

DARING RESCUE ATTEMPT



Mayor Harold Washington presents a citizen's award to CTA iron worker helper Bennie Wardlow (right) in the firehouse at 3801 N. Damen, where he honored those who tried to rescue five children and their mother from a burning apartment building December 16 at Kenmore and Irving Park.

WARDLOW HONORED BY MAYOR

"Iwould much rather have saved the kids' lives than get an award."

That sums up the feelings of Bennie Wardlow, an iron worker helper, who was honored with a citizen's award by Mayor Harold Washington for his efforts to rescue two children from a burning building on Kenmore and Irving Park Road.

The tragic fire took the lives of five children and their mother, who apparently were trapped in their third floor apartment one Sunday morning shortly before Christmas. A neighbor alerted Wardlow that the family had not gotten out of the building.

Wardlow had been on the street nearby, assisting iron workers who were on a scaffold over Irving Park Road, renewing flange angles on the elevated structure just west of Kenmore. As the first fire companies rushed to the scene, he saw smoke and ran to the building to see if he could help.

"It was a confusing situation," he said. "The building had one of those courtyards and a number of entrances. The fire seemed to be mainly on the first floor.

"But then someone yelled that there were kids up on the third floor, so I ran up some stairs and tried to open the apartment door. It wouldn't budge till I put all my

weight against it and kicked it in.

"There was a lot of smoke, and I saw this little hand. I grabbed it and pulled a child toward me till I had a chance to pass it to someone behind me. Then I went back and saw another little one.

"I got that one out, too, but they both already felt limp. I just wish I could have gotten there earlier."

Wardlow, a bachelor, felt a deep sense of loss over the deaths of the children. Of the rescue effort, he said, "I'd do it all over again if I could bring them out alive."

Mayor Washington praised Wardlow and dozens of firemen from units that had responded to the fire. The ceremony took place in the fire station at 3801 N. Damen Ave., headquarters for the 5th Battalion, on the first working day after the tragedy for those who had been on duty.

Fire Commissioner Louis Galante began the ceremony by reading a report describing the fire scene and the steps that were taken to rescue residents and put out the fire. He then joined the mayor in passing through the ranks of those assembled for a personal word with each.

All agreed they would have felt much better about the honor if there had been a happier ending to the rescue effort.

Learning modern handling techniques



The seventh class to complete the eight-week Material Handling and Warehousing course sponsored by CTA Materials Management, show off their certificates as instructor Eugene Magad (left) looks on. Members of the class are (from left, front to rear) Annie Burgett, Allen Moyzis, and Richard Rusiniak, Frederick Barrett, William Wozniak, Constance Brabec, Ronald Donnelly, Alvin Sprangle, Matthew Rago, Diane Gainer, Lori Muhling, Josephine Maslic, Felix Black, Michele Hawkins, Billie Mitchell, Willie Turner, Angelique Jones, Clarence Works, Leroy Williamson, Willie Henning, and Edward Tobin, manager/Materials Management purchasing agent. Completing the course, but not shown were Diana Blaino, Ruth Ann Miles, and Valerie Dillon.

The modernization of CTA warehouses by Materials Management has prompted an on-going advance training program in material handling for more than 100 Materials Management employees.

A 32-hour course in material handling concepts was developed by Materials Management personnel and Eugene Magad and Associates. The course was designed to familiarize personnel with new material handling and warehousing techniques.

Bill Roman, director of Stores, Materials Management, said that personnel who have completed the training program are now more knowledgeable in their areas of endeavor. This increased exposure benefits both the individual and CTA.

Training includes a study of the different advantages and disadvantages of using various manual, semi-automated, and automated storage and retrieval systems. It also examines a variety of material handling equipment and evaluates the use of each type of equipment for warehousing layouts, racking, and specific types of materials.

Material handling systems used in other parts of the world are explained and analyzed during the course. Warehouse safety, layout, inventory control, and cost factors are also discussed.

Class participants are given an opportunity to measure their personal growth through examination. Certificates are awarded for course completion.

The course is taught by Eugene Magad, coordinator of the Materials Management Program in the Business Division at William Rainey Harper College in northwest suburban Palatine.

Magad has served as a consultant in warehousing, materials management, and industrial engineering in Europe and Japan, and throughout the United States. He has conducted training classes for CTA Materials Management personnel since 1981.

From the Chairman

Quality of life

Many historians agree that the advancement and quality of life of a civilization can be measured by the care and compassion provided by each civilization for its aged, chronically-ill, poverty stricken, or otherwise unfortunate citizens. It therefore follows that the quality of an agency and its employees can be measured by the employees' willingness to respond to the needs of less fortunate members of our community through charitable contributions and acts of kindness.

As Transit Division Chairman, I thank you, in behalf of United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago, for your generous contributions, three times last year's total, which enabled the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon to get off to a good start and exceed its 1985 goal. Your contributions will provide continuing research, treatment and future prevention of this crippling injury to the brain.

Yet the telethon is just one example of your on-going concern for others. Your support of the United Way Crusade of Mercy through payroll deduction contributions throughout the year, your generous donations of blood during CTA's blood drive for the benefit of United Blood Services and the American Red Cross, and your donations of food products to the Chicago Sharing It Food-athon will be greatly appreciated by the people who benefit from the work of these organizations.

Most importantly, your concern for others is also demonstrated through your actions. We receive numerous commendations from riders every month, especially senior citizens and disabled riders, complimenting employees who make a special effort to help all riders receive outstanding service for their CTA fares. Several employees have also been publicly honored for community service work and other generous and heroic efforts to help others.

I believe that we all can share a sense of accomplishment and pride in the generosity and kindness consistently shown by CTA employees which demonstrate the character of CTA employees and improve the quality of life in the City of Chicago.

Michael Randell

Banquet honors winners of maintenance rodeo

Winners in CTA's first Maintenance Rodeo received the accolades of management, family members, friend and co-workers at a special awards banquet October 26 at the Holiday Inn/Mart Plaza ballroom.

Respective awards, including gift certificates for a weekend getaway for two, trophies and other assorted prizes, were presented to individual team members for their accomplishments.

Taking the coveted prize of a weekend for two in Itasca's Nordic Hills Country Club were Forest Glen Garage's first place team members, assistant foreman William Rafferty, combination clerk Frank Marshall, and bus repairer Darwin Zaremba.

