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### And the winner is...

Shortly after 10 a.m. Thursday, September 9, 1985 at CTA's O'Hare rapid transit terminal, Chicago Mayor Harold Washington struck an antique Chinese ceremonial gong to officially begin CTA's 1st O'Hare Anniversary Celebration and Awards Presentation. CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli and other dignitaries from CTA and the City of Chicago, contest co-sponsors, and representatives from the news media awaited the Mayor's announcement of the contest winner.

"Today's celebration of CTA's rapid transit service to O'Hare International Airport represents one year of successful operation since its start on September 3, 1984," said Washington. "Almost 1.500,000 people have enjoyed this convenient and economical way to travel, just 35 minutes from downtown Chicago under Dearborn street to O'Hare with trains running every few minutes 24 hours a day. This significant milestone also ushers in a focus upon the growing and developing expansion of the airport, which is already the largest in the world, and which in three years will be serving almost 80 million people.

"To celebrate this milestone, CTA, Northwest Orient Airlines, the Hong Kong Tourist Association, the Hong Kong Hilton, and Concorde Travel, Inc., have awarded a 10-day all-expensespaid vacation to Hong Kong for two people to Ms. Lisa Gose, winner of CTA's 1st O'Hare Anniversary Contest."

As Chairman Cardilli held a sign bearing CTA's car card advertisement for the contest and the magic number —1,488,361 riders— Ms. Gose, whose winning entry was only 36 rides less than the total, approached the podium.

"I just want to thank everybody who was involved with this, the Mayor, and Mr. Cardilli," said Ms. Gose. "I am so pleased, I'm numb! I don't know what to say!"

"We thank you for using our service," Cardilli said.

"I do," responded Ms. Gose. "I used it this morning."

Ms. Gose then received congratulations from Ted Albrecht, president of

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Contest winner Lisa Gose shares a moment of joy with contest sponsors (left to right) Joan B. Phillips, director of sales, Asia/Australia, Hilton International; Michael A. Cardilli, CTA Chairman; Tom Rockney, district sales manager, Northwest Orient Airlines; Jenny Holaday, incentive and conference coordinator, Hong Kong Tourist Association, and Ted Albrecht, president, Concorde Travel, Inc.

Concorde Travel in Arlington Heights, which provided the travel arrangements; Thomas Rockney, district sales manager for Northwest Orient Airlines, which provided the air travel; Jenny Holaday, incentive and conference coordinator for the Hong Kong Tourist Association, which provided a ground tour package; and Joan B. Phillips, director of sales, Asia/Australia, for Hilton International. Hotel accommodations were provided by the Hong Kong Hilton. Chairman Cardilli also presented a certificate for a free CTA Monthly Pass to each of 10 runners-up in the contest.

After the excitement died down, Ms. Gose, a stenographer who lives in Rogers Park and works for the Chicago Police Department, said that she had never won anything in the many different contests she has entered over the years, and enjoys the culture of the Orient, although her only traveling has been a Caribbean cruise.

"I have a Chinese family as neighbors, and the grandmother, who doesn't speak English nor I Chinese, and I have become good friends because of our gardening. I'm interested in Mandarin cooking and the grandmother shares her veggies with me," said Ms. Gose.

"I was pleased to hear of Mayor Washington visiting the Orient recently, and I hope to be able to go to some of the places he visited in Hong Kong," she added.

As for whom she will take as a traveling companion on her Far East journey, Ms. Gose said she hadn't given it much thought, "...but I'm sure I'll have plenty of volunteers."

### A look... behind the scenes

CTA's 1st O'Hare Anniversary Contest was promoted through car card advertising on CTA buses and trains, and through radio advertising, which began early in August. Contest rules were attached to the car cards, and were also available upon request at rapid transit ticket agent booths. Riders submitted postcards bearing their guesses for the number of riders boarding at O'Hare Terminal during the first year.

The contest was developed by Terry Hocin, CTA Promotional Services director, and staff members Helene Greiman and Jouce Shaw. Graphics for the contest advertising were designed by Alexandra Eiva, and station decorations for the celebration were designed by Alan Grady and Jack Sowchin, director, all of the Publications Section. Arrangements for the awards ceremony were coordinated with the Mayor's Office of Special Events by Robert Gaines, CTA Communications director. Valuable production assistance and technical advice were provided by the Sign Shop at South Shops, carpenters from West Shops, and Rail Vehicle Maintenance, Skokie Shop.

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## "Outreach"



CTA's Community Affairs Department staff members rehearse for openings of nine CTA Rider Information Centers. Staff members (from left) are: Dennis Redmond and Tom Chiampas, community relations coordinators; Elda Leal, Community Affairs Department superintendent; Bertram Mims, community relations coordinator; Betty B. Edwards, Community Affairs Department manager, and Juan Puente (seated) bi-lingual community relations coordinator. Puente is providing information materials to prospective visitors to the nine centers.

### Rider Information Centers "reach out" to community

Cta opened the first of nine system-wide CTA community information centers August 19 in the Brickyard Shopping Center, Diversey and Narragansett avenues, to provide transit information to its riders.

"This system-wide information effort is part of our Community Affairs Department's community outreach program," said CTA Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. "Each center will be staffed with a Community Affairs Department representative who will provide maps, literature, and have forms for riders to express their views about CTA bus and rapid transit service."

Each of the nine centers will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on designated days.

The Brickyard CTA information center will be located near the entrance to the Jewel Food store and will be open on the third Monday of each month.

Another CTA information center will be at the northeast corner of 63rd

and Halsted streets in the Englewood community starting Tuesday, September 3, and thereafter will be open on the first Tuesday of each month.

A CTA community information center will be opened in the Ford City Shopping Center, 76th street and Cicero avenue on Monday, September 9, and thereafter will be open on the first Monday of each month.

Other CTA information centers will be located in the following rapid transit stations on the days designated: 95th Street terminal on the Lake-Dan Ryan route - the fourth Friday of each month: Ravenswood terminal at Kimball and Lawrence avenues - the second Wednesday of each month; Englewood terminal at 63rd street and Ashland avenue - the second Thursday of each month; 35th Street station on the Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park route - the first Friday of each month; Jefferson Park station on the O'Hare-Congress-Douglas route - the third Wednesday of each month, and the Howard terminal of the Howard-Englewood-Jackson Park route - the second Friday of each month.

