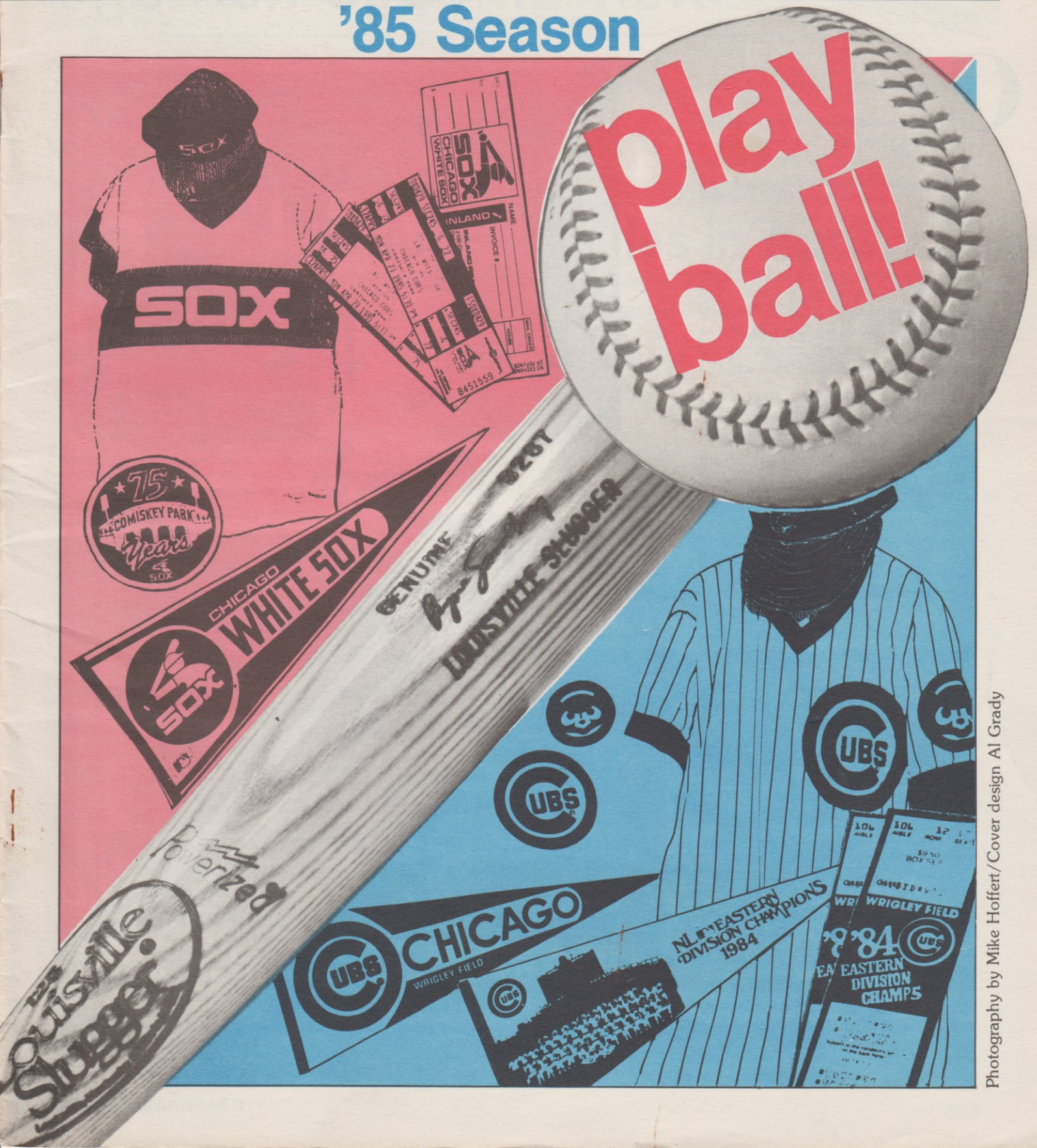


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Editor's Note:
Ernest Cherry's wife, Mrs. Marguerite Cherry, died suddenly before our story could be published. We wish to extend our condolences to architect Cherry and his family.

—Architect's family— history has rich Chicago heritage

CTA architect Ernest Cherry of the Engineering department is among a distinguished group of blacks whose heritage in Chicago dates back five generations to the late 1880s, when the first black settlement was established on the city's West Side.

A bit of the Cherry family roots surfaced recently as a group of West Side residents, community service, and civic groups embarked on a project, "Looking Backward to Move Forward." The project researches the history of black Chicagoans on the West Side.

The *Chicago Tribune's City Trib* noted that Wiley Cherry, our architect's grandfather, migrated to Chicago from his native North Carolina in 1893 and started a grocery store at Wolcott Avenue and Lake Street.

In later years, he closed the store and opened a coal and ice hauling and moving business on West Lake Street, which he operated until his death in 1920.

This typical 1900s Chicago businessman's history is documented through photographs by Wiley's granddaughter, Mrs. Lorraine Heflin, a life-long West Side resident, who is very active in civic affairs and is Ernest Cherry's sister.

Cherry, who joined CTA in April 1980 after 21 years of service as an architect with the Chicago Board of Education and the City of Chicago, said that although he is not directly involved with "Looking Backward to Move Forward," the project is a source of pride to him.

"It really feels good to know that my family's history can be traced back to the years when Chicago's West Side business community was in the developmental stages, and to realize the contributions my grandparents made and the progress our people have made since those early days."



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cherry catch the photographer's eye along with two of their five children. Posing with mom and dad are Mrs. Arlene Marentic (left), and Miss Valma Cherry (right).



The fifth generation of the Cherry family, all grandchildren of CTA architect Ernest Cherry, pose for posterity. Standing alone in the front row is Stephanie Marentic. Others are (from left) Jeffery Cherry, Kimberely, Karen, and Laura Marentic (second row); April Street, Michael Cherry, Fredrick Marentic, and Doria Street (third row); Eric and Michell Street, and Anthony Marentic (fourth row).

CTA's little library has BIG libraries inside



Ms. Lillian D. Culbertson, Superintendent, CTA/Anthon Memorial Library, and **Ms. Marilyn Cichon**, Librarian, Greeley & Hansen sanitary engineers of Chicago, at computer terminal in CTA's library in the Mart.