Second and third place honors went to the 77th Street Garage. The second



First place winners in the CTA Maintenance Rodeo share their proud moment with Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance, George Millonas (right). Showing off their prizes are (from left) combination clerk Frank Marshall, bus repairer Darwin Zaremba, and assistant foreman William Rafferty, team captain.



Proudly displaying their second place awards earned in the Maintenance Rodeo are (from left) team captain Reuben Johnson, combination clerk, and bus repairers Salvador Contreras, and Nguyen Dai. Richard Schneider (right), manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance, made the presentations.

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 Philip Murnane. Each member of the top three teams received an individual trophy, dinner, theater and gift certificates, a special belt buckle and a

special shoulder patch.

The two Maintenance Rodeo runner-up teams included bus repairers Willie Rachel, William McCray, and Theodore Yancy, and Michael Kasman and Ken Hanna.

Each member of the top five teams received individual plaques and jackets, while all of the Maintenance

Rodeo participants received caps, pens, cups and patches.

Awards were presented by Executive Director Bernard J. Ford and Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance, George Millonas. Afterward they congratulated rodeo participants for their determination and success in the event.

Engineering Maintenance Safety supervisor Jim Dudley, master of ceremonies, expressed appreciation for the great participation of all the contestants and volunteer rodeo workers.

"We believe this rodeo will have more participation each year. This first rodeo effort demonstrates the positive thinking and the excellent teamwork which we had in putting the event on," said Dudley. "I'm sure a national maintenance rodeo would be a fine idea. I think it would be excellent competition," Dudley commented.

Project chairman for the 1984 Maintenance Rodeo was William Wong, unit supervisor, Bus Garages, who is assigned to Washington Garage.

Commendation Corner

Marvin Chachere (North Park garage) was called "an exceptional driver" by Victor Kulikauskas, of North Maplewood Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 50 Damen bus. "In addition to being very courteous and friendly with boarding and exiting passengers, he also cares about students going to elementary as well as high schools. He will ask them about their school work, tell them how to improve, and give them advice about their problems. Even students who are loud on other buses sit quietly in his bus. He also explains to young people very nicely how they must pay their fares, and directs them to their destinations."



Albert Croarkin (77th Street garage) was the operator of an early morning No. 29 State bus ridden regularly by C. O. Jones, of Lafayette Avenue. "I leave my residence well before 5 a.m. Dependable public transportation at that hour is vital. Driver No. 5842 has been at the wheel of the bus that I board Tuesday through Friday. The bus arrives at 95th Street just in time for my train. This driver is always on time, courteous and cheerful. Meeting him the first hour of my day has certainly improved my disposition. I only wish he could remain permanently on his current schedule. It's a pleasant way to begin my day."

Robert Martinez (North Park garage) was complimented by Pat DeBonnett, of South LaSalle Street, for the way he handled his No. 11 Lincoln bus. "He left me with a lasting impression of the quality of service he provided each passenger, and his driving was excellent. Although the weather was bad, he made me feel good to be on public transportation. The pride he held in his work helped me better understand why a member of my family had such pride in his former driving profession. If more drivers would show more pride in their profession, the public would reciprocate."

Johnny Wisdom (North Section) "is always a pleasure to travel with," according to Adrian Jones, who takes an Evanston Express train to his job on South Michigan Avenue. "This conductor is unfailingly cheerful, attentive to his job, and looking out to help passengers. His efforts to assist a near-blind lady on the train made me take special notice of him. The lady was on her way to a hospital downtown, but was not familiar with the train stops, and had to be reassured a number of times that she would be helped at the right stop. Conductor No. 21532 did a wonderful job keeping her calm and satisfied."

Melvin Dukes (North Avenue garage) is held "in highest esteem" by Eleanor Cash, of Argyle Street, for the way he handled his No. 53 Pulaski bus. "As we boarded that evening at 31st Street, he informed both men and women to hold on to their purses and wallets. We were calmly but honestly told there had been a number of incidents in the area north of 16th Street. Around Roosevelt Road, a large group of what I call 'thugs' came aboard the bus, and he told them, 'No trouble, no pushing, no shoving on the bus.' This driver really was concerned and caring for the safety and well-being of his passengers."

Georgia Harris (North Park garage) was praised by Marie Moore, of North Lake Shore Drive, for her concern for passengers on a No. 145 Wilson/Michigan bus. "I was coming home from the Chicago Symphony concert one evening when four young men boarded the bus at Washington, and started to smoke marijuana. She stopped the bus on Michigan and called her office, and suddenly the young men fled. She told us she stalled the bus for her own safety and ours because she did not want to ride with those persons who were pickpockets, and who regularly harass drivers and passengers on State Street at night. I appreciate her action."

Armando Deluna (Limits garage) was appreciated by Ethel Breyley, of North Lake Shore Drive, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 156 LaSalle bus. "It was raining, and since I have a bad knee, I could not run for the bus. Driver No. 9137 saw me trying to hurry, and waited for me. It didn't waste more than a minute for him, but I was very thankful that he was so courteous. Farther down LaSalle Street, an older person got on with a walker cane, and even though it took him a while to get on and then off after a while, the driver was unfailingly courteous, saying, 'Take your time. Watch the wet steps.'"

Charles Young (West Section) was the conductor of a Congress-O'Hare train ridden by Luella Rayman, of Seattle, Washington. "On my last day in Chicago before retiring in Seattle, I rode the subway from the Loop to Cumberland. That ride was the most pleasant I ever had. The conductor was very helpful in answering my questions on where to get off the train, and was kind and thoughtful of everyone. He greeted passengers with 'Have a good day!' He announced all the stations very clearly, and told how far north or west they were, which I had never heard done before. He is one great employee!"

Honor three for service on A Day in CTA



Certificates of special recognition were presented to Day in CTA honorees Hazel Love, ticket agent, 95th street; Harold Moore, bus service supervisor, District D, and Willie Glaspie, ticket agent, Howard street. Accompanying them on a tour of the Control Center are Michael LaVelle, manager of service (left), and James Washington (right), superintendent, Control Center.

A ticket agent, who rushed to the aid of a woman being chased by a man at the North and Clybourn platform on the North-South rapid transit route recently, was given special recognition on "A Day in CTA."

Willie Glaspie, a CTA employee for 14 years, was working at the station when he heard the woman screaming for help. Glaspie told police he saw her run from the platform as she was being pursued by the man. The assailant fled as Glaspie confronted him, but police were able to make an arrest after the ticket agent gave them an accurate description of the offender.

Two other CTA employees who were honored on "A Day in CTA" for outstanding performance of duty were Hazel Love, a ticket agent at 95th Street, and Harold Moore, bus service supervisor, District D.

