



Raising their glasses in a toast of appreciation to the honorees are (from left) Elonzo Hill, director, Training/Instruction; State Senator

## Testimonial for excellence is a celebration of pride

More than 1,050 CTA operating employees were honored in a "celebration of pride" at McCormick Place Saturday, May 12 in recognition of excellence in public service to the people of Chicago.

The honorees were CTA workers whose records of service in 1983 demonstrated outstanding performance. Among them were outstanding line instructors, Employee Safety/Performance Program team leaders, Third Rail Roundup/Bus Roadeo contestants, "Day in CTA" honorees, and million milers. Recipients included employees recently retired in 1984.

The honored employees and their guests filled Halas Mall to capacity where they were greeted enthusiastically by Deputy Executive Director, Operations, Harry Reddrick,

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Charles Chew, Jr., Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations and John Weatherspoon, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241.



# Testimonial for excellence (continued from page 1)



State Senator Charles Chew, Jr. prepares to read Governor James Thompson's proclamation of "CTA Striving for Excellence Day in Illinois" as Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations, registers approval.

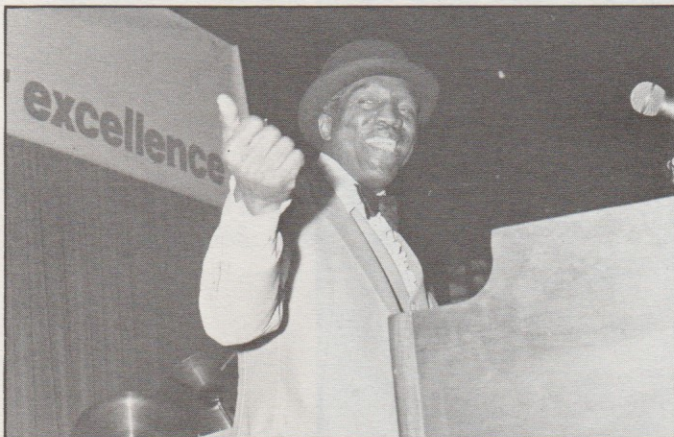
## State of Illinois Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Strive for Excellence Testimonial is designed to be a celebration of pride in the CTA's contribution to excellence in public service; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,000 employees will be honored at this event for their dedication to public service and superior professional performance; and

WHEREAS, categories of competition stressed dependability, team work, employee and passenger safety and an established record of outstanding achievement;

THEREFORE, I, James R. Thompson, Governor of the State of Illinois, proclaim May 12, 1984, as CTA STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE DAY in Illinois, in recognition of these employees' special efforts that benefit the thousands of people served by the CTA.



Illinois' Lottery spokesman David Green gives thumbs up for a special group of winners — those honored because they were striving for excellence, as he sits at the piano keyboard in Halas Mall.

and Director of Training/Instruction Elonzo Hill. Highlights of the evening were a toast to employees for a job well done, a prime rib dinner and other refreshments, followed by entertainment by CTA employees and the "Grand Staff," a local band which also provided dance music.

It was the first time in the history of CTA that so many employees have been honored in a single setting. Reddrick told the audience, "You can be proud of your enviable reputation in the mass transit industry as an innovator and a leader in the field. We're proud of you."

"CTA is one of the very few mass transit properties in North America which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year.

"We enjoy one of the lowest accident frequency rates among North American mass transit properties serving population centers of over a million people. Since 1981, CTA has beaten its own superb safety record by establishing



Providing music for dancing as well as entertainment is the Grand Staff. The popular Chicago band has performed at such events as Chicago Fest.

new low accident frequency rates.

"Although it is the single-minded goal of all CTA employees to provide safe, efficient, dependable transit service to the people of Chicago, it is our operating and station employees who most positively contribute to the realization of this goal."

Governor James R. Thompson proclaimed the day "CTA Strive for Excellence Day" in recognition of CTA employees' special efforts benefitting its riders. The proclamation was read by State Senator Charles Chew on behalf of the governor who could not be present.

Amalgamated Transit Union Local 241 President John Weatherspoon also presented his accolades as he told fellow transit workers, "To be honored is one of the highest tributes that can be paid to anyone."

"Your outstanding contributions mark you as truly dedicated in the best tradition of transit workers. Your deeds speak for you far better than anything we can ever say. You are a strong force for progressive, efficient public service."

"We are grateful to you for the service you have performed, and we are proud of this opportunity to honor you for your achievements; for there is no doubt that men and women of your ability are destined for even greater accomplishments and higher service. Congratulations."





Transportation Department personnel were on hand to greet the *Striving for Excellence* honorees and to distribute their recognition award packets as they arrived for the banquet at McCormick Place Halas Mall.

Reddrick called for a moment of silence in honor of bus operators Cecil Wyre, Forest Glen Garage, who died August 26, 1983 and Charles Berry, 77th Street Garage, who died December 26, 1983. Both men were included among CTA honorees as members of the Million Mile Club.

The late Mr. Wyre was represented at the *Striving for Excellence* testimonial by his son, William. Representing Mr. Berry was his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Berry. A memorial page in the evening's program noted, "As career public service employees, they provided the ultimate in safe transit to the people of metropolitan Chicago — a combined total of more than 2,000,000 accident free miles of bus operation. — The legacy they leave with us will continue to inspire us for many years to come."

Following this observance, guests stood to raise glasses in a toast to all of the honorees representing all 10 bus garages, rail terminals and ticket agents. The *Striving for Excellence* testimonial was underwritten by the CTA Employee Welfare Fund, and each of the bus credit unions, as well as ATU Local 241.

## Kedzie garage dedication set for June 29

The CTA's new \$17.6 million Kedzie bus garage on Chicago's West Side will be dedicated on June 29.

The 321,000 square foot garage is on an 8.2 acre site bounded by Kedzie avenue, Jackson boulevard, Van Buren street, and Spaulding avenue. It replaces a former garage built on the same site in 1910 by the Chicago City Railways company, a CTA predecessor.

The new building has indoor parking for up to 250 buses, complete maintenance and parts storage facilities, drive-through bus washers and all other functions necessary for servicing buses. The facility also has an 80,000 gallon underground diesel fuel storage system. Transportation Department offices also are in the new garage.

Personnel and equipment housed in the old garage were shifted to other garages in October, 1981, when construction started.

## From the Chairman

### Striving for Excellence

Months ago, the Training and Instruction section of CTA Operations began implementing new programs designed to help operating employees sharpen their skills and improve their performance. Gradually at first, then more quickly, their efforts began to have a marked effect on our service, as employees showed growing concern for their personal success and the success of CTA.

During that time, the Bus Rodeo increased in popularity, and the Third Rail Roundup became the first rail operating employees' competition in the transit industry. The Employees Safety/Performance Program brought the spirit of friendly competition and exemplary performance to our daily operations, and programs like the Million Mile Club and Day in CTA continued to prosper. By setting new operations safety records and treating riders courteously, our employees demonstrated that they would settle for nothing less than making CTA the nation's best transit system.

Inspiring the many individual accomplishments, and uniting employees in a spirit of cooperative improvement, is the Training and Instruction motto "Striving for Excellence." More than one thousand shared honors on May 12, as CTA recognized its most accomplished operating employees at its first "Striving for Excellence" Testimonial. My fellow Board members and I congratulate all of you for distinguishing yourselves through hard work and dedication during the past year. We appreciate your efforts, and we are delighted that all of you could receive public recognition through this testimonial.

