

New Kedzie garage opens

CTA buses serving nine major West Side bus routes returned to one of Chicago's oldest surface transit operating locations on June 29. The inconvenience of nearly three years of temporary operation out of Lawndale garage was quickly forgotten, because the old Kedzie carhouse, built in 1910, had been replaced by the first new bus garage built by CTA in almost 30 years.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli officially opened the \$17.6-million,

321,000-square-foot facility, located on 8.2 acres bounded by Kedzie avenue, Jackson boulevard, Van Buren street, and Spaulding avenue. Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Ralph L. Stanley and other government officials and community leaders joined in the celebration.

"This is the most modern, energy efficient, cost effective, state of the art bus garage/maintenance facility in the country," Chairman Cardilli said. "We are now able to park 250 buses inside

during sub-zero weather, negating the need to keep diesel engines running all night to ensure smooth morning rush hours. This indoor parking increases the service life of buses, and saves thousands of dollars."

While indoor parking is the most important operating advantage of the new Kedzie garage, every design feature shows concern for efficiency and conservation of energy and material.

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Tradition continues . . .

Employees gathered outside Kedzie garage early on the morning of opening day, June 29, 1984, as CTA retiree Thomas O'Connor raised the flag for the first time. O'Connor retired from Lawndale garage in January 1982, while the new Kedzie garage was under construction, after almost 36 years of service. O'Connor, who always raised the flag at the old Kedzie garage, is now DuPage area commander of the American Legion.

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All buses enter and leave the garage through 10 large doors on Kedzie avenue, and all interior bus movements are made by left-hand turns with no backing required.

Buses entering the garage from Kedzie avenue for daily service are driven straight to five service lanes with provisions for currency removal, diesel fuel, motor oil, interior cleaning, and refuse collection. A closed system carries refuse to an industrial trash compactor/closed container, and currency removal is monitored by closed-circuit video cameras.

After servicing, buses continue straight on to three automatic drive-through bus washers that clean the front, rear, sides and roof and spray the chassis. The washers feature 65 per cent water reclamation. Clean buses may bypass the washers on either side.

A left turn leads to two bus parking bays with a total capacity of 250 buses. Buses requiring maintenance other than daily service are moved from the parking bays to the maintenance area in the north end of the building.

The maintenance area is also a model of efficiency. Fourteen bus

hoists are capable of serving standard length or articulated buses. These include nine general service and repair units, two engine wash units, a tire unit, an inspection unit, and an inspection and repair unit. Four vehicle maintenance pits, each 140 feet long, can accommodate up to 12 standard buses or 8 articulated buses.

Oil and other miscellaneous service products are stored in nine 6,000-gallon vertical storage tanks in a separate storage area inside the south end of the building. An overhead

distribution system pumps oil and other chemicals direct to each maintenance location for easy dispensing. Diesel fuel is stored in five 20,000-gallon underground tanks outside of the south wall of the building.

Complete, modern transportation offices are decorated in a pleasing blend of muted and brilliant colors, and the drivers' area features open space, a high ceiling design, and a blend of natural and artificial lighting. There is also a convenient area where the public may purchase monthly passes and tokens.

The design of Kedzie garage also shows concern for environmental quality and energy conservation. The thoroughly insulated building features such modern innovations as a forced air ventilation system that recovers heat from exhaust air, an automatic light dimming system that selectively dims interior lighting when natural light is available, and two underground oil/water separators that intercept all drainage from the garage floor and the outdoor product delivery location.

Architecturally, the Kedzie garage is a good neighbor. Indoor bus parking minimizes air and noise pollution in



Nicholas Janich (from left), Del E. Webb project superintendent, Bill Toomey, CTA garage foreman, and F. H. Petzold, CTA project manager, discuss use of equipment at one of the bus service lanes.



Dedication plaque for modern Kedzie bus garage was unveiled at the opening ceremony by (left to right) CTA Executive

Director Bernard J. Ford, CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, and CTA Vice Chairman Howard Medley.

- 1 Buses enter from Kedzie avenue and pass through five service lanes. Each lane provides currency removal, diesel fuel, motor oil, interior cleaning, and refuse collection.
- 2 Three automatic bus washers clean the top, front, sides and rear of buses while spraying the chassis. Cost efficient washers achieve 65 per cent water reclamation.
- 3 Hoists accept both standard and articulated buses for inspection and repair.
- 4 Four pits, each 140 feet long, can service up to 12 buses simultaneously. An overhead distribution system dispenses lubricants and fluids at each work location.

the surrounding residential community, and all exterior bus movements occur on Kedzie avenue.

The building's visual mass is reduced through the use of truncated corners, setbacks, texture variations, and landscaping. A smooth appearance and landscaping on the north side preserve the boulevard character of Jackson boulevard, while the setbacks and truncated corners on the south side blend with the residential environment of Van Buren street.

Plans for Kedzie garage were prepared by Lester B. Knight & Associates working with CTA engineers under the direction of project manager F. H. Petzold, Facilities Engineering & Maintenance.

"CTA field construction personnel and engineers enjoyed excellent cooperation from the consultant, the construction contractor, and others involved," Petzold said. "This enabled us to complete construction very close to the planned time frame and kept extra costs to a minimum."

Del E. Webb Construction Services, Co., the general contractor, in cooperation with the CTA's affirmative action program, awarded \$2 million in

sub-contracts to more than 11 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises/ Women Business Enterprises (DBE/ WBE).

The program was so successful that Del E. Webb was honored by the Midwest Community Council for recruiting and employing minorities and women from within the community.

Funding for the Kedzie garage was provided by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation (UMTA/USDOT) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Initially, the following bus routes, returning from Lawndale, are being operated out of Kedzie garage: No. 7 Harrison, No. 12 Roosevelt, No. 18 16th/18th, No. 21 Cermak, No. 25 West Cermak, No. 37 Sedgwick/Ogden, No. 52 Kedzie/California, No. 60 Blue Island/26th, and No. 82 Kimball/Homan.

In September, the following routes will return to Kedzie garage from North Avenue garage: No. 16 Lake, No. 17 Westchester, No. 20 Madison, No. 126 Jackson, and No. 131 Washington.

From the Chairman

A new generation

One of my most satisfying accomplishments, since I became CTA Chairman, was presiding over the opening ceremony at CTA's new Kedzie garage.

As the first of a new generation of bus garages, Kedzie points the way toward the future of bus transit in Chicago, and demonstrates CTA's continuing commitment to serve our riders and the surrounding community in an efficient, cost-effective and responsible manner.

I congratulate all CTA personnel who contributed to the concept, design, and construction supervision of this facility. The many major bus service and bus maintenance advancements designed and built into the Kedzie garage will enable CTA to provide excellent service for many years to come on bus routes serving the West Side of Chicago.

This new bus garage also demonstrates a new standard of community awareness. Interior bus parking minimizes air and noise pollution; day to day bus operations avoid residential streets; and the architectural design complements the surrounding area. I am also proud that our general contractor, through cooperation with CTA's Affirmative Action Program, was honored by the Midwest Community Council for recruiting and employing minority and female workers from the surrounding community.

Kedzie garage is the beginning of new capital improvements that will improve bus transit in Chicago, and we are looking forward to the start of construction this summer of another new bus garage, near 103rd street and Stony Island, which is expected to begin operating in early 1987.

Michael A. Cardilli

RTA incentive awards for two CTA employees

Two CTA employees were among five transit employee recipients of the first awards in RTA Chairman John D. Kramer's Employee Incentive Program at RTA headquarters June 13.

Rosemary Hoskins, 29, a bus operator assigned to North Park Garage, and rail conductor Joe Jones, 35, of Jefferson Park Terminal, each received checks for \$250.00, and certificates from the RTA chairman at a ceremony in his office.



Joe Jones, rail conductor, Jefferson Park Terminal, and Rosemary Hoskins, bus operator, North Park Garage, share their moment of pride with CTA Director of Service Michael LaVelle as they display RTA certificates of recognition presented to them for outstanding service, along with checks for \$250 each. RTA Chairman John D. Kramer honored the two CTA employees in a special ceremony at RTA headquarters.

Ms. Hoskins, a bus operator since 1977, was rewarded by Kramer for her excellent work record which includes commendations for her professional and gracious manner. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in education from Augustana College, and is a graduate student at Chicago State University.

Jones who became a rail conductor in 1973, was also cited for his excellent work record, which includes a commendation for coming to the aid of a rider who had been attacked by a group of teenage boys in an attempted robbery.

The veteran CTA conductor is also a presiding minister at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses and teaches a weekly class in literacy in the Austin area where he lives.

Other RTA recipients of the Employee Incentive awards were J.T. Johnson, Burlington Northern Railroad; Marvin McRoberts, Milwaukee Road, and John Terrzo, Transit Management of West Towns.

"These people have brightened the days of countless riders and set a wonderful example for their fellow employees," Kramer said. "We have many other outstanding employees, and some of them will be receiving similar awards in the coming months, but these five have set the standard for the entire RTA family.

