Urban retire from Schedules

On December 28, Frank Corbett, 63, and Chester Urban, 57, of the Operations Planning department, were honored at a luncheon in the Merchandise Mart's M&M Club, in celebration of their January 1 retirements.

More than 50 employees, pensioners, and special guests attending the luncheon heard accolades bestowed upon the honorees by Operations Planning Manager Harold Hirsch, Director of Schedules Walter Thomas, Superintendent of Schedules Preparation Norman Oswald, and Robert LaVoie, master of ceremonies. Corbett's son, Patrick, a law student, also had words of praise for his father.

Others among the guests were Corbett's wife, Veronica, and Urban's wife, Jean. The honorees were each presented with a monetary gift from their co-workers.

Corbett, a senior schedule clerk, leaves the CTA after 36 years of service in the schedule section. He joined the Chicago Surface Lines in 1945 as a traffic checker, and was subsequently promoted through the ranks to senior schedule clerk II.

The Corbetts plan to sell their Chicago home and move to Florida,



Newly-retired Schedule section employees Chester Urban (left) and Frank Corbett and their wives, Mrs. Jean Urban and Mrs. Veronica Corbett, pause for a photographic memento during festivities at the M&M Club. Together, Urban and Corbett celebrated the completion of 66 years of service as transit employees.

after their son's graduation from law school and subsequent marriage in August. Immediate plans call for visiting their daughter, Nancy, in California.

Chester Urban, a schedule maker, is retiring after 30 years of service. His early retirement was prompted by a need to devote full time providing therapy for his two-year-old grandson who is a victim of Wedemann-Hofferman's disease.

Urban was a member of the Polish Army during World War II. After the war, he was discharged in England where he took a job as a public transit

bus operator and conductor. The same year, he came to the United States and joined the CTA after a brief stint as a factory worker.

He was hired as a conductor and moved through several positions as a bus operator, traffic checker, Claims department locator, security officer, storeroom clerk, and schedule maker.

Urban gained popularity with his co-workers for his ability to speak seven languages. Besides his native Polish and English, he speaks Italian, Spanish, German, Syrian, and at least two dialects of the Russian language.



# BRAINSTORMING

## Operators discuss benefits of calling all stops

Occasionally riders, particularly the very young or elderly, depend upon bus operators to call streets. In winter weather, even regular riders rely upon hearing the street name called.

Brainstorming sessions conducted at all 10 garages last month gave CTA bus operators more insight on Rule B2.4.1 which requires that operators announce all stopping places. Instructors explained the benefits to be derived by both the rider and operator when this rule is observed.

Instructor Joe Bennett told operators at a 77th Street garage session that calling stops not only serves the public, but creates pride in the job.

"It lets the public know that we are Professionals, and it gives them Respect for us. It also gives us the Integrity which we need to get the job done. Calling streets shows that our operators are Dependable and Efficient. Together, they spell PRIDE--pride in our jobs because we are providing efficient

transportation," said Bennett.

Since the brainstorming sessions on Rule B2.4.1 began, instructors have noticed an increased number of operators announcing streets, according to Frank Jones, an instructor at 77th Street garage.

The special attention given to announcing stops by operators since the brainstorming sessions began has not gone unnoticed by riders. North Avenue operator Michael Ollins said one rider, a deaf-mute, gave him a card which indicated that although he could not hear, he does read lips. Ollins said the rider expressed his appreciation to him for calling his stops.

Other operators at North Avenue who participated in the sessions said announcing stops not only keeps them alert, but keeps riders from going beyond their stops, and eliminates friction between riders and the bus operator.

Bus instructor Dan McKinney told operators at North Avenue that announcing stops could result in fewer complaints registered by the riding public. McKinney said it would also help operators to become familiar with their routes and gain respect from the riding public.

"It is definitely the professional approach to this job, and it is good public relations," McKinney said.



# Riders appreciate stop announcements

Announcing all the stops along bus routes is an important part of providing service for our riders. Proof of this may be found in these excerpts from commendations received by the Customer Assistance section of the Consumer Services department.

"...She was very courteous--announcing every stop...and telling us to take our time, and be careful getting off the bus..."

"...He was a most pleasant driver...and his attitude was most commendable. He called out all the stops, which drew chuckles from some riders, but most people thanked him for the ride upon departing..."

