



Chicagoans enjoy safest New Year with CTA free rides

More than 160,000 riders took advantage of safe, FREE rides on CTA buses and trains this past New Year's Eve. This was the first year CTA made free transportation available for its riders. In keeping with the holiday spirit, CTA announced that free rides would be sponsored by Santa Claus. Based on observations of overnight ridership from 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., the number of riders was substantially higher during the New Year's Eve free ride hours.

"It was a way to say thank you to our customers for a year of support, and a way to make our roads safer on what is considered a very dangerous evening," said Chairman Michael A. Cardilli. "We are pleased at the

large turnout and the positive feedback we received from various organizations, riders, and employees. It really was a success, thanks to the fine job done by our employees who worked New Year's Eve."

Statistics showed a substantial number of riders boarded buses in the Rush Street area. "Hopefully, the celebrants who boarded our vehicles, and innocent bystanders, were saved from needless tragedy," Cardilli said.

As a result of the combined efforts of CTA and other organizations, drunken driving statistics were very low. Only four suspected drunk drivers were arrested throughout Chicago.

WORLD'S LARGEST OFFICE PARTY

They couldn't believe it!

"Terrific!", "Can't Believe This," "Wonderful," "What a great CTA gesture for a great cause."

These were the typical responses from the more than 5,000 persons accepting free rides home on CTA trains and buses from the World's Largest Office Party staged on December 23 in the Hyatt Regency hotel. The free rides home were sponsored by the organizers of the annual event to benefit the Neediest Children's Fund spearheaded by **Wally Phillips**, WGN radio personality.

The free rides, in the form of special CTA transfers valid between 6 p.m. and midnight, were distributed from the CTA's free coffee and donut bar to persons leaving the popular holiday benefit. More than 9000 attended the fifth annual event which benefits Chicago's neediest youngsters and families.

Nancy Ruth, the Hyatt Regency's director of public relations, orchestrated the benefit which featured civic leaders, members of the Cubs, White Sox, Bears, Bulls, Sting, Black



Offering Free Ride Home transfers at 5th Annual World's Largest Office Party are (from left) **Jack Sowchin**, **Evelyn Martin**, **Juan Puente**, **Mary Tobin** and **Dan Kane**. Large signs promoting the free rides home were produced by the CTA sign shop at South Shops.

Hawks, and radio and TV personalities who manned booths to help raise funds for the charity.

The CTA had its own cast of stars who distributed the free coffee provided by the hotel and free donuts provided by a local baker.

The celebrity bartenders included **Mike LaVelle**, manager, Transportation Services; **Dave Martin**, manager, Control Center, and his wife, **Evelyn**; **Betty Edwards**, manager, Community Affairs; **Jack Sowchin**, director, Publications; **Juan Puente**, bi-lingual community relations coordinator, Community Affairs; **Mary Tobin**, Control Center typist; **Rick Willis**, feature

writer/editorial assistant, Publications, his son, **Keith**, and brother, **Irvin**; **Carol Ruggiero**, transit professional trainee, Public Affairs; and **Don Yabush**, news media coordinator, Public Affairs, and his wife, **Caroline**. Yabush served as project coordinator.

Joining the CTA celebrities were radio personalities **Barry Edwards**, WBBM traffic reporter and disc jockey at the Ultimate Sports Bar & Grill; **Irene Mojica**, WGCI disc jockey, and **Bob Barnes-Watts** of WFYR.

All who manned the CTA coffee bar asked to be at next year's World's Largest Office Party. By the way, the party is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.



Mike LaVelle, another volunteer staffer, explains use of special transfers to two party goers.



Evelyn Martin presents a free transfer to another party goer as **Juan Puente** smiles approvingly.

Moment of silence

At 5:15 p.m. on January 28, all CTA buses and trains, which could do so safely, came to a stop for a short period of time, and employees and passengers observed a moment of

silence in memory of the seven astronauts who died in the Space Shuttle disaster that morning. The following is a letter that expresses the feeling of many of our riders:

Dear Editor:

At 5:15 p.m. today (Tuesday, 1-28-86) our Evanston Express train came to an unexpected stop to observe a dispatcher-ordered moment of silence on behalf of the 7 astronauts killed earlier on their space mission. Absolute silence prevailed as, with heads bowed, we felt the national grief and offered prayers.

As with those NASA folks, we have come to take traveling safety for granted...until tragedy reminds us otherwise.

For millions of incident-free passenger miles the CTA deserves recognition and thanks. Its superb safety and service record, taken for granted, is outstanding. Thanks, too, for sensitivity to our feelings.

From Car Number One,

M. R. Crow, EdD.

TRANSIT NEWS-1986

Transit News for 1986 will be printed on a better grade of paper, and two colors will appear on more pages. Our new printing process should also result in more timely delivery to CTA work locations.

While we make these improvements, we must also keep within our budget, so the 1986 *Transit News* will be printed every two months.

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming *Transit News* issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

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May-June, 1986.....	May 23, 1986
July-August, 1986.....	July 25, 1986
September-October, 1986.....	September 26, 1986
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Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

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From the Chairman

We need your help

For the first time in over four years, CTA has increased fares to help offset rising operating costs and decreasing public funding. Our fare increase is modest when compared with the increasing costs consumers must pay for other goods and services, but the implementation is complex because it includes a rapid transit fare differential and new transfer rules designed to prevent transfer abuse.

In late January, we began the tremendous task of informing operating employees and the riding public of the new fare and transfer procedures. Operations, Training & Instruction, revised numerous reporting forms and standard operating procedures, and instructors at all operating locations diligently trained all supervisors and fare collecting employees to insure a smooth transition on February 9.

Public Affairs launched a massive publicity campaign including brochures, newspaper advertisements, news releases, window cards, posters, and public service radio announcements, and they are continuing to answer telephone inquiries from riders.

We have done our best to inform all concerned of the fare and transfer changes, but now, more than ever, we must rely upon your expertise in working with the public. Consumers have a right to expect good service, and they are always most critical of service when the price is higher. Past experience has shown that we can expect a decrease in ridership immediately following a fare increase, with gradual recovery within six months to a year.

All CTA employees, especially operating employees, must encourage ridership by being thoroughly knowledgeable of the new fare and transfer procedures, and by courteously and patiently answering riders' questions.

Michael Randell



Celebrating retirement as "Day in CTA" honorees are (from left) James M. Fahey, Ted Galus, Orval Porter, Alvin Nichols, Ulysses Jones, and Adelbert Cobb.

Collective service totals 222 years for six in Operations

Honors were heaped upon six outstanding rail and bus operators on "A Day in CTA" as their collective 222 years and five months of loyal service was brought to a close through retirement.