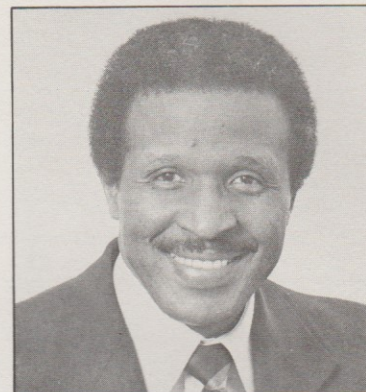
"Employees like these are one reason why RTA ridership has been increasing beyond our expectations,"

the RTA chairman said.

Since becoming RTA chairman, Kramer has forgone his \$1,000 a month salary and had the money deposited in a special fund to reward transit employees who provide exceptional service to the public.

Since the incentive program was announced several weeks ago, the RTA has received more than 800 letters and phone calls from riders nominating exceptional transit employees. Kramer had encouraged riders to continue making nominations by writing RTA Incentive Program, 300 North State Street, Chicago, IL 60610, or call 836-4047 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Nominations are screened by a five-member committee. More awards are expected to be made soon.

John W. Davis appointed Strategic Planning Manager



John W. Davis has been appointed Manager of Strategic Planning as announced by CTA Executive Director Bernard J. Ford.

As Manager of Strategic Planning, Davis and his staff will prepare mission, policy, and goal statements which serve as guides to strategic and tactical planning, objectives, and programs for consideration by the Chicago Transit Board.

Davis, 50, is a resident of the Chatham area.

Prior to joining the CTA, Davis served as a deputy assessor in the Cook County Assessor's office where he was responsible for appraising real estate, forecasting economic developments, and assessing the value of all classes of real estate since 1981.

From 1978 to 1981, Davis was president of the Marjon Realty Company, 134 N. LaSalle St., where he oversaw commercial and industrial sales and was involved in syndication and real estate development of multiple family housing units.

Davis was director of the property disposition branch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in Chicago from 1972 to 1978 where he supervised a staff of 50 and was property manager for HUD's entire state housing inventory and was responsible for single and multi-family units valued at more than \$200 million.

Davis is an elder and board chairman of the Stony Island Church of Christ congregation; is a board member of the Chatham Lions Club, and is a vice-president of the Chatham-Avalon Community Council.

Blaa ends 42-year career, joins private consultants

George Krambles (left), retired CTA executive director; Bernard J. Ford, executive director; and James R. Blaa (right), Ford's retiring special assistant, share a lighthearted moment as they reminisce during a reception honoring Blaa at the M&M Club.



Another montage of recorded events in a 42-year transit career is presented by Safety Manager Tom Boyle (left) to James R. Blaa. Blaa's wife, Mrs. Ann Blaa (right), enjoys the moment which honors her husband.



Mr. and Mrs. James R. Blaa strike a pose with their family during reception at the M&M Club. Standing next to their honored dad is daughter, Mary Beth, and son, James R. Jr., a U.S. Navy pilot.

James R. Blaa, special assistant to Executive Director Bernard J. Ford, ended his 42-year career in Chicago public transit service July 1.

Blaa served as transportation manager from 1974 to Dec. 26, 1982 when he was named special assistant to Ford. His retirement ends an 84-year family association with public transit in Chicago. His grandfather, Charles Blaa, was a rapid transit conductor from 1900 to 1937, and his father, Joseph Blaa, was a rapid transit motorman and dispatcher from 1925 to 1960.

A reception honoring Blaa was held on June 28 at the M&M Club in the Merchandise Mart.

Blaa began his career in 1942 with the Chicago Surface Lines as an office boy in the superintendent's office. He

joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served for three years. He returned to his public transit career in 1946, and the next year CTA began operations through the merging of the Chicago Surface Lines and the Chicago Rapid Transit Company.

After his appointment as transportation manager in 1974, Blaa spent the next nine years managing the day-to-day operations of CTA's largest division composed of 8,500 employees, 10 bus garages, nine rapid transit terminals, and a ticket agent facility.

He was responsible for moving some two million weekday riders over 2,080 miles of bus routes, and 1,000 rapid transit cars over 212 miles of rail route.

Many of the space age systems now used to control CTA buses and

'L'-subway trains, a comprehensive rapid transit loudspeaker system, and a bus emergency location system were implemented under Blaa. Today's industry-leading CTA control center for bus and rapid transit operations was planned and created with Blaa's leadership.

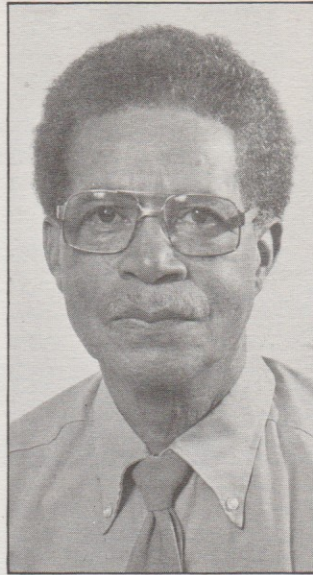
Beginning July 2, Blaa will be senior vice-president, management services, with National Transit Services, Inc., Chicago, a private consulting firm to transit facilities throughout the United States.

Blaa and his wife, Ann, are the parents of a son, James Jr., and a daughter, Mary Beth.

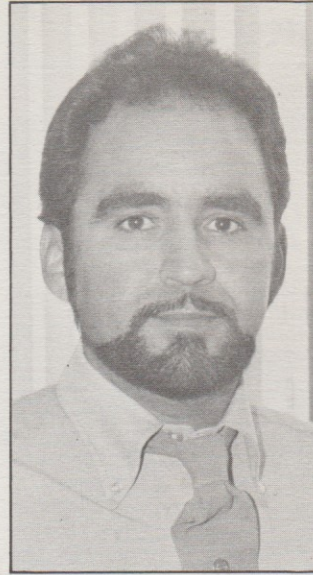
The senior Mr. and Mrs. Blaa live in west suburban Riverside where Blaa will pursue his hobbies of photography, gardening, and music.

Commendation Corner

George Thurman (North Avenue garage) won the approval of Francis Jasiak, of Westchester, "for the pleasant, helpful and cheerful way he performs his duties" on a No. 17 Westchester bus. "He gave out a schedule to a passenger, then answered questions as to how to reach his destination -- all in a very friendly and pleasant manner. He took time to help a lady with a baby and baby cart, making sure she got on the bus properly. He even questioned some Hispanic people who looked lost, giving them instructions I could see they were glad to get. He is a great asset for the CTA."



Victor Ramirez Jr. (North Section) was singled out by Steven Brichetto, of Foster Avenue, for "exemplary" service as conductor of a Ravenswood train. "He greets passengers with a smile and a friendly 'Hello.' If a passenger has an inquiry, he readily responds in a courteous and helpful manner. If he does not know the answer, he apologizes. He also announces each stop in a clear voice, along with other helpful information, such as places of interest and transfer points. His performance reveals him to be a mature, dedicated and thoughtful person capable of great potential."



Willie Borders (North Avenue garage) caught the attention of George Mostardini, of North Neva Avenue, because of his courtesy as operator of a No. 76 Diversey bus. "For 13 years I have been riding the Diversey bus from Neva to Logan Square. Before I retire, I am compelled to commend a driver who does his job so well and much more. He is polite and considerate of all the riders, and believe it or not, he wipes all the seats with paper towels before he starts a run after a rain. He is one man who does his job well and takes pride in his work. There should be more like him."

Al Clayton (Archer garage) was appreciated by Odessa Thompson, of Kimbark Avenue, who was a rider on his 35th Street bus. "The bus driver was man enough to demand respect for himself and for his passengers from a bunch of schoolchildren, boys and girls, who were cursing and just plain outrageous (to me). He reprimanded them, and they responded, except one who was ordered off the bus. I must also say he was very courteous to his passengers. He greeted everyone with a pleasant hello, called out the various stops, and told everyone to be careful getting on and off the bus."

John Mack Jr. (Kedzie garage) was the operator of a No. 82 Kimball/Homan bus ridden by Jennie Can, of Warner Avenue. "He made sure we all were on the bus and seated before he started up. As we were a group of older people, I thought that was very kind of him. He did this all the way to where I got off at Berteau. Also, he made sure all the people were off the bus (before starting up). He was very concerned about all of us. I am 70 years old, and I know what I am talking about. I get around fairly well, but I am still slower than the younger people, which is expected."

Booker Bolton (North Avenue garage) was praised for the way he operates his No. 66 Chicago bus by Bobbie Williams, of South Paulina Avenue. "This operator is the most concerned, kind and humanitarian person, who cares about people who are out in the streets early in the A.M. He knows that most of the connections on Chicago Avenue are just seconds apart. When he comes to Chicago and State, there is an 'L' that comes at that time, and also a bus. He waits a second so these people won't have to walk over to the hospital or wait longer for another bus. I want to thank him for being so nice."

Tom Lenoir (Washington garage) was thanked by Jeanette Owens, of Merrill Avenue, and other riders on his morning Special Services run. "Overall we have come to appreciate how valuable the service is, and many of us find it difficult to envision how we ever managed without it. It is the dedication and hard work of the drivers that have helped the program improve greatly. Tom Lenoir is one such driver. He has a positive attitude toward his passengers, and displays deep concern. He recognizes his responsibilities toward his job as well as to us. He is liked and appreciated."