The CTA's Anthon Memorial Library in Room 779 in the Merchandise Mart is a little library with many big libraries inside -- thanks to its computer terminal and printer.

Through its terminal, connected to the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) in Dublin, Ohio, the CTA library staff has at its fingertips the vast collections of the Library of Congress, major university libraries, and public and special libraries in America and abroad. The OCLC operates an international computer network for member libraries.

"CTA's library is part of a library cluster," explained Ms. Lillian D. Culbertson, superintendent, Library Services. "Our cluster is composed of small, special libraries needing the capability of the computer terminal and printer we have here, because they are unable to afford the equipment costs individually. At present, there are nine libraries using the computer terminal on a time sharing basis."

Joseph Benson, recently retired CTA director of Information Services, developed the concept of resource sharing among the special libraries which led to the installation of the computer terminal and printer in 1976. Back then the cluster numbered three participating libraries.

"Each of the participants have their own identification codes with the system and each is billed directly by OCLC. That avoids potential time consuming bookkeeping problems for CTA. The CTA's library staff supervises scheduling terminal time with the other participating libraries," Ms. Culbertson said.

Besides Ms. Culbertson, the CTA library is staffed by Ms. Violette Brooks, reference librarian, Ms. Ruth Beutler, principal library assistant, and Ms. Mary McIntosh, clerk.

"Small specialized library staffs, such as ours, could be overwhelmed by manual cataloging and indexing of new materials," Ms. Culbertson said. "This automated system does much of this work for us."

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From the Chairman A most significant role

The cold weather, snow, and other inconveniences of winter are finally behind us, and I congratulate all CTA employees for establishing another commendable winter safety record while providing reliable transportation for the people of Chicago.

As our thoughts turn to warm weather, outdoor recreational activities, and summer vacations, we must realize that spring and summer bring their own unique challenges to the transportation environment. Just as the weather presented the greatest challenge during the winter months, the public will present the greatest challenge during the summer months. To meet these challenges, you must continue to concentrate on job performance and courteous treatment of the riding public.

Tourists and Chicagoans alike will be making unfamiliar journeys as they ride CTA to sporting events, concerts, and festivals. The courtesy and competence that you demonstrate can help increase ridership by showing people that we provide total transportation, not just a means to commute to work.

Defensive driving and attention to detail is also just as important during the summer as it is during the winter. As the weather warms, the calm streets will suddenly become filled with sightseers, children, bicycles, motorcycles, and additional automobile traffic, and the increased activity will require your utmost attention to safe operations.

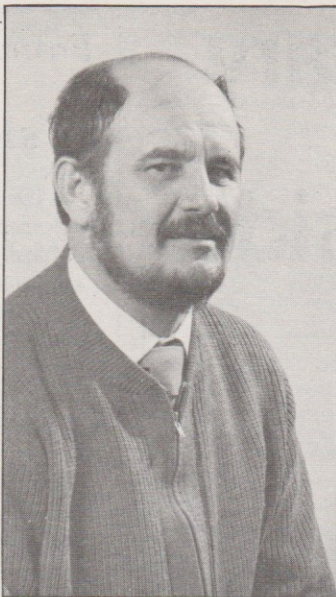
By providing a public service that operates throughout the city, touching the lives of millions of people, you play a significant role in improving CTA's image, increasing ridership, and improving the quality of life and enjoyment of summer in the City of Chicago. Let's do our best and have a great summer.

Michael Randell

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Pedro Santiago (North Park garage) was appreciated by Leona McCandless, of Mundelein, for his courtesy on a No. 151 Sheridan bus.

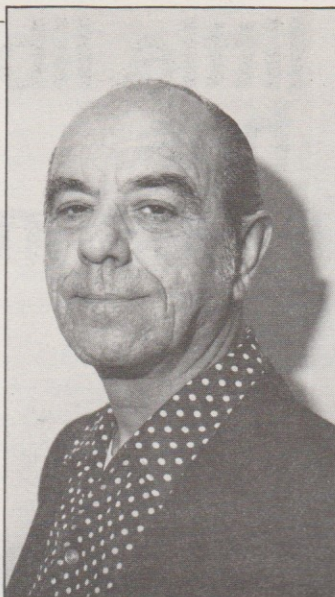
"Leaving Union Station and waiting in the cold for the bus, all thought of discomfort was left behind when I was greeted by a smile from No. 6744. An older lady was having trouble getting her change, and the compassion he showed trying to calm her down was remarkable. Any and all questions were answered in a very courteous manner. I do not go into Chicago very often, and hearing so many nasty remarks, it was a real pleasure riding with this gentleman. I thanked him as I left and got another big smile."



Otis Hampton (Limits garage) was called "a very efficient and most courteous" operator of a No. 157 Streeterville bus by Lee McGrath, of DeWitt Place. "When I boarded the bus at the beginning of the line, he was busy cleaning up all the debris that careless passengers had left behind. He made several trips to gather up the mess, packed it very carefully, and disposed of it in a basket next to his seat. When we arrived at Lake Street, the light changed to red. He picked up the mess very carefully and dropped it into a city basket without leaving the bus, and was ready to go when the light changed to green. I was very impressed."

Robert Bell Jr. (North Section) was complimented for his performance as conductor on an Evanston Express train by Linda Yates, who works in the Daley Center. "He clearly calls all stops, giving vital information, such as 'Clark and Lake, change here for the Lake-Dan Ryan, City Hall, the Daley Center,' etc. He also points out that his train is an 'Evanston Express, not Dan Ryan.' He has a clear, concise speaking voice, and was most courteous when asked for directions. It is truly a pleasure to ride on his train. I would like him to know that his efforts to be pleasant, helpful and considerate are noticed."

Theodore Lamb (North Park garage) was praised for the way he handled a No. 36 Broadway bus by Lee Channing, of Lima, Ohio. "Since I'm from an essentially rural community, it's a pure joy for me to encounter the better parts of such a big city as Chicago. The courtesy extended to me by this driver was above and beyond the call. I was able to relax and enjoy the sights. I was not alone in the receipt of assistance, as I watched and listened as he aided many other passengers along the route. Chicago has every right to be proud of its transportation, and the CTA is to be congratulated for its fine employees as well."