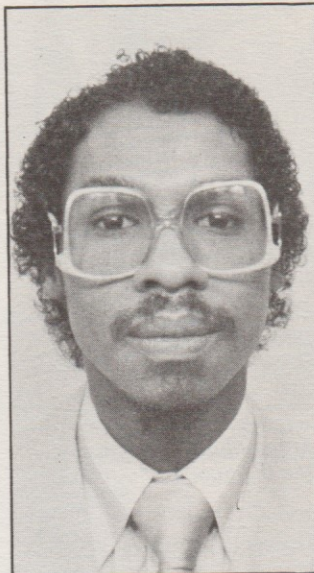
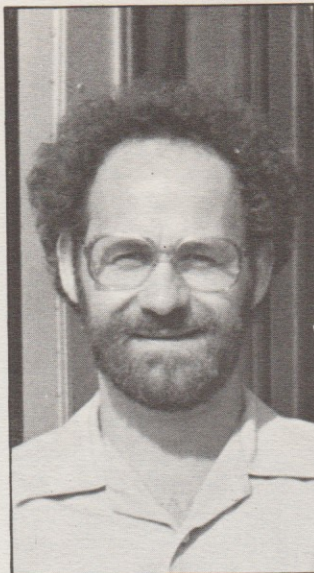
Moreover, I believe that the spirit and accomplishments of "Striving for Excellence" should serve as examples for all CTA employees. If each employee in every department strives to perform his or her job as well as possible, and cooperates with other employees to help them reach their full potential, we can continue to improve CTA service, operate more efficiently, and provide the people of Chicago with a transit system that will continue to be a source of civic pride for years to come.

*Michael Randell*



## Commendation Corner

**Frank Buscemi** (Forest Glen garage) was commended by Eileen O'Brien, of Waveland Avenue, for the way he operated a No. 152 Addison bus. "It was the first time in a long time that I observed a driver who did his job with pride, patience and persistence. He did not let non-paying kids pile on at the back of the bus. He persisted until those who crowded the front of the bus moved to the back so that those waiting outside could board. If all buses were run in this manner, the RTA would be solvent and would regain the respect of its riders."



**Albert Moore** (North Section) is "an employee of whom you should be most proud," according to Michelle Uhler, who works on LaSalle Street. "I was privileged to be on his (Howard) train. This young man obviously takes pride in his job. He does not merely announce stops, he puts a little extra effort and care into his job, which shows him to be an extraordinary employee. It is difficult to be cheerful in the morning, so it is a credit to him that he obviously goes above and beyond the normal job demands in the way he performs his tasks. My trip on his train was delightful."

**Corine Glaspie** (West Section) was complimented by June Berweiler, of North Keystone Avenue, for her performance as a ticket agent at Irving Park on the Congress-Douglas-O'Hare line. "I think she's the nicest employee you've got. She's so cheerful! People can be so crabby--so can I--if they've been standing in a long line during morning rush. But when you go through her turnstile, you forget that when she's on duty. She's the best part of the train ride into the Loop. Sometimes she's the best part of the day."

**Maria Acevedo** (North Section) was praised by Kathleen Hynds, of Milwaukee, for her helpfulness as a ticket agent at Davis Street in Evanston. "I know very little about Chicago's transit system. Returning from visiting a friend at Northwestern University, I had planned to take a train into Chicago and back out to Mt. Prospect to meet my ride back to Milwaukee, but she rerouted me by bus to DesPlaines, where I could catch the train right across the street from the end of the line. This saved a lot of time, some money, and much aggravation. She really saved my night."

**Sefton Williamson** (North Park garage) was the operator of a No. 22 Clark bus ridden by Marguerite Giuntoli, of Sandburg Terrace. "He operated the vehicle in a competent, careful and professional manner on a day with hazardous road conditions. He approached stops slowly and carefully, and brought the bus to the curb when possible. With dignity, patience and cheerfulness, he answered everyone's transportation questions, and cautioned senior citizens when necessary. It is a pleasure to observe such a conscientious public servant."

**Willie Turner** (77th Street garage) was operating a No. 14 South Lake Shore Express bus ridden by Drelis Fajah, of Jeffery Boulevard, "when the car ahead of the bus stopped abruptly because its hood flew up. There was absolutely no chance to stop the bus, and no way to move into another lane because of the heavy traffic. But somehow, this alert driver was able to maneuver the bus around the car by driving onto the grassy park area off the Outer Drive. I believe this driver's quick thinking and skillful driving saved lives and avoided serious injuries."

**Joseph Gale** (Forest Glen garage) is appreciated by Aaron Fields, of South May Street, who was a rider on his No. 81 Lawrence bus. "I've been using CTA for 35 years, and I think he is the most courteous driver I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. I notice during inclement weather he'll have more patience, especially with the elderly or handicapped. I've seen him wait for passengers running in the middle of the block. He knows most of his regular riders. He greets each one with a smile and friendly hello. He's a wonderful employee. I'd recommend him for 'The Driver of the Year.'"

**Philip Buscemi** (North Section) was the conductor on an Evanston Express train ridden by Jan Quigley, of Evanston. "I feel he should be recognized for his consistently superb job performance and attitude. Not only is he extremely careful and efficient in the way he performs his responsibilities, but he also deals brilliantly with all types of people, and goes out of his way to make sure his passengers are content. He makes so many people smile or laugh each day--even if it's a lousy day--or the el is crowded or delayed. He is a definite asset to your company."



## Heroics earn honors on "A Day in CTA"

The alertness of CTA District "B" Supervisor Howard Freeman resulted in the recent escape of 12 people from a burning building at 5508 South Lowe Avenue.

Freeman was checking for a possible reroute when he saw the fire. He awakened the building's occupants which enabled them to flee to safety. Freeman also contacted the control center so firemen could be notified.

His heroic conduct earned him special recognition on "A Day in CTA." Similarly honored for a life saving action was foot collector John Pelt whose personal involvement persuaded a man to get off the tracks at Ashland Terminal. Pelt's coaxing is believed to have averted death or injury to the man as well as a serious interruption to rail service for riders.

The coveted "Day in CTA" honor was also bestowed upon North Rail District Supervisor John Gorman, and bus operator Joe Fox of Beverly Garage.



Bus Controller Curtis C. McEwen gives "Day in CTA" honorees an overview of service for operating personnel provided by control center personnel. Honorees on tour of the control center are (from left) John Gorman, supervisor, North Rail District; John Pelt, foot collector, South Section; Howard Freeman, supervisor, District B, and Joe Fox, bus operator, Beverly Garage.

Gorman earned the special recognition after he notified his superintendent of the unusual noise coming from the rear of a six car train which was southbound as it pulled out of the Fullerton station. A quick check of the last car revealed a broken axle. The car was removed from service for maintenance.

Meanwhile, a bus which had been stolen from the 77th Street Garage was observed unattended in the 9900 block of South Halsted Street by operator Joe Fox as he drove the 8A Halsted route. Fox contacted the control center which led to the prompt recovery of valuable CTA property.

## Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations from the public.