Ms. Love was working the midnight shift at 47th Street on the West-South route, when she foiled an attempted robbery by a man who approached

her booth with a gun as she talked on the telephone with her relief.

As the man demanded money, Ms. Love quickly moved away from the window and asked her relief to call agent control for help. The would-be holdup man fled from the station empty handed.

Supervisor Moore was off duty when he noticed a crowd of people leaving the Wilson Avenue rapid transit station following a derailment in the Howard Street yard. Moore realized that riders were seeking alternate transportation as northbound trains were being turned back at Wilson Avenue, and moved quickly to provide assistance.

The off-duty supervisor asked several northbound Broadway bus operators scheduled to terminate at Foster Avenue to transport the stranded riders to Howard Terminal. Supervisor Moore worked to help minimize the delay and inconvenience to CTA riders until an on-duty supervisor arrived.

Thanks for a job well done

Employees who have received commendations from the public.

Thomas Bonner, North Park
Dwayne Borom, Limits
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Earlie Bryant, North Avenue
Donald Buegel, Douglas/Congress

Jean Cage, North Park
David Calderon, 69th Street
Paul Campbell, 77th Street
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Lovie Chamblis, West Section
James Collins, North Park

Earmon Davis, Limits
Martin Dzinciolski, Kedzie

Elizabeth Erich, 77th Street

Salvador Flores, North Avenue

David Gage, Kedzie
Jerry Gardner, North Park
Leonard Gibbs III, North Park
Edgar Griffin Jr., North Avenue
Harold Gutierrez, North Park

Julius Hammond, 69th Street
Peyton Hightower, 77th Street
Alexander Hiner Jr., North Park
Charles Holley, Beverly
Rosemary Hoskins, North Park
Jesse Howard, 77th Street
Bruce Hughes, North Section
Margaret Hunt, Forest Glen

Willie James, North Park

Walter Kenerson, 77th Street
James Ketchum Jr., North Avenue

Sherman McKinney, Archer
Eddie McMillan, Archer
Are McMillion, North Park
John Moutrey, Forest Glen

William Reynolds, District C
Jackie Robinson, Beverly

Betty Samuel, 77th Street
Vera Smith, Archer
Robert Smith, Forest Glen
Joseph Smith, Limits
Larry Starks, Forest Glen

Thelmer Walker, Kedzie
Darnell Williams, North Park
Robert Wilson, North Avenue

Theresa Zamora, Kedzie
Joseph Zukerman, North Park

YWCA nominates Juanita Duff for Rothschild award



Juanita Duff, training coordinator at the Lawndale Maintenance Training Center, and one of the most active volunteers in the Assault and Rape Victim Advocate Program, was a YWCA nominee for the 1984 Rothschild Heart of Gold Award.

The award is funded by a grant from the Hulda B. and Maurice L. Rothschild foundation which honors individuals who demonstrate outstanding and exemplary performance as volunteers in support of the mission and objectives of United Way member agencies.

Mrs. Duff was one of more than 50 volunteers nominated. Although she was not selected as a finalist, the 16-year CTA employee said she was honored to have been nominated by the Women's Services Department of the Loop Center YWCA.

Agencies of the 10 selected finalists each received a \$1,000 award presented by United Way and Crusade of Mercy to acknowledge the volunteers for their counsel, comfort, and encouragement to others.

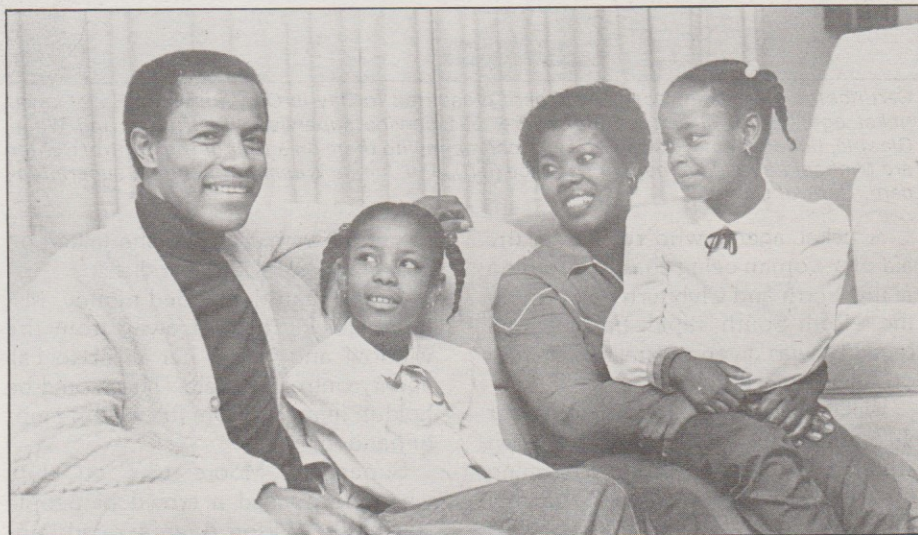
YWCA officials said Mrs. Duff was nominated for the Rothschild Heart of Gold Award in recognition of her dedication and service for the past three years to Chicago Women Against Rape, the speakers bureau of the Loop YWCA Women's Services Department.

Mrs. Duff has addressed a variety of groups on the subject of sexual assault, child sexual abuse and related violence. She also serves on the board of Chimera, Inc., a not-for-profit self defense program for women.

A letter supporting the YWCA recommendation for the Rothschild award said, "---Mrs. Duff has embraced, and effectively exemplifies the YWCA's commitment to the critical importance of working together toward the creation of a society free from the threat and reality of violence.---"

CTA's Assault and Rape Victim Advocate Program is an innovative project jointly designed by CTA and the Loop YWCA in 1981.

South shops worker and wife called "Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guy"



Bob, Tanya, Gloria and Cindy Moore

Carpenter journeyman Bobby Moore, Body Shop area, South Shops, and his wife, Gloria, are such special people to one of their south suburban Park Forest neighbors that they were the subject of a recent news column.

Phil Gundermann is so pleased to have such friends as the Moores that he wrote his community newspaper, **The Star**, about his neighbors, nominating them "Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guy" for the paper's "Dimensions" column, a regular feature of the semiweekly publication.

Here is Gundermann's story about seven-year CTA employee Moore and his wife, reprinted with permission of the Park Forest **Star**.