Luis Mendez (North Avenue garage) was commended by June Murray, of North Hoyne Avenue, for warding off a thief on his No. 76 Diversey bus. "While boarding, I was being pickpocketed by a young man. The bus driver noticed the suspicious behavior, and started to get out of his seat. The young man escaped upon being discovered. My backpack had been opened, but my wallet and other personal belongs were still there. The quick and assertive action of this driver saved me \$30. His concern for passenger safety, including the prevention of crime, is admirable."

For your benefit

I.M. Quick makes a deal

"I'd rather have the cash than the benefits," said CTA employee I. M. Quick.

So when Quick arrived at work he decided to cut a deal and turn in his benefits for the cash value. "What a great idea," Quick thought. "I have more than five years of service, my family is healthy, and I could use the extra pocket change."

Armed with his plan, Quick sat down with benefits specialist, Judith Joy. "Are you sure you want to do this?" Ms. Joy asked. "Benefits are worth a lot more than you realize. Far more than the apparent cash value."

Quick was determined. "Listen, the way I figure it, I make \$20,000 and if you give me the money CTA spends on my benefits, it must be worth an extra \$400-\$500 a month. That's an additional \$6,000 a year."

Joy pleaded, "You never know when the benefits will be useful. They are financial security."

"You can't buy a car with benefits. You need cash. I'll trade my benefits for cash. Cash is financial security!"

"Okay! But don't say I didn't try to talk you out of it."

As Quick boarded the bus home he reached for his CTA employee pass, but he could not find it. After paying \$1.00 (transfer) he sat back to relive his triumph. Unfortunately, he didn't realize that he had forfeited the benefit of free travel and now he would have to pay \$40 for a monthly pass.

The next day, Quick decided he needed a vacation and sent a memo requesting two weeks. "Absolutely not!" was the reply. "You gave that up yesterday." (\$800 approx.) No vacation was only a minor setback.

Later that same day, his wife phoned, and Quick screamed into the telephone, "What happened? Where is he? He's in the hospital?" His wife had just told him that Junior had broken his leg sliding into third base. "Thank goodness for health insurance," Quick said. "Don't worry, I'll pick up the form on my way home."

"I am sorry, Mr. Quick, but you are no longer covered by insurance. You gave that benefit up," said Ms. Joy.

"The hospital and medical bills will be a fortune," pleaded Quick. "You know how expensive it can be. It is enough to make you sick." (CTA pays approx. \$3800 per year per employee

and family.)

"Don't you get sick, Mr. Quick, because you no longer have 'sick pay' benefits," Ms. Joy reminded him. (CTA pays approx. \$400 per year.)

"Oh no," Quick whispered, "I'll die."

Ms. Joy responded, "That's no good either, because we stopped paying the premiums on your life insurance policy. That was also a benefit you gave up." (\$150 per year.)

"That's all I can take," Quick said. "Maybe I'll retire and take my pension."

"What pension?" Joy asked. "You gave up all your pension when we cut our deal, remember?"

"Wait a minute. You never told me how much these benefits were actually worth. I thought they were worth a few hundred a month."

"You would not listen. I tried to reason with you," Ms. Joy said.

"I have done some re-evaluating," Quick said. "If I give you back the cash, may I have my benefits back? I think I can appreciate how valuable they really are."

Ms. Joy said, "I agree with you. I now believe that you actually understand that benefits are far more valuable than they appear. We have a deal!"

Thanks for a job well done

Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
Rogelio Arrazola, North Park

Gregory Barber, North Park
Otis Barnes, 77th Street
Alfredo Barrios, Archer
James Beal Jr., North Avenue
Hudson Black, Limits
Nikola Blagojevic, Limits
Havard Blanks, Kedzie
Vicki Bledsoe, Howard/Kimball
Dwayne Borom, Limits
Junior Broadbent, Forest Glen
Charles Brown, North Park
Henry Brown, Payroll Accounting
Claude Brown Jr., Archer
Matthew Brownlee, District B
William Brownlie, Forest Glen

Jean Cage, North Park
George Calhoun, 69th Street
John Cameron, Ashland
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Leroy Carr, Forest Glen
Marvin Chachere, North Park
Al Clayton, Archer
Felicia Clower, Limits
Patricia Cobb, North Park
James Cockrell, Limits
James Crockett, West Section
Albert Davies, North Park
Electra DeAlba, North Avenue
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

August Elke, Archer
Mattie Elkins, Rail System

William Finley Jr., North Avenue
James Fitzgerald, Limits
Gary Folken, North Section
Anthony Gibson, District D
Walter Gibson Jr., Archer
Larry Goffer, Limits
Wallacene Good, Forest Glen
Odell Granger, Forest Glen
Noble Graves, Limits
John Gray, 77th Street
Andrew Gray, 69th Street
Bobby Griffin, Archer

Niki Hansen, Forest Glen
Obeddie Hawkins, Jefferson Park
Arthur Hawkins Jr., North Avenue
Olivia Hewitt, 77th Street
George Hiensman II, 69th Street
Jimmie Hill, 69th Street
Donald Hudson, Forest Glen
Willie Hunt, North Avenue
Ernest Hunter, Beverly

Nathan Jackson, 77th Street
Willie Jefferson, 77th Street
Mary Johnson, North Section
Ronald Jones, North Park
Betty Jones, Limits
James Jones Jr., Kedzie
Assunta Kaya, Forest Glen
Dean Kellum, Jefferson Park

Young Kim, North Park
James Kolstad, Beverly
Robert Kremer, North Park

Margie Laboy, North Avenue
Ruben Lopez, North Park
Wayne Luster, Limits

Eleanore Madricki, Forest Glen
Patrick Meaney, Douglas/Congress

Salaheddeen Mohammed, North Avenue

Howard Monroe, North Park
Jack Moore, North Park
Frederick Moore, North Park
Delfino Morales, Kedzie
James Moses Jr., North Avenue
Heriberto Munzo, North Park

Sammie Newell, West Section
James Nielson, Archer
Stanley Nolan, North Avenue

Ronald Overton, Ashland

Charles Patton, Limits
Juan Perez, Limits
Lillie Pope, South Section

Victor Ramirez Jr., Howard/Kimball
George Raniszewski, Forest Glen
J. Rice, 69th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Robert Richardson, North Park
Eugenio Rivera, North Avenue
Chester Robertson, Archer

Salvatore Scurti, North Section
Gregory Shelby, Limits
Leevon Skinner, 69th Street
Robert Smith, Forest Glen
Terry Smoczynski, Forest Glen
Luis Sosa, Archer
Nathaniel Stevens Jr., North Park

Linda Stewart, Limits
Dwayne Stinson, Limits
Cheryl Stitts, Limits
Carl Suddeth, North Park

Wendell Talbert, North Park
Earl Terry, Forest Glen
Henry Terry, Special Services
Robert Thomas, North Park
Lee Thompson, North Park
Eugene Thurmond, District A
Reginald Tolbert, North Park
Blanca Torres, Forest Glen
Eddie Traylor III, North Park

Lonnie Walker, North Park
Adolphus Walker Jr., North Avenue

Barbara Ware, 77th Street
Gary Williams, North Park

James Yancey, Limits
Kazimer Yaworski, Forest Glen
Charles Young, Douglas/Congress

Edward Zamiar, North Park
Theresa Zamora, Limits

Maintenance competition is new Rodeo challenge



Tom Gecan (left), maintenance superintendent, Garages North, who served as Maintenance Rodeo site manager at Forest Glen, stands with a group of Maintenance Rodeo participants. They are (from left): William Rafferty, Forest Glen; Jose Martinez, John Ward, and John McGreal, North Park; Guido Marzena, Laverne Freeman, and Bennie Jones, Limits, and Darwin Zaremba, Forest Glen.

Forest Glen Garage has recorded a clean sweep in skills competition top honors for 1984.

Besides being home of both the first and second place winners in the annual bus Rodeo, the north side garage's maintenance shop also produced the first place team in the 1984 annual three-phase Maintenance Rodeo, the first such CTA competition to be conducted.

The first place maintenance team includes William Rafferty, assistant foreman; combination clerk Frank

Marshall, and bus repairer Darwin Zaremba. The three were each awarded a weekend stay for two at the Nordic Hills Country Club in Itasca.

Second and third place honors went to the 77th Street Garage. The second place team included Nguyen Dai and Salvador Contreras, bus repairers; and Reuben Johnson, combination clerk. The two-man third place team was bus repairers John Murphy and Phillip Murnane. Each member of the top three teams received a special belt buckle, an individual trophy, a special

patch and dinner, theater, and gift certificates.

Other finalists in the maintenance competition were fourth place winners Willie Rachel, engine washer, and William McCray and Theodore Yancy, bus repairers, all of Washington Garage; and bus repairers Kenneth Hanna and Michael Kasman of Forest Glen Garage, fifth place.