**Arvin Austin**, North Avenue

**Henry Barker**, 69th Street

**Harvey Beale Jr.**, Limits

**Ivory Beattie**, Archer

**Louis Berry**, North Avenue

**Rudolph Blakemore**, North Avenue

**Charlotte Brent**, North Section

**Philip Buscemi**, Howard/Kimball

**Witherspoon Carr**, 77th Street

**Carlotta Carter**, 77th Street

**Ray Carter**, Limits

**Bennie Davis**, Douglas/Congress

**Javier DeLaRosa**, North Park

**Casper Elder Jr.**, Ashland

**Virginia Enriquez**, Archer

**James Estes**, Forest Glen

**Kenneth Freeman**, North Section

**Gerardo Gonzalez**, Limits

**Wallacene Good**, Forest Glen

**Albert Grady**, 77th Street

**George Grafer**, Forest Glen

**William Gross**, North Avenue

**Eldred Hall**, North Park

**Lawrence Hart**, North Avenue

**Cornelius Haywood**, Limits

**Rosemary Hoskins**, North Park

**George Hudson Jr.**, 77th Street

**Joe Hunter**, 69th Street

**Rosa Irizarry**, Forest Glen

**Willie James**, North Park

**Arthur James Jr.**, Forest Glen

**Walter Jentsch**, North Park

**Eddie Johnson**, 77th Street

**Edward Jolley**, 77th Street

**Bernardino Juarez**, Limits

**Robert Kremer**, North Park

**Nathaniel Lee Jr.**, Ashland

**Valray McIntosh**, 77th Street

**Luis Montalvo**, North Park

**Timothy Mulvey**, Beverly

**Chester Olenski**, North Park

**Juan Paladines**, Archer

**Demetrel Parker**, 69th Street

**Daniel Pate**, Beverly

**Frederick Pepke**, Limits

**Eduardo Pescatore**, Forest Glen

**Alvin Polowczyk**, Forest Glen

**Billy Ragsdale**, 77th Street

**Annie Rice**, Limits

**Peggy Robinson**, Archer

**Ollie Rodgers Jr.**, Beverly

**Yakup Sabanoff**, North Park

**William Sanders**, Archer

**Edwin Serrano**, West Section

**Verleen Smith**, Archer

**Terry Smoczynski**, Forest Glen

**Frank Staszak**, Limits

**Angelo Sturino**, Howard/Kimball

**William Suggs**, Douglas/Congress

**Ceola Williams**, Archer

**Abner Williams Jr.**, Limits

**Gerald Williams**, South Section

**Kazimer Yaworski**, Forest Glen

**Jacques Yezeguelian**, North Avenue

**Charles Young**, Jefferson Park

**Joseph Zukerman**, North Park



## Culture bus visits printer's row on west route

CTA's Culture Bus has long been known for the educational, economical, and convenient service it offers to our city's major cultural attractions. Now the Culture Bus can take credit for bringing into public view an exhibit that's sure to interest a wide range of Culture Bus riders.

Dorothy Martin, of Old Town, was riding the Culture Bus not long ago when she noticed in the literature that West Route buses stopped at the Printers Row Museum. This was the



Printers Row Museum volunteer Pam Brown shows Dorothy Martin samples of the metal letters kept in a California type case for use in printing orders on hand-set presses, following a practice that dates back to Gutenberg.

first she knew of the museum, and she couldn't wait to see it.

Mrs. Martin's late husband, Gordon, was an illustrator and typographer. He taught visual education, design and typography at the Illinois Institute of Technology, and even started a fine printing business of his own.

When he died in 1970, he left behind a collection of several dozen posters and playbills from the 18th and 19th Centuries, including a number of advertising excursions by rail and steamship from Chicago.

"It was just like coming home," Mrs. Martin said of her first look inside the



Viewing some of the 44 posters, playbills and newspaper front pages on display at the Printers Row Museum, 715 S. Dearborn, are Pam Brown (left), a volunteer guide, and Dorothy Martin, whose late husband assembled the collection.

museum, at 715 South Dearborn, in the Printers Row district. "I had been looking for years for an appropriate place to display Gordon's collection, and right away I knew this was it."

The museum is filled with century-old hand presses, linotype machines, and other antique printing equipment. The equipment is maintained by volunteers, who use it to print custom orders for cards, stationary, posters, and other specialized items.

The museum was established by Les Feller, a food scientist with a major corporation, who obtained the



Pam Brown (left) and Dorothy Martin view some of the 19th Century posters from the Gordon Martin collection that were used to advertise transportation by rail or ship to points around Chicago.

storefront space to house his fast-growing collection of printing equipment four years ago.

The neighborhood surrounding the museum was once the center of Chicago's printing industry, and got its biggest boost from the mail order houses that sprang up after the Fire of 1871. The mail order catalogs required a steady production of advertising artwork that kept printers busy.

Today this South Loop area has undergone a rebirth, with the establishment of the residential community of Dearborn Park on rail yards that once led into Dearborn Station, and the conversion of a number of loft buildings and printing plants into rental and condominium apartment complexes.

The century-old Dearborn Station itself has been preserved as the focal point of the district, while new restaurants and pubs have opened to serve the urban pioneers again settling in the area.

The Printers Row Museum stands as one of the few living links to the past, and to the traditions that made printing one of Chicago's greatest industries. Open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sundays; 10 to 4 Tuesday through Friday; and 9 to 5 on Saturdays, the Printers Row Museum is free to the public, and is the next stop after Chinatown on the West Culture bus Route.





*"The procedure is this," Mrs. Marjorie Holmes gestures as she explains to potential CTA vendors seeking information on CTA business contracts from the Affirmative Action Department manager, and CTA Materials Management staff. Shown with Holmes are Materials Management's Olivia Bradley and James Vesely, procurement analysts.*

## CTA represented at business opportunity fair

Members of CTA's Affirmative Action Department and Materials Management combined efforts as participants in the recent 17th annual Chicago Business Opportunity Fair.

The fair, sponsored by the Chicago Regional Purchasing Council, provided an occasion for CTA and vendors of goods and services to meet and exchange needs and capabilities. More than 50 minority companies exhibited their products and services and received information on the procedures for conducting business with CTA.

Providing information on CTA procedure for vendors wishing to participate in the bidding process were Marjorie Holmes, manager, Affirmative Action; Carol Hardy, minority enterprise clerk; Loyce Ellis and James Hill, minority enterprise specialists; Olivia Bradley, James Vesely, and Eugene Fregetto, procurement analysts, and Edna Southworth, buyer.

Mrs. Holmes said Affirmative Action's primary MBE role is to identify minority business through the certification process which may include a desk audit, or an on-sight visit.

## CTA employee earns YWCA appreciation



Juanita Duff, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance training coordinator, was presented the YWCA Certificate of Appreciation May 8 for outstanding volunteer service to the Loop Center YWCA during 1983-84.

The presentation was made on the occasion of the 107th annual meeting of the Metropolitan Chicago YWCA. Ms. Duff, a member of the YWCA Speaker's Bureau, has addressed religious, professional and medical groups upon request on the subject of rape awareness and prevention.

The 16-year CTA veteran has been an advocate of the YWCA's Rape and Assault Volunteer help program since 1981.

## 'Tommie' salutes red, white, and blue



Tomoko (Tommie) Smart sported a red, white, and blue ribboned corsage on the red jacket she wore over her white blouse which was tucked into her blue skirt.

She topped off her patriotic outfit with red, white, and blue earrings and a big smile because the date was May 31. "This is an important day for me, probably the most important date in the whole year," Ms. Smart announced.

"May 31 is the day I first entered the United States as a war bride 25 years ago. I was born in Yokohama, Japan and I attended a Catholic high school there where I learned English. I also learned key punch and got a job at a U.S. Army base," she said.

She married an American G.I. and on May 31 arrived in the United States, the occasion of her yearly observances.

Ms. Smart lives on the far southwest side and has a son, Michael, 23, a laboratory technician, and a daughter, Michelle, 22, a lithographic production assistant.