A Loop CTA rider information center is being planned.

### From the Chairman

### 1,488,361 and counting

Congratulations to Lisa Gose, a CTA rider and winner of our 1st O'Hare Anniversary Contest, who will enjoy a 10-day all-expenses-paid trip to Hong Kong. And congratulations to all CTA employees who have worked to make O'Hare rapid transit a success. We also appreciate the cooperation of Northwest Orient Airlines, the Hong Kong Hilton, the Hong Kong Tourist Association, and Concorde Travel, Inc., all of whom generously provided the services that made the contest prize a truly enjoyable vacation package.

Our O'Hare rapid transit service has met severe and unwarranted criticism, because ridership to the airport has not immediately met projections based on social and economic conditions of 10 or 15 years ago. Yet the entire O'Hare line provides valuable commuting service for the residents of the northwest area who work downtown, and residents of the entire city who work at O'Hare. During heavy periods of airline arrivals and departures, there is heavy ridership at the O'Hare Transit Terminal. Also, boarding ridership at the O'Hare Transit Terminal has increased more than 30 per cent since we began actively promoting the O'Hare service through two contests, a direct mail promotion, and magazine and radio advertising. We will continue to promote the O'Hare service, monthly passes and tokens, and other valuable services that benefit out riders, and we are studying methods of making O'Hare service and connections more prominent in our public information signage.

However, no promotional activity can be successful without the active cooperation and support of all CTA operating employees, especially through their knowledge of their own routes and connecting services, and their willingness to communicate that knowledge to the public. By showing concern for the needs of the public, and by helping our riders travel easily throughout our system, you provide the best possible service for Chicagoans and visitors alike.

michael Hardill



Dean Herman Bryant of Kennedy-King College and Mrs. Dorothy Harmon, CTA salvage control clerk, examine one of six CTA scrapped bus engines recently donated to the college's automotive technology section and its career and skills program. Bryant heads that program and is a former CTA bus engine repairer.

CTA donates scrap bus engines to automotive repair classes The CTA has sent a dozen scrap bus engines to college to help make students smarter.

The 12 General Motors Detroit diesel six cylinder engines, were donated to automotive repair classes at Triton College, River Forest, and Kennedy-King College, 6800 S. Wentworth av. Both schools had requested CTA to make a donation of scrap bus engines and each college received six.

Dean Herman Bryant of Kennedy-King's Career & Skills Programs is familiar with these bus engines -- he was a CTA bus engine repairer for three years at Limits garage and for eight years at Beverly garage while he was attending night classes to earn his academic degrees in automotive technology.

Bryant told Mrs. Dorothy Harmon, CTA salvage control clerk, Materials Management department, the six were not the first scrap CTA bus engines to be donated to Kennedy-King.

"In 1969 the CTA donated five General Motors diesel engines to Kennedy-King, and in 1970 I became an instructor in the Automotive Technology program and my class and I were assigned the task of rebuilding those five engines. This was a great challenge for me and my students.

"By the end of the 16th week of work we had all five engines running like new again. Several of those students in my first class now are CTA garage maintenance superintendents.

"Over the years those five engines were repeatedly torn down and taken apart, reassembled, and put back into running condition. Finally, they just wore out. All of our students here are adults working in automotive maintenance who want to expand their knowledge in a hands-on program. They include some current CTA engine maintenance personnel," Bryant told Mrs. Harmon, who was at Kennedy-King to make an informal presentation of the engines.

### NORTHEASTERN HONORS

Bernard J. Ford was on hand for his last official act as CTA Executive Director as he congratulated Elonzo Hill, manager, Operations Training/Instruction (holding plaque), and Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations, on being honored by Northeastern University, Boston. Hill received his commemorative plaque for having served as class president for a two-part 1985 mass transit seminar which was held at the university in February and May. Reddrick was honored with a similar award as Northeastern University's transit manager of the year.



### **New Superintendents**



Twenty-eight new bus and rail superintendents I and two rail controllers were graduated on July 17, making it the largest class of management and professionals in the history of CTA to receive diplomas. The graduates were assigned to various superintendent and controller pools. The new management and professional group included Walter Frye, Leaile Hinton, Tessa Gaines, Karen Wilson, Martha Turner, and Esther McKelker, assigned to agent service; Bruno Romej, John Wallace, Otto Houston, Howard Freeman, Donald Reck, Willie Smith, Sterling Martin, Willie Harrington, Arthur Allen, Joseph Gonzales, and Melvin Jackson, bus service; James Daugherty, Willie Wells, Efrain Villarreal, Robert Graham, Fountaine Winston, rail service; Sy Motin, Juan Gonzalez, and Victor Martin, bus personnel. Others were Joseph Jones, Bernard Perry, and Joseph Martin, rail personnel; Ernest Young and Phillip Auriemma, rail controllers.

### VA announces Reserve, Guard education benefits

CTA part-time soldiers, sailors, and airmen may be eligible for GI Bill education benefits, according to a recent announcement by the Veterans Administration.

Grady Horton, director of the Chicago VA Regional Office, said the Selected Reserve Educational Assistance Program now provides up to 36 months of assistance for full or part-time undergraduate college or non-degree college programs for military reservists and National Guard members. However, application must be made before June 30, 1988.

The new GI Bill was created by the Veterans' Educational Assistance Act of 1984 which became effective in July 1985. Members of the Reserve and National Guard who have received their initial active duty for training and completed 180 days of Reserve service are eligible to participate in this program.

Horton said the educational benefits must be used before the members leave the Reserve or National Guard and within 10 years from the date the individual first becomes eligible.

CTA employees who are active in the Reserve or National Guard should contact their unit commanders for further information, or call the Chicago Regional Office at 663-5510.