I would like to nominate my neighbors, Bobby and Gloria Moore of Park Forest for a "Mr. and Mrs. Nice Guy." Here is my story:

During the 34 years I have lived in Park Forest I have had some fine neighbors (still do) but one young couple is special. Bobby and Gloria Moore always were helpful when my wife was slowly dying of cancer. But since she passed away about a year and a half ago, they have been super.

On the day of my wife's wake, they showed up at the door with a big platter of fried chicken, a bowl of potato salad, a bowl of tossed salad, a bowl of spaghetti and a basket of baking powder biscuits. My three grown children, their families and I were aghast. We thought this old custom of neighborly hospitality, common 50 or more years ago, was now extinct.

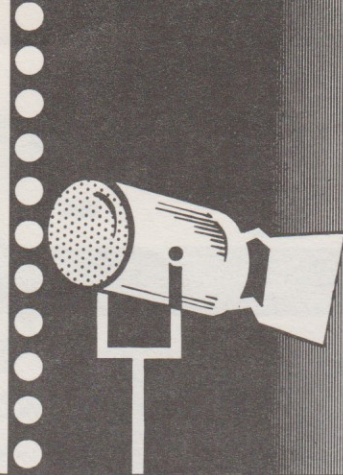
But that was only the beginning.

Since then the Moores have "adopted" me -- stuffing me with food, doing all kinds of chores and helping to solve the problems of a 74-year-old retiree.

What makes all this even more unusual is that they're black, I'm white. They're Jehovah's Witnesses, I'm a drop-out Catholic.

My message to the world is: Don't panic if a black family moves into the block even if they're Jehovah's Witnesses.

They might turn out to be the best neighbors you ever had.



Chuck Norris film shot on CTA route

Photographs by Bob Ryan



Detective Eddie Cusack (Chuck Norris) lands a punch which sends a suspect (Alex Stevens) to the deck of this CTA 6000-series train. A platform erected atop the train by carpenters at Skokie Rail Shops provided an extra margin of safety for the actors.



Camaramen focus on Chuck Norris and his co-star during filming of *Code of Silence* in Chicago's inner Loop.

CTA is in the movies again! This time Chuck Norris and Chicago starlet Molly Hagen are featured in *Code of Silence*, a police drama about a Chicago detective.

Shot on location and directed by Chicagoan Andy Davis, the film depicts scenes in Chicago's inner Loop and includes action which makes use of CTA 5-50 series rail cars and the Wells Street bridge, with actors jumping from the roof of the train into the Chicago River.

In the scenario, Detective Eddie Cusack (Norris) is suspicious of a cover-up in the accidental shooting of an innocent bystander, which adds to tensions between the warring factions of a drug-dealing family and its underworld counterpart.



Molley Hagen, a native Chicagoan who stars with Actor Chuck Norris, pauses for the camera as she prepares to board a CTA train.

A fight scene in the action-oriented Orion Productions film takes place atop the CTA train as the good guy (Norris) comes face-to-face with the bad guy (Alex Stevens).

In the interest of safety, and because the studio asked, carpenters at Skokie Rail Shops, under the direction of George Haenisch, superintendent, Rail Vehicle Shops, built a platform atop the rail cars to extend the width and provide better footing for the actors and the camera crew during this action-packed scene.

Bob Ryan, CTA Public Affairs special projects coordinator, was liaison during the filming. Train movements were coordinated by Bob Janz, director, Rail Service, with assistance by assistant district superintendent John Blum, and rail supervisors Sid Edwards, Jack Pritt, and Leon Hedgewood.



Jerry Walters (left), acting unit supervisor, shares the moment of pride with four South Shops foremen as they display first place ZAP certificates. They are (from left) Ed Meskimen, Print shop; Ernest Johnson, Machine shop; John Garner, Electrical shop; and John Dopak, Radio shop.



Howard and Linden terminals joined forces as a team to bring a first place ZAP certificate to their locations. Accepting on behalf of the two locations is Lou Gerard (left), acting foreman. Making the presentation is Dave Kowalski, unit supervisor.

Beverly, 54th terminal striving for catered lunch

Maintenance personnel at Beverly garage appear to be headed for the coveted catered lunch, according to tallies in the ongoing Zero Accident Program which was designed to curb personnel injuries in bus and rail maintenance shops.

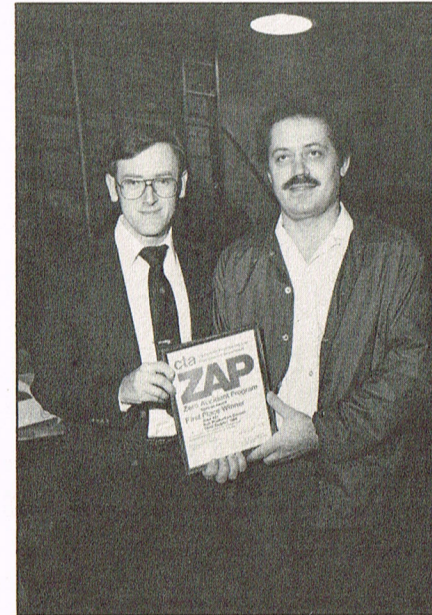
The southside garage completed both the second and third quarters with a first place ZAP certificate, and records indicate that Beverly could finish the fourth quarter with a zero accident rate to earn the luncheon, previously earned twice by Forest Glen garage.

Personnel at 54th terminal are also striving for a catered lunch as they complete their second consecutive quarter with zero injuries and a first place ZAP certificate.

Other third quarter first place ZAP certificate winners were Forest Glen garage, Howard/Linden rail terminals, Bus Shops, and Skokie Rail Shops.

Ronald Benshish, safety specialist, said nine of the 18 areas at Bus Shops, and 11 of the 13 Rail Shops areas had zero injuries for the third quarter.

Winners in the third quarter Zero Accident Program were treated to coffee and rolls.



Richard Juvinall (left) superintendent, Support Services, and Joe Ficarella, acting production coordinator, Rail Shops, proudly display a first place ZAP certificate.



Eleven of 13 areas at Rail Shops completed the third quarter with zero injuries. Displaying certificates are (from left) Clarence Mills, foreman, area 419, Motor Line; Ken Blocker, foreman, area 423, Blacksmith/Welding; Jan Broda, foreman, area 417, Paint Shop, and Frank Vukovics, unit supervisor.



Beverly garage completed the second and third quarters with a first place ZAP award. Records indicate the southside garage could finish the fourth quarter with zero accidents and earn a catered lunch. Presenting the first place third quarter certificate is Walter Bailey, unit supervisor (left). Accepting is Jim O'Brien, day foreman.