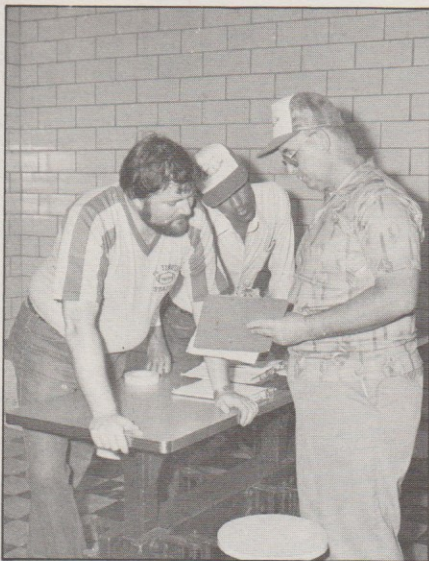
Each member of the top five teams received individual plaques and jackets while all of the Maintenance Rodeo participants received caps.



Willie Wong (left), Maintenance Rodeo chairman, and William Thompson, Bus Rodeo chairman, meet to coordinate participation for their respective contestants at Forest Glen and 77th Street garage level competition.



Louis Bieniek, instructor (wearing cap), conducts lottery among drivers for order of Rodeo participation.



Bill Mooney (left), Kelsey King, and Mel Link, Bus Rodeo committee members, discuss assignment of judges and equipment distribution.

pens, cups, and patches. Winners and their guests were honored at an awards banquet held September 21 in the Merchandise Mart M&M Club to recognize the 1984 bus, rail and maintenance Rodeo champions and other honorees.

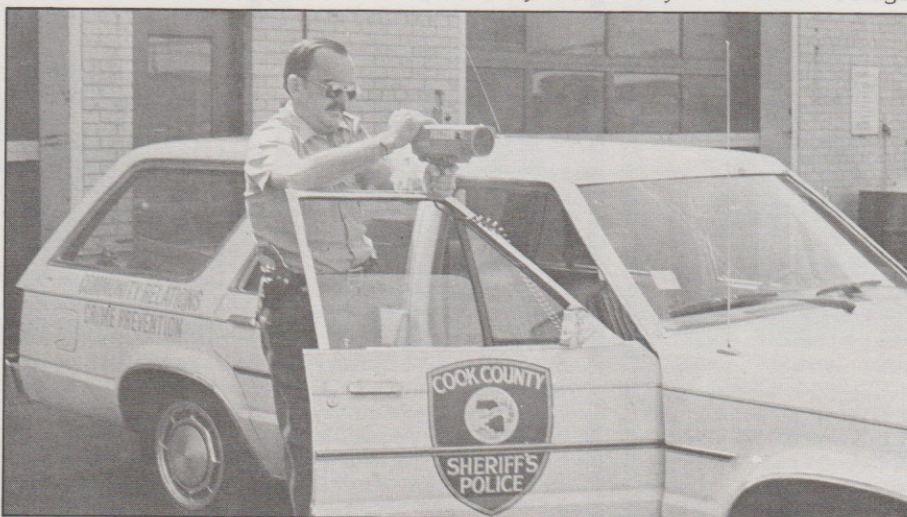
Willie Wong, maintenance unit supervisor at Washington Garage, and the 1984 Maintenance Rodeo chairman, said 13 teams, most comprised of three people, participated in the first Maintenance Rodeo. Each team included at least one clerk or servicer, while the third team member was either a foreman or an instructor. One member was also designated as team captain.



Barbara Reeves, instructor, Agent Training, and Charles Dickerson, a South Shops electrician, check score sheets following Maintenance Rodeo at 77th Street Garage.

Although in the first phase of the contest bus and maintenance rodeo contestants drove the same course, they were not in competition with each other. Wong said Maintenance Rodeo contestants substituted a stop at the wash rack for the passenger stop made by bus Rodeo contestants.

Phase two of the Maintenance Rodeo was the safety mechanical quiz in which one member of each team was designated to take the written test. Phase three was troubleshooting for problems in each vehicle within an allotted time. The top three scorers were selected as the top three teams, Wong said. The final maintenance competition was held July 22 and July 29 at Kedzie Garage.



Sergeant Fred Braun, Cook County Sheriff's Police, checks the speed of buses as they enter diminishing clearance. The exercise tests the operator's ability to judge position and speed of vehicle while driving through a V-shape channel outlined with cones. Operator must maintain a minimum speed of 20 miles per hour on entering the channel.

Operations division continues to revamp

Five sections of the Operations Division are exercising greater autonomy as a result of a June 10 organizational restructure.

Given an increased responsibility in transportation operations were Transportation Service, Personnel, Administrative Services, Training/Instruction, and Communications/Power Control.

Although the Operations reshuffle which established the five departments created no new positions, directors already in those areas were named managers. The respective department managers are Michael LaVelle, Alex Johnson, Robert Desvignes, Elonzo Hill, and David Martin, the lone exception who was reassigned from his previous position as area superintendent, Central (Personnel).

Assuming responsibilities as directors are Ronald Baker, Rail Personnel; Michael Laciola, Bus Personnel; Issac Beal, Elderly/Handicapped Special Services; Edward Mitchell, Technical Services and Data Control; William Mooney, Administration and Quality Control, and Bill Sholdice, Training Development.

New responsibilities assumed by area superintendents are: Rail Personnel South, Ward Chamberlain; Rail Personnel North, Lester Racker; Bus Personnel South, Thomas Reilly; and Bus Personnel North, William Moser.

Appointed superintendent III were David Curry, and L.J. Hampton, Personnel. Superintendents are Lino Alcaraz, Bus Communication; James Washington, Power/Data Control; Jerry Johnson, Rail Communication, and Louis Sanford, Budget and Position Control.

Insurance coverage

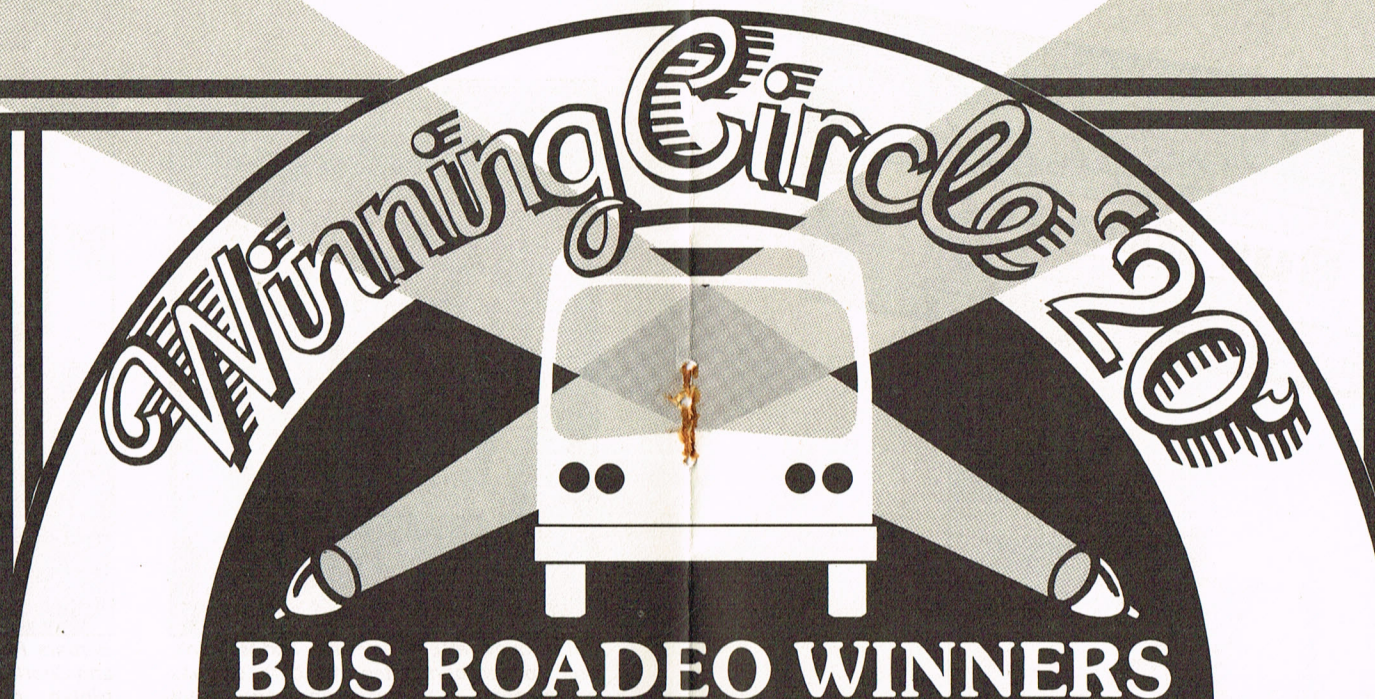
Unmarried dependents of CTA employees who are at least 19 but less than 23 years old, and enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours at an accredited U.S. trade or career school, are now eligible for CTA health insurance coverage, provided they reside with the employee.



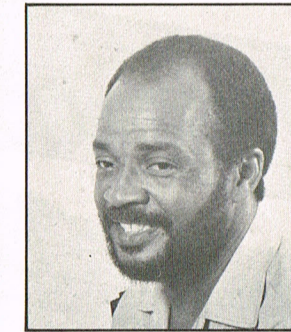
James Mayes — 69th "The competition was so tough this year that I might not try again next time. This was my fourth Roadeo. I knew I could do the course and I was determined that I would end up on top."