### **Commendation Corner**

Lee Robinson (Archer garage) is appreciated by Gregory Benson, of Oak Lawn, who was a daily passenger on his No. 162 Pulaski-Stevenson Express bus. "He takes great pride in his profession, and has provided not only the expected on-time schedule, but also the additional courtesies of a smile, a welcome and a goodbye. It is these small things, in combination with a clean vehicle, which caused me to switch to CTA from a commuter railroad. Mr. Robinson also indicates major stops by name, which was commonplace when I was a child, but is sorely missing now. I support his quest to provide excellent service to his family of passengers.'





Melvin Dukes, (North Avenue garage) was complimented by Eleanor Cash, of Argyle Street, for his courtesy on a No. 53 Pulaski bus. "This driver not only called out each upcoming stop, but told everyone, 'Bus is in motion, kindly hold on to hand rails when standing.' For disembarking passengers he said, 'Please watch your step when alighting, and have a good evening.' Twice between Diversey and Lawrence, where I alighted, he also said, 'It's Saturday night, so please watch your purses and pockets.' I use your lines to go to work, and also for shopping and other errands. I felt you should know about this exceptionally courteous and considerate driver.'

Martin Mogk (Forest Glen garage) was praised by Marcia Sadlier, who works on South Dearborn Street, for helping to thwart a theft on his No. 152 Addison bus. "A pickpocket attempted to steal an elderly passenger's wallet as both were exiting the back door of the bus. When I brought this to the driver's attention, he immediately reported the act over the radio and closed the exit door. When the thief pulled the emergency cord and exited, the driver quickly pursued him and was able to retrieve the wallet. It was reassuring to myself and the rest of the riders that a driver was willing to deal with the situation responsibly and courageously."

Harold Thompson (69th Street garage) earned the respect of Mary Sparkman, of South Laflin Street, for his "courtesy, promptness and dependability" as operator of a No. 45 Ashland/Archer bus. "There is always a 'Good morning' with a smile, and he's never late unless there are circumstances beyond his control. Also, he doesn't thrive on petty mishaps to keep him from making his complete run. One morning, there was a loud noise. The name and number display had fallen down. The driver didn't panic, but we all expected to have to take another bus. He merely pulled the bus to the curb, put the sign back in position, and took us on our way."

Robert Randle (South Section) was the conductor of a Loop-bound Lake/Dan Ryan train ridden by Suzanne Woll, of Oak Park. "At one of the stops east of Laramie, a young man grabbed my gold necklace as he exited the train. Since the necklace had a diamond pendant attached to it, I chased the would-be thief from the train. Due to the quick observation and action of the conductor, both the necklace and diamond were recovered, with no one injured. Unfortunately, the thief escaped. I sincerely appreciate the actions and concern of the conductor, and believe that without his intervention, the incident would not have had a happy ending."

Rogers Dean (Kedzie garage) was congratulated by Paul Brown, of Oak Park, who is a regular rider on Dean's No. 12 Roosevelt bus. "This bus is often crowded, and this driver always keeps people moving to the rear of the bus, often injecting a little humor to accomplish this task. Along the route, if people are standing in the door, he politely asks them to move when others are getting off, and then tells them when they can come back on. His driving skill is also noteworthy. Overall, his enthusiasm and skill allow him to perform his job in a superior way that is a true asset to the CTA."

Melinda Manoni (West Section) won the approval of Geordie Conoly, of San Francisco, for her helpfulness as ticket agent at the O'Hare station. "She proved to be most courteous and helpful in giving me information about your trains, buses and transfers. Your transfers are a wonderful way of saving money. I am so glad Agent No. 1505 was kind enough to thoroughly explain their usage. In addition, she supplied information concerning various museums and shopping areas, all of which I enjoyed very much. You are fortunate to have such a pleasant, well-informed employee. She helped make my stay in Chicago a pleasant and memorable one."

Michael Maines (Forest Glen garage) was thanked by Bessie Sumien, of Balmoral Avenue, for his assistance as operator of a No. 90 Harlem bus. "I got off his bus at Foster and crossed the street to wait for a No. 69 bus going west. He saw me lose my footing on the curb across the street, and came running to help me get up. He then had to call the paramedics, who came immediately and assisted me till I was able to get home on my own. I did have to see a doctor, and he assured me that everything would be fine in a few days. Without the help of Michael Maines, I don't know what I would have done. Please let him know how much I appreciate all his help."

## DAY in CTA recognizes

### THANKS for a job well done



Motorman Leroy Crenshaw of Howard terminal (left) joins fellow "Day in CTA" honorees, bus operators John Paczkowski of Archer garage, and Donald Burson of Kedzie in the Control Center where they viewed procedures used by controllers to assist bus operators and train crews. Explaining operations is power controller John Hightower. Not present for the occasion was rail conductor Jorge Pinares of Howard terminal.

Two bus operators and a motorman were recent honorees on "A Day in CTA" In recognition of their extraordinary performance of duty.

An alert bus operator, Donald Burson of Kedzie garage, prevented what could have been a tragic incident aboard his Jackson street bus route when a rider with a gun, upset because of a service delay, approached Burson and a supervisor.

Burson distracted the man long enough to seize and wrestle him to the floor, and disarm and hold him until police arrived. The operator's prompt response to the situation may have prevented injury to other passengers.

Meanwhile, Operator John Paczkowski of Archer garage was commended on "A Day in CTA" for giving aid to the victims of an automobile collision at Archer and Long avenues.

Upon impact one of the vehicles was engulfed in smoke, and Paczkowski feared that flames would ensue. He notified the Control Center and secured his bus; then rushed to the scene where he removed a small child and a woman from the wreckage.

In a similar incident, motorman Leroy Crenshaw, and conductor Jorge Pinares were commended for the swift action they took when their North/South train on run 809 had to be evacuated due to a spontaneous flash fire which threatened the safety of the passengers.

Riders aboard the ill fated train noted that the crew performed admirably, with precision and teamwork under trying conditions, and brought about an orderly and safe evacuation.