The honorees are South Section motorman **Adelbert Cobb** of the Dan Ryan terminal, 33 years; North Section rail service supervisor **James Fahey**, 37 years; bus operator **Orval Porter**, Kedzie garage, 38 years; bus operator **Ted Galus**, Forest Glen garage, 39 years; bus operator **Ulysses Jones**, 77th Street garage, 38 years, and operator **Alvin Nichols**, 77th Street garage, 37 years.

Cobb said the 1983 and 1984 Third Rail Roundups are his fondest CTA memories. In 1983 he was a Roundhouse 18 finalist, and the following year he was terminal champion.

As he retires he plans to catch up on things that need to be done around the house and do some traveling. **Cobb** said he wants to visit Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New York, and Mobile, Alabama, his wife **LaRose's** hometown.

Retirement also means travel for **James Fahey** who plans an 11-day

cruise to the Mexican Riviera in February, and a leisurely springtime trip through England and Ireland. **Fahey** and his wife **Kathleen** have already seen both oceans, but want to "see everything between," he said.

Bus operator **Orval Porter** of the 60-Blue Island route will visit relatives in California, fish in Arkansas and enjoy the greyhound races in West Memphis, Arkansas and Dubuque, Iowa.

"Along with that, 'honey do' will take me over," said **Porter**, "as in 'honey, do this' and 'honey, do that.'" He and his wife, **Louise**, will be able to spend more time on home improvements.

"There are so many memorable things; it's hard to recall just a few," said **Porter**. "I'm looking forward to retirement. If I enjoy retirement like I enjoyed CTA, I'll be happy."

The fondest CTA memories for bus operator **Ted Galus** of the 20-West Irving and 69-West Foster routes are being honored as a member of the Million Miler club for safe driving, and being treasurer of the Forest Glen Credit Union for 12 years. **Galus**, his wife **Marie**, and their four children plan to remain in the Chicago area.

"I was only in the sick book once," said **Galus**. "Retirement brings mixed

emotions because there wasn't a day I didn't enjoy working. I'm pleased with the recognition that CTA is now giving employees who do an excellent job. They didn't do that in the early days," he said.

Operator **Ulysses Jones** who also wants to travel, said mostly he plans to "enjoy life one day at a time" with his wife **Helen** and their four grown daughters.

Jones said of his 38-year CTA career, "Meeting the public has been very challenging and educational. I learned to deal with the problems of all kinds of people."

Operator **Alvin Nichols**, also of 77th Street garage, said "A Day in CTA" will be one of the fondest memories of his 37-year career.

"It's enlightening to visit the Control Center and see how the whole system works. It helps you to understand the things you don't understand on the street," said **Nichols**.

"CTA is a good company. The job has treated me well and helped us to raise four children. I've been blessed," he said. **Nichols** and his wife **Jean** plan to redecorate their home and visit friends and relatives in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

General Attorney announces Claims promotions

CTA General Attorney **Joyce Hughes** has announced the promotions of five members of the Claims department.

The appointees and their new positions are **Charles Marble**, director of Administrative Services; **Michael Vitale**, director, Claims Management; **Mrs. Theresa Sawyer**, superintendent, Claim Files Administration; **Daniel Martorelli**, superintendent, Claims Examination and Investigation; and **John Smith**, supervisor, Claims Examination (bodily injury and property damage).

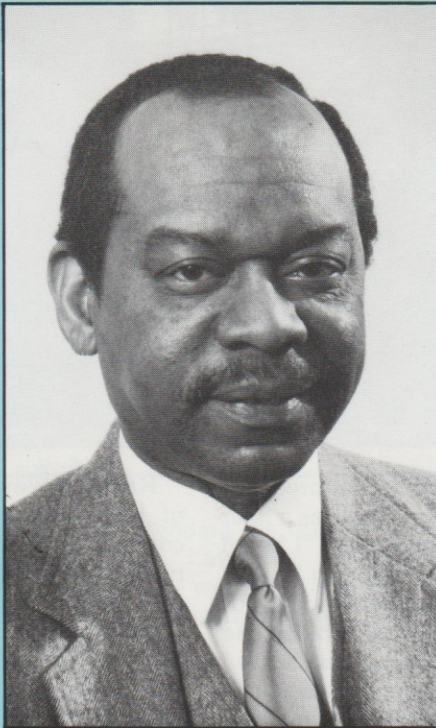
Marble has been serving as superintendent of Claims Administration since 1980. He joined CTA in 1958 as a bus operator and was appointed to the Claims department in 1967. In his new capacity, Marble will be responsible for all administrative services of the General Attorney's office. He and his wife, **Mary Jane**, who is a CTA ticket agent supervisor, live in the Auburn-Gresham community. They have a son and two daughters.

Vitale has been serving as superintendent of Claims Examination and Investigation since 1982. He joined CTA's predecessor, the Chicago Surface Lines, in 1943 as a claims department messenger. Vitale and his wife, **Connie**, live in Skokie. They have two sons and two daughters.

Mrs. Sawyer has been serving as supervisor of Claim Files Administration since 1983. She joined CTA as a claims analyst in 1980. She and her husband, **Ernest**, who is deputy executive director, Planning and Development, have two sons and live in the Beverly area.

Martorelli has been serving as supervisor of Claims Examination (bodily injury and property damage) since 1976. He joined CTA as a claims file clerk in 1949. He and his wife, **Eileen**, have two daughters and live in Harwood Heights.

Smith has served as a claims representative since 1975. He joined CTA as a bus operator in 1955. He and his wife, **Nona**, have six children and live in the West Pullman community.



Charles Marble



Michael Vitale

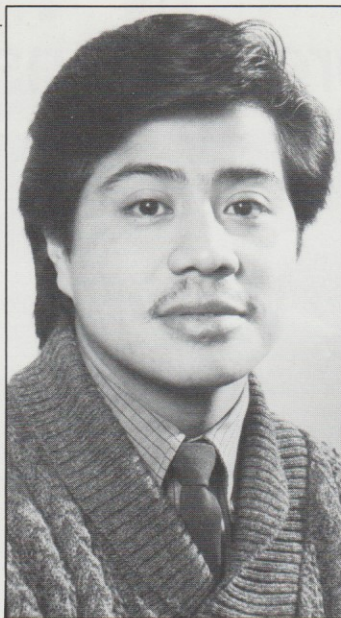


John Smith



Mrs. Theresa Sawyer

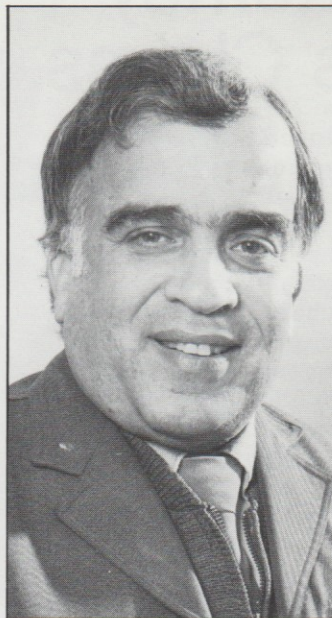
Humberto Monroy (North Section) was thanked for his help as conductor of an Evanston train by Leon Moses, a professor at Northwestern University. "Some stops into Evanston, I suddenly realized I did not have my briefcase. Mr. Monroy must have observed my distress because he came up and asked if I had lost something. When I told him about having to leave another Evanston train at Howard, he called on his radio, reaching one dispatcher, and then another. He took charge of the situation in a very concerned, competent way. We proceeded to Linden, and there waited for the train on which I had left my case. With his help, I found it."