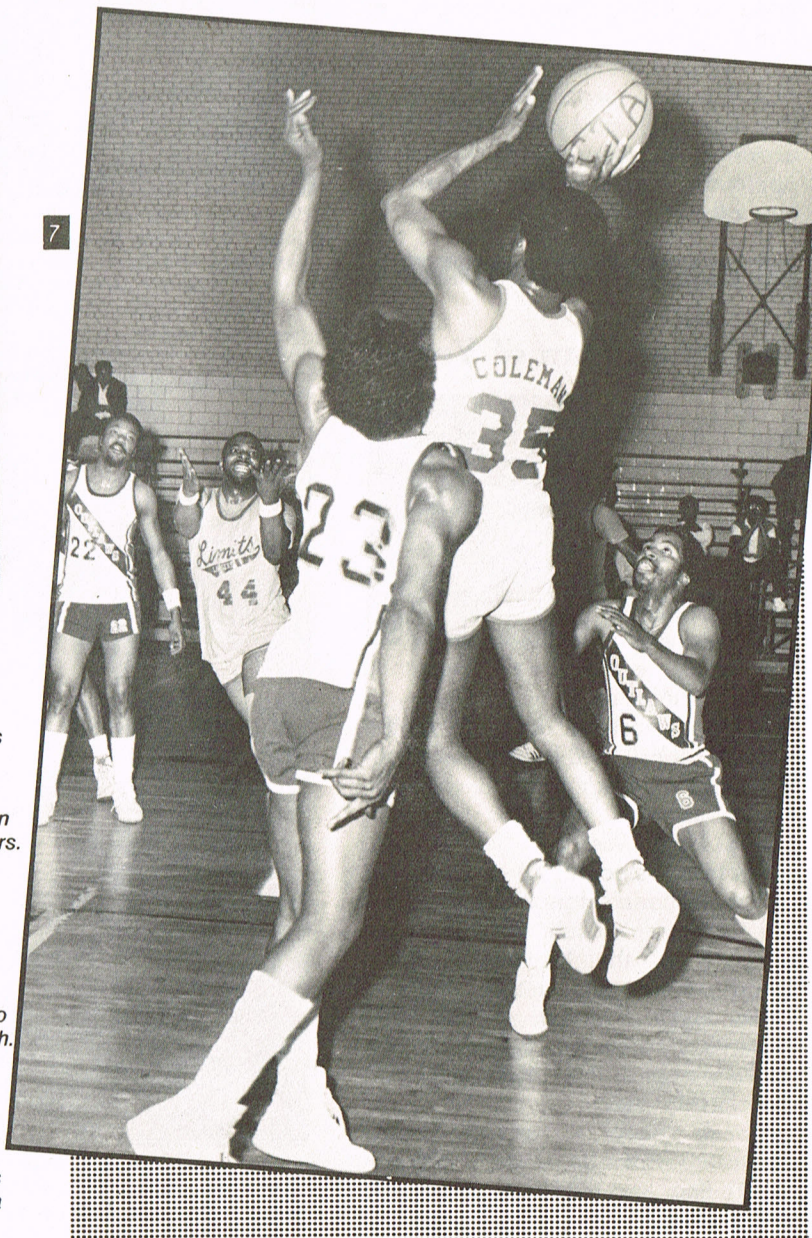
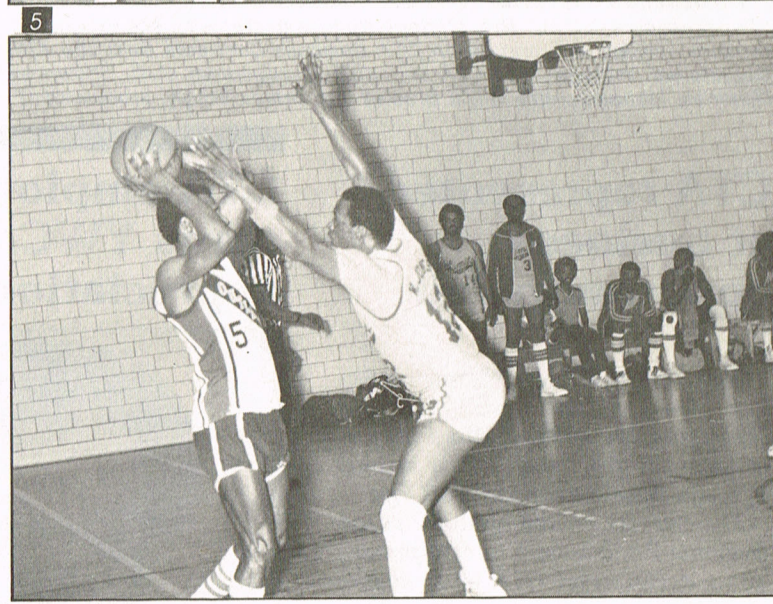
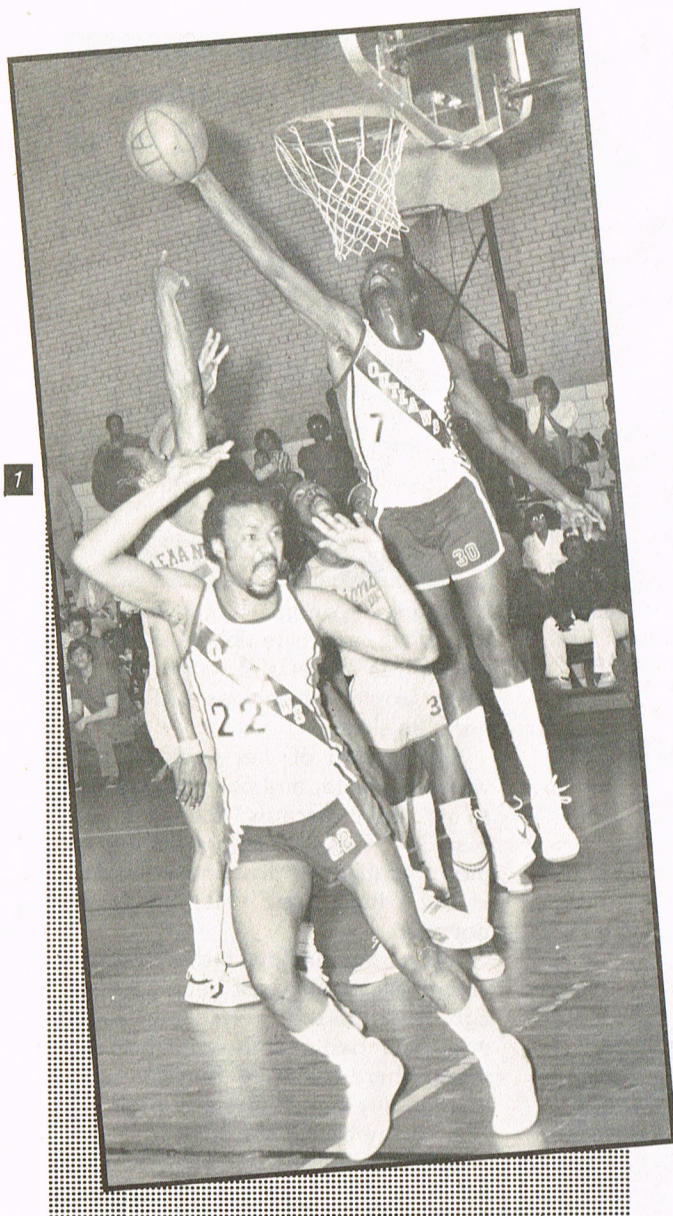
Ms. Smart is a position control analyst in the Budget Department where friends and co-workers gave her a surprise anniversary party on May 31 in honor of the 25th anniversary of "her" day.

Later, her children had a backyard barbeque for her and 40 neighbors and friends.

She said she has returned to visit her family in Japan many times but, she grinned, "It's always great coming home."

"I'm very happy being an American. There's nothing more to say than that."





## Outlaws take championship, finish season undefeated

Exhilaration was high as general office fans left Washington Park Fieldhouse May 18 after witnessing the Outlaws taking the 1984 Championship for CTA's basketball league.

The undefeated General Office Outlaws had stopped the 1983 defending champions, the Limits Lakers, 67-60. The near-squeaker victory came in a three-minute overtime period as both teams aggressively demonstrated a shootout in a fast-paced, well-played game which was full of excitement from the first whistle to the final buzzer.

The defending Lakers, led by the scoring trio of Anthony Coleman, 19 points, Eugene Tate, 12 points, and

Rick James, 11 points, made a good showing by forcing the game into overtime, but the northsiders were no match for the downtown cagers who came to play, and got down to serious business early in the game with their own scoring machine.