### Honorees



Bus operators (from left) Elizabeth Duren, Rosa Irizarry, Ernest Hennecke, and seniority clerk Walter Lemons, "Day in CTA" honorees, are briefed on procedures in the control center at the Merchandise Mart by bus controller Sterling Martin (right). Ms. Duren is assigned to North Avenue garage while Ms. Irizarry and Hennecke are located at Forest Glen and Beverly garages respectively. Lemons, a former bus operator, is assigned to the general office in the Mart. The four were given special recognition for distinguished service in connection with their jobs and service to the community.

Samuel Adams Jr., North Park Edward Alexander Jr., 77th Street Arthur Alpert, Howard/Kimball Rogelio Arrazola, North Park

Rogelio Arrazola, North Park
Ernest Barnes, Beverly
Searcy Barnett, North Park
Sarah Beaty, West Section
Lynette Bolton, North Park
Alvin Bond, North Avenue
Charles Bright, Howard / Kimball
Steve Brooks, 77th Street
Otis Brown, North Avenue
Joe Bullock, Limits
Earl Burress, 69th Street
Janet Burton, North Park
Jean Cane North Park

Jean Cage, North Park Noel Castro, North Park John Christner Jr., Forest Glen

Barbara Dandridge, 77th Street Donald Davis, Jefferson Park Rogers Dean, Kedzie Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

Kenneth Fabian, Forest Glen James Forte, Douglas/Congress Steven Furlet, Limits

Gonzalo Garcia, North Park Tommie Gamer, North Park Lynne Garner, Limits Phillip Gary Jr., 69th Street David Gaston, North Park Jeffrey Gilbert, Howard/Kimball

Luvenia Hare, North Section Eleanor Hasbrouck, West Section Brian Haynes, 77th Street Roderick Hudson, North Avenue Margaret Hunt, Forest Glen

Donald James, 77th Street Willie James, North Park Charles Johnson, 69th Street Cedric Johnson, Kedzie George Johnson, Limits George Jones, 77th Street George Jones, North Avenue

George Jones, North Avenue
Antoine Khoury, North Park
Roland King, Jefferson Park
Fred Labern, North Avenue
Anthony Lag, Limits
Paul Lane, Jefferson Park
Dorothy Leverson, North Section
Hipolito Liquigan, Forest Glen
William Lowery, 77th Street
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Melinda Manoni, West Section
William Markowski, Forest Glen
Jesse McAdory, Forest Park
Larry McDaniel, North Avenue
John McDonnell, Limits
Joe McWane Jr., Kedzie
Hector Medina, Archer
Maurice Miller, Limits
Marceau Mitchell, 77th Street
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Faye Murry, Limits
George Neal, North Park
Anthony Nicholson, North Section
Hazel Owens, Limits

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Raginald Pace, North Park
John Paczkowski, Archer
Christos Papachristou, Forest Glen
Van Penn Jr., North Avenue
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Flenard Porter, 69th Street
Donald Pruitt, North Avenue
James Przybylski, North Park

Bailly Ragsdale, 77th Street
William Ramos, North Park
Rochester Redmon, West Section
Thomas Rhone, 77th Street
Annie Rice, Limits
Valerie Robinson, North Avenue
Arturo Rodriguez, Forest Glen
David Rossie, Archer
Freddie Rychlock, 69th Street

Burt Schwartz, Archer Lillian Shelton, Forest Glen Harold Shorts, Howard/Kimball Edgar Singleton Jr., 69th Street Eugene Sparks Jr., Howard/Kimball David Sperling, Howard/Kimball Vytautas Stukelis, Archer

Wendell Talbert, North Park William Thompson, Archer Jerome Towns, North Park Willie Turner, 69th Street

Clarence Van Middlesworth, North Park Jesus Vazquez, North Avenue

Jimmie Walker, North Avenue Ricky Wetherspoon, North Park Willie Williams, 69th Street Roseaner Williams, North Avenue Patricia Williams, Howard/Kimball Jacquelyn Williamson, Kedzie Linda Yates, Howard/Kimball

Bryant Alexander, Ticket
Agent TieUp champion
since 1984, takes care of
business to the satisfaction of judges in the competition as demonstrated
here. Observing the action
are agent instructors Betty
Morris, (left) and
Karen Eden.



Bus Roadeo champion William Edgerton, Limits garage (3rd, left) and other 1985 competitors show off their trophies. Maintaining second place for another year is Joe Rodenski of Forest Glen (left). Moving up to third place is David James, North Avenue, while 1984 champion Michael Matas (right) finished fourth.



Accepting well deserved honors are award recipients of the Third Rail Roundup. First place honorees cradling trophies are (from left) conductor Dennis Broderick, 54th street terminal, and motorman Leon Hedgewood, Howard terminal. Placing second were motorman Donald Seay, Howard terminal, and conductor James Doorey, O'Hare terminal.



Roadeo winner William Edgerton stands along side the banner bearing his image and displayed on the historical bus. Edgerton is accompanied by David James, Archer garage, third place winner, and Roadeo chairman William Thompson (right).



Mary Curry, the first female motorman to qualify as a member of the Roundhouse 18, was also Harlem terminal champion. Ms. Curry displays the terminal champion-ship trophy presented to her by (from left) Alex Johnson, manager, Operations Personnel; Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations; Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction, and Ulysee Coley, superintendent III. Harlem.



Howard street motorman Leon Hedgewood, Third Rail Roundup winner, enjoys a lively conversation about his success with Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations. Others enjoying the moment are (from left) Elonzo Hill, manager, Training/Instruction; Alex Wilson, superintendent, Howard terminal, and Alex Johnson, manager, Operations Personnel.



James McClain, superintendent, 63rd and Ashland terminal, accepts the 1985 Ticket Agent TieUp Chairman's Cup from 1985 champion Bryant Alexander, who is also the defending 1984 champion. Sharing the moment is Ms. Anita Curtis, deputy executive director, Human Resources, and Harry Reddrick, deputy executive director, Operations.



## Special Services

## Disabled community honors CTA Special Service staff

Some 250 people were on hand at Washington garage August 23 to put on a farewell party in honor of the CTA Special Service staff.