Anthony Ceriale (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by Ann Gray, of Buena Avenue, for his helpfulness as operator of a No. 80 Irving Park bus. "I was going to have my hair styled, but I also was planning to go on a trip, and had not yet used the 'L'! It was always the No. 81 to Jefferson Park, and then the O'Hare bus. This driver took the time to show me where to get off as we passed the 'L' line, and tell me where the train would terminate, and even the direction I'd need to go to get to the right air terminal. He was very kind to several elderly ladies. It was nice to have ridden with him."

Paul Franks (77th Street garage) was commended by William Bilal, of Cyril Avenue, who was a rider on his 79th Street bus. "He was a very skillful and well-trained bus driver. I could see that he was keeping to his schedule and not wasting time. Even under pressure, he was very calm, thoughtful, pleasant and patient with every rider. His tone of voice was gentle to the women and men alike. He was tolerant and understanding with the teen-aged students. Yet, when troublemakers got on the bus, he was firm and convincing enough to command their respect. There was peace and order on his bus, and I enjoyed riding it."

Tuesday Simpson (Limits garage) caught the attention of Joseph Cleary, of Forest Park, for the way she operated a No. 36 Broadway bus. "She was so pleasant and nice to me, she even explained how much time I had left on my senior transfer. During the trip, a young man got on and asked a question, and again she was cheerful in answering. A grouchy senior citizen with a walker boarded the bus, and a person in the front gave his seat to the man. Again the driver was nice during the time it took the man to get seated. When he got off, the driver was so nice, she pulled up even with the curb and told him to take his time."

John Christner (Forest Glen garage) was the operator of a No. 80 Irving Park bus ridden by Dena Lusto, of Northlake. "A man had gotten on the bus and quickly showed his pass. Just because the driver asked the man politely to see his pass again, the man became very rude. This driver doesn't deserve such disrespect. He knows his job. He has a smile and a greeting for everyone. He gives accurate, easy-to-follow directions, gets close to the curbs on stops, and always calls the stops in a loud and clear tone. He waits for buses at cross lines, and even waits for people running to catch the bus."

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Three bus operators are honored for rescue efforts

Three northside bus operators received special recognition on "A Day in CTA" for performing rescue efforts in three separate near-tragic incidents.

Operator Egnechles Brown of Kedzie garage earned the special thanks of his supervisors, CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli, and officials of the Village of Berwyn when he and a rider aboard his early morning 25-West Cermak bus rescued an elderly couple from a burning building, and alerted other building residents. The fire was discovered as Brown drove along Cermak in the 6800 block.

After notifying the CTA Control Center, the veteran bus operator and his passenger rushed to the building

where they entered a hall door leading to the second floor and began knocking on doors. The elderly man and his wife were in one apartment and needed help to escape from the building, which Brown and the rider provided.

In a similar incident, operator Thomas Bonner of North Park garage stopped to lend aid to a motorist in trouble which no doubt was a life saving fete. Bonner was enroute to work in his private automobile on Interstate

55 near Damen avenue when he encountered a truck which had jackknifed and was hanging over the guard rail.

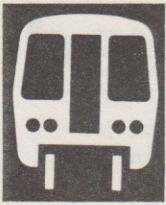
Bonner stopped his car and assisted the driver of the disabled truck out of the cab. CTA Operations supervisors called Bonner's action "an exceptional deed of personal involvement and concern for others."

Operator Robert Dickens of North Avenue garage earned the special attention of his supervisors after he intervened in an altercation between two riders on board his bus.

After alerting police, Dickens, a bus operator since July 1969, disregarded his own safety and demonstrated a concern for the safety of his riders by disarming a knife-wielding passenger and detaining her until police arrived.



Bus operators **Egnechles Brown, Thomas Bonner, and Robert Dickens** (from left) display certificates of achievement presented to them in special recognition as "Day in CTA" honorees.



Beverly,



▲ Maintenance day foreman **Earl Jones** (right), 77th Street garage, accepts a first place ZAP certificate from unit supervisor **Walter Bailey**.

◀ Beverly maintenance crews on both day and night shifts were treated to a luncheon feast in recognition of their safety conscientiousness which resulted in personnel experiencing no accidents for the last six months of 1984.



◀ **Claude Stevens** (left), Safety Inspections and Investigations, presents the coveted first place ZAP certificate to 61st Street terminal day foreman **Charlie Nevels** in recognition of terminal personnel safety achievements during the fourth quarter.

▼ Car repairer **Juanita Eden** of first place ZAP certificate winner Kimball terminal fills the repair order for this rail car electric coupler cover.



Rail maintenance personnel at 54th Street terminal earned the Engineering and Maintenance Safety department's Zero Accident Program catered lunch for remaining accident-free during the period of July 1 through December 31, 1984.

Maintenance crews at Beverly garage also sat down to enjoy the luncheon feast which was sponsored by Maintenance Safety for similar achievements at the garage level.

Maintenance Safety supervisor Jim Dudley said the catered luncheon is awarded to any of the garage or terminal maintenance teams with a record of six months without any accidents by personnel, or for having the lowest overall accident frequency.

Meanwhile, first place honors for maintenance safety in the fourth quarter were taken by respective southsider rivals at 77th Street garage, as well as Kimball and 61st/Racine terminals.

Dudley said that in rail competition, Kimball closed out the quarter with no accidents, followed by 61st/Racine with the next lowest frequency rate. Rosemont terminal placed second in

54th terminal safety awards feast



▲ Foremen from Skokie Rail Shops proudly display first place ZAP certificates from their respective departments. They are (from left) front row: **Robert Velinske**, Axle Shop; **Frank Porcaro**, Sub-Mechanical; **Muzio Ficarella**, Sub-Electrical; and **Ken Blocker**, Blacksmith/Welding. In the back row are: **Pat Langosch**, Machine Shop; **Pat Harnett**, Vehicle Wiring; **Marty Venticinque**, Truck Shop; **Frank Vukovics**, unit supervisor; **James House**, Degreasing; **George Haenisch**, superintendent; **Jan Broda**, Paint Shop, and **Matthew Spatzek**, unit supervisor.

the overall terminal competition.