High point scorer John Harvey led the Outlaws with 15 points. The playmaker king, guard Michael Ewing, followed with 14 points while teammates Carl King and Bob Jenkins sunk 12 and 10 points respectively.

Finishing third for the season was Blue Thunder, coached by Will Williams of 77th Street. Thunder defeated the fourth place 77th Street Streakers 67-61. Virtually a rainbow

squad, Blue Thunder was organized after the 1984 league started, and was comprised of personnel from various CTA locations.

"We were just beginning to get it together when the season ended," said Williams. "We could have used about three more games, although we did play the full complement of 16 games by making up the ones we missed near the end of the season."

Williams said the backbone of his team was guards Tevell Simpson, Termitte Carlton, Joe Milbrook, and Russell Williams. "We look forward to next season when we try for all of it," said Williams.

- 1 It was an easy two points for Outlaw Bob Jenkins (7). Rushing up court is Carl King (22).
- 2 Limits Lakers' Eugene Tate (20) is unable to stop the scoring as Joe Jackson lays up two points for the General Office Outlaws. Looking down court is Bob Jenkins (7) of the Outlaws, and Wade Jones (12) of the Lakers.
- 3 Wade Jones takes the offensive for the Lakers as he is challenged by Outlaws Reggie Williams (23), and Bob Jenkins (7).
- 4 This scramble for the ball included Outlaws John Harvey (30), Morris Boyd (11), Carl King (22), and Lakers Eugene Tate (20), Rick James (44), and Anthony Coleman (35).
- 5 Michael Ewing (5) of the Outlaws, and Wade Jones (35) of the Lakers, two of the best guards in the league, go one on one in the championship berth.
- 6 Michael Lambert (left) of 77th Street drives the ball down court as Blue Thunder opponent Odell Reed, backed by teammate Tevell Simpson, attempts to check him. Back court action includes Wallace Howard (left), and Leonardo Coleman, of 77th Street.
- 7 Keeping the pressure on are Outlaws Sam Miller (6), and Reggie Williams (23) as Anthony Coleman of the Lakers goes airborne in his attempt for a basket.



## First Quarter

# Public Safety Awards

Public Safety Awards for the first quarter of 1984 were presented to 61st Street Terminal and Archer Garage.

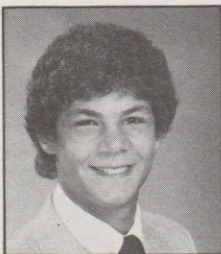
61st Street experienced only one accident and registered 90 accident free days while climbing from fifth place at the end of the fourth quarter of 1983 to the top in the first quarter of 1984. The last award won by 61st Street was for the third quarter of 1977.

Archer Garage, which has over 500 operators, has won this award 12 times since the inception of the awards in 1961. The last award presented Archer was for the second quarter of 1981.

In winning the award this time, Archer Garage experienced 30 accident free days and a passenger rate of 0.71 accidents for every 100,000 miles of operation. This rate was 42 percent better than the bus system rate of 1.2.

## Cecala Jr. is named Man of Year

Holy Cross High School, River Grove, has named senior Joseph J. Cecala, Jr. its 1984 "Man of the Year." He is the son of Joseph J. Cecala, Sr., supervisor of Operations Review, Finance.



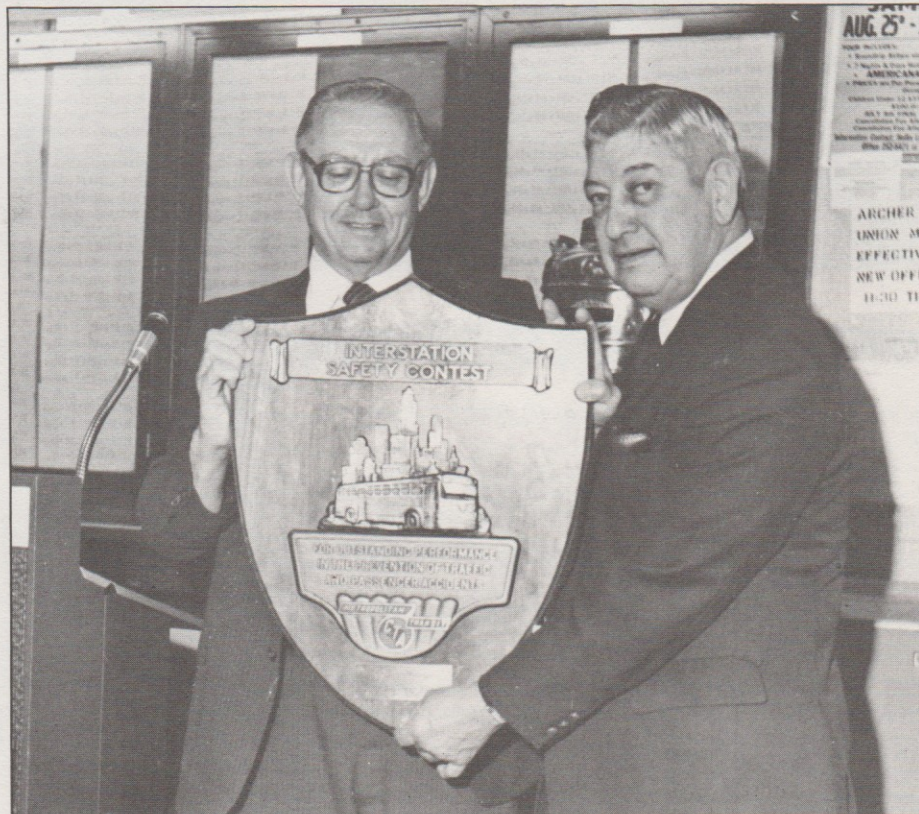
Young Cecala is president of the student council, and has been active in a variety of academic and extracurricular activities since his freshman year at Holy Cross.

An honor student, he is a member of the National Honor Society, and the Letterman's Club. He is also the recipient of the National Catholic Bandmasters Association Honors Band award, winner of the Fleet Reserve Association Essay contest, and a winner of the American Legion Scholarship award.

Cecala plans to attend Loyola University where he hopes to major in accounting, and ultimately to become an attorney.



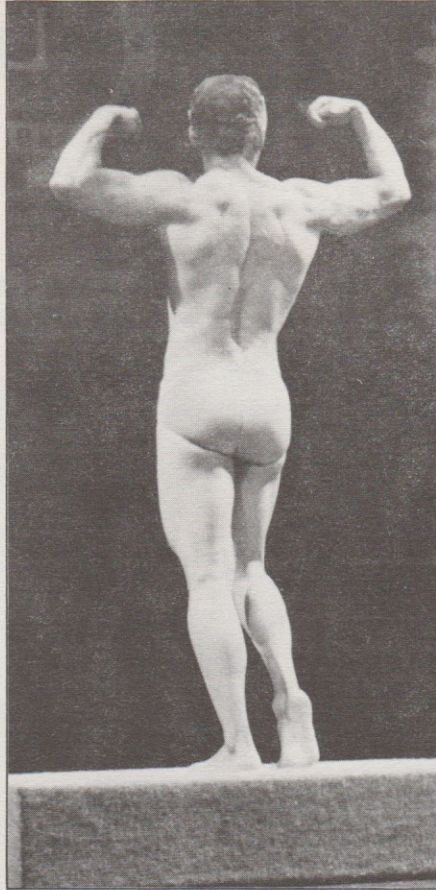
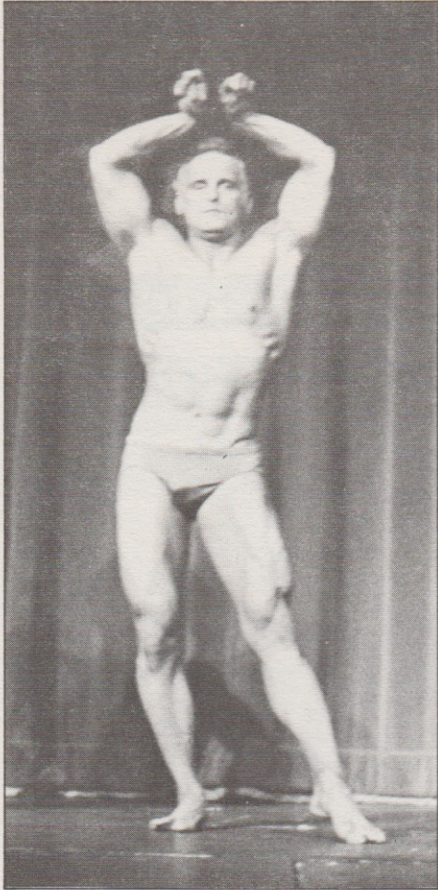
Earning the first quarter Public Safety Award at 61st Street Terminal brought congratulations from Ardis Morris (left), superintendent, 95th Street Terminal. Morris is shown greeting David Curry, assistant superintendent, 61st Street, and Jim McClain, superintendent, 61st Street Terminal. The coveted plaque was presented by Fred Mead (right), director, System Safety Analysis/Performance.