Mrs. Marian Butler, a special service user, and a former peer counselor for the Muscular Dystrophy Society, said users of the service simply wanted to show Superintendent Isaac Beal and his staff their appreciation.



Isaac Beal, superintendent, Special Services, enjoys the company of these Special Services users (from left) Don Neilson, Ms. Mattie Porche, and Ms. Dorothy Youll.

The farewell party was an idea conceived by Kerry Moore, another special service user, as he and others enjoyed a Special Service Culture bus tour in July.

Moore, a food service handler for the Rehabilitation Institute, said approximately \$600 was donated by users of the service to cover the cost of the catered party. "A thank you is not nearly enough, but we hope you understand this thank you comes from the bottom of our hearts. Our lives have been enriched during the time that we have known all of you. Many people don't have the opportunity to run across such dedicated and caring individuals.

"Since we have been dealing with CTA Special Services, all of you have unexpectedly become a big part of our family. We of the disabled community sincerely hope that this union will have a chance to flourish into something bigger.

"We thank you for being you." (Editor's note: A recent arbitration decision allows CTA to implement its plan to contract out special services to four private carriers. CTA will be able to provide twice as many trips for its four million dollar budget.)



Elcosie Gresham, president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241, shares a few thoughts with Ms. Chris Matthew. At Greshsam's left is Ms. Dorothy Tolbert, spokesperson for the Disabled Community.

"They have done so much for us. We feel like we are losing our family with the Special Service facility about to close," said Mrs. Butler who has been a rider on the service since its inception four years ago.

"This service has given us the opportunity to be independent and to get around as necessary. We have not been hurried by CTA Special Service operators, and this has been a blessing," Mrs. Butler added.

Mrs. Dorothy Tolbert, a spokesperson for Handicapped Independent People, expressed her organization's sentiments to Superintendent Beal as she said, "We of the disabled community would like to commend all of you for your services.

"We are aware of your tireless efforts in taking care of all our needs, and we want you to know that your consideration has not gone unrecognized.



Ms. Marian Butler, and Kerry Moore, organizers of the festive occasion at Washington garage, were pleased with the support received from other Special Services users.

# "Mr.Clean"



### Bob Ryan recalls "Mr. Clean" role

Remember "Mr. Clean," the Proctor and Gamble detergent for the home with "more cleaning power" which had its beginning more than 25 years ago?

Would it surprise you to learn that the product model for the muscular sailor on the "Mr. Clean" container is CTA special project coordinator Robert Ryan?

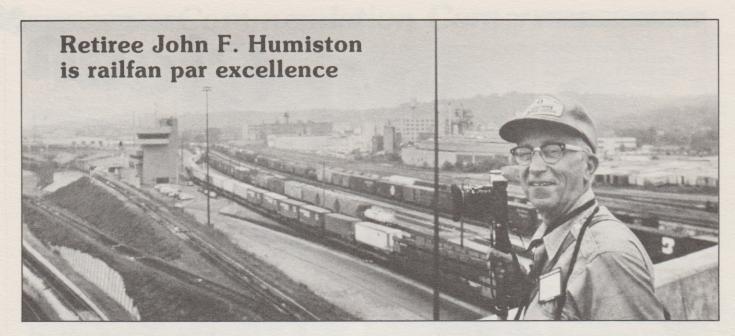
Ryan explains it this way: "After P&G developed this liquid detergent and decided to call it 'Mr. Clean,' they hired an ad agency to promote the product. The agency was tasked with finding a model who would portray the image best suited to the new P&G product.

"The agency called on my friend, commercial photographer Ralph Cowan, who in turn asked me to be the model. I wore a fitted tee shirt and white pants, and a rubber skull cap to provide that bald 'Mr. Clean' image. The earring in the left ear was for added effect."

P&G saw the black and white photographs which Cowan took, and used them as models for the cartoon character which has appeared on the product label for the last 25 years.

Other commercials in which Ryan has appeared include the popular Kellogg's Breakfast cereals and Kingsmen's Toiletries.

Robert "Mr. Clean" Ryan stands at the ready with mop in hand to declare war on dirt with "more cleaning power." The CTA special project coordinator was the original model for Proctor and Gamble's "Mr. Clean" liquid detergent.



CTA retiree John F. Humiston of Olympia Fields has combined his fascination for railroad travel and his enthusiasm for photography into a fun-filled pastime.

The former Skokie Shops vehicle maintenance unit supervisor retired in 1978, and has since devoted himself to seeing as much of North America by train as possible and putting it on film to share with other rail enthusiasts. "Geography and trains go together," Humiston says. "They tell me a lot more about geography than National Geographic," he adds.

A railfan par excellence, Humiston is a member of the 20th Century Railroad Club which recently awarded

him a free weekend trip of his choice, by train of course, for having logged the most train miles in 1984.

Last year, the 71-year old Humiston traveled 23,140 miles. His travels included 14,143 miles over AMTRAK roads, 6,560 miles over the Canadian Railroad, and 2,347 miscellaneous rail miles.

He has yet to collect his 20th Century Railroad Club free ticket, and doesn't know when he will. There isn't much time left after his many excursions for club outings. Besides, he still needs time to get into his darkroom to develop film and make a few prints. Over the years he has collected a ton of photographs.

Although Humiston's travels for 1985 have been somewhat curtailed, he has still managed to log 8,543 miles this year including 130 miles on the San Diego trolley, one of his favorite trips. In all, since his retirement, John Humiston has traveled more than 60,000 miles by rail taking in the sights of the United States and Canada, and he's enthusiastic about seeing more via his favorite mode of travel.

Besides the 20th Century Railroad Club, Humiston belongs to the Central Electric Railfans Association, Railroad Club of Chicago, National Railway Historical Society, Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, and the Canadian Railway Historical Association.

### Salvatore Perce retires

Salvatore Perce, 65, assistant AM superintendent at Kedzie garage, slices the cake for guests which included members of his family, Kedzie garage, and other Operations Division personnel. All were gathered in Perce's honor on his retirement after 31 years of CTA service. He began his CTA career as a bus operator on August 30, 1954. Perce and his family will move from their Bellwood home to spend retirement in Wisconsin.