"...He is very courteous, and above all he called out all the streets, which was a big help..."

"...(The) driver handled the bus very well...informed us of the route and each stop as it was approached...most informative and helpful, while taking an efficient interest in what she was doing..."

"...I had noticed the driver for his excellent rapport with the passengers, his courtesy in giving directions, thanking passengers for their fare, and particularly for his unfailing statement of each coming stop..."

"...I feel that the man deserves a recommendation. He called out all the streets from Chicago to Addison in a clear voice..."

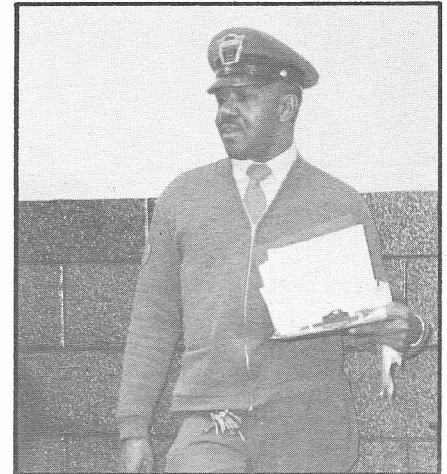
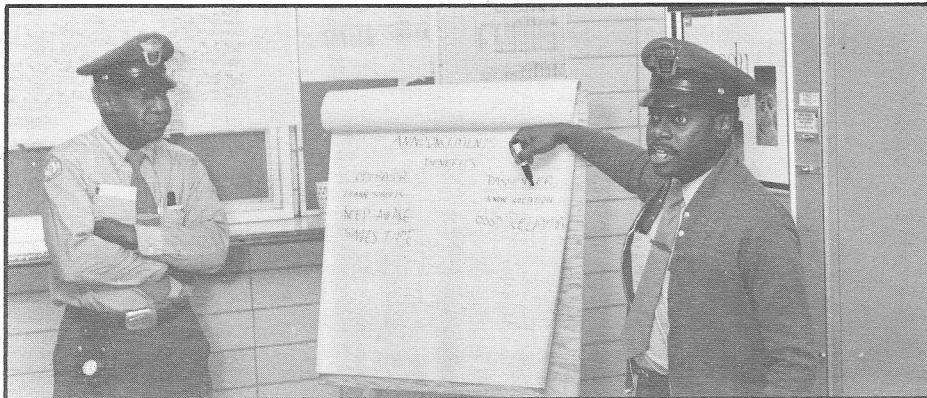
"...Your driver called the streets out in a loud and clear voice, which was a great help, as the visibility of the street signs was impaired due to the weather..."

"...He called all stops clearly, advised the passengers to be careful in stepping down from the bus, and greeted those who entered..."

"...I observed that this young woman was pleasant and friendly to all the passengers. And she not only handled the bus well but, in a pleasant voice, gave constant information. She called out all the streets, giving pertinent additional information at times...As we approached cross-town bus lines, she called out the number of the bus line we were approaching and mentioned whether it was one way east, one way west, or went in both directions..."

"...She is a good driver, announces the names of streets and the time of day. She even, upon leaving Foster and Marine on the express trip downtown, announces the time at which the bus will arrive at Delaware. In other words, she is a gem and should be held up as an example to other drivers..."

"...He was very helpful to the elderly and blind by loudly calling out the streets for everyone to hear. I don't normally write, but I felt you should know that you have a driver that is doing an excellent job for you..."



Opposite page: Bus operators at North Avenue enthusiastically share experiences where calling out stops has helped their riders.

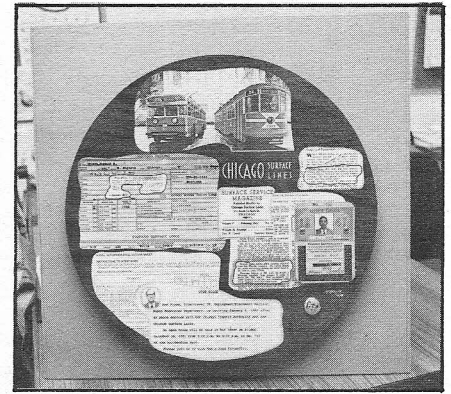
Left above: While conducting a brainstorming session on Rule B2.4.1 at 77th Street garage, Joe Bennett explains how calling stops along bus routes is good public relations for bus operators. Instructor Sammie Anderson (left) was available to assist in the discussion.