In the Bus and Rail Shops areas, only those work locations having no accidents at all during the quarter are eligible for ZAP awards, according to Dudley.

Maintenance safety leaders among work locations at Bus Shops are the Print, Upholstery, Electrical Units Rebuild, and Machine shops, all with more than a year of accident-free performance.

Other Bus Shops work locations which have been accident-free for at least six months are the Paint and Radiator shops. Operating for three months without an accident among its personnel are the Converter and Engine Rebuild shops.

At Skokie Rail shops, both the Blacksmith/Welding and Machine shops have been accident-free for the past year. The Axle and Sub-Electrical shops have experienced no accidents among personnel for nine months.

Personnel in the Sub-Mechanical, Degreasing, and Paint shops have had no accidents in six months, while both the Vehicle Wiring and Truck shops have reported no accidents for three months.

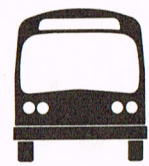
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◀ Inspecting the traction motor on this rail car at 54th Street terminal where maintenance crews also earned a catered lunch are car repairers **Dan Keller** (left), and **George Fencel**.



▶ **Ed Lafferty**, car repairer, gives special attention to the tires of this bus at Beverly garage, winner of the catered lunch.



Fifty-five complete intensive bus supervisor course

Fifty-five members of the March 13 bus supervisors graduating class, one of the largest in the CTA's history, received their certificates in ceremonies in the CTA Board Room. The bus operators had completed

an intensive program of 12 days of classroom training plus six days of field training — all done on their days off — by the Operations Division bus training staff.

Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations Division, praised the graduates for their diligence,

dedication, and hard work. Reddrick shook hands and presented the graduates their certificates.

Paul Kadowaki, director of Instruction, said this class had received a more intensive training program than any previous classes.

"Greater emphasis was put on trouble shooting bus electrical and mechanical problems so these new supervisors, and future supervisory graduates, will help keep more buses in service and increase the CTA's service to its more than 600,000 bus riders," Kadowaki said.

"Besides learning all the facets of supervision, these graduates had to learn a broadened coverage of skills in such areas as anxiety and stress management for supervisors and bus operators in problem solving applications.

"They also studied human behavior, motivation, and labor-

management relations. They are the new breed of supervisors and they are in the forefront of those to come after them. They also had to maintain test grades of above 80 per cent in order to stay in the program," Kadowaki concluded.

The 55 bus operators certified as supervisors and their work locations are: Archer—**Willie Allen, Richard True, August Elke, Ina Tuff, Victor Gonzalez, and Earleen Raynor;** Beverly—**Charles Taylor, James Butler Jr., Cedric Crosbie, James Miller, and Conley Johnson Sr.;** Forest Glen—**Patrick Corcione, Roy Pickarts, Pedro Espinoza, Clarence Golden, Christine Jones, Hagar McFarland, and Thelma Young;** Limits—**Phillip Benford, Luther Williams, Daniel Rogers, and William McDonald Jr.;** North Avenue—**Lawrence Chatman, Booker Bolton, Joe**

Ellis, and Carlos Davila; North Park—**William Jack, Harold Gutierrez, and Craig Pease;** Washington—**Henry Terry, Bobby Hobbs, Frank Drewry, Michael Doss, and Melvin Perry;** 69th—**John Odom, Isaac Dean, Sam Shipp, Paul Daniel, Clarence Prescott, Claude Dockery, William McCotry, Louis Williams, Robert Buries, Willie Rochelle, Hueylon Steward, James Echols, and Harvey White;** and 77th—**Fred Powell, Willie McAfee, James Ward, David Foster, Willie Morris, Charles Carter, Clemmie Bledsoe, and Johannie Wheeler.**

Putting the students through their training were Training Coordinator **Pat Mglej** and Instructors **Arthur Bennett, Timothy Graves, John McClain, and George Zajackowski.**

Operations Division executives extending their congratulations to the class were Manager **Elonzo Hill,** Operations Training & Instruction; **Michael LaVelle,** Transportation Service; **David Martin,** Communications and Power Control; **Alex Johnson,** Transportation Personnel; **Robert Desvignes,** Operations Administrative Services, and **Lou Dixon,** director, Transportation Service.

At the graduation ceremony, Reddrick asked the graduates if they visited other transit agencies when they vacationed in the United States or throughout the world.

Many of them raised their hands. "Now you tell me, please, which is the best transit agency you have seen in your travels—and be truthful," Reddrick challenged.

Their voices rose in unison—"CTA!"

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Public Safety Awards

O'Hare, 69th take honors in PSA contest



The Interstation Safety plaque for Public Safety is presented to O'Hare terminal Superintendent **Dennis Clausen** (left) by Safety Manager **Tom Boyle**. Others on hand for the presentation were **Maria Elena Quintanar**, clerk; retiring Instructor **Tom Freeman** (uniform), and Kimball Superintendent **Nick Blaino**.

Operating personnel at O'Hare terminal are among CTA's most celebrated safety conscious employees. The terminal collected its 16th Public Safety award in the fourth quarter.

O'Hare experienced no traffic accidents in the fourth quarter, and had a passenger accident frequency rate of 0.160 per 100,000 miles of operation, 48 percent better than the system rate of 0.310.

Meanwhile, operating personnel at 69th Street garage took the PSA interstation safety plaque for the sixth time. The southside garage which experienced 24 accident-free days, had the best improvement rate in the system.

The first Public Safety awards were presented to terminals and garages in 1961.