Nathaniel Barton (77th Street garage) was appreciated by Yvonne Thomas, of East 72nd Place, who was a rider on his No. 14 South Lake Shore Express bus. "I heard him answer one lady's question that two buses in front of his were down. I'm sure that helped explain why his bus was packed so tight. A man complained because the driver stopped at all required stops. This driver showed extreme patience and care. He did not respond to the angry man, and used all caution when stopping and changing lanes. We were not jostled forward at any time, and when necessary for the driver to respond, he was most courteous."

Roseann Evans (Archer garage) won the respect of Richard Hammer, an attorney from Northlake, for her help as operator of an early morning No. 62 Archer bus. "An auto apparently hit two lightposts and came to rest on the sidewalk. While I was attempting to determine the condition of the driver, your bus driver stopped to see if she could offer any assistance. By this time the car driver had regained consciousness, but apparently was in shock. Your driver allowed him to enter the bus to keep warm until police arrived. Although there were several other vehicles passing the scene, she was the only one who stopped to help."

Iraj Eghbali (Forest Glen garage) did "a spectacular job" as operator of a No. 85 Central bus, according to Jacqueline Hinton, of North Lotus Avenue. "From the time some rowdy kids boarded the bus at Gale Street, they were a nuisance. After a few stops, the driver approached the group and showed them the door. Many drivers would have overlooked such behavior, but he had guts. He is one of those who do the job well. I just want to tell him to keep up the good work, and stand his ground. If every driver would follow his standards, riders would know they couldn't get away with some of the things that they do."



Robert Moskowitz (North Park garage) was commended for his professionalism as operator of a No. 36 Broadway bus by Donald Shaw, a visitor from Kinnelon, New Jersey. "I asked for and got explicit directions on where I wanted to go. He called out every stop along the way loudly, slowly and clearly. At nearly every stop, someone got on who was unfamiliar with the system. Each one got the same kind, courteous attention I had received. As each group got off, those who exited near the driver were treated to additional kind words and encouragement. This driver is an extraordinary ambassador of good will for your city."

Rafael Rivera (North Park garage) won the approval of Helen Davidson, of West Albion Avenue, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 155 Devon bus. "He was most kind and considerate to me when I was coming from Edgewater Hospital. I got off the Clark Street bus to transfer at Devon. As I was about to cross, the light changed for the bus waiting there to go west, but he saw me running and trying to make it. He waited. Not only was he kind to me, but when a woman in her 80's was trying to get off the bus with her shopping cart, he got up and helped her off. We both blessed him when we left. He deserves a word of thanks."

David Evans Jr. (North Section) caught the attention of Jane Halpert, of North Racine Avenue, for his performance as conductor on a Ravenswood train. "What was so notable was not anything in particular, but his entire attitude. He was cheerful and friendly. He talked and joked with passengers. He admired a young couple's baby. From the time I got on at Adams until I got off at Wellington, he managed to elicit smiles from almost everyone on board. I feel that anyone who can make me smile when I'm cold and tired, and have been working late, deserves a commendation. His courtesy and friendliness were much appreciated."

Jose Portell (North Avenue garage) was called "a very conscientious person" by Mrs. C. Alioto, of North Keystone Avenue, who sometimes rides his No. 72 North Avenue bus early on Sunday morning. "I work at a bakery at Kedzie, not the best area to be in at that time of the morning. He watches till I get into the store, and then drives on. Nowadays, courtesy seems obsolete, but this driver proves it hasn't completely disappeared. My dad and stepdad were both streetcar conductors, between them having 73 years on the cars. Serving the public is not always an easy job, but doing it with a bit of kindness sure helps."

Honor four West Shops retirees

Four veteran West Shops employees were feted by 352 persons attending a retirement party honoring them Dec. 27 in the Diplomat West Banquet Hall, Elmhurst. All four received cash gifts.

The four are **George Christensen**, Unit Supervisor, Radio & Telephone Maintenance, 40 years service; **Ted Szewc**, Supervisor, Signal, Radio & Telephone Maintenance, 40 years; **Mike Rickson**, Supervisor, Office Procedures, 38 years, and **Walter Gaetdke**, Superintendent, Power & Way, 25 years.

Len Wiksten, Director, Facilities Maintenance, was program chairman. Wiksten introduced guest speakers including former Executive Directors **Bernard J. Ford** and **George Krambles**; **George Millonas**, Deputy Executive Director, Maintenance & Engineering; **Thomas Wolgemuth**, Manager, Facilities Engineering & Maintenance, and **Thomas Boyle**, Manager, Safety.



Celebrating retirement are (from left) George Christensen, Walter Gaetdke, Mike Rickson, and Ted Szewc.

More retirements, pages 12-15

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Edward Anderson, 77th Street
Robert Anderson, Kedzie
Emile Andre, 77th Street
Robert Austin, Kedzie

Sandor Barath, District D
Anthony Battaglia, Jefferson Park
Rudolph Blakemore, North Avenue
Willie Bobbitt, Limits
Quinshela Brown, 77th Street
Bobby Brown, North Park
Robert Brown, Ashland
Philip Buscemi, Howard/Kimball
James Butler, North Park
Bobbie Byrd, North Avenue

Deborah Castro, Kedzie
John Christner Jr., Forest Glen
Dolores Cintron, North Avenue
Reola Conwell, 77th Street
Mary Crenshaw, Limits

Arthur Deluna, North Avenue
Bobbis Donald, Structure Mtce.
Herman Duffin, Forest Glen

Marian Earwin, Douglas/Congress
Ophelia Ellis, North Park

Fernando Feliciano, Forest Glen
James Fitzgerald, Limits

Jimmy Garner, 77th Street
George Gavrilos, North Park
Douglas Goard, Howard/Kimball
Roy Goebig, Beverly
Dorothy Graham, Limits

Marcy Hawwat, Howard/Kimball
Gregory Hoard, Forest Glen
Shirley Hobbs Jr., North Park
Douglas Hoffman, North Avenue
Imogene Howard, 77th Street
Gerald Howard, 69th Street