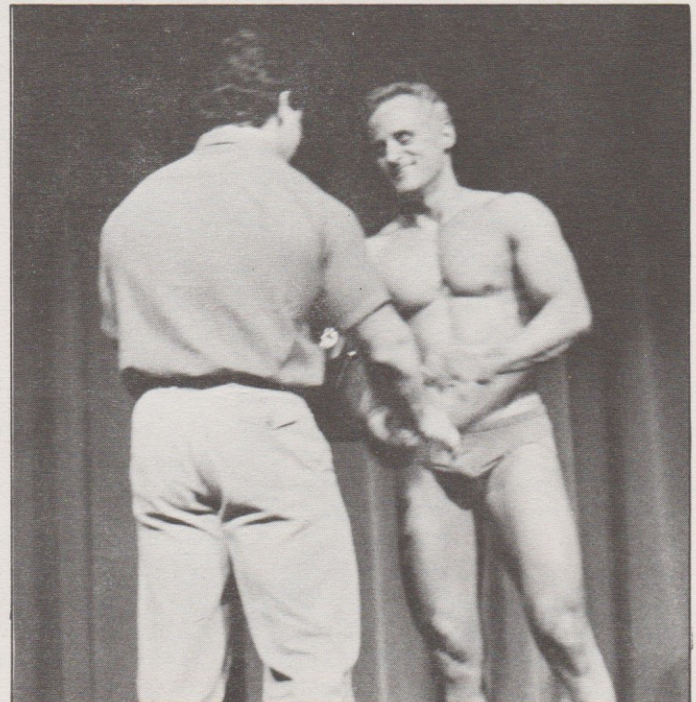
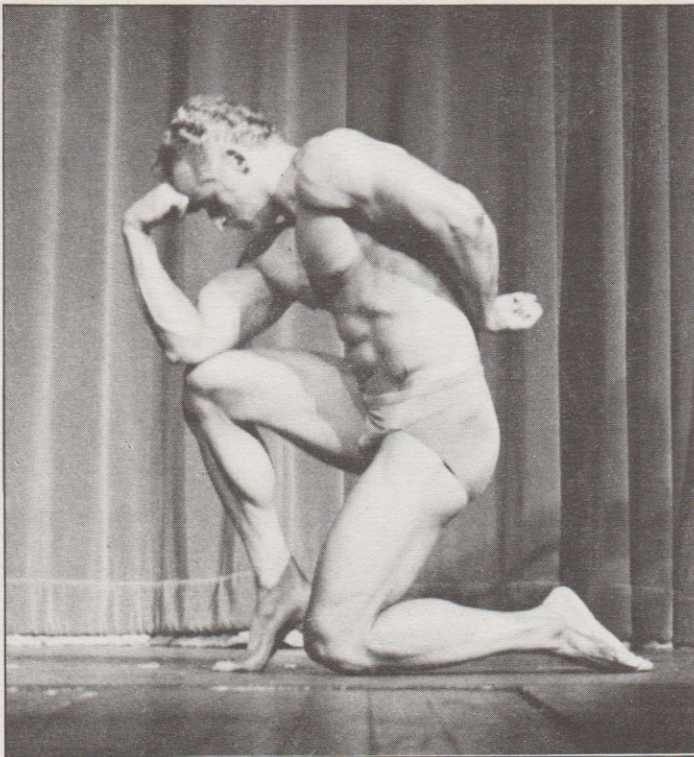
Archer Garage Superintendent Joseph Steinbach (right), proudly accepts the first quarter 1984 Public Safety plaque from Tom Boyle, manager, Safety, during awards program at the garage. Some employees also earned door prizes.



## Motorman in Mr. Prairie State contest



*Flexing his muscles, Quentin Michalezewski demonstrates three poses which he used in the "Mr. Prairie State" body building competition. Judges saw his front abdominal form (top left), followed by double biceps (right), and the thinking man's pose (lower left).*



*Larry Bernstein (left), "Mr. America" in his weight class, presents Michalezewski (lower right) with the fifth place runner up trophy.*

When westside motorman Quentin Michalezewski was first attracted to body building six years ago it didn't seem possible that he would be in competition for a trophy someday.

On May 5, however, Quentin took fifth place in his first contest, the "Mr. Prairie State" competition at Wheaton/Warrenville Middle School where he was one of 30 contestants in the over 35 and under 40 category.

His interest in body building was piqued after he read a magazine on the subject. "I wanted to meet Samir Bannout who was featured in the magazine, so I went to the west coast where not only did we meet, but he taught me proper body building techniques and all about diet, which plays a very important part in body building," said Quentin. Bannout, regarded on the west coast, as "The Lion of Lebanon," reigns as "Mr. Olympia," Quentin said.

Another of his mentors in contest preparation was John Gust, the current "Mr. Illinois," who Quentin said spent five months teaching him the correct body poses.

Because of his placement in the "Mr. Prairie State" contest, Quentin is eligible to compete in the November 3 "Mr. Illinois" contest. He said he plans to enter in the over 40 category.

A CTA employee since May 23, 1973, Quentin previously worked in public affairs, accounting and the student riding card section.



# ZAP

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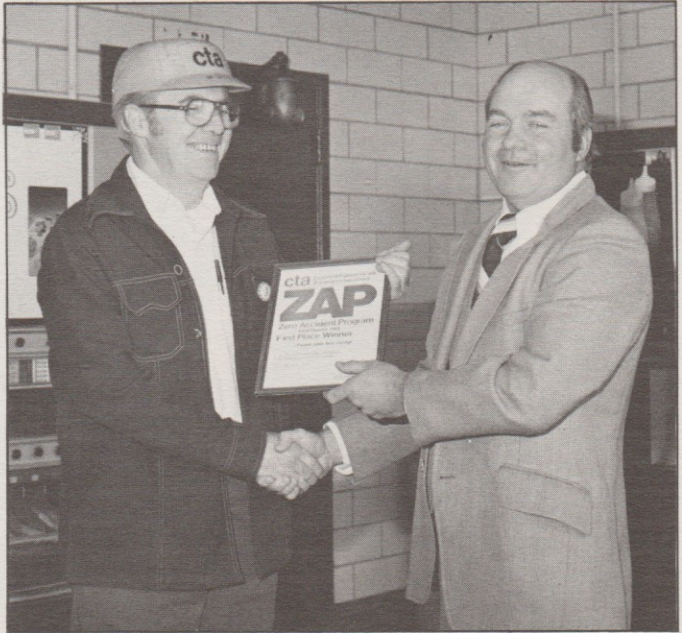
## Five locations earn first place certificates



Retiring Nick Simonetti (far left), unit supervisor, Bus Shops Unit Rebuild section, can be proud of leaving a first place maintenance safety team for the next supervisor. Simonetti and his team pause for the photographer after the unit's first quarter 1984 Zero Accident Program achievement.