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First place honors seem to come naturally for 69th Street personnel as the Interstation Safety plaque for the lowest fourth quarter traffic and passenger accident rate in the bus system is received at the southside location. Present for the occasion were (from left) **Ozzie Davis**, ATU 241 representative; **Mike McCarthy**, principal public safety analyst; Operator **James Gultry**, outstanding employee; Acting Area Superintendent **David Hinman**; **Sylvia Caldwell**, outstanding employee, and 69th Street Superintendent **Joseph Steinbach**.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Charles Alexander, 77th Street
Robert Anderson, Kedzie

Samuel Baker, Special Services
Thomas Barry, Forest Glen
Nikola Blagojevic, Limits
Thomas Bonner, North Park
John Brugess, Limits
Philip Buscemi, Howard/Kimball

Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Cornell Canty, Kedzie
Ethel Carter, 77th Street
Charles Carter, 77th Street
Patricia Cobb, North Park
Rafael Colon, North Park
Charles Cooke, Howard/Kimball
Larry Cooper, Howard/Kimball
David Copeland, Kedzie
Luke Costanza, Forest Glen

Frederick Douglas, North Park
Daniel Dzyacky, North Park
Fernando Feliciano, Forest Glen

Jerry Gardner, North Park
Vicente Gatbunton, Forest Glen
Nathaniel George, 77th Street
Fahmi Ghoulah, Limits
Wallace Good, Forest Glen
Geraldine Grocic, West Section

Robert Hicks, 77th Street
Marlene Hornsby, North Section
Lawrence Houghlund, North Park

Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Lon Jones, 69th Street
Michael Jordan, Limits

Joe Kent, 77th Street
Keith Klein, Campaign Area
Panagiotis Koutsogiannis, Rail

Carl Lambert, North Park
Jesus Limas, North Park
Charles Lindsey, 77th Street

John Mack Jr., Kedzie
Tyrone Malloy, North Avenue

Jesse Marshall Jr., North Park
James Melton, North Park
Marceau Mitchell, 77th Street
Abraham Morgan, North Avenue
Jeremiah Morris, 77th Street

Harold Nathan, 77th Street
Bobbie Neita, 77th Street
James Nielsen, Archer
Jorge Noriega, Forest Glen

Robert Patterson, North Avenue
Darlene Porter, 77th Street
Amy Posley, 69th Street
Michael Powell, Howard/Kimball
President Puckett, Kedzie

Miguel Rivera, Jefferson Park
Jackie Robinson, Beverly
Toval Rolston, Forest Park
Alvin Ross Jr., 77th Street
Veronica Rowell, North Avenue

Luis Santiago, North Avenue
Diego Santos-Rios, North Avenue

Bobbie Smith, North Park
Howard Spann Jr., Archer
Charles Spencer, Beverly
Vytautas Stukelis, Archer
Carl Suddeth, North Park

Charles Tabb, North Avenue
Carlos Tamayo, Forest Glen
Eugene Taylor, Jefferson Park
Robert Tirado, North Park

O. D. Watson, 69th Street
Willie Webb, Kedzie
Ricky Wetherspoon, North Park
Willie Whisenton, Limits
Larry Whitehead, Beverly
Laurence Whitney, Limits
Leroy Wilson Jr., 77th Street
John Woods, Agent's District
Addie Wright, Forest Glen

Jacques Yezeguielian, North Avenue
Willie Young, Limits
Charles Young, Jefferson Park

Joseph Zukerman, North Park



HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

The "Silent Killer"

Prentiss Taylor M.D.
Medical Director
Employee Health Service

Next month (May) is National High Blood Pressure Month. High Blood Pressure (Hypertension) is a very common disease that affects over 30 million Americans. It affects all types of people-- it is more common, however, among Black and Hispanic Americans. Hypertension is called the Silent Killer by preventive medicine specialists: Its victims feel well for years, until severe internal damage suddenly affects them with a stroke, or a heart attack, or with shortness of breath from malignant hypertension. Uncontrolled High Blood Pressure causes premature death and disables people--often in their 30's, 40's and 50's. The disabling complications are usually strokes, heart attacks, blindness, and kidney failure leading to dialysis (an artificial kidney machine dependency.)

The High Blood Pressure problem is of great concern to companies and to company doctors, because becoming disabled is a loss of productive work hours as well as being a great personal tragedy for the employee and his or her family. The most common way that high blood pressure inflicts its

The CTA Medical Department has new doctors on staff, and we are proud of our new image. We have started several projects aimed at improving the health of our employees-- this is the first in a series of articles which will appear in Transit News in months ahead.

damage is by causing a constant stress on the arteries to the heart, to the brain, and to the kidneys. Over several years this stress and pressure causes the arteries to harden and become brittle. Blood clots tend to form in narrowed, hardened arteries; when blood flow is cut off to a part of the heart or the brain, serious consequences occur.

Hypertension is one of several Risk Factors for heart attacks that can be made worse or better by an individual's lifestyle. Other cardiovascular lifestyle risk factors are: high cholesterol levels in the blood (and in the diet), obesity, diabetes, and cigarette smoking. These conditions tend to interact with one another to increase the chances that hardening of the arteries will set in at a premature age. High Blood Pressure is a life-long problem for people who have it. It does not go away like a cold or a rash; it requires some type of continuous treatment. To stop treatment without the advice of your doctor is to unleash

a monster running loose in the subways of your body. A train wreck is inevitable, sooner or later.

Many people's hypertension can be controlled without medicine by avoiding salty foods, weight reduction, and limiting the use of alcoholic beverages. Your doctor should be consulted frequently, however, to make sure that a non-medication approach is, indeed, working adequately. If you have been on medication for this problem for some time and have lost faith in your doctor's ability to get it under control, a second opinion from a qualified specialist may be advisable. Our Medical Department has identified hypertension specialty clinics at several of the university medical centers which would be interested in serving our employees for second opinion consultations. Long-term treatment programs are available through them if you desire.

Some people will need to take one or two types of medications each day to control this problem. It is important to know what you are taking and what are the possible side effects. If you have further questions about High Blood Pressure or other health problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of our physicians at the Medical Department, Room 742, Merchandise Mart.

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Electronic deposit is now available to CTA pensioners

CTA pensioners may now have their retirement checks electronically deposited into savings or checking accounts of their choice, as announced by Gregory C. Nagle, secretary, Retirement Allowance Committee.

Pensioners who would prefer hav-

ing retirement checks electronically deposited into a specific bank account on the first business day of each month should notify the CTA Pension Office at 440 North Wells Street, Suite 600, Chicago, IL 60610 so that the necessary forms for this new service may be

mailed to the retiree immediately.