Tony Jackson, Jefferson Park
Cedric Johnson, Kedzie
Katie Jones, Archer
Mattie Jones, Archer
William Joyce, 77th Street

Assunta Kaya, Forest Glen
Bahram Khavari, North Park
Robert Kremer, North Park

Nathaniel Lee Jr., Ashland
James Lewis, 69th Street
Barry Lloyd, Kedzie
Rafael Lopez, North Avenue
Shirley Louis, North Avenue
Gertha Lusby, Kedzie

Hager McFarland, Forest Glen
Jerry Miller, North Park
Leo Monkus, Forest Glen

Humberto Monroy, Howard/Kimball
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
John Moutrey, Forest Glen
Edgar Moya, Forest Glen

Araceli Olivier, North Park
Paul Osipavicius, Archer

Wallace Petersen, Beverly
Terrence Plaskett, 69th Street

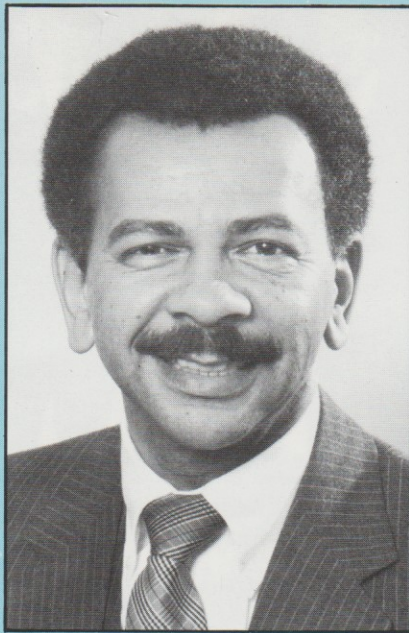
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Angel Roman, Forest Glen
Robert Ross, 77th Street

Edward Sullivan, Beverly
Robert Sundin, Howard/Kimball

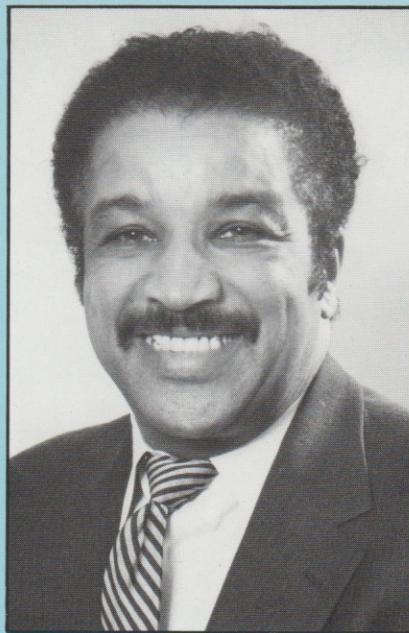
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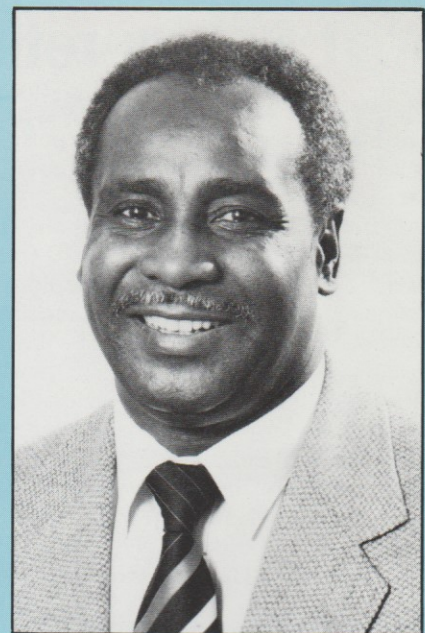
James Walker, Archer
William Ward, Forest Glen
Charles Williams, Kedzie
Russell Williams, Howard/Kimball
Fannie Williams, South Section
Major Woodson, Beverly



Bill Thompson



Thomas Wilson



Charles Hodges

Key promotions in Training/Instruction

Manager, Operations Training/Instruction, Elonzo Hill has announced three key departmental promotions. Named to new positions recently were **William (Bill) Thompson, Thomas Wilson, and Charles Hodges.**

Thompson, formerly superintendent, Bus Instruction, was named director, Personnel Development. Wilson who was assistant superintendent of Bus Instruction, was elevated to superintendent while instructor Charles Hodges replaced Wilson as assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction.

Bill Thompson, of Memphis, Tenn., began his CTA career as a temporary bus operator in the summer of

1961 while he was a student at Loyola University. The Air Force veteran's transportation career has included positions of bus service supervisor, instructor, assistant superintendent of garages, and assistant superintendent, Bus Instruction. In his current job, Thompson assesses the training needs of management and professional personnel in the Operations Division, and develops programs to meet those needs.

Thompson and his wife, Deborah, a histo-technologist at Hyde Park Community hospital, reside in Hyde Park.

Thomas Wilson, of Charleston, West Va., is also an Air Force veteran. He began his CTA career as a bus operator and was later named line in-

structor. He has also held positions of bus service supervisor, bus instructor, and assistant superintendent of garages. Wilson and his wife, Bonnie, a professional barber, reside on the south side. A son, Thomas Kelly Wilson, is a CTA substation attendant.

Charles Hodges, a 30-year CTA veteran, also launched his service as a bus operator at North Avenue garage. He was named bus service supervisor in 1968, and was named instructor in 1975. Hodges and his wife, Barbara, an office manager for Prudential Insurance, are the parents of two sons, Charles, Jr., and Randolph. The family resides on the south side.

IN TOUCH WITH CHICAGO

Visitors to the Merchandise Mart are discovering a new and interesting information system displayed in a kiosk across from the main elevators. "IN TOUCH WITH CHICAGO" is a viewer-interactive, computerized, video-information system that provides facts about Chicago attractions and services. Chicago Tribune Media Services has installed this system in many larger public buildings.

CTA services are featured in two sections, "Public

Transportation" and "Airport Transportation." Illustrations were designed by Al Grady, graphic designer, Publications Section, and text was written by Terry Hocin, Promotional Services director.

Next time you are in the Mart, give "IN TOUCH WITH CHICAGO" a try. It might not be Atari, but it is fun and informative.

Sharon Stevens

She'll do personal best in America's Marathon

Mrs. Sharon Stevens is 35 years old, five feet, seven inches tall, tips the scale at a neat 115 pounds, and runs the marathon in three hours, 50 minutes and 57 seconds.

Mrs. Stevens is satisfied with all her numbers, except the 3:50:57. They should be smaller and she is determined to shrink them as low as she can.

Sharon is the wife of **Tony Stevens**, bus maintenance instructor at Lawndale garage.

Last year she ran in the America's Marathon/Chicago, a grueling 26 miles, 385 yards in length, that attracted 7,679 runners from throughout the world. Of that number, 1,126 were women, and Mrs. Stevens came across the finish line as the 336th woman finalist. In the women's age group of 30 to 39, she finished 143 out of 510.