### THE INSIDE NEWS

### AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

### North Park



Jacob Dallal

Hmmm, maybe our clerk, **Menashe Dallal**, is smiling with that extra bit of fatherly pride because his son, **Jacob**, not only was the youngest student to graduate with the highest grades from his grammar school, but also managed to finish in second place in a recent Bible contest which in turn enabled him to travel to New York to take part in a National Bible contest held in that city.

Congratulations, all ... A welcome-back-to-work goes to operator Madeline Martin (Sheridan Road) after her three-month leave of absence ... Talk about confidence in one's abilities! Clerk Sved Jafer wants everyone to know how great a clerk he is and that being chairman of either CTA and/or RTA is his goal ... Operator Jeff Moore drove to Jackson, Miss., recently to attend a family reunion. With 237 relatives attending, we can only wonder who volunteered to wash the dishes ... It takes time, so we're being patient awaiting that first look at the 1937 Oldsmobile Coupe that Marcello Alonzo is working on. We've seen his touch applied to the '56 Chevy and a v-e-r-y sharp '56 Ford Fairlane that he's spent plenty of long hours tinkering with. It's been his hobby for the past 10 years ... Next time Robert Williams (Sheridan Road) is standing in line waiting for the paymaster to give him his check, take a closer look at those custom-made trousers he wears ... Seems like everyone attending our recent retirement party for Pensioner (janitor) "California" had a good time and plenty of liquid refreshments at River Park, but why, oh why does the

park district close those restrooms so-o-o early?.. Victor San Martin's daughter, Maria, age 17, has been nominated for Honorary Award recognition. She will have her biography published in the 1985 volume of Who's Who Among American High School Students. Miss San Martin also will be eligible to apply for a scholarship in the amount of \$1000. Congratula-



Maria San Martin

tions, Maria ... Well, well, here are the newest full-time operators you and I will be working with these next 20 or 30 years! Welcome to **Diane McPeek, Julio Perez,** 

Daniel Ryan, Robert Pitts, Joseph Butera, Halipson Rivera, Jose Paez, and Amador Crespo ... Instructor W. J. Purnell, S/Sgt., Army Reserve, is getting ready for his weekend warrior training at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin ... Congratulations to those North Park operators who participated in this year's CTA Roadeo: Robert Richardson, Garage Champion; Melvin Little Jr.: Jose Moreno: Robert Thomas: Leonard Lloyd: Oscar M. Repellin; Jesse Chin; Nilda Colorado; Francisco Rios; Robert Devitt; Louis Ward, and Daniel A. Dzyacky. ONE of us will get that Roadeo Champion Title yet ... Mr. Baxter, Superintendent: the name says it all. If you've gone in to see the boss with any problem, more than likely when you came out of his office, you probably breathed a sigh of relief. That would be typical for the majority of us here at North Park. But now Mr. Baxter is working at North Avenue garage, and in a sense, North Avenue's gain is North Park's loss. This gentleman is surely going to be missed by a lot of us, but not for too long, we hope. We'd like OUR boss back.

Mike Flores

### **Materials Management**

Irene Peterson, utility clerk, lost her brother, Thomas Gushes, who died suddenly. She wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy ... Russ Lipari, file clerk, gave his daughter, Jodeen, in Holy Matrimony to Terrance Melbourne. The couple was wed at St. Damien's Church in Oak Forest, with a reception held at Sharkos' West ... Matthew Rago, material expeditor, Skokie Shops, is back to work after breaking his heel. Good to have you back at your post, Matthew ... James Qualls, order control clerk, and his wife, Ernestene, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on August 29. James and Ernestene have two children, Raquel and James. Congratulations, and many, many more years of happiness together ... Nancy Sholdice and her husband, Bill, attended their first (but the second) "Sholdice Reunion," held in Ottawa, Canada. There were 380 Sholdices at the affair. A dinner was held at the University of Carleton. Twenty people were from the Northwest Territory and San Diego, with the remainder from Canada. Nancy and Bill are looking forward to their next reunion in five years and in the meantime will continue to delve into their genealogy ... Jim Madden, supervisor, Disbursements and Records, Insurance, lost his mother, Mary Madden, who died after a brief illness ... While having dinner at a Maywood restaurant, this reporter met Jack Wexelberg, retired director of Internal Auditing. and Hank Luebeck, director, Program Implementation, Capital Development, and their wives. Jack has been retired eight years now and needless to say, looks great. Jack send his regards to all ... Visiting the Chicagoland



area recently was **Dorothy Wilhelm**, former Stenographic employee and the sister of retiree **Wil Lembachner**, Claim Department. Dorothy and her husband, **Harry**, are enjoying retirement in Arizona ... Retiree **Ray Hynes** died in Largo, Florida. Ray headed up the Office Services Department some years ago. Our condolences to his family and to the family of retired Supervisor of Accident Statistics **Mary E. Clarke**, whose brother, **James M. Clarke**, died after an extended illness ... It's goodby to our summertime employees. Thanks for a job well done ... Congratulations to **Rick Willis** and his wife, **Dorothy**, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Rick is editor of Transit News.