Nagle said having retirement checks automatically deposited into a bank account will eliminate the chance of checks being lost or stolen. The retiree's bank statement will serve as notification of deposit, he added. **cta**

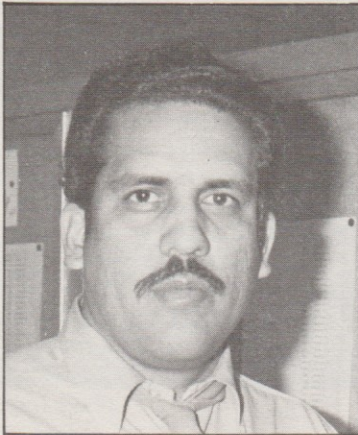
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MEET YOUR REPORTER

Great picture, isn't it?

Ha! Now that you've read this far, you have some idea of what your reporter looks like. Joking aside, I'm **Michael M. Flores** and only want to say: supervisor, operator, instructor, regardless of your job title, "Inside News" is about ALL of us, and without your help, it wouldn't exist! So, whenever you have something you'd like to share, give it to our clerks and they'll get it to me.



North Park

Tweet, tweet! Yes, that's the sound of spring, but it also marks the one-year wedding anniversary of North Park operators **Rosemary Hoskins Walker** (Team Leader #5) and hubby **Lonnie**. Sincerest congratulations to both of you lovebirds ... Oops! Belated welcome extended to assistant relief superintendent **Sal Carbonelli**, who also happens to be the parent of daughter **Kathy**, who is graduating from Notre Dame High School this year ...

Nice to see, once again, former operator **Lorraine B. Hardy**, vacation relief clerk. Miss those buses, Lorraine?.. Is there a Gremlin living in our coke machine, or just a paper cup foul-up? Seems to be a continuing problem--Hint, hint ... Operator **Eddie Traylor** confirmed the passing of former operator **Larry Thigpen** (69th Street). Larry had plenty of friends here at North Park ... **Mary Saved!! Charles Dunker** must have been one welcome sight after **Mary Wallace** found herself "locked in" in the Howard Terminal restroom. Charles, you may now take your bows, HaHa!.. Being serious, though, operator **Victor Medunycia**, with the help of fellow operators and a passenger who happened to be a nurse, provided CPR to a stricken male adult who had collapsed at the Howard Terminal. Victor credits learning this life-saving technique while he was donating blood and learned of the CPR program ... **Robert Moskovitz's** constant visits to the Health Club must be in anticipation of running for those diapers. His daughter, **Diana**, is expecting another grandchild for him to babysit ... Well, we've picked our vacations for the year, so let's enjoy summer's good times and remember **Defensive Driving** when on the road.

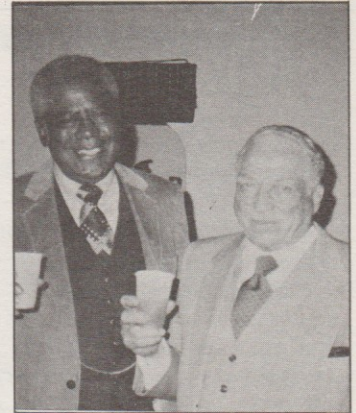
Mike Flores

77th Street

Bus operators **Jacqueline Luster** and **Bobby Willis**, both from 77th, **finally** tied the knot after six years on March 2. Where did Bobby propose? On a bus, of course! The new Mrs. Willis has seven years with CTA, and her hubby 18 years. A reception will be held in the couple's Hazel Crest home on May 11. Congratulations,

Mr. and Mrs. Willis ... Retired bus operators **Alonzo Pruitt** (left) and **Julius (Red) Martin**, both formerly of 77th, toast Martin's birthday March 17 in Los Angeles, where they now live within a few blocks of each other.

Editor's Note: There is as yet no Inside News Reporter representing 77th Street Garage. If you would like to volunteer as a Reporter for this location, please contact Rick Willis at ext. 3324 in the Mart.



North Section (Howard)

When **Arthur Krishan**, clerk at Howard Street, returned to New Delhi, India, after an absence of nine years, he was amazed at the changes. There were more people, more traffic, and more tall buildings. Arthur had a marvelous time being feted by friends and relatives ... Remember, folks, this is YOUR column in the Transit News. Let's get the news from North Section moving along!

Josephine Anderson

Internal Audit

Ruth LeBron was a very proud mother when her daughter, **Rachel**, who attends Regina Dominican High School, was chosen Junior Queen at the school's spring dance. Congratulations, Rachel ... **Chuck Karneffel** is at this moment somewhere between Spain and France having another wonderful vacation abroad ... Tan and looking great describes **Andy Andrzejewski** after his vacation in Florida. We're glad he had a good time, and glad he's back ... **Pat Reed** celebrated her 18th wedding anniversary on March 9 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza for the weekend. Pat and her husband, **John**, also attended the Elk's 11th Annual Dinner Dance while there, which made the weekend that much more memorable ... Congratulations to new grandpa, **Frank Mullen**, of Workers' Compensation. His son, **Jim**, and daughter-in-law, **Lucy**, had a beautiful baby boy. Little **Ryan Patrick** weighed in at 9 pounds 10 ounces, and made his appearance on March 31 ... Are you thinking about going on a cruise? Go talk to someone in Capital Development. This Reporter was told it's the Cruise Center of the Seventh Floor. **John Jones** of Capital Development just returned from a 7-day cruise, visiting St. Thomas, Nassau, and Cay Islands. According to John, if you want to be pampered, rested, and fed like a king, take a cruise ... Best wishes to **Rich Jania** on his recent promotion to supervisor .

Joyce Petrich

Police Liaison

Our **Get Well** wishes to to **Jim Marshall**, Manager, Labor Relations, at Westlake Hospital in Melrose Park. At the same time, we send our congratulations to Jim and his wife,



Mary, and son, **Duan**, on Duan's graduation from U.S. Marine Corps Basic Training on Mary 27 in San Diego, CA. Duan is currently assigned to Communications School, 29 Palms, CA., after which he'll be given assignment of duty. The ceremonies were attended by Jim, Mary, and Duan's aunt, **Sandra Brown**, while **Janise** and **James**, Jim and Mary's two other children, celebrated at

home ... Next month I will have photos on two stories concerning employees and their hobbies.