Nine of the 18 areas at Bus Shops completed the third quarter with zero accidents. Displaying some of the first place ZAP certificates earned at Bus Shops are (from left) Oliver Ross, foreman, area 314, Blacksmith Shop; Bob Hargrove, leader, area 318, Body Shop; Winman Tevis, foreman, area 313, Print Shop; Robert Mandijano, acting foreman, area 321, Upholstery Shop; John Kurgon, acting unit supervisor.



Maintenance personnel at the 54th rail terminal show off their third quarter first place ZAP certificates. The terminal completed both second and third quarters with zero injuries and is striving for a first place award in the fourth quarter to qualify for the catered lunch. Members of the group are (rear, from left) John Schram, Kurt Pate, Pat Soden, Dave Grabski, George Klein, Hugo Padilla, John Heneghan, and Bud Schaaf. Kneeling in the front row are (from left) Felix Velinske, assistant foreman, and Steve Jackson, day foreman.



First place ZAP certificates were also displayed at Rail Shops by Muzio Ficarella, foreman, area 429, Sub-electrical; James House, foreman, area 427, Degreasing; Vito Pontrelli, foreman, area 418, Armature room; Bill Meany, leader, area 422, Shop Service; Mark Dundovich, unit supervisor, and Pat Langosch, foreman, area 424, Machine Shop.



A contestant in CTA's first Bus Rodeo approaches the offset street maneuver as he leaves the serpentine, just two of the 11 rodeo maneuvers contestants must negotiate. The 1985 Bus Rodeo garage level event is slated for June 2 and 9. The final event for Soldier Field will be announced later.

Rodeo, Roundup, other events coming soon

If the winter blahs have got you down, and you're looking for a break in your routine, perhaps you should consider the 1985 Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup, Ticket Agent TieUp, or the Maintenance Rodeo.

As the winter months begin to fade into spring, thoughts in the Operations Division as well as the Equipment Engineering and Maintenance Division are turning to their respective competitions. Hopes are high for increased participation as Operations launches its fifth annual Bus Rodeo. It will be the third competition for the Third Rail Roundup, and the Ticket Agent TieUp promises a continued challenge for its second event.

Meanwhile, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance personnel will gear up for a new challenge in their second annual Maintenance Rodeo and their first Rail Maintenance Roundup.

Operating employees, ticket agents, and maintenance personnel are encouraged to check bulletin boards and make inquiries of garage and station superintendents, instructors, supervisors, and shop foremen for information. Non-operating personnel are encouraged to participate as judges in

the events.

Prospective Bus Rodeo and Ticket Agent TieUp contestants may pick up applications March 3–16. Applications for Third Rail Roundup contestants will be available March 17–30. Eligible applicants for both the bus and ticket agent events will be posted March 24, and eligible rail contestants April 7.

Other competition activities will be according to the following schedule: Written tests, Ticket Agent TieUp, April 1–5; Bus Rodeo, April 1–14; Third Rail Roundup, April 14–21. Bus garage level competition is set for June 2 and June 9, and the Winning Circle 20 is expected to be posted by June 23. A date for the 1985 Bus Rodeo final competition at Soldier Field will be announced later.

The Ticket Agent TieUp section level performance competition is set for April 13–May 12 and posting of finalists is expected May 19. TieUp final is planned for June 23.

Third Rail Roundup terminal competition is planned for April 28–May 5, and Roundhouse 18 posting is slated for May 19 with the final competition planned for June 23.

O'Hare service is praised

Good Morning,

I am sure that the majority of your letters are complaints and negative; **not so** with this letter.

On Wednesday, November 23, my son flew into O'Hare from college for the first time. For years I have been hearing "horror stories" about the traffic into O'Hare on the day prior to Thanksgiving. We told our son to call us when he got his luggage and then go to the Rapid Transit and we would meet him at the Jefferson Park Station. That worked very well.

On his return Sunday the 27th, I rode with him to O'Hare, got him settled and returned via rapid transit to Jefferson Park.

My point is to thank you for providing this service to the airport. I will continue to use this service even during non-busy periods, since I travel regularly throughout the year.

I am pleased to live in an area that makes life so convenient. My sincere compliments to you and to those who spearheaded the O'Hare extension.

Sincerely,

James H. Kleeberg
Lincolnwood, IL 60645

Public Safety Awards

Jim McClain, superintendent, Ashland terminal, proudly accepts the rapid transit Public Safety award plaque from Safety Manager Tom Boyle. The terminal experienced only one accident during the quarter and registered 91 accident-free days.

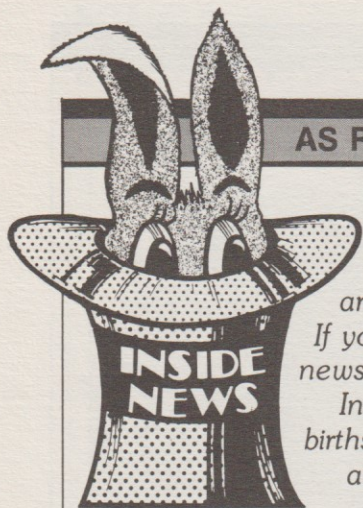


Operators Joseph Lazzara (left) and Lena Jackson, named third quarter outstanding employees at Archer garage, share the honors as Superintendent Lionel Hampton (second from left) receives the Public Safety award for the garage from Safety Manager Tom Boyle.

- ▶ Archer garage and Ashland terminal were recipients of the 1984 third quarter Public Safety awards. It was Ashland's first Public Safety award since the second quarter of 1981.
- ▶ The terminal earned its latest award after experiencing only one accident for the quarter and registering 91 accident-free days.
- ▶ At Archer, meanwhile, it was the third consecutive 1984 Public Safety award for the southside facility which had 31 accident-free days during the quarter. Presentation of the Public Safety plaque by Manager of Safety Tom Boyle marked the 14th such honor for Archer garage since the award originated on January 1, 1961.

THE INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY



Welcome to Inside News. This column is devoted to vignettes of special interest to you and about CTA employees. Volunteers from each work location are being sought to help make this one of the most-read features of Transit News. If you're interested in reporting the many amusing experiences and other interesting news tidbits of your coworkers, please contact our editor.

Inside News will run the gamut of outstanding accomplishments, projects, weddings, births, graduations, trips, and a variety of other items which might be of interest to you and your co-workers. The only restrictions will be available space, and good taste.

LOVE IS BLOSSOMING THROUGHOUT CTA.