Above: Instructor Dan McKinney leads the discussion concerning Rule B2.4.1 at North Avenue garage.

Left: Bus operators in the train room at 77th Street garage share their ideas about announcing stops, listen attentively, and take notes on the discussion.



# Retirements



**Don Riess** Mrs. Anita Curtis, director, Placement-Employment, prepares to unveil gift plaque (right) honoring Don Riess on his retirement as an employment interviewer. Riess' wife, Vivian, shares her husband's anticipation. Riess, 62, retired January 1 after 43 years of service in public transit. He started with the Chicago Surface Lines in 1939 at West

Shops as a truck shop booth clerk, and he was appointed interviewer in the Placement-Employment section in 1960.

More than 100 persons attended the farewell party where Riess was given a ski jacket, a tool box, and the historical plaque (made by Tom Boyle, manager, Safety) honoring his career. Riess and his wife live in Norridge and plan to vacation in Florida.



**Chester Rusakiewicz** On December 28, more than 100 friends and co-workers attended a luncheon in the M&M Club honoring Chester "Rusty" Rusakiewicz (center), 63, and his wife, Mary. Rusty retired January 1, ending his 33-year career in the Engineering department, where he began working in 1948 as an electrolysis tester. Roy Smith (left), superintendent, Civil Engineering, and George Millonas (right), manager, Engineering, thanked Rusty for his outstanding job performance throughout his career. Rusty and his wife plan to continue living in Schaumburg, and they will do some traveling. Rusty also plans to pursue his golf and fishing hobbies.



**Eric Blakely** Photographer Eric Blakely receives his retirement papers from Roger Wood (left), manager, Management Services, at an open house in the Reproduction Services section, which was attended by Blakely's wife, Evelyn (right), and more than 100 friends and co-workers.

Blakely began his 33-year career in June, 1948, as a bus operator with the Chicago Motor Coach company, and he joined CTA's Photographic section in November, 1972. His immediate plans call for taking care of chores at home, and he and his wife also plan to travel.

## Tony Salkas

Tony Salkas, 62, electrical worker, closes out 40 years of service with the CTA and predecessor companies as he accepts his retirement folder from Bus Shops Superintendent Frank Venezia. Leading the host of co-workers wishing Salkas a fond farewell are Alfred Haas (left), unit supervisor, and Roy Hagen (right), foreman.



# Retirements



## Bernard P. Kane

Bernard P. Kane, 58, supervisor, CTA General Accounting at the Merchandise Mart, bids adieu to co-workers after 39 years of service. Kane received a lounge chair as a gift from his fellow workers. Celebrating with the retiree are (from left) Chuchai Gosrisirikul, Egidio Bevacqua, Rita Deakin, John Billis, Kane, Alexander Olsansky, and Michael Cikara.



**Maurice Murphy** District Superintendent Ludwig Scheuerle offers congratulations and best wishes to Maurice Murphy (right), who retired January 1 as a supervisor in the South Rail district. Murphy began his 31-year CTA career in 1950, and has been a supervisor for the last 20 years. He and his wife, Joan, have five sons, a daughter, and eight grandchildren, and plan to spend his retirement in their southwest side home and take short vacation trips.



**Joseph Stumpf** Bus controller Joseph Stumpf (left), 58, accepts a gift certificate presented to him upon his retirement by Area Superintendent Lester Racker. Co-workers, pensioners and special guests feted the 35-year employee with an open house last month in the CTA Control Center. His retirement was effective January 1.



## Alfred Deering

Alfred Deering, 63, receives a retirement folder from Bus Shops Superintendent Frank Venezia after 31 years of service. On hand for the presentation last month were Alfred Haas (left), unit supervisor, and Al Zielinski (right), foreman.



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## Raymond Catanese

A farewell handshake and best wishes are extended to Raymond Catanese, 62 (right), at Desplaines terminal by shop foreman John Antonnucci as Catanese, a car repairman, retires after 40 years of CTA service. Lining up to also bid him adieu are (from left) Tom Wolgemuth, manager, Maintenance; Michael N. Horowitz, General External Affairs Manager, and Harold H. Geissenheimer, General Operations Manager. Others are Mike DeCore, combination clerk, and Cordell Surrett, unit supervisor. Catanese will maintain his Chicago home, and plans to pursue hobbies of cooking and TV and electrical repair. He also expects to do some traveling.