Carol Musto

Materials Management



Recognize the man behind the glasses? Yes, it's **Johnnie Pope**, paymaster. He spent his vacation in St. Petersburg, Florida. Johnnie sure loves it down south ... **Kay Corcoran**, Treasury, wishes to take this opportunity to thank all her co-workers for their support and kind words of sympathy over the death of her dear friend, **Ralph Regnier**. Ralph began his CTA career as a bus operator for CSL, and he

was chauffeur for Board Chairman **George L. DeMent** when he retired in 1972 ... **Louise Muhr**, on leave of absence, visited her friends in Materials Management proudly showing off one-year old Baby **Meagan** ... Don't forget to call or send any Inside News Items to your reporter, **Arlene Zittman**. My extension is GO 4861, Merchandise Mart, Room 725 ... We're all so happy to see **Jim Madden**, supervisor, Disbursements & Records, back at his post after open-heart surgery. Welcome back, Jim, we surely missed you ... **Phyllis Shields**, payroll clerk, was feted to a luncheon in the M&M Club by many of her friends. Phyllis and her husband, **Vince**, who incidentally she met at CTA, are retiring to sunny Florida. Good luck, Phyllis and Vince ... Retirees **Jane Mitchell (Garrity)**, Executive, **Wally Johnson**, Utility, **Ann Jobaris**, Materials Management, **Margaret Walker**, Accounting, **Jean Wright**, Accounting, **Bill Platt**, Job Classification, all send greetings to their friends. They also agree there's nothing like retirement.

Arlene Zittman

69th Street

Larry: A Time to Shine—**Larry Thigpen**, friend and former fellow bus operator, will shine in our thoughts and hearts for some time. If anyone had ever come in contact with Larry, you couldn't forget him. I can't say enough about this young man who's life ended on March 8, 1985, at the age of 32. Larry was an operator out of 69th Street until he became ill and was unable to work. Larry required a heart transplant. In an effort to help Larry get the open heart surgery



he so desperately needed, operator **Melloneice Springfield** spearheaded a collection at 69th, which ended in the amount of \$1,300. A tribute to Larry was made on behalf of the 69th Street Station by operator/spokesperson **Eddie Traylor** at the Cedar Park Funeral Home Wednesday evening, March 13, 1985. More than 50 bus operators; Local Board members **Leonard Morris** and **Ozie Davis**; Assistant Superintendents **Walter Caston** (69th Street) and **Isaac Clark** (77th Street) came to pay last respects. A Pallbearers' Honor Guard in CTA uniform, consisting of operators **Jimmie Gultry** (8798), **Richard Dunbar** (13752), **William Grimmage** (13392), **Charles Johnson** (12131), and **Isaiah Taylor Jr.** (3445). Unfortunately we don't have the name of the sixth pallbearer, but extend our sincerest thanks to them all. Larry always said, "I understand." Now we all have to understand. A special thanks to operator **Elbert Pearson** (6037) for the beautiful floral wreath arrangement.

Condolences are extended to operator **Eddie Mae Jones** in the loss of her grandson, **William D. Glasper** ... Yours Truly enjoyed a swinging good time at co-worker operator **Mary Haynes'** (13394) annual birthday party gala at her home March 17. Fellow operator **LeDorothy Jones** dressed to kill in a black and red dress ensemble, which added entertainment to the already exciting night. Good food

and drink rounded the festivities off perfectly. I can hardly wait till next year!.. Congratulations are in order for operator **Carrie Smith Williams** (69th) and hubby, Supervisor **Willie Williams Jr.** (District A-77th) on the birth of a son, **Corey Dorsett**, on Sept. 18, 1984. Corey weighed in at 9 pounds at Olympia Fields Medical Center ... Hey, Aries people! Watch the bulletin board for a Happy Birthday To You!

Ellie Head cta



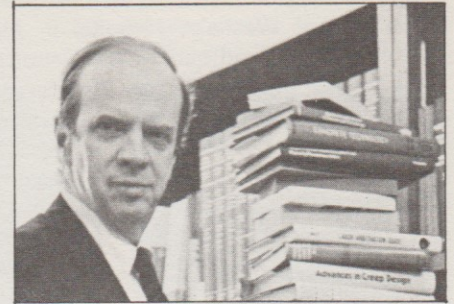
RETIREMENTS



Joseph Benson, Director of Information Services, retired April 1, ending his 10-year career with the CTA at age 65.

Benson was responsible for taking the Engineering Department's Anthon Memorial Library, a collection of manuals and technical books, and creating the present broad based library, an acknowledge leader among public transit libraries in the United States. The present library is named for Harold S. Anthon who donated the original collection.

Before joining the CTA, Benson served as librarian for the Merriam Center Library of the Charles E. Merriam Center for Public Administration in Hyde Park. He had previously served as librarian of the Chicago Municipal Reference Library in City Hall.



Benson and his wife, Martha, plan to retire near Buchanan, Mich., where they have maintained a second home. They had been residents of the Hyde Park Community for many years. **cta**



Retiring CTA schedule maker **Eugene Wrobel** (left) plans to remain in Chicago and pursue his favorite pastime of fishing after 39 years of CTA service. On behalf of the entire Schedule Section, Director of Schedules **Norman Oswald** (right) extends best wishes for a happy retirement to Wrobel who joined CTA in May 1946 as a bus operator. He became a traffic checker with the Schedule Section in September 1966, and was named schedule maker in October 1974. A luncheon was held in Wrobel's honor at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza last month where co-workers presented him with a fishing vest.

Sunny Florida

Mrs. Phyllis Shields, payroll relief clerk, Financial Services department, ended her 26-year career with CTA on April 1.

Co-workers and friends, 45 in all, attended a farewell luncheon in her honor in the M&M Club on March 13. John Cannon, superintendent, Accounting Operations (far right), Brian Jakubowski, unit supervisor, Payroll



(left), and Gerald Kurowski, payroll supervisor (right), acted as masters of ceremony.

Mrs. Shields, 49, received a microwave oven and a cash gift as

farewell presents. She and her husband, Vince, will make their home in St. Petersburg, Florida, where they plan to enjoy deep sea fishing and then put the microwave oven to work.