Her time of 3:50:57 is pretty good when you figure that the first finalist in the race was clocked at 2:07:13. The last runner to cross the finish line did it at 6:14:53.

So why did Tony Stevens' wife wind up in a marathon race?

Tony said his wife took up running more than six years ago as part of her program to give up smoking cigarettes. Since then she has competed in numerous races.

Like many athletes, Mrs. Stevens is prone to injury. This year she is recovering from a leg problem that may keep her out of competition.

Still, like all athletes there is that determination to do a personal best. And who knows where she will be when this year's America's Marathon/Chicago runners cross the finish line.



CHANGES IN INSURANCE BENEFITS WITH THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE COMPANY

The following changes have been incorporated as a result of the Arbitration Award between CTA and the Labor Unions, 241 and 308. Except where otherwise stated, these changes are in effect from November 8, 1985, per the Award.

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE: Increased to \$7,500 for full-time employees with not less than 12 months of continuous service, but less than five (5) years of continuous service.

Increased to \$17,500 for full-time employees with five (5) years or more of continuous service.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Employees on the EAP program (Voluntary Counseling Program) due to alcoholism or drug use, will receive \$200 per week for a maximum of eight (8) weeks. This benefit is allowed only once during the term of an employee's employment.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXPENSES: Prescription drugs will be covered at 100% with a \$3.00 per prescription deductible. Drugs covered shall mean any drug or medicine prescribed by a licensed physician, including injectable insulin and contraceptives. Not to be included are contraceptive devices, artificial appliances, hypodermic needles, syringes or similar devices, even though such devices may require a prescription.

Prescription drugs cannot be in excess of a 34 day supply without a necessity of a refill.

Prescription drugs can no longer be used to help meet your yearly major medical deductible.

OUT-PATIENT SURGERY: Elective minor surgery done on an out-patient basis, will be paid at 100% of the reasonable and customary charges. The patient will not have an out-of-pocket cost. A few of the operations that can be performed on an out-patient basis include: Minor hernia repairs, corrective hand surgery, removal of wisdom teeth, biopsies, lesion excision, etc.

SUPPLEMENTAL ACCIDENT BENEFITS: In addition to the Basic Emergency Room Hospital Benefits we already have, additional out-patient accident benefits, which include doctor's charges, X-ray and laboratory examinations, etc., will be paid in full up to \$300 for expenses which incurred within 90 days of any one accidental injury. Treatment on or to the teeth are excluded in this benefit.

PATIENT ADVOCATE PROGRAM: The effective date of this benefit will be announced at a later date.

Utilization of the Patient Advocate Program will allow employees and their dependents a 100% reimbursement of in-patient hospital charges, which include full cost of a semi-private room, not to exceed 120 days, full payment of services and supplies while confined to a hospital. This benefit covers any illness or injury, including maternity, providing the employee or covered dependent fully complies with the Patient Advocate Program, (precertification, continued stay, utilization review, discharge planning, and for surgical procedures in which a second opinion was obtained). The deductibles do not apply to hospital expenses where the employee or dependent has fully complied with the Patient Advocate Program.

In the event the employee or dependent fails to comply with the Patient Advocate Program, coverage will be provided on a 80%/20% Major Medical co-payment basis, and will be subject to the yearly deductibles.

MAJOR MEDICAL EXPENSE BENEFITS: Major Medical Expense Benefits provide a lifetime benefit up to \$250,000, per family member, with a \$2,000 annual restoration each January 1st.

Medical expenses that are covered under the Major Medical Expense Benefit include: Doctor's out-patient charges, doctor's in-patient charges, out-patient hospital charges (including emergency room

charges) which are not due to an injury, out-patient lab and X-ray charges, in-patient hospital charges where the employee or dependent has not fully complied with the Patient Advocate Program, etc.

MENTAL AND NERVOUS CONDITIONS: Mental and nervous conditions will have a lifetime maximum of \$25,000.

MAJOR MEDICAL YEARLY DEDUCTIBLES: A single employee's yearly deductible will remain at \$100.

The family yearly deductible has been increased to \$200. The family deductible can be satisfied by any family member combination. The yearly deductible can be satisfied by either the Major Medical Expense Benefit or the Dental Expense Benefit, or a combination of both the Major Medical Expense Benefit and the Dental Expense Benefit.

This change is in effect as of 1-1-86.

DENTAL EXPENSE BENEFIT: The Authority will contribute one hundred (100%) of the employees premium cost and seventy-five (75%) of the dependents premium cost. The Maximum Dental Benefit is \$2,000 per year, per family member.

Charges for cleaning and scaling of teeth will be covered at 100% of reasonable and customary charges, and will be limited to one each calendar year.

All covered dental charges are subject to the yearly Major Medical deductibles, i.e., \$100 per single employee, and \$200 for employees with a family.

This change is in effect 1-1-86.

SUPPLEMENT TO MEDICARE BENEFITS: The Major Medical maximum benefit for Retired Employees and their eligible dependents, 65 years and older, has increased from \$25,000 to \$100,000 per individual.



Are you looking for exciting recreational activities, or an opportunity to meet new friends and learn more about CTA? We have just the opportunity for you!

In springtime, CTA employees and families gather to produce winners worthy of international competition. Volunteer help and spectators are always welcome.

Someday soon CTA's champion will bring the American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Bus Roadeo Championship to Chicago. Although the Bus Roadeo is the granddaddy of competitive events, the local Third Rail Roundup and Ticket Agent TieUp require an equal demonstration of knowledge and skill, and are just as exciting.

Deputy Executive Director/Operations **Harry Red-drick** considers the competitions icing on the cake for the outstanding performance of Training/Instruction, where everyone from management to line instructors worked for CTA's safest year ever in 1985. Performance of operating employees has noticeably improved and morale has soared in the years since competition began.

While guidelines may differ slightly, eligibility criteria are basically the same for all events. Contestants must be full-time employees who have worked in their job classifications a minimum of 200 days during the preceding 12 months and have outstanding work records.

Contestants must pass a written examination, and demonstrate their operating skills. They are also judged on appearance and condition of their uniforms, communication skills, knowledge and operation of equipment, and the ability to trouble-shoot.

Performance competitions are planned very carefully

and coordinated by chairmen who are appointed by **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Training/Instruction. The newly-appointed Bus Roadeo chairman is **Thomas Wilson**, also recently named superintendent, Bus Instruction. **Arthur Bennett**, recently named assistant superintendent of the Training Center at Limits, is the newly-appointed chairman of the Ticket Agent TieUp, while **Arthur Hubbard**, superintendent, Rail Instruction, continues to serve as Third Rail Roundup chairman.