## George Kwiatkowski

Jerry Walter (left), acting unit supervisor of the Engine Rebuild shop at South Shops, presents a retirement folder to George Kwiatkowski, 62, sheet metal worker. On hand to extend best wishes are (from left), co-workers Ed Oleksy, Louis Alleva, John Dopak, shop foreman, and Charlie Henderson.



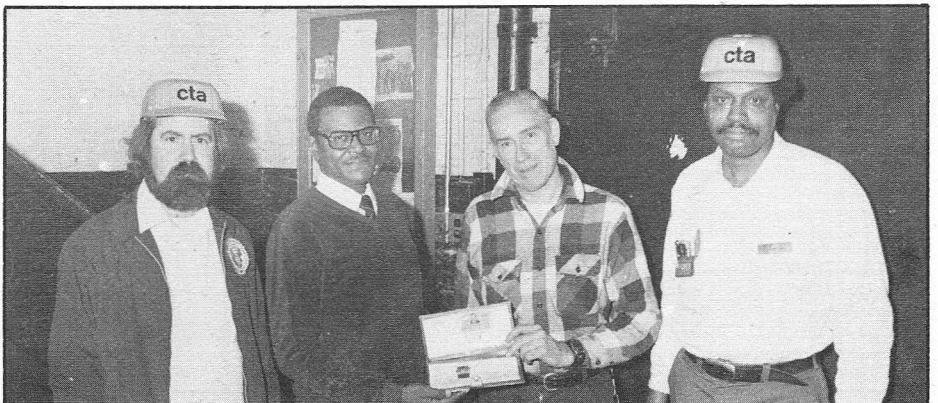
## Bill Mobley

Bill Mobley, 63, transportation clerk assigned to the general office in the Merchandise Mart since November 1972, gets a big hug from his granddaughter, Lenore Mozur, upon his retirement. Mobley began his public transit career with the Chicago Surface Lines in March, 1946, as a conductor. Other family members on hand as he brought 35 years of service to a close were (from left) grandson Eddy, his daughter, Mrs. Patricia Mozur, and granddaughter Debbie. Mobley was honored by co-workers at an open house, and was presented with a monetary gift.



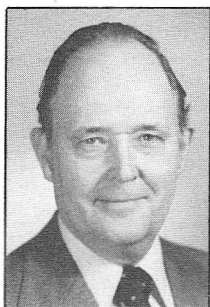
## Thomas O'Connor

Thomas O'Connor (plaid shirt), bus repairman at Lawndale garage, joins the list of CTA employees taking pensions January 1. O'Connor's transit career spans 36 years of service. Presenting the retirement folder is Acting Superintendent Clark Carter. Others on hand for the occasion are Bill Toomey (left), day foreman, and Louis Bauch, day assistant foreman.

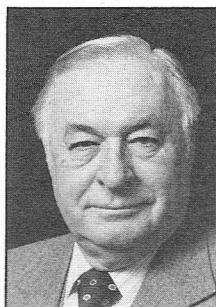


## NEW PENSIONERS

JOINING THE ranks of the retired on Jan. 1 were the 12 employees pictured here who had more than 40 years of service each with CTA and its predecessor companies.