Jose Moreno — North Park "This was my first time — it was really nice and I'm thrilled to be in the Winning Circle 20. I had problems backing the bus and the final cone gave me a scare. I may have been driving slower than I should have."



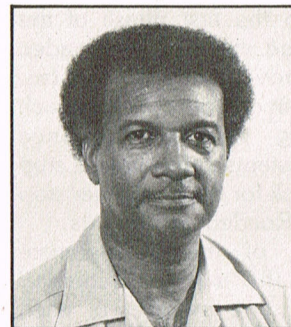
Willie Johnson — North Avenue "This Roadeo to me is like the Olympic games and believe me, I'm going for the gold. I had a problem curbing my bus because I drive the Lake street route where 'L' pillars and illegally parked cars prevent bus operators from curbing."



Alan Wilson — 77th "This was my first year and I sure was excited to make the Winning Circle 20. That's what I set out to do. The obstacle course was stiff, not impossible, but a good challenge. I'm constantly working to improve my driving techniques."



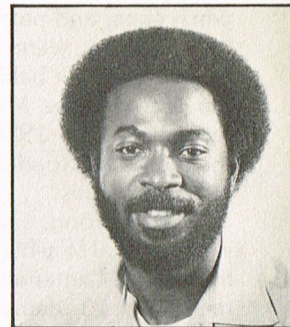
Hueylon Steward — 69th "This was my third try in the Roadeo and the first time I made the Winning Circle 20. I'm thrilled to be close to the top. This was an easier time out than the first two times and I'm ready to replace John Odom, as best driver."



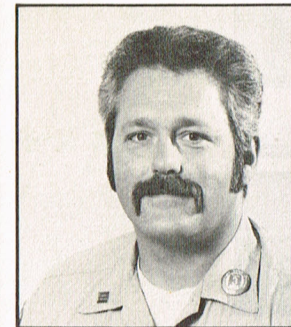
Willie Whisenton — Limits "This is my third time in the Winning Circle 20. I was in the first two, missed last year due to illness, and I think the idea is just great. We should have more image building events like this to instill more pride and interest in our bus operators."



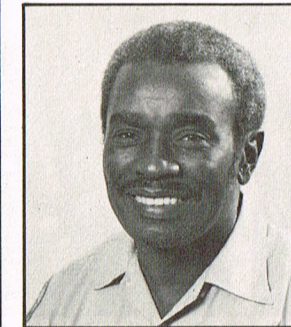
Milton LeShore — North Avenue "This competition was my second. I felt more relaxed and more familiar with the obstacle course. Even so, the final cone gave me a problem. The contestants are suppose to stop six inches from the cone, but not to knock it over."



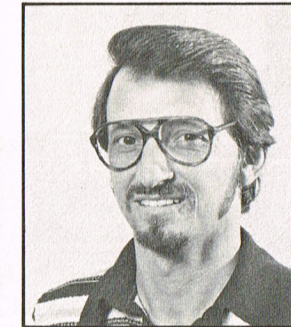
William Edgerton — Limits "This was my first competition and I enjoyed it very much. I enjoyed the sense of competition against the others. The obstacle course was most enjoyable, but backing up a bus was a real challenge."



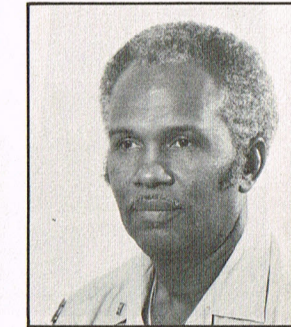
Michael Matas — Forest Glen "This year I did it again, just like I did last year. I got nervous. But, I gave it my best when I was the center of all those judges' attention. A couple of good things happened — I overcame the problems I had last year."



Rufus Meeks — 69th "Of course I realized the mistakes I made last year, so I did much better this time. Last year the 'Y' back-up was a tough (bus) maneuver for me. This year it was the easiest because I concentrated on it. I profitted from last year's mistakes."



Joe Rodenski — Forest Glen "This year's contestants were the best I've seen and I've been in every Roadeo since it started. For myself, I thought I did about the same this year as I did last year. But I decided I want to be in the final four."



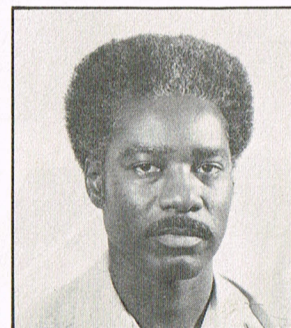
Laurence Weathersby — 69th "I competed last year, but this year's contestants were better. The obstacle course was similar, but the quality of the drivers was better. This year I figured to defeat John Odom for the top spot."



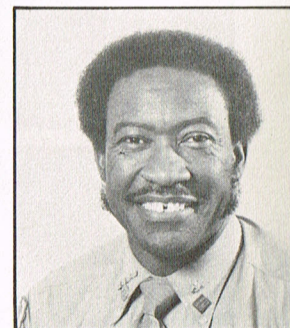
David James — North Avenue "I thought I was a little too cautious this time with my bus. I had some problems with the left turn, and I spent too much time on the obstacle course. This caused me to lose points, but I'm still moving ahead."



Willie Stewart — North Avenue "This was my second try. I entered the first Roadeo but I didn't make the Winning Circle 20. Maybe I made it because I was more relaxed. I noticed the other drivers seemed more relaxed than those I was with that first time."



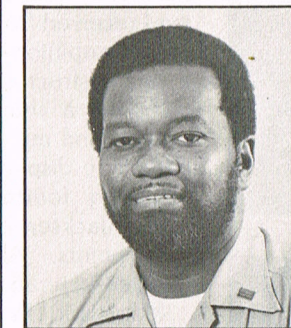
Jimmie Johnson — Washington "This year's Roadeo was a great test of skills — it seperated the 'big boys' from the 'little boys.' I especially liked the obstacle course where I was able to put all my driving skills to the final test."



John Odom — 69th "When I won my first competition three years ago, my score was 440 out of 650 points. This year's preliminary contest had four of us over the 600 points, and all of us were over 500 points each. The Roadeo has caught on, and driving skills have improved."



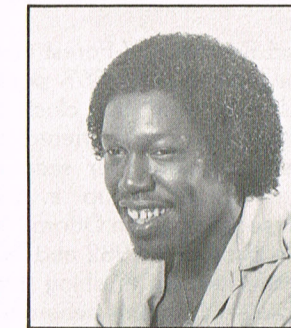
Marcellus Williamson — 69th Street "This year's competitors were much better than last year's contestants; they were much harder to beat. My main concern was those tennis balls which we had to curb next to without causing them to even waver."



Luther Lewis — Washington "I was sure glad to be in this year's Roadeo and be in the Winning Circle 20. The obstacle test was a real challenge, but I had a strong desire to compete and to win in my third Roadeo. I kept telling myself to stay loose and be relaxed."

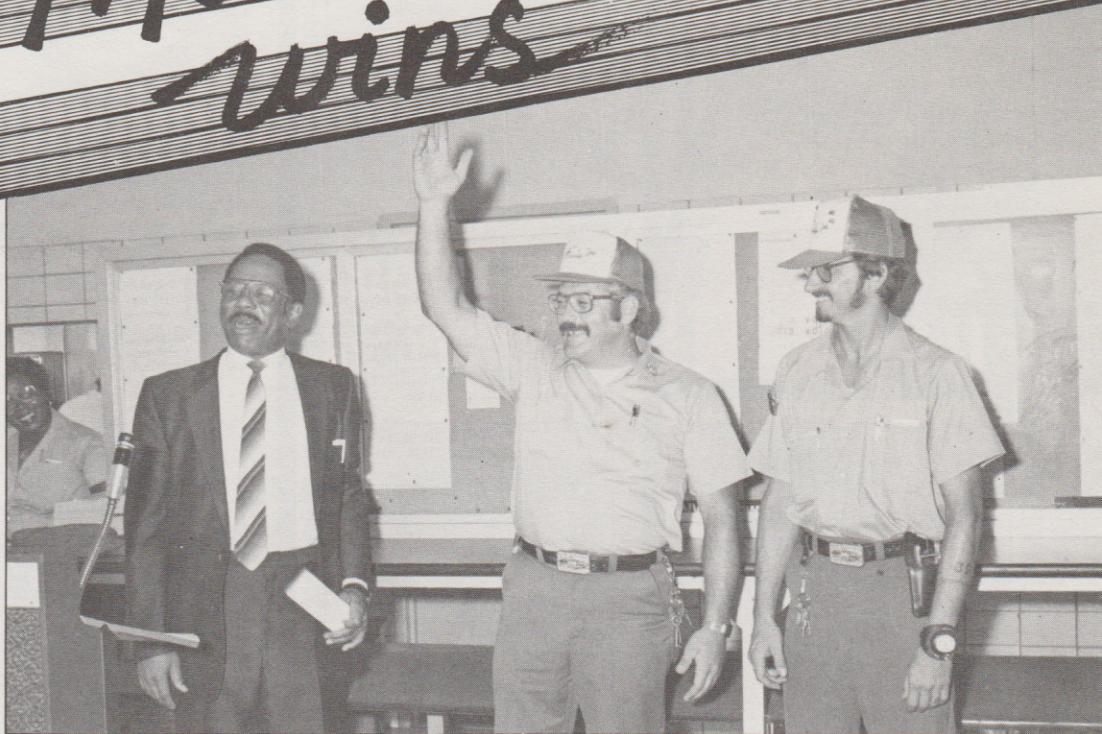


Ladell Jackson — North Avenue "This was my second time in the top 20. I felt the quality of competition this year was about the same as in 1982. The obstacle course again gave me problems, especially those darned tennis balls we had to drive close to but not move."