JOHN G. GAUL, senior planner in Operations Planning, and MARGARET C. LEE were married August 25 in St. Bernardine Church, Forest Park....LYNN RITTER, automatic passenger counter specialist, also of Operations Planning, exchanged the holy vows on September 1 when she became the bride of GAYLORD OTTE at a wedding ceremony in Grace Lutheran Church of Evanston....WILLIE and NORA MITCHNER became husband and wife on October 29, at a ceremony held in the Seventh Presbyterian Church. He is a bus operator at the 77th Street garage, and she is an order taker-scheduler at the Washington garage. Both are former Travel Information Center representatives. We wish all of our newlyweds happiness and good luck.



Willie and Nora Mitchner

CTA - SHINING WITH THE STARS....Once again, all CTA employees who responded generously to the call for support from our Chairman, Michael Cardilli, for the United Cerebral Palsy Fund Drive made it possible to present a check for \$15,000, during the WLS-TV Channel 7 Telethon, held on Saturday, January 12, and Sunday, January 13. This project was coordinated by Betty B. Edwards, manager of Community Affairs, who was assisted by all her staff. Thanks to all who supported this worthy endeavor. Let's keep it up!

WHAT A NICE FEELING....The one that comes from sharing and participating in a worthy cause. 1984 ended reflecting the true generous and compassionate feelings of the CTA people for the less fortunate. Many employees

donated blood for American Red Cross and United Blood Services. Many others brought food to be donated to Mayor Washington's "Share It" Program and others, or perhaps even the same people, signed up for payroll deductions to give their donations to the United Way Crusade of Mercy. This is beautiful and hopefully those who could not participate this year will do so next year.

JOSE FLORES, a ticket agent out of North Section, is also president of the Pan American Lions Club where he is endlessly involved in worthy projects to help the needy. One of his most current projects is to help El Hogar del Nino (Home of the Child). For starters he recruited the efforts of some of his members and installed a new floor at the center located at 2325 S. California. The Lions also held a benefit dance February 9 at the Holiday Inn City Centre.

RUTH BROWN, an interviewer in the Personnel Department, has been attending the Moody Bible Institute for the past five years. She wants to be a Sunday Bible Teacher, a goal we hope she attains in the very near future.

A STAR IS BORN....ARTHELLA BROWN, a confidential office assistant in Labor Relations, has a beautiful singing voice, and she became a celebrity last October when she participated at a talent contest aboard the SS Norway during a seven-day Caribbean Cruise. She was the first person to ever sing a gospel song on that popular cruise ship. She received a certificate, naming her as an Honorary Viking. She also received a gold plate. She is a gospel singer with the First Church of Deliverance Choir, and she has participated on a number of occasions in the weekly program at WCFL-AM radio, directed by Rev. Eugene Gray, pastor of the church.

THE STORK WORKED FULL TIME IN 1984....Congratulations to the new parents: bundles of joy are keeping RUTH LeBRON, PATRICIA MANSKER, GERI TAPLING, and LAURA SCANNELLA busy with diapers and bottles. For ENNA de ALBA, a bus servicer at 77th Street, the stork worked double time: she became the mother of twin girls on December 4.

■ Fred King retires, begins consultant service

More than 140 people packed the Merchandise Mart M&M Club on December 12 for a testimonial luncheon honoring Frederick G. King, CTA Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources, who retired January 1.

Sharing the special occasion with King were: his wife, Barbara, and five of his six children; his mother, Mrs. Helen King, from Charleston, West Va.; his sister, Mrs. Helena Ward, from CTA Materials Management, his niece, Yvonne Ward of Schaumburg, and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Alma Williams.

CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, and Executive Director Bernard J. Ford praised King for his 27-year



Fred, his wife Barbara, and CTA Chairman Michael Cardilli admire one of the gifts presented to the honoree at his reception. Making the presentation are Mrs. Arthella Brown (left), Labor Relations, and Mrs. Betty Edwards, manager, Community Relations. Looking on is Louis Sanford, Operations.



A special guest of honor was King's mother, Mrs. Helen King, who slipped into town from Charleston, West Va., to surprise her son on his retirement. Enjoying the reaction is Mrs. Delores Brooks.

career with CTA, which began when he first joined the Authority in 1954 as a bus operator. After a brief hiatus spent in the U.S. Postal Service, he returned to CTA in 1957 to resume a career in transportation.

In 1962, after earning a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Chicago Technical College, King was assigned as an electrical engineer in the rapid transit system where he designed electrical circuits and prepared drawings. He also served as project manager of the exact fare program and assistant project manager for CTA's capital development program.

King assumed responsibility for CTA's affirmative action, equal employment opportunity, and minority business enterprise programs when he was named manager of Human

Relations in 1974. A year later he was named manager, Human Resources/Personnel. His appointment by Chairman Cardilli as deputy executive director, Human Resources, came on March 1, 1984.

As his CTA achievements continued, King enhanced his personal development through the UMTA Management Training Program at Northeastern University in Boston, CTA's Management Education Program, and the Human Resources Development Training Program at Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.

King has launched a new career as head of Fred G. King and Associates,

consultants for disadvantaged businesses seeking entry into federally funded projects. He is a resident of the West Chatham community where he is also active in civic and church work.

At his testimonial luncheon, friends gave King a set of luggage, a gold watch, and a montage plaque representing facets of his CTA career. A reception, attended by 150 people, was held in the CTA Board room at the Merchandise Mart on December 18.

King's parting words to friends gathered at his retirement luncheon were: "Remember the rule of kites. Kites don't rise with the wind - they rise against the wind."



Calling it "quits" and saying farewell is Deputy Executive Director, Human Resources, Fred G. King. Co-workers with whom he has served in the last 27 years line up to bid him adieu. They are (left to right) Tom Wolgemuth, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance; Elonzo Hill and Robert Desvignes, Operations; Chris Kalogeras, Architectural Design; and George Millonas, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.

■ Gems for Margaret



About 125 friends and co-workers attended a retirement party honoring Ms Margaret Walker, 64, who marked the end of her 34-year career with the CTA. The December 6 party was held in the CTA Board room. Ms Walker was a voucher audit clerk, Accounts Payable, Financial Services department. Friends gave her a ruby and diamond ring as a farewell tribute which she shows to Dennis McFadden, supervisor, Materials and Payables Accounting, and her sister, Mrs Mable Edie. Ms Walker, who lives in Oak Lawn, plans to travel and visit a niece who lives in Hong Kong.