Maintenance personnel at 98th Street terminal continue to be competitive in the Zero Accident Program as demonstrated by this first place certificate held by car repairer Al Curtis. Rail Terminals Superintendent Richard Lorimer shares the moment. Their previous first place certificate was earned in the third quarter of 1983.



First place winner among bus garage maintenance personnel was Forest Glen. Jim Ward (left), day foreman, accepts the coveted certificate from Terry McGuigan, director, Bus Maintenance. It was the second consecutive honor in the maintenance safety program for Forest Glen which shared in the six-month lowest accident catered luncheon for its personnel in the fourth quarter of 1983.



CTA maintenance personnel at five locations were winners in the first quarter 1984 Zero Accident Program competition. Certificates of honor were awarded to the 77th Street Bus Shops, Skokie Rail Shops, Forest Glen Garage, and Kimball and 98th Street Terminals.

Winners in the Bus Shops competition included the Body, Paint, Upholstery, and Converter Shops, Shop Service, Electrical Units Rebuild, and the Machine, Radiator and Print Shops.

Skokie Shops winners were Motor Line, Vehicle Wiring, Blacksmith/Welding, Machine and Truck Shops, and the Degreasing section.



Car repairer Robert Calhoun of 98th Street Terminal makes adjustments to electrical components. Safety equipment, such as the bump hat which Calhoun wears, is second nature to repairmen and other maintenance personnel.



Superintendent, Rail Terminals Michael Vasquez (left), and Kimball day foreman Johnny Henderson were also among the happy recipients of first place ZAP certificates.



Mark Dundovich (left), Rail Shops unit supervisor, and foreman Jim House, share the pride in the section's ZAP award presented by Safety Supervisor James Dudley (right).



Check and double check is the key element here as demonstrated by Jeff Jurczyk, a safety conscious car repairer at Kimball.



## Six employees and 210 years of service



Dick Schneider, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance (third from left), enjoys a moment with five South Shops personnel planning retirement beginning June 1. They are (from left) George Drey, Frank May, Nick Simonetti, Jerome Pavel, and Daniel Murphy.

A unit supervisor, two foremen, a carpenter leader and two mechanics with a collective total of 210 years CTA service, and an average of 35 years each, are bidding adieu to daily routine at South Shops June 1 as they take their pensions.

Heading the list with 43 years service each are Frank May, foreman, Brake department; and Nick Simonetti, unit supervisor, Unit Rebuild section. Others are George Drey, carpenter leader, 34 years; Jerome Pavel, foreman, Bus Overhaul section, 30 years; and bus and truck mechanics Daniel Murphy and Grady Mattison, 35 and 25 years respectively.

Simonetti said the most significant change which he and his co-workers have witnessed over the last 43 years was the transition from street cars to buses, and the consolidation of the various transportation services operating in Chicago.

"CTA is a good place to spend your life," said Drey, who added, "It can give you financial rapport which gives

you respect among creditors, and allows you to properly care for your family."

Frank May said he started with CTA at 48 cents an hour when the old horse barn was still standing, although it was only a relic. May said when he joined the CTA's predecessor, Chicago Surface Lines, his father advised him, "If you keep your mouth shut, and your ears and eyes open you will be all right. It was good advice," said May.

May who was a scouter for more than 30 years, is a little league and park district umpire in his south suburban community of Alsip where he plans to continue active in youth programs he said, "As long as the Lord will let me."

Nick Simonetti, a sculptor, will continue making figurines, and will spend the winters in Indian Shores, Fla., and the summers in Chicago. Jerry Pavel plans to enjoy the leisure of his Wisconsin summer cottage and his Chicago home.

## Conservation project earns first prize

Jerry Johnson, the 14-year old son of Treasury utility clerk Judy Stroud, took first place honors in the recent Carver high school science fair.

Judges were awed by the Carver freshman's conservation project which examines the affects of microbes on decomposed garbage. The youth's award winning scientific experiment began while he was an eighth grade student at the Metcalf Magnet school last year.

Johnson's conservation project also received excellent marks at the district level science fair held at the Chicago State University in March, and an honorable mention at the city level for which he received a certificate of achievement.

He plans to continue experimenting with the project throughout his high school career in an effort to improve it, his mother said.

## Congratulations from one scouter to another

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for sending me the CTA Transit News. I appreciated it very much, like to keep up with the news.

The article on page 16 about Walter Lemons Jr. being in scouting since 1948, and receiving the Silver Beaver Award: I want to give him credit for the wonderful job he has done for scouting.

Just to let you know that you have another scouter that worked for you years ago.

I have been in Scouting since 1915, this is my sixty ninth year in Scouting, also received the Silver Beaver Award on May 25, 1978.

Have been retired since December 1, 1959; still going strong.

Yours sincerely,

William Boggs Sr. (08874)  
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Advancement Committee,  
including Board of Review



## Service anniversaries in May

### 35 Years

Paul Venticinque, Equip. Engr./Maint.

### 30 Years

Frank Hubbard, Adm. Services  
Otis Hynson, Schedules  
William Moore, Near South  
Andrew Mosley, Information Svcs.  
Andrew Windham, 77th Street  
Gus Wright, Beverly

### 25 Years

Bruce Anderson, Rail Service  
Robert Armstrong, Douglas/Congress  
Robert Austin, Lawndale  
Adello Bianchini, Howard/Kimball  
Robert Cano Jr., Douglas/Congress  
Odessa Danielley, South Section  
Peter Dolan, North Park  
Steve Econom, Archer  
John Grayer, Far South  
William Haase, Rail Dist. West  
Nicholas Lambrakos, Archer  
Grady Mattison, South Shops  
James McCurtis, Forest Park  
Roy McGrath, Bus Service  
William Miller, Lawndale  
Bernard Moore, Fac. Engr./Maint.  
Edward Panik, Near North  
Levell Stewart, South Shops  
Jay Thompson, 69th Street  
Eddie Tinsley, Schedules  
Myron Woods, Rail Instruction

## New Pensioners

RAYMOND BRENNAN, Bus Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 6-7-54  
ROBERT BUERGER, Carpenter Foreman,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 11-10-41  
CHARLES COLE, Bus Operator,  
77th Street, Emp. 3-4-57  
THOMAS COOGAN, Bus Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 11-25-57  
WILLIAM DANIELS, Ticket Agent,  
South Section, Emp. 9-24-52  
\*JOHN ECKEL, Sr. Tab Mach. Oper.,  
Datacenter, Emp. 7-23-53  
LLOYD FERDINAND, Bus Operator,  
Archer, Emp. 6-3-46  
DEWEY HILL, Motorman,  
61st Street, Emp. 4-10-52  
MELVIN JONES, Motorman,  
South Section, Emp. 6-25-51  
JINDRICH MULLER, Laborer,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-22-68  
ROBERT O'NEAL, Bus Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 8-5-57  
JOHN REBACZ, Tool Fire Blksmith.,  
West Shops, Emp. 1-21-65  
BENJAMIN SECLER, Bus Operator,  
North Park, Emp. 2-12-52  
ARTHUR SMITH, Motorman,  
South Section, Emp. 3-16-59  
WILLIE STEVENS, Bus Operator,  
Lawndale, Emp. 8-12-52  
THOMAS STOUT, "B" Helper,  
West Shops, Emp. 11-26-62  
THEODORE SZYMANSKI, Frmn. Elec. Wrkr.,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-7-47  
JOHN WEALER, Bus Supervisor,  
District D, Emp. 3-18-54