Eugene Tate — Kedzie "The competition was great this year and I guess the older guys, like Roadeo champ John Odom, figured they couldn't be defeated. Last year I didn't finish near the final four. But that was last year. I really enjoyed the competition."

Matas wins '84 Bus Rodeo



Michael Matas, 1984 CTA Bus Rodeo champion, raises his hand as Deputy Executive Director, Operations, Harry Reddick (left), announces Rodeo '84 results before employees at Forest Glen Garage where Matas is assigned. Standing next to the new champion is first runnerup Joe Rodenski, also of Forest Glen.

Michael Matas, the 1982 Rodeo "bridesmaid," and third place "show" in last year's competition, edged his garage mate and closest competitor, Joseph "Rodeo Joe" Rodenski by 16 seconds to take the 1984 championship.

Matas and Rodenski of Forest Glen finished the course with 667 points each as officials used the clock to break the tie. Rodenski garnered his points in six minutes, four seconds while Matas rapped it up in five minutes, 48 seconds. John Odom, the Bus Rodeo darling of 1982 and '83, was still in the money, finishing third with 657 points—10 points behind the new champion and runnerup.

Odom had said, since the garage competition of the 1982 Rodeo, that Matas was the man to beat. "He's the guy to watch because he doesn't rattle. Nothing seems to bother him, and he uses driving techniques similar to my own," Odom observed as late as last year.

Known on the Rodeo circuit as



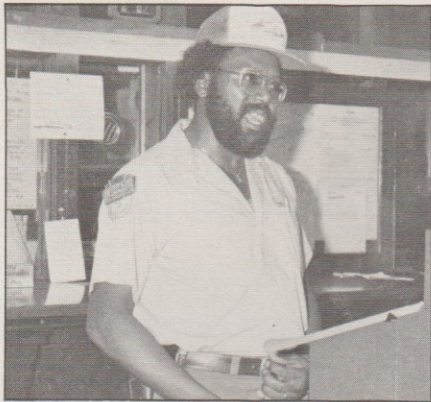
John Odom, 69th Street Garage, third place winner in the annual Rodeo competition, thanks his co-workers for the support and congratulates Matas on his success. Odom had held the championship since 1982.

"Smooth and Easy," the 35-year old Matas, a 14-year CTA veteran, told Bus Rodeo Chairman William Thompson, "There never was any doubt in my mind that I was the best. All I really had to do was put the training I received from CTA to good use."

In his opinion of the Rodeo Matas, a line instructor, said, "It's great. It gives me a chance to show pride in myself, and my job. It also gives me a chance to display my driving skills."

Taking fourth place honors was Ladell Jackson of North Avenue with 636 points. All four winners are Rodeo veterans.

Matas and his guest will be the CTA recipients of the annual all-expense paid trip to the American Public Transit Association (APTA) convention to be held this year in Washington. There, like his Rodeo champion predecessors, Matas will represent CTA in the APTA International Bus Rodeo. The winner of that competition receives \$1,000 and a commemorative plaque.



Ladell Jackson, North Avenue Garage, beams proudly after being named fourth place winner in the 1984 Bus Rodeo competition.

Rodenski collected the \$500 savings bond awarded to the first runnerup, and will be the Matas backup to the APTA competition should the champion be unable to go to the nation's capital for the international contest.

Line instructor Odom received a \$200 savings bond for the 1984 third place position while Ladell Jackson was awarded a \$100 savings bond for his fourth place finish. The savings bonds and appropriate trophies for the four were presented September 21 at a Merchandise Mart M&M Club banquet honoring CTA's 1984 Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup, and Ticket Agent TieUp winners.

At the garage-level competitions held in June, Odom, runnerup in the 1983 APTA competition at Denver, had led other contestants in the 1984 Winning Circle 20 with 624 points.

His closest competitors, all experienced Rodeo contestants, were Michael Matas, 617; Rufus Meeks, 601; Joe Rodenski, 600; and Ladell Jackson, 595. The top 20 drivers were selected according to scores earned in local garage competition held June 3 and 10 at Forest Glen and 77th Street garages.

The final competition, in which Matas was declared the 1984 winner, was held August 11 at Soldier Field. "We would like very much to see him bring the international championship back to our property," CTA Bus Rodeo Chairman Bill Thompson said of Matas.

The Bus Rodeo advisory committee this year included Thompson who is superintendent of Bus Instruction; Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction; Paul Kadowaki, director, Instruction, and Robert Designes, manager, Operations Administrative Services.

Two CTA operators among RTA honorees



Liborio Chavez (left), a CTA bus operator from North Avenue Garage, and Operator Dwayne Borom of Limits Garage, display the certificates of achievement presented to them by RTA Chairman John D. Kramer in recognition of their outstanding service.

Two CTA bus operators were among eight public transportation employees to recently share another \$2,000 of Regional Transportation Authority Chairman John D. Kramer's salary.

Dwayne Borom, 36, Limits Garage, and Liborio Chavez, 36, of North Avenue Garage, each received checks for \$250.00, and certificates of appreciation from the RTA chairman at a ceremony in his office. The first CTA recipients to be honored by Kramer, Rosemary Hoskins of North Park Garage, and Joe Jones of Jefferson Park Terminal, received their awards of \$250.00 each in May.

Liborio Chavez, a bus operator since 1980, formerly studied for the priesthood. He has established rapport with his riders through his mastery of six languages, as well as his friendly and patient manner.

In addition to speaking fluent English and Spanish, Chavez has a good working knowledge of Polish, Italian, French and Portuguese. His passengers have written of his com-

mand of languages as well as his friendly manner.

Dwayne Borom who joined CTA in 1970 has had the continued praises of his riders for his cheery disposition, his concern for his riders and his exceptionally neat appearance.

Other RTA recipients of the Employee Incentive awards were Frank Granger, NIRC Milwaukee District; Robert Hawker, NIRC, Rock Island; Dolores Koslowski, Suburban Bus District/Bolingbrook Park District paratransit; George Rettig, SBD/Transit Management, Waukegan; Dennis Schlei, Chicago and Northwestern; and Lora Ann Starnes, SBD/Commuter Bus Service, Naperville.

"No matter how much the RTA Board does to improve service — and I think we've done a lot — it's the drivers, conductors and ticket agents who make riding the RTA a pleasant experience," Kramer said. "These eight people are experts at public relations. Any transit system would be proud to have them. I'm glad they work for us."

Gallery of June Graduates in CTA Families

Here are the proudest pictures of the school year identified by name, school, parent, and parent's CTA work location.