**William Henderson**  
46 years



**Harold Brown**  
45 years



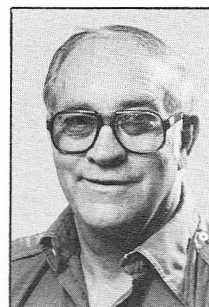
**Earl Larsen**  
44 years



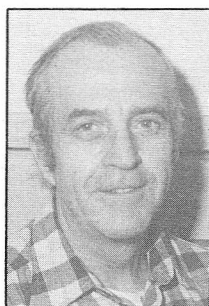
**Joseph Kovarik**  
43 years



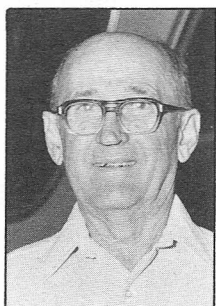
**Donald Riess**  
42 years



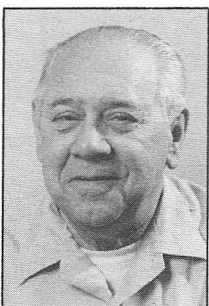
**Robert Hodgetts**  
41 years



**Robert Johnson**  
41 years



**Anthony Salkas**  
40 years



**William Fox**  
41 years



**Stanley Zielinski**  
41 years



**Marvin Hildbold**  
40 years



**James McCoy**  
40 years



**Ted Nadrowski**  
40 years

JOHN BAJIC, Tinner,  
West Shops, Emp. 8-27-42  
JAMES BAKER, Operator,  
Beverly, Emp. 5-25-50  
JOHN BARBER, Supervisor,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 3-10-50  
ERIC BLAKELY, Photographer,  
Photographic, 6-16-48  
ALBERT BROWN, Operator,  
52nd Street, Emp. 8-27-53

AUBREY BROWN, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 5-15-52  
HAROLD BROWN, Asst. Compt., Operations,  
Financial Services, Emp. 8-17-36  
JAMES BYRNE, Foreman A,  
Archer, Emp. 10-22-47  
DOUGLAS CAMPBELL, Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 8-19-52  
RAYMOND CATANESE, Car Repairman B,  
Desplaines, Emp. 1-13-42  
RAYMOND CHERNAK, Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 12-3-53  
RUDOLPH CHUCAN, Shopman I,  
Skokie Shops, Emp. 10-3-45  
STANLEY CHUDоба, Bus & Truck Mech.,  
South Shops, Emp. 8-4-48  
ALLEN COOPER, Bus Repairer,  
Beverly, Emp. 6-23-52  
FRANK CORBETT, Sr. Schedule Clerk II,  
Schedules, Emp. 10-25-45  
JAMES COUGHLIN, Assistant Foreman,  
North Park, Emp. 9-25-41  
CALVIN COURSEY, Substation Utility Man,  
West Shops, Emp. 5-15-51  
MATTHEW COYLE, Supt., Rail Veh. Term.,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-22-50  
RUPERT CRABB, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-30-58

JOHN CRAIG, Instructor,  
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MARTIN DALEY, Material Dispatcher II,  
West Shops, Emp. 11-3-48  
ALFRED DEERING, Carpenter Leader,  
South Shops, Emp. 10-17-49  
JOSEPH DeMARCO, Machinist,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 1-19-46  
ANTHONY DeMAYO, Operator,  
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ROBERT DENTON, Bus Repairer,  
South Shops, Emp. 7-7-51  
RICHARD DICKERSON, Bus Repairer,  
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CLARENCE DOUGAN, Operator,  
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THADDEUS DRAG, Automotive Instructor,  
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STEVE DUDASIK, Conductor,  
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CLYDE EWING, Box Puller,  
North Avenue, Emp. 9-6-51  
JOSEPH FABITS Sr., Electrical Worker,  
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JOHN FILARSKI, Bus Cleaner,  
North Park, Emp. 9-13-50

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JOSEPH FRANCHI, Bus & Trck Spcialst.,  
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Archer, Emp. 10-10-42  
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HOWARD JOHNSON, Operator,  
Forest Glen, Emp. 8-30-47  
JANE JOHNSON, Ticket Agent,  
North Section, Emp. 7-9-66  
ROBERT JOHNSON, Bus Repairer,  
North Park, Emp. 10-17-40  
VICTOR JOHNSON Sr., Superintendent,  
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EARL JONES Sr., Rail Clerk,  
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HOWARD JOSETTI, Collector,  
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CASIMIR JOZEFIAK, Painter,  
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BERNARD KANE, Supervisor, Gen. Acctg.,  
Financial Services, Emp. 2-12-42  
RICHARD KARST, Personnel Investigator,  
Blue Island, Emp. 3-5-42  
JOHN KIPPES, Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 5-22-46  
FRANK KLINEC, Machinist,  
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Archer, Emp. 5-8-46  
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Counting, 77th Street, Emp. 1-13-50  
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EDWARD AUGUSTINE, 59, South Shops,  
Emp. 9-3-47, Died 11-21-81  
RENE BIARD, 67, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 11-6-42, Died 11-15-81  
ALBERT BOLLINGER, 78, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 11-2-28, Died 11-7-81  
NELL BRICK, 93, North Section,  
Emp. 8-5-46, Died 11-28-81  
AXEL CARLSON, 87, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-18-19, Died 10-9-81  
JOHN CHLEVENKO, 86, 77th Street,  
Emp. 7-5-44, Died 11-6-81  
MICHAEL DAILEY, 24, Maintenance,  
Emp. 8-4-78, Died 11-23-81  
JOSEPH DAUGIRD, 61, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 5-25-46, Died 11-27-81  
WILLIE DUREN, 56, Transportation,  
Emp. 12-31-47, Died 11-9-81  
LAWRENCE HELINSKI, 74, 69th Street,  
Emp. 1-20-43, Died 11-21-81  
ANTHONY HENERY, 91, 77th Street,  
Emp. 2-19-23, Died 11-17-81  
WILLIAM HOLLAND, 66, South Shops,  
Emp. 12-1-48, Died 11-10-81  
PETER HUGHES, 89, Shops & Equipment,  
Emp. 8-14-43, Died 11-2-81  
THOMAS HURLEY, 74, North Section,  
Emp. 3-17-37, Died 11-4-81  
EDWIN KNIAZ, 65, Skokie Shop,  
Emp. 12-8-39, Died 11-3-81  
PAYTON LEWIS, 34, Lawndale,  
Emp. 12-21-70, Died 11-27-81