CTA employees from all departments, and their families, enjoy assisting as judges, or helping out in various other volunteer capacities. Reddrick said that the members of the assigned competition committees greatly appreciate the assistance provided by volunteers every year.

The Bus Roadeo challenges bus operators with a variety of maneuvers designed to test their dexterity and driving skills, including a rear-dual-clearance maneuver where the rear wheels of the bus must clear a narrow path of tennis balls, and a challenging "Y"-backing maneuver. Other tests include curbing the bus for passengers, and speed and judgement stops. The top 20 preliminary finalists, dubbed the Winning Circle 20, compete in the championship, where a winner and three runners-up are selected based on their scores.

The winner receives an all-expense-paid trip for two (companion of choice) to the APTA Convention and International Bus Roadeo Competition. First through fourth place winners each receive a trophy and savings bonds of \$500, \$200, and \$100, respectively.

In the Third Rail Roundup, conductors and motormen are judged individually at the terminal level, which con-

sists of a written test on CTA rules and procedures, uniform appearance, preparing a train for service, clearing trouble-shooting problems, and communicating effectively with the controller.

The nine conductors and nine motormen with the highest scores advance to the Roundhouse 18, and are paired into teams through a lottery. The teams then go on to the second level of competition, where 14 service conditions will be recreated for the final test. The 1986 Third Rail Roundup championship team will be rewarded with trophies and each member will receive a trip to Toronto, Canada, with a guest of their choice. Members of the second-place team will each receive trophies and \$500 savings bonds.

The Ticket Agent TieUp preliminary evaluates agents in 40 daily working situations, and the top 10 finalists, called the Free Wheeling 10, vie for the championship. Previously, the Ticket Agent TieUp champion, like other winners, traveled to the APTA Convention and received a trophy. Bennett, who would like to see an increase in applicants for the 1986 competition, said that this year's winner will also visit Toronto with a companion of choice. Trophies and appropriate savings bonds of \$500 and \$200 are also awarded to second and third-place Ticket Agent TieUp winners.

Since 1981, when the first CTA bus rolled onto a Roadeo course, and in later years, when the Third Rail Roundup and Ticket Agent TieUp were established, contestants have claimed many benefits through skill improvements that led to promotion.

One thing is certain: every participant, from contestant to judge and other volunteers, find exhilaration and excite-

Competition Schedule

	Bus Roadeo	Third Rail Roundup	Ticket Agent TieUp
Applications Accepted	March 02 thru March 15	March 09 thru March 22	March 02 thru March 15
Eligible Applicants' Names Posted	March 14	April 06	March 30
Written Tests Administered	March 31 thru April 12	April 13 thru April 20	March 30 thru April 12
Preliminary Competition	June 01 thru June 08	April 27 thru May 04	April 12 thru May 18
Finalists' Names Posted	June 23	May 18	May 25
Final Competition	To Be Announced	June 22	June 22

ment in these competitive events, and must derive satisfaction from being part of it, because they keep coming back year after year.

Maybe, just maybe, it's time you joined the competition force.

After 44 Years

Harold Hirsch (right), manager, Operations Planning, presents a token of appreciation to retiring Graphics Production supervisor **George Macak** whose 44½ year CTA career ended with a festive occasion in his honor. Macak is accompanied by his wife, **June**.



Fiore J. (Phil) Adelizzi (center), Supervisor, Real Estate Services, is surrounded by co-workers who sponsored an open house for him in the

Real Estate/Law department at the Merchandise Mart as Adelizzi retired after 42 years of service. He began his distinguished CTA career as a parttime

ticket agent on August 23, 1943 when he was only a 16-year old high school student. The 58-year old Adelizzi and his wife, **Dora**, will continue to live in their Hoffman Estates home following a sea cruise. Present for the farewell occasion on December 27 were (from left) **Merritt R. Kotin**, Director, Real Estate; **Sandy Kruger**, real estate leasing agent who interrupted a maternity leave for the open house; **Roger Keefner**, building maintenance coordinator; **Adelizzi**; **Michael J. Wrenn**, building maintenance coordinator; **Angelica Barracca**, confidential office assistant; **Phillip Bruno**, real estate concession agent, and **Virginia Hoffstad**, confidential office assistant.

Retirements

January

Fiore Adelizzi, Real Estate, 42 yrs.
Marie Albano, Claims, 31 yrs.
John Anderson, 69th Station, 30 yrs.
James Andriacchi, West Shops, 34 yrs.
Arthur Battle, No. Avenue Sta., 25 yrs.
Lewis Beaver, South Shops, 39 yrs.
Cecil Bell, 77th Station, 25 yrs.
Harold Bober, For. Glen Sta., 30 yrs.
Hubert Burketh, 77th Station, 25 yrs.
Bert Cadney, Mgmt. Svcs., 38 yrs.
Eugene Caldwell, No. Park Sta., 26 yrs.
George Christensen, West Shops, 40 yrs.

Adelbert Cobb, 95th St. Term., 33 yrs.
Leon Colbert, 69th Station, 21 yrs.
Donald Crandall, West Shops, 34 yrs.
John Davis, South Shops, 29 yrs.
Leon DeVore, Beverly Sta., 28 yrs.
Henry Dickerson, No. Terminals, 35 yrs.
Alan Downing, West Shops, 30 yrs.
Charles Dugo, West Shops, 39 yrs.
Albert Evans, West Shops, 27 yrs.
James Fahey, North Sect., 37 yrs.
Charles Ferrante, West Shops, 35 yrs.
Michael Fitzgerald, West Shops, 37 yrs.

Robert Ford, 77th Station, 25 yrs.
Walter Gaedtke, West Shops, 25 yrs.
Ted Galus, For. Glen Sta., 39 yrs.
Cornelius Gillespie, West Shops, 36 yrs.
Roy Goebig, Beverly Sta., 38 yrs.
Howard Goerner, South Shops, 34 yrs.
Herman Goldman, For. Glen Sta., 41 yrs.
Willie Green, Limits Sta., 36 yrs.
Richard Hannigan, South Shops, 32 yrs.
Walter Harris, Mad./Wabash, 15 yrs.
Samuel Hart, Archer Sta., 32 yrs.
Eleanor Hasbrouck, West Sect., 29 yrs.



A Token of Appreciation

Russell Lipari, a Materials Management file clerk with more than 30 years CTA service, accepts a token of appreciation from his supervisor, **Mrs. Ruthanne Miles**, presented on behalf of Lipari's co-workers as he begins retirement. Lipari, of Orland Park, began his CTA career as a bus operator in July 1955. He had a brief stint in the CTA Treasury department before joining Materials Management in February 1984.