TANYA L. ADELL
Hyde Park Career
Academy
Ethel Adell
West Section



**NANCY ANNE
BARKER**
College of Lake County
Allan R. Barker
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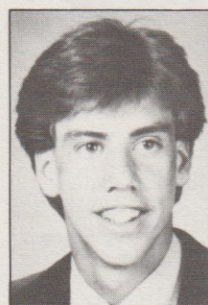
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BENSISH**
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Ronald Benschish
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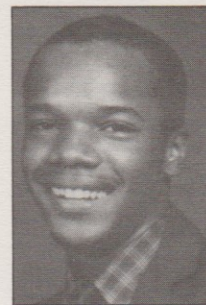
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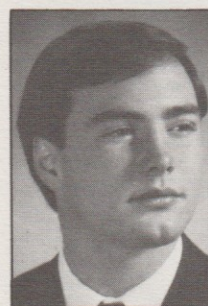
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CONNER**
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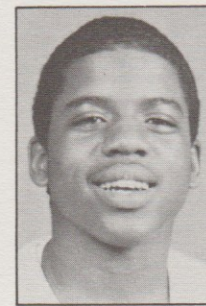
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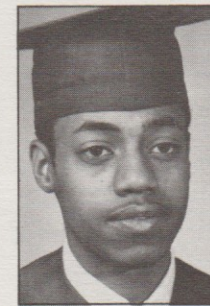
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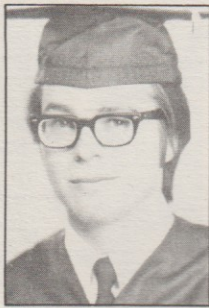
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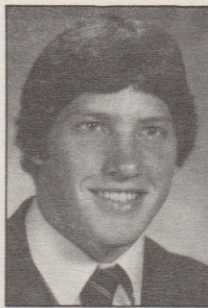
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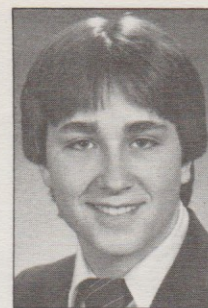
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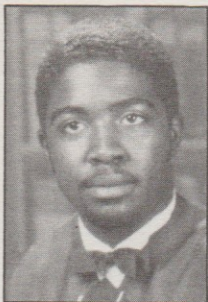
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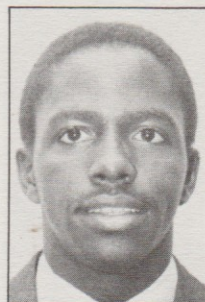
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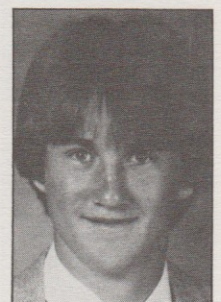
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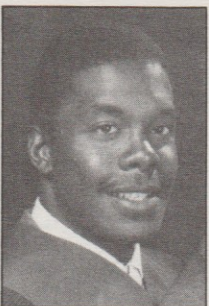
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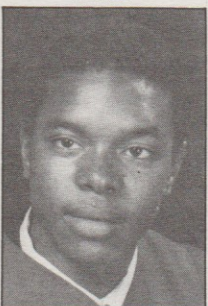
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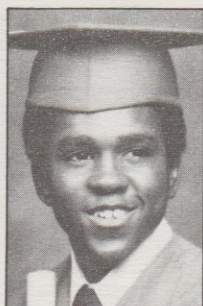
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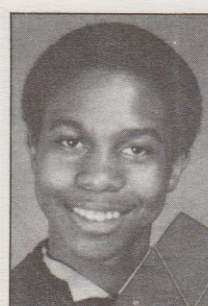
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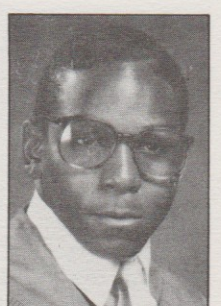
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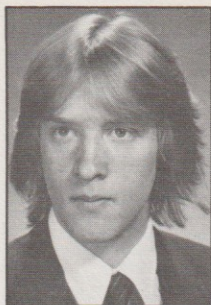
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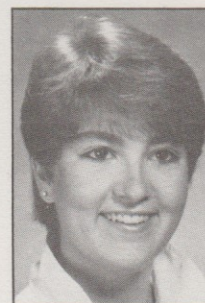
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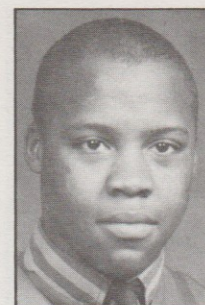
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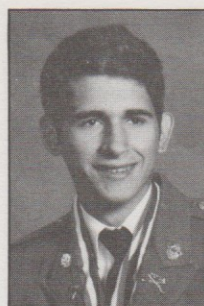
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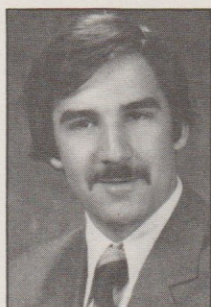
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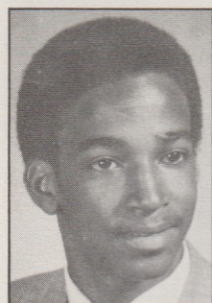
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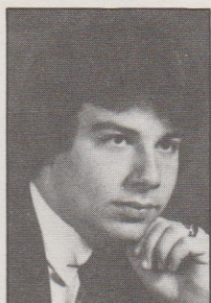
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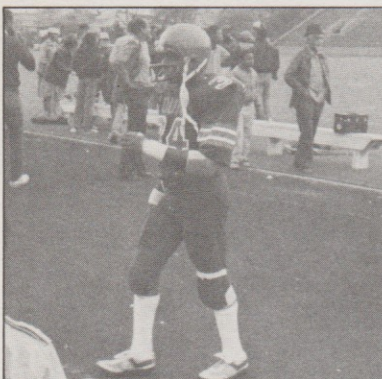


MARSHA ZACCARIELLO
Prosser Voc. H.S.
Peter Zaccariello
Retired



ALONSO ZAPATA
Whitney Young
Carlos Zapata
Lawndale

Courageous, talented student is honored at Whitney high



Halfback Reginald Mott approaches fans during a Whitney Young high game. Mott, one of the school's oral and hearing handicapped students, will be a freshman next year at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

June 22 was commencement day at Whitney Young High School---a new beginning for its 1984 graduates who will soon step into different roles.

For Reginald Mott, 18, the new beginning will be in August when, like many other freshmen, he will report to Northern Illinois University. Ordinarily, going off to college is not so unusual, but Reggie, as he is known by friends, is not an ordinary young man.

The son of CTA bus service supervisor James Mott, Reggie was born deaf and mute. He leaves Whitney Young as perhaps one of its most popular students, and certainly one of its most courageous athletes. Mott was a member of the high school's football team throughout his four years at Whitney Young.

He is credited with scoring one touchdown for the Whitney Young Dolphins in the 1983-84 season. Another Mott TD was nullified on a penalty. On Senior Honors Day, the young halfback was the recipient of the Outstanding Athlete Award. Gerald Prince, Whitney Young's football coach and instructor of the oral and hearing impaired students, said not only was Reggie a letter winner each year, "but he is a personality plus guy.

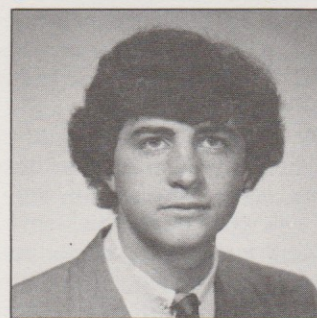
"He is a very good role model---a sensitive and cooperative person, and a very popular student. We had 2,400 students at Whitney Young this year---200 among the oral and hear-

ing impaired. I think every one of our students knows Reggie, and all manage to communicate with him," said the coach. "He is popular with everybody," he added.

William F. Pahle, coordinator of City-wide High School Hearing Impaired Programs, noted that Mott also has an affinity for math and science, and is talented in arts and crafts. His skill as a craftsman was demonstrated at the Museum of Science and Industry recently, when his handcrafted lamp was the only Whitney Young arts craft work selected to be shown with first place exhibited items in the city-wide high school arts and crafts competition. Mott's father said his son's achievement at the exhibition stimulated a lot of family pride.

"We are certainly going to miss Reggie at Whitney Young, but he will be remembered for a long time by all of us," said Pahle. "He comes from a loving, caring family and he has done very well."

Smargons attend graduation of grandson



Jonathan L. Hilder, grandson of CTA retiree Sam Smargon and son of Mr. and Mrs. Syd Hilder of Chicago, was awarded a baccalaureate degree in business administration from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, May 12.

Retiree Smargon, and his wife Miriam, life-long residents of Chicago, now reside in Tamarac, Florida, where they are enjoying retirement.

The Smargons are also looking forward to the joyous occasion in November when they return to Chicago for the wedding of another grandson, Allen Hilder. An older grandson, Phillip H. Hilder, was recently appointed to the U.S. District Attorney's Office in Houston, TX. All three of the Smargon grandsons are graduates of the University of Iowa.

HMO opens 30-day enrollment

CTA employees wishing to join one of the eight Health Maintenance Organizations may enroll during the month of October when the annual 30-day enrollment period is open.

The eight HMO plans open for membership are Cooperative Health, Anchor, HAP, Maxicare/Intergroup, Michael Reese, Prucare, Union, and Chicago HMO. Enrollment packages are available at all work locations, and provide a comparison of benefits under HMOs and the present Comprehensive Medical Plan. Specific enrollment authorization cards are included in each package.

An HMO provides health care on a prepayment basis with emphasis on comprehensive and preventive treatment. The plan offers complete care including specialist referrals, and laboratory and hospital services. Although an HMO does not provide dental service, the CTA employee choosing an HMO will not lose this benefit. Dental care is still provided as under the Travelers Comprehensive Medical Plan with the usual reimbursement procedures.

The HMO program is an alternative to the Travelers Comprehensive Medical Plan and is strictly voluntary. The CTA will contribute the same amount toward any HMO plan for an employee as it does for the Travelers Comprehensive Medical Plan. However, persons who wish to remain with the comprehensive program are not obligated to change their health care plans. For additional information, employees should contact the Insurance Department on ext. 3618.

Journeymen painters

Robert D. Kuropas, and Richard Chacon were recently elevated to journeymen painters at their South Shops location. Kuropas joined CTA in 1977, and Chacon in 1978.

Both men started their CTA careers as bus servicers, and became apprentice painters in 1980. Painters are required to serve a four-year apprenticeship before being elevated to journeymen.

SPSA finalist



James F. Marshall (left), Superintendent, Grievance/Arbitration Processes, Labor Relations, displays the certificate of recognition presented him as a finalist for the 1984 Superior Public Service Awards. Extending congratulations to Marshall is Andrew Schmidt, acting manager, Labor Relations.