FAUSTINO MANDARINO, 76, Maint.,  
Emp. 9-24-25, Died 11-11-81  
MATTHEW MASCARI, 74, Skokie Shop,  
Emp. 6-12-40, Died 11-11-81  
EUGENE MORIN, 82, North Park,  
Emp. 4-2-24, Died 11-11-81  
THOMAS NORGAARD, 96, Cottage Grove,  
Emp. 7-26-16, Died 11-19-81  
DANIEL O'BOYLE, 77, Kedzie,  
Emp. 7-8-43, Died 11-22-81  
HENRY QUINN, 84, 77th Street,  
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JEROME ROCHETTE, 40, Forest Glen,  
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HUGO RUEDIGER, 83, Kimball,  
Emp. 9-12-46, Died 11-19-81  
THOMAS SATKUS, 63, Beverly,  
Emp. 1-28-47, Died 11-29-81  
ERNEST SCHUSTER, 83, Transportation,  
Emp. 12-7-42, Died 8-13-81  
GASPARE STABILE, 60, Maintenance,  
Emp. 7-3-68, Died 11-11-81  
PETER SZAFRANSKI, 56, Archer,  
Emp. 5-9-47, Died 11-29-81  
ROBERT WALKER, 87, Stores,  
Emp. 11-6-29, Died 11-5-81  
CHARLES WELLS, 45, Limits,  
Emp. 4-3-67, Died 11-14-81  
MATTHEW WILLIAMS, 59, South Section,  
Emp. 10-10-57, Died 12-2-81  
EDWARD WOLSKI, 77, District D,  
Emp. 1-12-37, Died 11-2-81  
WALTER YOCIUS, 76, Electrical,  
Emp. 8-15-23, Died 11-13-81

## Service anniversaries in January

**40  
years**

**James Moone**  
Archer



**35 years**

**Howard Andler**, North Park  
**Paul Christino**, Executive  
**Anthony Citro**, Harlem  
**Harold Friedl**, Claims  
**Oswald Grigalunas**, Maint.  
**Arthur Johnson**, Rail Service  
**Virgil Kruse**, Electrical  
**Matthew Kuzniar**, Maint.  
**Stanley Shimkus**, So. Shops  
**Eugene Sprovieri**, Utility

**30 years**

**William Benuzzi**, Lawndale  
**Mary Berry**, Treasury  
**Willie Jackson**, Lawndale  
**Albert Jacques**, North Ave.  
**Everett Odle**, Forest Glen  
**Allen Smith**, 77th Street  
**James Spraggles**, Lawndale

**25 years**

**Aaron Amos**, North Avenue  
**Darden Fuller**, Rail Service  
**Lutenant Hare**, Utility  
**Edgar Fuller**, Forest Glen  
**Leroy Nutall**, Maintenance  
**Edward Rivers**, Archer

**Vi Robinson**, 77th Street  
**Ollie Sanders**, Limits  
**Edward Scott**, Maintenance  
**Frank Steen Jr.**, 61st Street  
**Thomas Walker**, Electrical

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