ROY WILLIAMS, Elec. Sig. Maint. Speclst.,  
West Shops, Emp. 4-17-50  
GEORGE WYLIE, Unit Supervisor,  
Skokie Shop, Emp. 5-22-68

## Disability Retirements

HARTWELL ONSTOTT, Bus Operator,  
North Avenue, Emp. 12-5-60  
\*EMILE OUSLEY Jr., Lineman,  
West Shops, Emp. 9-23-71

\*Retroactive to 3-1-84  
\*\*Retroactive to 4-1-84

## IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES ADAMS, 85, 77th Street,  
Emp. 11-26-19, Died 3-25-84  
ALVAR ALSTERLUND, 73, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 3-31-47, Died 3-28-84  
WALTER BANICKI, 74, Elec. Maint.,  
Emp. 8-12-43, Died 4-7-84  
LAWRENCE BROOKHOUSZ, 94, Transp.,  
Emp. 12-3-15, Died 3-15-84  
ROBERT BROWNE, 77, West Section,  
Emp. 10-29-43, Died 3-24-84  
WILLIAM BURBATT, 61, Beverly,  
Emp. 2-16-46, Died 3-16-84  
PATRICK CANNON, 73, Stores,  
Emp. 1-23-43, Died 4-4-84  
LUTHER CARR, 75, 61st Street,  
Emp. 10-16-47, Died 4-9-84  
GLORIA CARSON, 43, South Section,  
Emp. 3-6-74, Died 4-4-84  
MICHAEL CARUSO, 71, South Section,  
Emp. 8-29-45, Died 4-10-84  
RAY CATLIN, 83, Howard,  
Emp. 8-26-24, Died 4-13-84  
HARRY CASSIDY, 94, Devon,  
Emp. 12-23-19, Died 4-10-84  
JAMES CAWLEY, 68, North Park,  
Emp. 3-13-43, Died 4-8-84  
JOSEPH CHRISTOI, 74, Maintenance,  
Emp. 8-20-29, Died 4-24-84  
RAYMOND DYLE, 78, 77th Street,  
Emp. 3-31-44, Died 4-18-84  
FRANK FISCHER, 81, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 8-18-42, Died 3-26-84  
BERNARD FITZPATRICK, 61, Mat. Mgmt.,  
Emp. 1-8-47, Died 3-18-84  
JOHN GALVIN, 71, North Avenue,  
Emp. 5-31-51, Died 3-14-84  
FRED GIBBS, 67, Beverly,  
Emp. 12-20-54, Died 3-26-84  
BENJAMIN GULLY, 69, 77th Street,  
Emp. 10-16-45, Died 4-24-84  
HANS HABBESTAD, 79, North Avenue,  
Emp. 10-31-29, Died 4-6-84  
ELBERT HAMBRICK, 82, 77th Street,  
Emp. 8-30-26, Died 4-19-84  
ISHAM HANDLEY, 67, Archer,  
Emp. 6-11-59, Died 2-27-84  
PATRICK HARRISON, 75, Stores,  
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JOHN HEAVEY, 86, 69th Street,  
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FRANK KIZIOR, 77, Lawndale,  
Emp. 12-26-36, Died 4-1-84  
CHARLES KROENER, 67, South Shops,  
Emp. 3-9-72, Died 3-20-84

EDWIN KRUCKOW, 80, Transportation,  
Emp. 4-10-42, Died 4-10-84  
OSCAR LEIDING, 89, Gen. Acctg.,  
Emp. 8-23-23, Died 4-10-84  
MARTIN LUDOLPH, 74, North Park,  
Emp. 5-31-46, Died 3-23-84  
ANTHONY LULLO, 72, South Shops,  
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MARY LYONS, 77, West Section,  
Emp. 10-22-25, Died 3-3-84  
HEULON MACKEY, 56, Transportation,  
Emp. 7-30-52, Died 4-26-84  
FRANCIS MAGUIRE, 72, Mat. Mgmt.,  
Emp. 5-22-50, Died 3-30-84  
WILLIAM MAHONEY, 82, West Section,  
Emp. 1-27-26, Died 3-12-84  
KATIE MALONEY, 92, North Section,  
Emp. 4-16-31, Died 3-12-84  
PETER MARONCELLI, 59, Forest Park,  
Emp. 7-23-48, Died 3-31-84  
THOMAS McGRATH, 83, Stores,  
Emp. 6-7-43, Died 3-19-84  
STEWART McINTYRE, 83, Beverly,  
Emp. 11-8-26, Died 3-16-84  
WESLEY MORRIS, 60, North Avenue,  
Emp. 3-4-57, Died 3-12-84  
ARTHUR MUIR, 82, North Park,  
Emp. 9-13-29, Died 4-19-84  
ANTHONY MULLEN, 73, Transportation,  
Emp. 9-28-35, Died 4-6-84  
MAX NETZEL, 69, Rail Veh. Maint.,  
Emp. 8-6-53, Died 2-28-84  
JOSEPH NOLAN, 78, Lawndale,  
Emp. 8-17-37, Died 3-30-84  
JAMES O'BRIEN, 84, North Section,  
Emp. 5-7-23, Died 3-15-84  
PATRICK O'DONNELL, 86, Kedzie,  
Emp. 7-24-22, Died 3-11-84  
CHARLES PAXTON, 89, Electrical,  
Emp. 6-29-21, Died 4-11-84  
CARL PERSON, 65, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 10-23-45, Died 4-24-84  
OSCAR PETERSON, 91, West Section,  
Emp. 5-7-19, Died 3-11-84  
VINCENT PRINSKI, 85, South Section,  
Emp. 6-26-44, Died 3-18-84  
WILLIAM PROKOP, 75, Beverly,  
Emp. 9-20-43, Died 4-27-84  
LAWRENCE PROVOST, 74, Transportation,  
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THEODORE RAPEY, 69, North Avenue,  
Emp. 9-17-42, Died 4-12-84  
HELEN RICHARD, 42, 52nd Street,  
Emp. 6-23-77, Died 2-13-84  
EDILBERTO RUIZ, 31, Archer,  
Emp. 6-12-75, Died 4-6-84  
HERBERT SCHMIDT, 73, Forest Glen,  
Emp. 2-10-44, Died 3-27-84  
LILLIAN SCOTT, 87, West Section,  
Emp. 10-2-44, Died 2-26-84  
ALOIS SIKORA, 83, North Section,  
Emp. 9-16-18, Died 4-30-84  
JOHN SKOFF, 89, Lawndale,  
Emp. 3-9-37, Died 4-9-84  
EDWARD SOMERS, 82, Claims,  
Emp. 6-1-25, Died 3-1-84  
CHARLES STARR, 83, Transportation,  
Emp. 10-4-21, Died 3-21-84  
CHESTER STEBE, 65, Madison/Wabash,  
Emp. 10-5-67, Died 4-13-84  
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Emp. 10-25-16, Died 3-14-84  
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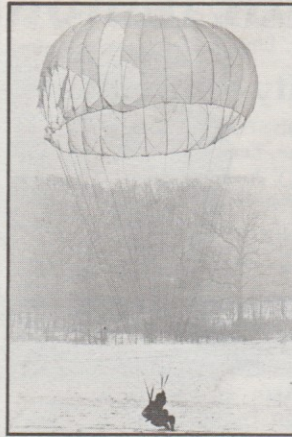
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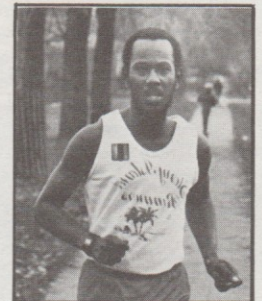
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