Arlene Zittman

### Forest Glen

June, July and August have been busy months for our co-workers at Forest Glen garage. To our sick and shutins: Delores Carter, Phyllis McCov, Will Borhm, Adolph Marth, Mrs. Williams, the wife of our Forest Glen Union Steward, to Phil Perricone, and everyone who needs them, we send our prayers and wishes for speedy recoveries ... Welcome back, Marty Del Conte! Glad to see you are feeling better ... The Hugh Masterson family had a grand time in Scotland ... Joe Slaughter and his dance teacher won first place in a dance contest ... Lincoln Eaton went on pension. Remember, keep active, Eaton!.. Kevin Farrell, who retired in March, sends his best wishes to all ... Hats off to the Forest Glen participants in the "Striving for Excellence" awards dinner ... Happy parenthood to: Belinda Haves, a boy, July 26, 1985, 5 pounds 16 ounces, named Britian David Haves: Rosie Starks, a girl, July 12, 1985, 8 pounds 10 ounces, named Tabitha Michelle Starks: Terry Sims, a boy, June 10, 1985, 9 pounds 14 ounces, named Micah W. Sims; Mr. and Mrs. Antonyo Ramos, a girl, August 22, 1985, 8 pounds 14 ounces, named Yomarie Ramos, born at Columbus Hospital ... The most celebrated driver for June and July is Art Whitfield. His birthday was June 8, his wife's birthday was July 19, his fifth wedding anniversary was June 28, and his step-daughter, Gabriel Siedler, had a baby girl, Jaclyn, born July 12, 1985, 10 pounds 9 ounces ... Attention Everyone! Be careful of the bank automatic teller machines. Neville Keller got his hand stuck trying to complete his withdrawal transaction. On top of all this, the machine kept delivering \$100 bills and no way could he get his hand unstuck. Better luck next time; smile!.. A thought for October: "When you get where you are going, where will you be?"-slow down. Wallacene Good

### Internal Audit

Transit New Editor **Rick Willis** and his wife, **Dorothy** enjoyed a seven-day Carribean cruise aboard the Italian liner MS Carla "C" in commemoration of their silver wedding anniversary. The sunny vacation included a daylong visit to Caracas, Venezuela, and was highlighted when Mr. and Mrs. Willis repeated their vows in a ceremony conducted by the ship's chaplain...Our condolences are extended to **Jerry McManamon**, North Avenue switchboard operator, in the loss of his uncle,

**Edward Joseph Rowland**, who retired in 1965 after 45 years of service. Mr. Rowland started with the CSL in 1920. He is survived by his widow Nora.

Joyce Petrich

### Ravenswood scene is painted in water color



New York artist David E. Dallison, 21, currently studying art in Toronto, Canada, shows his water color of the Ravenswood "L" route's Chicago avenue station.

David E. Dallison, 21, of New York City, visited the Chicago area this summer and took one look at the Ravenswood "L" route's Chicago avenue station and just had to paint it — in a water color.

"I chose the perspective looking north because of the sense of inherent power in the scene. Not just the awesome power of the electric current in the third rail, but the station's dormant power to attract masses of people quickly and to propel them quickly on trains to distant points." Dallison explained.

The young artist currently is living in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, and is attending the Ontario College of Art in nearby Toronto.

Why did he choose to depict the station without trains

or people?

"As an artist I especially like the linear perspective of the platform, its lighting fixtures, railings, and tracks. It all blends into a dormant power — like an electrified genie — waiting to be used."

### **More June Graduates**



DONNA LYNN DANSBY Chicago Vocational H.S. Charles L. Dansby 98th Street Shop Retiree



HARVELL HORTON Jr. Fenger H.S. William Hill 77th Street

### Service anniversaries

#### **AUGUST**

35 Years

Raymond Bieniasz, Equip. Engr. & Maint. Michael Connolly, Fac. Engr. & Maint. Chester Majerowic, Mech. Maint. Raymond Michalski, Mech. Maint.

30 Years

Bart Davis, Forest Glen Christopher Gilbert Jr., Forest Glen David Hinman, Bus Pers.-South Raymond Jones, Ashland Terminal Jesse Jumper, Claims Raymond Lugiai, Bus Service Curley Russell, 77th Street Semial Siggers, Racine John Smith, Claims Thomas Staunton, Track & Roadway

25 Years

Michael Akai, Central Counting David Allen, Rail System Willie Brewster, Kedzie Hubert Burketh, District D McRayfield Caldwell, Oper's Control Tarleton Curry Jr., South Shops Joseph Daguilante, Oper's Control William Echols, 77th Street Walter Gaedtke, Power & Way Raymond Jackson, North Avenue David Johnson, 77th Street Thomas Kman Jr., South Shops Henry Krob, South Shops William Miller, Bus Pers.-North John O'Brien, North Park John O'Connor, Gen'l Maint. John Pendleton, Beverly George Salamunec, District B Eugene Sherrod Jr., Civil Engr. Jimmie Smith, Forest Glen Robert Tate, 77th Street Horst Tietz, Forest Glen George Tubbs Jr., 69th Street Bruno Vandervelde, Beverly

#### SEPTEMBER

40 Years John Newman, South Shops



35 Years

Henry Dickerson, Terminal-North Charles Ferrante, Utility Steve Kudelka Jr., Esc. Mtce. Gary Olsen, South Shops Leon Poe, South Shops Royal Reed, 77th Street

30 Years

John Anderson, 69th Street Fred Bassett, Kedzie Dennis Dobbyn, Sig. Phone & Radio Bert Hukill, North Avenue Albert Porter, Claims Rosemary Roberson, Bus Pers.-South Eddie Smith, Kedzie Theautry Snyder, West Section Theodore Williams, Rail System

25 Years

McBride Anderson, 69th Street James Davis, North Avenue Martin Delconte, Forest Glen Leon Gaddy, 69th Street John Gassaway, South Shops John Gordon, Howard/Kimball Robert Janz, Transp. Services Robert Long, 69th Street Dominick Marley, Linden Lewis Martin, Steel Fabr. Shop Emile Ousley, Elec. Testing Nathaniel Payne, Training Center Burgess Peterson, Forest Glen Felix Robinson, 77th Street William Sears, Support Services Carence Shannon Jr., 77th Street Draco Slaughter, 77th Street Wyvern Thompson, Beverly Alton Williams, Rail Pers.-South Dennis Winnick, Mech. Maint.