■ Developing craftwork



Financial Services payroll clerk Doris Yost received her retirement packet from Gerald Kurowski, supervisor, Payroll, in a Board Room reception December 13 that was also attended by John Cannon (left), superintendent, Accounting Operations, and Brian Jakubowski, assistant supervisor, Payroll. After 29 years of service with CTA, Doris expects to spend more time developing her craftwork techniques in her Norwood Park home, on the Northwest Side, where she lives with her husband, Fred.

■ Plans travel, golf



Clarence Riley (right) marked the end of a 31-year CTA career at a December 14 party in the Mart Plaza Holiday Inn attended by some 50 people. Jim Stewart (left), Director, Equipment Engineering, presented Riley with a scale model of a M.A.N. articulated (Big Bend) bus made by Riley's friends at South Shops. The honoree also received a set of book ends made from air compressor pistons made by friends at Skokie Shop, and a cash gift. Riley who retired January 1, lives on the southwest side. He plans to travel and play golf.

■ No more Chicago winters



June Van Camp, assistant title and rental agent, studies her retirement packet held by Merritt Kotin, (right) director, Real Estate, joined by her supervisor, Phil Adelizzi. Chicago winters will soon be little more than news items for Van Camp, a 29-year CTA veteran, who plans to move from her home in Uptown, on the North Side, to the Gulf coast of Florida.

Service anniversaries in January

40 Years

Verna Hartney, Ashland Terminal

35 Years

Clarence Mathews, North Rail District

Jesse Richardson, Ashland Terminal

Robert Suta, North Bus Personnel

Douglas Williams, Ashland Terminal

Fred Zimmerman, North Rail District

30 Years

Felix Black, Stores-South

Maurice O'Connor, Blacksmith & Welding

George Weathers, South Rail Personnel

25 Years

Thomas Blaney, Ashland Terminal

Arnold Campbell, Forest Glen

Thomas Houston, Special Services

Jerry Johnson, Operations Control

Domicella Kalwasinski, Printing

Robert Lucas, Kedzie

Donald McKinney, Bus Instruction

Daniel Quagliano, Howard/Kimball

William Staunton, North Park

January Pensioners

MAURY ADAMS, Motorman,

Douglas, Emp. 1-11-49

STANLEY ANDREWS, Bus Operator,

Forest Glen, Emp. 1-12-59

ARTHUR ARDUINI, Lineman,

West Shops, Emp. 7-17-47

BERNARD ARMSTRONG, Supervisor,

Jefferson Park, Emp. 10-19-59

ROBERT BARCLAY, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 11-30-48

HOMER BARRON Jr., Warehouse Wrkr. I,

West Shops, Emp. 4-17-58

HARVEY BECKER, Bus Operator,

North Avenue, Emp. 5-8-58

TYDIS BERNARD, Bus Operator,

Archer, Emp. 3-9-64

LOUIS BIENIEK, Instructor,

Forest Glen, Emp. 12-14-53

THOMAS BODIE, Telephone Oper.,

77th Street, Emp. 10-7-52

ROBERT BOOTH, Mat. & Assign. Disp.,

West Shops, Emp. 10-11-48

JAMES BRENNAN, Traffic Checker,

Operations Planning, Emp. 5-1-46

ELMER BRISKEY, Bus Operator,

North Avenue, Emp. 4-1-46

CHARLES BROWN, Bus Servicer,

Kedzie, Emp. 11-5-48

FLOYD BURNS, Ticket Agent,

63rd/Ashland, Emp. 7-1-54

GEORGE BUTLER, Janitor,

77th Street, Emp. 6-11-53

JAMES CARTER, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 6-25-53

RAY CARTER, Bus Operator,

Limits, Emp. 11-23-59

WILLIE CARTER, Clerk,

77th Street, Emp. 2-26-53

JOHN CAPPACCIO, Car Repairer,

Rosemont, Emp. 2-9-48

HORACE CHATMAN, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 2-27-51

ROBERT CHRISTMON, Hvy. Dty. Equip.

Oper., West Shops, Emp. 10-29-59

CLEMENCEAU CHAPMAN, Laborer,

West Shops, Emp. 8-9-51

WILLIE COOPER, Bus Repairer,

69th Street, Emp. 7-21-48

JOHN COX, Bus Repairer,

Forest Glen, Emp. 2-15-47

MILFORD CUMBERLANDER, Serv. Trk.

Chauf., West Shops, Emp. 4-4-50

DANIEL DALEY, Supervisor,

Central District, Emp. 6-29-53

JOHN DeGROAT, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 11-12-53

AMERICO DiGIANFILIPPO, Car Rprmn. A.,

Wilson Shop, Emp. 2-8-49

JOHN DOPAK, Sheet Mtl. Foreman,

South Shops, Emp. 2-24-58

KATY DUNN, Ticket Agent,

Lake Street, Emp. 8-4-47

GERALD FELS, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 10-14-54

DANIEL FITZGIBBON, Serv. Trk.