More June Graduates



Mrs. LOUISE GOODRICH
Chicago State
University, MS Ed
Juarez Goodrich
North Avenue



ELISE L. NOBLE
Whitney Young H.S.
Roger Noble
North Avenue

Wedding Plans



Bus repairman Derrick Smith, South Shops, and his fiancée, Miss Andrea Bryant, have announced wedding plans for October 13 at her south suburban Markham family home. Smith, a CTA employee since April 1981, and his bride will make their home on Chicago's south side. Miss Bryant who is the daughter of Ms. Alma Bryant McKinstry, and James W. Bryant, is employed by the U.S. Customs Service.

Service anniversaries in June

40 Years

John Ruddle, Tire Insp. Ctr.

35 Years

Martin Morrison, Dist. A

Eugene Poduch, Fac. Engr./Maint.

30 Years

Raymond Brennan, North Avenue

Wendell Edwards, Limits

Lawrence Hart, North Avenue

Aaron Henderson, Bus Service

Robert Johnson, Archer

William Lee, Dist. A

Willie McCann Jr., Beverly

Silas Severson, Substation Maint.

Charles Sides, Archer

Erving Weiler, Beverly

25 Years

Edward Ahlbrand, Procurement Engrs.

David Arreguin, North Park

Frank Bailey, Archer

Isaac Beal, Near South

Richard Bell, 69th Street

Walter Brozek Sr., Escalator Maint.

Harland Christ, Elect. Engr./Maint.

Frank English, Elect. Engr./Maint.

Clarence Garski, North Park

Velma Husband, South Section

Joseph Johnson, Escalator Maint.

Lester Racker, Commun/Power Control

Richard Reese Jr., Dist. C

Mary Ritter, West Section

Ronald Swindell, Power/Sig. Commun.

Frank Wischler, Forest Glen

Service anniversaries in July

35 Years

Daniel Bore, Douglas/Congress

Rufus Robinsin, Dist. D

30 Years

Floyd Burns, South Section

John Golden Jr., North Park

Tyronza Hancock, North Park

Elmer Herron, South Shops

Charles Hill, E/H Special Services

Wilson Holmes Jr., 69th Street

Lacy Jackson, 77th Street

Donald Kuratnik, Archer

25 Years

Robert Adams, Forest Glen

Thomas Boyle, Safety Assurance

Richard Brown Jr., Archer

David Driver, 77th Street

Nick Gallo, Fac. Engr./Maint.

David Gordon, 69th Street

Robert Gorz, Stores-West

Hugh Haynes, North Avenue

Charles Jurkus, Stores-South

Michael Kelly, Elect. Engr./Maint.

Shirley Knight, North Section

Chester Larkin, Dist. A

Fred Lorenz, Washington Garage

Noel McNamara, Fac. Engr./Maint.

Richard Nelson, Fac. Engr./Maint.

Richard Paschal, North Park

Beauford Robinson, 77th Street

Willie Shephard, 77th Street

Earl Smith, Limits

June Pensioners

JOSEPH ATKINS, Garage Asst. Frmn.,
69th Street, Emp. 5-21-51

GEORGE DREY, Carpenter Leader,
South Shops, Emp. 3-2-50

MICHAEL FAHEY, Car Repairman A,
Rosemont, Emp. 1-9-50

BERNARD KILLACKY, Personnel Invstgtr.,
Blue Island, Emp. 5-11-59

GEORGE MATHEWS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 5-10-48

GRADY MATTISON, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 5-11-59

FRANCIS MAY, Bus & Truck Mech. Frmn.,
South Shops, Emp. 4-18-41

DANIEL MURPHY, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 3-7-49

LEROY NUTALL, Rail Janitor,
Madison & Wabash, Emp. 1-24-57

CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN, Carpenter Frmn.,
West Shops, Emp. 9-16-57

JEROME PAVEL, Bus & Truck Mech. Frmn.,
South Shops, Emp. 3-29-54

RALPH ROBINSON, Car Repairman B,
Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 7-3-51

LESLIE ROSS, Instructor,
Archer, Emp. 3-21-50

NICK SIMONETTI, Unit Supervisor,
South Shops, Emp. 5-12-41

ROSCOE WILSON, Supervisor,
Central District, Emp. 3-18-52

THEODORE ZAWISTOWSKI, Bus Servicer,
Forest Glen, Emp. 10-15-47

Disability Retirements

JOSEPHINE COLEMAN, Clerk,
West Shops, Emp. 10-28-56

ANTONIO GRAY, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 12-28-70

LORRAINE ORR, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-18-67

HILARIO ROSAS, Bus Operator,
Archer, Emp. 8-26-68

CHARLES SNYDER, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 8-11-66

SHEILA WATKINS, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 12-9-74

July Pensioners

ROBERT BAGBY, Janitor,
North Avenue, Emp. 5-19-65

JAMES BLAA, Spec. Asst. to Exec. Dir.,
Executive Office, Emp. 2-25-42

ARNOLD CHRISTENSEN, Bus Operator
Forest Glen, Emp. 12-9-63

JOHN DUFFY, Money Handler,
South Shops, Emp. 2-22-43

WENDELL EDWARDS, Bus Operator,
Limits, Emp. 6-10-54

RAYMOND GRAHAM, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 12-12-45

COLUMBUS GRAY, JR., Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 3-17-55

GERARD GULLERY, Elect. Wrkr.,
Skokie Shops, Emp. 7-5-48

LAWRENCE HART, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 6-7-54

ROY JONES, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 12-12-57

ROBERT LaVOIE, Schedule Maker,
Operations Planning, Emp. 9-17-41

WILLIE McCANN, Bus Operator,
Beverly, Emp. 6-17-54

WILLIE MEADOWS, Motorman,
South Section, Emp. 1-12-53

PERCY RIDDICK, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 9-30-57

CHARLES SIDES, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 6-28-54

GROVER SMITH, Instructor,
Forest Glen, Emp. 4-6-61

JAMES SPRAAGS, Bus Operator,
Lawndale, Emp. 1-22-52

NICHOLAS SUERO, Car Repairman A,
Des Plaines, Emp. 3-2-48

WILLIAM SZABELSKI, Elect. Wrkr.,
South Shops, Emp. 6-12-51

JAMES WHITE, Bus Operator,
69th Street, Emp. 10-10-55

EDWIN WOJDYLA, Supervisor,
District D, Emp. 5-21-46

Disability Retirements

WILLA HAYWOOD, Clerk,
North Section, Emp. 4-29-70

DOUGLAS MOSELEY, Rail Janitor,
Madison & Wabash, Emp. 12-21-70

JOHN MURRAY, Warehouse Wrkr. I,
63rd Lower Yard, Emp. 3-28-72

GEORGE RIVERA, Bus Operator,
Forest Glen, Emp. 9-12-66

IN MEMORIAM

SANTO BARBARO, 85, Stores,
Emp. 8-22-29, Died 5-3-84

JAMES CAREY, 67, South Section,
Emp. 10-23-43, Died 5-24-84

RAYMOND DALKE, 72, Forest Glen,
Emp. 8-12-43, Died 5-3-84

PAUL FIDANZE, 68, Blue Island,
Emp. 12-30-42, Died 5-17-84

WILLIAM FLATLEY, 78, South Shops,
Emp. 10-17-30, Died 5-1-84

LUDWIG GUST, 85, Kedzie,
Emp. 9-10-29, Died 5-21-84

EMIL HANSEN, 90, Transportation,
Emp. 3-25-19, Died 5-12-84

CHARLES HASLAM, 71, 54th Street,
Emp. 5-21-37, Died 5-24-84

SAMUEL JACOBS, 76, Engineering,
Emp. 12-16-42, Died 5-6-84

QUINTON JAMES, 60, West Shops,
Emp. 4-10-52, Died 5-18-84

ALOYSIUS KOLMAN, 61, West Shops,
Emp. 7-22-47, Died 5-20-84

ROBERT LINK, 87, Const. & Maint.,
Emp. 2-26-19, Died 5-17-84

ALBERT LONES, 79, South Shops,
Emp. 2-20-42, Died 4-30-84

HELEN LYNCH, 84, West Section,
Emp. 2-1-29, Died 5-7-84

THOMAS LYONS, 67, Veh. Maint.,
Emp. 6-29-49, Died 5-24-84

RICHARD McAULIFFE, 79, North Park,
Emp. 11-15-27, Died 5-4-84

EARL McLAUGHLIN, 69, Claims,
Emp. 2-10-43, Died 5-14-84

MARGUERITE McMAHON, 81, West Section,
Emp. 7-16-26, Died 5-1-84

WILLIAM McMAHON, 81, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-26-34, Died 5-4-84

WARREN POTTS, 60, Kedzie,
Emp. 7-27-23, Died 5-10-84

GEORGE REIDY, 83, Transportation,
Emp. 7-20-29, Died 5-30-84

FRED RIECKE, 79, West Section,
Emp. 7-25-27, Died 5-22-84

JOHN SUDA, 73, Transportation,
Emp. 9-30-37, Died 5-10-84

OTTO WEBER, 83, West Section,
Emp. 8-27-23, Died 5-20-84

JOSEPH WINTERS, 71, Archer,
Emp. 9-26-40, Died 5-5-84

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