Sam Miller, manager, Financial Services, says farewell to his staff as he retires a second time after nearly four years of extended CTA service. Miller interrupted his CTA retirement in October 1982 when his service was requested by the late **Paul Kole**, Depu-

ty Executive Director, Financial Services. Miller, who previously served the Authority for 10 years in Financial Services, is now basking in the sun of San Diego, California. Present for the informal farewell, organized by Miller's secretary, **Mrs. Barbara Parker**,

were (from left) **Judy Weier**, **Jim Connelly**, **Virginia Wendorf**, **Vantane Gosrisirikul**, **John Gander**, **Miller**, the honoree; **Martin Pollack**, **Nancy Kurowski**, **Jae Rowell**, **Frances Calpin**, **Patrick Clifford**, and **James Rose**.



Retirements

Jovan Horvatovic, Blue Island, 17 yrs.
Michael Hunt, For. Glen Sta., 19 yrs.
James Hurdle, Beverly Sta., 28 yrs.
Arthur Johnson, North Sect., 38 yrs.
Ulysses Jones, 77th Station, 38 yrs.
Edward Kelly, No. Avenue Sta., 14 yrs.
Frederick King, 77th Station, 32 yrs.
Frank Klekovich, Ashland Term., 25 yrs.
Tyree Lee, Beverly Sta., 28 yrs.
John Levanovic, Dist. B, 34 yrs.
Robert Levine, Ashland Term., 33 yrs.
Perry Liddell, Mad./Wabash, 29 yrs.

Russell Lipari, Mtrls. Mgmt., 30 yrs.
Robert Lorentz, No. Park Gar., 36 yrs.
George Macak, Oper's Plngg., 44 yrs.
Gordon Maly, Lawndale Mtc. Trng., 39 yrs.
Mario Meccia, West Shops, 15 yrs.
George Michaud, Skokie Shop, 29 yrs.
Samuel Miller, Finance, 3 yrs.
Eddie Mitchell, 77th Sta., 34 yrs.
Ben Montgomery, Mad./Wabash, 18 yrs.
Jammie Morris, Kimball Term., 34 yrs.
Francis Mulree, West Shops, 37 yrs.
Albin Nichols, 77th Sta., 37 yrs.

Wilford Nicholson, 77th Sta., 7 yrs.
Bernhardt Nielsen, West Shops, 43 yrs.
Ross Nuccio, Howard Term., 22 yrs.
Michael Nykolyshyn, No. Avenue Gar., 19 yrs.
Helen O'Neill, Mtrls. Mgmt., 14 yrs.
Emile Ousley, West Shops, 25 yrs.
William Park, West Shops, 38 yrs.
Henry Peters, West Shops, 10 yrs.
Kenneth Peterson, Dist. D, 33 yrs.
Leon Poe, South Shops, 35 yrs.
Orval Porter, Kedzie Sta., 37 yrs.
Michael Rickson, West Shops, 38 yrs.

January



Jean O'Neill displays a sign of the 80-**Irving Park** bus route which she rode to work daily. Mrs. O'Neill, executive secretary to **Edward Tobin**, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing Agent, was reminiscing with friends who gathered at her retirement party which was held at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club. Formerly employed by the Chicago Rapid Transit company, a CTA predecessor, Mrs. O'Neill had worked in CTA's Materials Management department since 1971.



Portrait of a Transit Family

North Park bus operator **John Golden** (second from left) joined CTA's long list of retirees February 1 after 32 years. More than 122 years in Chicago public transportation careers are represented in this family portrait of March 1943. Included are (from left) Golden's wife of 44 years, **Mrs. Margie Golden**; **John Golden** (military uniform); brother, **James**, a CTA rapid transit motorman retired since 1980; infant nephew (James' son), **James, Jr.**, now a CTA signal

maintainer, who has been a CTA employee for 17 years; mother, the late **Mrs. Sabina Golden**; and father, the late **Thomas Golden**, a Chicago Surface Lines motorman for some 40 years, who was assigned to the old Wrightwood station. John and James Golden both began their CTA careers following brief stints in the U.S. Army during World War II. John served in the European theater, and James, in the Philippines.

Retirements

January

Frank Riley Jr., 69th Sta., 34 yrs.
Leopoldo Rodriguez, North Sect., 17 yrs.
Raymond Rogers, Dist. A, 35 yrs.
Edward Sapinski, South Shops, 36 yrs.
Paul Sauve, West Shops, 36 yrs.
Francis Schaefer, Archer Sta., 33 yrs.
Clarence Shannon Jr., 77th Sta., 25 yrs.
Paul Schurchay, West Shops, 25 yrs.
Semial Siggers, Racine Shop, 30 yrs.
Monica Starzec, West Sect., 21 yrs.
James Stewart, Engr. & Mtce. Equip., 39 yrs.
Carl Suddeth, No. Park Sta., 25 yrs.

Ronald Swindell, Engr. & Mtce. Fac., 26 yrs.
Peter Szatkowski, West Shops, 38 yrs.
Thaddeus Szewc, West Shops, 35 yrs.
Caesar Trent, Beverly Sta., 29 yrs.
Anthony Vengrys, South Shops, 23 yrs.
Roy Washington, Archer Sta., 28 yrs.
Charles Whitman, Kedzie Sta., 34 yrs.
John Williams, West Shops, 33 yrs.
Edmund Wojcik, West Sect., 39 yrs.
Gus Wright, Beverly Sta., 31 yrs.
John Zupko, Police Liaison, 39 yrs.

disability retirements

Guisepppe DeRose, Skokie Shops, 18 yrs.
***Ronald B. Donnelly**, Mtrls. Mgmt., 18 yrs.
Frank Johnson, 77th Sta., 19 yrs.
****Herman Johnson**, West Shops, 22 yrs.
***Hazel Love**, South Sect., 11 yrs.
Robert J. Schwent, Kedzie Sta., 16 yrs.
Clarence Speights, Lawndale Sta., 18 yrs.
**Retroactive to 12-1-85*
***Retroactive to 11-1-85*

Ronald Swindell (left), director, Power and Way, Engineering, accepts a photograph of the Lake Street Bridge showing the Merchandise Mart in the background. Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance **George Millonas** (right) made the presentation of the photograph which was done by **Ray Radic**, a civil/structural design draftsman, as Swindell was being honored by co-workers on his retirement after 25 years of CTA service.



Gordon Maly, Maintenance Training Center unit supervisor, cuts the cake served to a host of co-workers and

well wishers attending his retirement open house at Lawndale garage, where Maly had worked since the MTC opened its doors in March 1974.

Maly, who helped in the development of the school and was influential in its training programs, retired from a 39-year career which he began as a bus repairman on Dec. 11, 1946. He and his wife will maintain their North Riverside home. Present for the December 6 open house honoring Maly were (from left) **James Kinahan**, maintenance training specialist; **Mrs. Florence Salus**, director, Engineering and Maintenance Personnel Services; **George Millonas**, Deputy Executive Director, Engineering and Maintenance; and **Richard Schneider**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.