Chauf., West Shops, Emp. 3-21-52

FARRELL GALLAGHER, Box Puller,

69th Street, Emp. 1-24-46

LAWRENCE GIRLICH, Laborer A,

West Shops, Emp. 1-23-62

ROBERT GLOVER, Rail Janitor,

Madison/Wabash, Emp. 12-16-68

ANTONIO GRANATA, Perf. Contr. Spclst.,

Operations, Emp. 2-16-72

LINO GUERRA, Engine Washer,

North Park, Emp. 8-16-78

CURTIS HAGANS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 11-18-57

RICHARD HAMMONDS, Trackman II,

West Shops, Emp. 5-11-51

JAMES HAYNIE, Painter,

South Shops, Emp. 2-23-50

RAY HELM, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 11-15-54

BURNETT HENDERSON, Superintendent,

Beverly, Emp. 12-18-52

JOHN HOLIMAN, Rail Janitor,

Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-14-52

OTIS HYNSON, Traffic Checker,

Operations Planning, Emp. 5-27-54

CHARLES JOHNSON, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 10-22-53

CHARLES L. JOHNSON, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 3-19-53

JOSEPH JOHNSON, Clerk,

61st Street, Emp. 9-20-52

ERNEST KAYE, Carpenter,

South Shops, Emp. 9-28-70

RAYMOND KLAUB, Sheet Mtl. Foreman,

South Shops, Emp. 7-29-46

FREDERICK KING, Deputy Exec. Dir.,

Human Resources, Emp. 5-3-57

WILLIAM KNIGHT, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 8-2-54

BERNARD KONIARSKI, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 6-7-48

RANDOLPH LEWIS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 4-29-52

WILLIAM LIDDELL, Bus Operator,

Forest Glen, Emp. 5-19-47

HERMAN LOUISVILLE, Switchman,

63rd/Ashland, Emp. 9-19-52

LENRO LUMPKIN, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 2-1-51

PIERINO MANNARELLI, Bus Operator,

69th Street, Emp. 9-27-47

HENRY MARTIN, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 4-30-59

CLARENCE MATHEWS, Rail Supervisor,

North Section, Emp. 1-19-50

ARTHUR MAXWELL, Frmn. Exc. Srvcmn.,

West Shops, Emp. 4-24-46

PATRICK McGING, Plumber,

West Shops, Emp. 7-31-50

HOWARD McMILLAN, Srv. Trk. Chauf.,

West Shops, Emp. 2-6-51

RUFUS McMILLIAN, Rail Janitor,

Madison/Wabash, Emp. 10-15-51

ROBERT MILLER, Bus Operator,

Archer, Emp. 9-27-54

GEORGE MITCHELL, Bus Operator,

69th Street, Emp. 9-4-56

EDWARD MURRAY, Bus Repairer,

Forest Glen, Emp. 11-26-46

TEDDIE NIEZABITOWSKI, Bus Repairer,

69th Street, Emp. 9-24-46

CALVIN OLDHAM, Srv. Trk. Chauf.,

West Shops, Emp. 8-31-53

EDWIN OLEKSY, Sheet Mtl. Wkr. Ldr.,

South Shops, Emp. 8-24-59

VICTOR PACISKI, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 11-19-46

EUGENE PAGE, Machinist,

South Shops, Emp. 10-15-68

NELLO PARRILLO, Motor Cleaner,

Desplaines, Emp. 2-12-57

ARTHUR PAIGE, Bus Operator,

Archer, Emp. 11-2-50

JOHN PHILLIPS, Mail Clerk,

Mail Service, Emp. 10-6-43

SAMUEL POLLOCK, Conductor,

61st Street, Emp. 2-26-51

JEFFERY QUALLS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 10-15-53

VERNON RAGE, Chief Clerk,

Limits, Emp. 12-15-38

JOE RAYBURN, Car Repairer,

61st Street, Emp. 10-15-56

JOSEPH RICCARDO, Srv. Truck Chauf.,

West Shops, Emp. 2-27-61

CLARENCE RILEY, Equip. Tech. III,

Equip. Engr. & Maint., Emp. 2-16-53

WILLIAM RILEY, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 9-9-57

OTIS ROUNDS, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 9-14-53

MARJORIE SEWARD, Ticket Agent,

95th Street, Emp. 12-20-56

HELEN SLATTERY, Typist I,

Skokie Shops, Emp. 8-29-67

BILLY SMALL, Bus Operator,

North Park, Emp. 3-21-55

EDWARD STACK, Chief Clerk,

Archer, Emp. 9-24-47

CHARLES STARR, Elec. Worker,

South Shops, Emp. 9-9-42

FRANK STEEN Jr., Car Repairer A,

Racine Shops, Emp. 1-17-57

JAMES STEWART, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 10-12-53

JOSEPH STUDLEY, Foreman,

West Shops, Emp. 2-10-47

WILLIE SUDDUTH, Car Repairer A,

Racine Shops, Emp. 12-20-50

GONZALO VALDEZ, Box Puller,

Archer, Emp. 8-3-53

JUNE VAN CAMP, Asst. Title Rental Agt.,

Law, Emp. 9-17-55

GARRETT VAUGHT, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 8-28-51

MARGARET WALKER, Voucher Audit Clerk,

Matrls. & Pay. Acctg., Emp. 3-1-50

WYLIE WEBB, Bus Operator,

77th Street, Emp. 5-8-46

ERVING WEILER, Bus Operator,

Beverly, Emp. 6-10-54

RICHARD WILSON, Bus Operator,

Forest Glen, Emp. 8-19-54

EDWARD WISNIEWSKI, Car Servicer,

Rosemont, Emp. 11-2-59

Disability Retirements

JAMES ADAMS, Motorman,

Kimball, Emp. 2-27-70

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES ANDORKA, 69, West Shops,

Emp. 7-10-46, Died 11-21-84

EMIL BECK, 90, Beverly,

Emp. 10-24-28, Died 11-17-84

JASPER BELLAFFIORE, 73, Shops & Equip.,

Emp. 5-25-47, Died 10-09-84

JOHN DePAULA, 75, North Avenue,

Emp. 9-5-46, Died 10-24-84

JULIA DUFFY, 87, West Section,

Emp. 5-5-43, Died 10-29-84

CHARLES EDMONSON, 81, 69th Street,

Emp. 12-28-28, Died 11-26-84

MICHAEL FADDEN, 84, South Section,

Emp. 3-15-26, Died 10-29-84

ARTHUR FOURNIER, 75, Shops & Equip.,

Emp. 9-24-42, Died 10-14-84

GARNETT HAWKINS, 77, West Section,

Emp. 10-16-52, Died 10-24-84

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Officers of CTA Pioneers Retirement Club for 1985 are (from left) George Nash, 2nd vice president; Mel Horning, 1st vice president; Frank Koziol, president; Warren Scholl, treasurer, and Walter Steinbeiss, secretary.

Pioneers Set '85 schedule

The CTA Pioneers Retirement Club, 550 strong, observed its ninth anniversary last December in the Golden Flame restaurant, Nagle and Higgins avenues. The club meets there for a noon lunch the second Tuesday of each month. In 1985, the club will hold four special days for members and guests. The days are Feb. 12 - Valentine party, May 14 - Mother's Day party, September 10 - Back to School party, and December 10 - Christmas party. For more information, telephone Walter Steinbeiss at 334-8149.

Weekend Passport of enrichment

The Field Museum of Natural History offers a fun way to delve into natural history every Saturday and Sunday for you and family members.

The Weekend Passport of enriching entertainment runs the gamut of activity from archaic Egyptian mummies to mounted animals which are so life-like, it's hard to believe they are not alive.

Visitors are taken inside the world of natural history through tours, demonstrations, slide lectures and films related to museum exhibits.

Among highlights for the month of March is "Treasures from the Totem Forest," a March 23 tour which introduces the Indians of southeast Alaska and British Columbia, their totem poles and masks. For other weekend listings check the Weekend Passport at Museum entrances.

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