April Pensioners

FRANK F. ANDREK, Car Servicer,
98th Street, Emp. 11-11-46
DONALD L. BABER, Money Handler I,
South Shops, Emp. 6-13-57
JOSEPH BENSON, Director,
Information Services, Emp. 4-15-74
***MICHAEL P. CASTIGLIONE**, Elec. Mtce. Man,
South Shops, Emp. 10-9-61
PEDRO A. CORONADO, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 3-17-58
DOROTHY M. DISMANG, Ticket Agent,
West Section, Emp. 3-21-59
PETER J. FALLEST, Carpenter,
South Shops, Emp. 3-10-60
CLEODIS FOSTON, Collector,
Archer, Emp. 2-16-56

*Retroactive to 3-1-85

PATRICK F. HEALY, Bus Servicer,
Archer, Emp. 11-5-52
ARIE H. ISACK, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 1-6-71
GEORGE M. ISDALE, Serv. Trk. Chauff.,
West Shops, Emp. 5-1-51
LUTHER B. LEE, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 10-13-55
TIMOTHY C. MURPHY, Chief Clerk,
Beverly, Emp. 8-2-57
HOUSTON NETTLES, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-14-57
BARRY A. PIERCY, Bus Operator,
North Park, Emp. 4-14-55
MARY T. RAFTERY, Ticket Agent,
North Section, Emp. 3-24-60

CLARENCE REESE Jr., Bus Repairer,
69th Street, Emp. 12-11-56
JOHN E. REID, Ticket Agent,
Forest Park, Emp. 8-26-54
RAYMOND RICHARDSON, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 11-1-56
REGINALD M. SHARP, Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 12-10-53
PHYLLIS S. SHIELDS, Payroll Rel. Clk.,
Financial Services, Emp. 10-6-58
YOUNG WALKER Jr., Bus Operator,
77th Street, Emp. 3-1-54
EUGENE A. WROBEL, Schedule Maker,
Schedules, Emp. 5-17-46

Disability Retirements

ADRIAN W. TAYLOR, Motorman,
Congress, Emp. 6-30-67

Service Anniversaries in April

35 Years

Daniel Allen, 69th Street
Milford Cumberlander, Utility
Thaddeus Szewc, Sig. Phone & Radio

30 Years

Henry Piercy, North Park
Earl Williams, Beverly
John Woodson, North Park

25 Years

James Briley, Special Services
James Haase, Financial Services
William Hairstone, 77th Street
Kelsey King, Technical Services
Carmen Pacella, Adm. & Budget
James Paulson, Utility
Paul Schurchay, Elec. Distribution
Alphonso Young, Forest Glen

IN MEMORIAM

ALEXANDER D. ADAMS, 72, Maint.,
Emp. 10-24-55, Died 2-23-85
WALTER J. BARAN, 75, North Avenue,
Emp. 6-26-46, Died 2-11-85
HENRY BARBEE, 72, Track,
Emp. 8-25-48, Died 2-3-85
ALBERT W. BELK, 88, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 7-13-37, Died 2-4-85
NICK DARGENTO, 88, Way & Structs.,
Emp. 12-8-23, Died 2-26-85
HERMAN T. DUKES, 71, South Sect.,
Emp. 3-30-50, Died 2-21-85
WALTER J. GAUGER, 69, West Sect.,
Emp. 10-29-45, Died 2-11-85
THADDEUS GUTT, 62, Equip. Engr., &
Maint., Emp. 9-13-67, Died 2-8-85
WILLIAM J. HALLA, 73, Lawndale,
Emp. 6-23-37, Died 2-4-85
THOMAS L. HENRY, 93, Electrical,
Emp. 4-18-19, Died 2-15-85
CORNELIUS J. JONES, 65, South Sect.,
Emp. 2-24-49, Died 2-6-85
MICHAEL KACZOR, 82, West Sect.,
Emp. 10-29-43, Died 2-26-85

THOMAS J. LAWLESS, 79, Skokie,
Emp. 4-22-37, Died 2-4-85
FRED J. MOHN, 85, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 3-2-38, Died 1-21-85
EUGENE J. NEHLS, 93, 77th Street,
Emp. 9-28-21, Died 1-21-85
DOROTHY S. PIPER, 88, West Sect.,
Emp. 4-15-34, Died 2-22-85
RUDOLPH C. SCHULTZ, 90, Lawndale,
Emp. 2-21-17, Died 2-20-85
JAMES P. SLEZNIK, 91, Way & Structs.,
Emp. 4-16-41, Died 2-19-85
EMIL E. STEVENS, 79, 69th Street,
Emp. 11-1-27, Died 2-8-85
HENRY O. STUEWE, 85, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 2-28-17, Died 2-23-85
JOHN TALLEY, 79, Kedzie,
Emp. 10-17-27, Died 2-15-85
MARSHALL WASHINGTON, 70, 52nd Street,
Emp. 10-2-51, Died 2-17-85
ALFRED E. WOELFLE, 89, 69th Street,
Emp. 1-14-21, Died 1-26-85



Cross Country Champ

Kenwood Academy senior and distance runner **Gerald L. Thompson Jr.**, sprints in a practice warm-up. Thompson, 18, runs the two-mile, mile, and half-mile events for Kenwood. He is the son of CTA duplicating finishing clerk **Olivia P. Thompson**. The youth, who has been a cross-country champion for the past two seasons, looks forward to the 1985 State Championship competition in downstate Charleston. Calling his mother "very encouraging," he noted that she has a lot of influence in his track and field accomplishments. Gerald hopes to earn a degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Wisconsin.

Award for



Excellence

David Sauer (left), project manager for Lester B. Knight and Associates Architects, and **Chris Kalogeras**, CTA Director of Architectural Design, join CTA Chairman **Michael A. Cardilli** to proudly display the Award of Excellence certificate presented CTA by the Chicago Chapter, Society of American Registered Architects. The award, presented to the CTA Engineering Department, was for design excellence of the 321,000 square foot Kedzie Avenue garage which opened June 29, 1984. CTA project manager for the \$17.6 million facility was **Fritz Petzold**. Presentation of the certificate was made at an awards dinner held at Sages West Restaurant in Downers Grove.

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