### **PENSIONERS**

August

EARL BARLEY Sr., Training Clerk, Limits Trng. Cntr., Emp. 1-20-58 LOUIS F. BERRY, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 4-19-56
JOSEPH D. CARLYON, Bus & Truck Mech.,
South Shops, Emp. 1-27-59
JOHNNIE L. HENDERSON, Term. Foreman, Kimball Shop, Emp. 1-7-46 WILLIAM B. HILLER, Ticket Agent, West Section, Emp. 9-23-63 PETER L. JANKE, Chief Elect. Tester, West Shops, Emp. 9-18-39 NICKOLAS T. LAMBRAKOS, Bus Servicer, Archer, Emp. 5-14-59 JAMES E. MARBLE Jr., Sr. Sched. Clerk, Operations Planning, Emp. 9-20-56 SALVADOR P. PERCE, Ass't Supt.-Bus, Kedzie, Emp. 8-30-54

**Disability Retirement** 

MILTON HILL, Bus Operator, Archer, Emp. 8-10-70

September

ARNOLD BELER, Bus Operator, North Park, Emp. 8-14-67 OTWA CLEMONS, Bus Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 2-16-56 LINCOLN L. EATON, Bus Operator, Forest Glen, Emp. 1-5-59 STEVE ECONOM, Bus Servicer, Archer, Emp. 5-14-59
LOUIS E. FORD, Bus Operator,
North Avenue, Emp. 1-7-48
JOSEPH P. IRWIN, Carpenter, South Shops, Emp. 8-10-49 JOSEPH R. JAROS, Elect. Worker, South Shops, Emp. 11-23-59 CHARLES H. LUEPKE, Tel. Operator, North Avenue, Emp. 10-9-45 DONALD McCARTHY, Bus & Truck Mech., South Shops, Emp. 12-7-48 GEORGE J. SALAMUNEC, Supervisor, District B, Emp. 8-4-60 WILL TAYLOR, Bus Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 3-19-53

**Disability Retirements** 

THOMAS M. BUTLER, Plumber, West Shops, Emp. 10-23-74 MICHAEL T. CAFFREY, Blacksmith Wldr., Skokie Shop, Emp. 2-4-70 MARY S. WILLIAMS, Bus Operator, 69th Street, Emp. 6-30-75

### IN MEMORIAM

#### AUGUST

Emp. 5-19-47, Died 7-2-85 WILLARD R. CLAY, 82, Limits, Emp. 10-31-27, Died 6-21-85 PASQUALE COLOSIMO, 86, South Shops, Emp. 2-22-44, Died 6-22-85 GLENN L. COOLEY, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 3-29-27, Died 7-28-85 STEFANO D'ANNA, 81, Stores, Emp. 5-9-36, Died 7-24-85 ANTHONY J. DeVAUX, 77, South Shops, Emp. 5-8-47, Died 7-19-85 ROY H. ENGWALL, 81, Beverly, Emp. 4-22-29, Died 7-29-85 JOHN ESPOSITO, 81, Shops & Equip... Emp. 1-8-24, Died 7-22-85 EDWARD P. HEIDENREICH, 73, North Ave., Emp. 3-12-34, Died 7-2-85

WILLIAM P. HOOPER, 62, Kedzie, Emp. 2-15-51, Died 7-31-85 BERNARD KLATT, 68, South Shops, Emp. 11-10-47, Died 7-30-85 CHESTER J. BIEGANOWSKI, 65, 77th Street, JOHN KULLOWITCH, 85, South Shops, PETER MIRKOVICH, 95, Way & Structs., Emp. 8-23-18, Died 6-26-85 OSCAR F. POHL, 65, Stores, EDWARD J. COMAN, 78, Claim, Emp. 11-19-49, Died 7-16-85 ESTEBAN ROSARIO, 60, Madison/Wabash, DOMENICO DISTASIO, 90, Way & Structs. Emp. 4-21-72, Died 7-4-85 JACOB A. RUSNAK, 74, North Park, Emp. 2-3-36, Died 7-3-85 RUTH M. SOUTTER, 91, Transportation, Emp. 4-4-21, Died 7-17-85 Emp. 4-4-21, Died 7-17-85 FRANK P. SPOLEC, 83, South Shops, Emp. 12-27-22, Died 7-26-85 SAMUEL W. WILSON, 71, Beverly, Emp. 8-14-41, Died 7-2-85 WALTER J. ZURAWSKI, 67, 77th Street, Emp. 6-5-46, Died 7-2-85

#### SEPTEMBER

WILLIAM J. BARNES, 80, South Shops. Emp. 4-17-34, Died 7-20-85 WILLIAM F. BLUME, 75, North Avenue, Emp. 8-10-48, Died 8-14-85 LAMBERT BRONS, 80, South Shops. Emp. 6-8-26, Died 8-7-85 EDWARD J. COMAN, 78, Claim, Emp. 1-11-47, Died 8-28-85 Emp. 11-20-19. Died 8-7-85 WILLIAM T. HANNA, 93, South Shops, Emp. 5-31-16, Died 8-31-85 JAMES P. HARTIGAN, 73, West Section. Emp. 11-13-45, Died 8-25-85 JOHN B. HAYES, 68. Kedzie. Emp. 3-1-46, Died 8-8-85 RUDOLF HEROLD, 83, Stores. Emp. 10-6-26, Died 8-10-85 JOHN F. HOGAN, 79, 77th Street, Emp. 2-19-36, Died 7-31-85

RAYMOND A. HYNES, 81. Office Services Emp. 9-1-46, Died 8-25-85 THOMAS M. KACZYNSKI, 72, Limits. Emp. 12-28-45. Died 8-13-85
MICHAEL M. KASMAN, 71, Forest Glen.
Emp. 2-26-47. Died 8-13-85
STANLEY J. KAZAK, 71, North Park. Emp. 5-21-42, Died 8-18-85 WILLIAM L. MACLIN, 79, North Section, Emp. 12-28-53, Died 8-26-85 MORRIS R. MADISON, 65, West Shops, Emp. 10-5-76, Died 8-8-85 CHARLES C. PETERSON, 83, Electrical Emp. 4-22-24, Died 8-6-85 WILLIAM D. QUIGLEY, 78, Beverly, Emp. 2-28-34, Died 8-7-85 JOSEPH SCARNATO, 92, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-8-43, Died 8-1-85 AUGUST F. SHIMKUS, 74, Distrist A. Emp. 1-6-43, Died 8-28-85 ARTHUR J. SMITH, 59, 63rd/Ashland, Emp. 3-16-59, Died 8-11-85 GEORGE W. STOKES, 80, Archer Emp. 2-1-29, Died 8-19-85

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