Retirements

William Benuzzi, Kedzie Sta., 34 yrs.
Geraldine Campbell, Law, 43 yrs.
John Curran, No. Avenue Sta., 23 yrs.
John Golden, No. Park Sta., 31 yrs.
Oswald Grigalunas, Beverly Sta., 39 yrs.
Joe Horace, 77th Station, 32 yrs.
Robert Hormel, West Shops, 34 yrs.
Mitchell Jedynak, West Shops, 15 yrs.
Stanley Kuropas, South Shops, 37 yrs.
Leon LeRoy Jr., Beverly Sta., 35 yrs.
Albert McCormick, 77th Sta., 34 yrs.
William Moser, Transp. North, 43 yrs.

Patrick O'Malley, Douglas Term., 24 yrs.
Edward Poche, Dist. B, 25 yrs.
Joseph Pratl, South Shops, 20 yrs.
Vi Robinson, 77th Sta., 29 yrs.
Emil Rusinak, Datacenter, 36 yrs.
Thomas Swoope, 77th Sta., 33 yrs.
Merlin Washack, South Shops, 33 yrs.
Wilson Washington, 77th Sta., 32 yrs.

disability retirements

* **James Burford**, Mgmt. Svcs., 21 yrs.
Gloria Danzie, No. Park Sta., 10 yrs.
Zita Dublin, O'Hare Term., 20 yrs.
Andrew Johnson, West Sect., 20 yrs.
John Lowery, South Shops, 15 yrs.
William Miller, Kedzie Sta., 26 yrs.
Roman Ozlanski, West Shops, 17 yrs.
**Retroactive to 1-1-86*

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Archer Garage

Congratulations are in order for Archer Operator **Geraldine Davis**, and **Keith Taylor** of 77th street garage who were married in December, and Archer Operator **Leonard Wilkins** who was also married...Archer garage held its annual Christmas party in the training room on December 20, and the Christmas committee was congratulated for an outstanding job by Superintendent **Jay Hampton**. Your news reporter who served as the Christmas committee chairman, would like to thank everyone for participating in this event. I would like to express my thanks for a job well done to the following committee members: **Lena Jackson, Ethel Wilson, Ethel Starnes, Lee Robinson, Barbara Gillispie, Georgia Cook, Fay Patton, Otto Reynolds, James Carson, James Vaughn, Jr., Johnnie Gomilla, and Rubin Bolden**. Archer supervisors and District "C" also held their Christmas party in the training room on December 19, and it was a nice affair...Welcome to all the

operators who came to Archer during the System Pick. We're also saying good-bye to retirees **Sam Hart** of 35th Street, and Supervisor **John Levanovic**, posted at Archer and Cicero. Thirty Fifth Street will not be the same without you Sam, and operators who work Cicero will not be the same without Supervisor Levanovic. Good luck to you both on your retirement...Welcome back from vacation Operator **Claude Brown Jr.**, who spent a week in Las Vegas and a week at home. Please don't forget about our co-workers who are off sick. Among them are **Bobby Viving, L. Sim, and Genaro Escamilla**. A telephone call, or a card would certainly be appreciated. Welcome back to work Operator **Brenda Veely** after recovering from surgery...Our condolences to the families of Operators **Johnnie Gomilla** in the loss of his mother; **James Carson**, his aunt; **J. Ireland**, his mother, and **Sam Hart**, his father. May God be with you always.

Ollie Hoskins

Inside News Reporters

Your willingness to share interesting information about employees at your work locations has made our magazine more exciting and entertaining. We thank you for your good work. The chart below lists upcoming Transit News issues and deadlines when we must receive your "Inside News." Reports received after the deadline will be held over for the next issue.

Transit News Issue

Inside News Deadline

March-April, 1986.....	March 28, 1986
May-June, 1986.....	May 23, 1986
July-August, 1986.....	July 25, 1986
September-October, 1986.....	September 26, 1986
November-December, 1986.....	November 21, 1986

Employees who would like to be "Inside News" reporters for their work locations should phone Rick Willis, *Transit News* editor, ext. 3324, Mart.

General Office

Ed Tobin, manager, Materials Management/Purchasing Agent, has a new secretary. She's **Donna O'Connor** who transferred from Capital Development...We also take this opportunity to welcome **Valerie Townsend** to the Materials Management department. Valerie is a clerk-typist assigned to the Administration section...Off the sick list and feeling better are Materials Management employees **Alicia Feliciano, Diane Gainer** and **Ella Ottis**...Get well wishes to **Lori Muhling** and **Zaven Guediguian**, Materials Management employees. We miss you both...**Billy Thompson**, warehouse worker, Storeroom 20, is very proud of his



daughter **Kim** who was nominated for an honorary award recognition and to have her biography published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, 1985-86. Because of her accomplishments in community service and academics, Kim was also invited to participate in the 1986 Illinois Miss T.E.E.N. Pageant. Congratulations Kim...Congratulations to new fathers **Jon Roth**, superintendent, Special Services and **Dave Kruger**, director, Treasury; both were presented with baby boys. Good work **Marguerite** (Roth) formerly of the Engineering department, and to **Sandy** (Kruger) who is on leave from the Real Estate department...Congratulations to **Ron Swindell**, director, Power, Signal & Communication Engineering upon his retirement. Ron is moving to Dallas, Texas, and will be working for an engineering consulting firm. Good luck Ron. We're all going to miss you. We like to thank you for all the time and effort you put into ar-

ranging CTA's golf outings throughout the years...Condolences to the **Hess** sisters, **Maria** (Insurance) and **Sue** (Claims/Law), whose father Harry passed away...Get well wishes to Manager of Safety, **Tom Boyle**, who recently underwent surgery...A 20-minute movie on "Decision Making" was seen by Materials Management procurement engineers. Refreshments were served afterwards...Retired bus operator **Carl Liljehorn** and his wife **Beulah** want to be remembered to all their friends. They recently moved to Shawano, Wisconsin...It was good to see **Neal Kinnish**, retired chief clerk, 77th Street, visiting his friends at the Mart. As do all retirees, Neal looks great. They're all enjoying the good life...Condolences to the families of retired Supt. of Employment **Raymond Ruzich** whose brother **Dr. Stanley Ruzich** passed away suddenly, and to the family of newly retired **Jean O'Neill**, Materials Management, whose mother **Eva Hartley** died after an extended illness...**Tom Weber**, former Materials Management financial analyst wishes a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all his friends at CTA. Tom writes that he is back in San Antonio, just married, and happy in his new job as financial manager for the Epilepsy Center of South Texas...**Ann Gusich**, retired CTA Cashier, had dinner with **Kay Corcoran** and this reporter. We had a twofold purpose for this celebration, Ann's birthday and

her 10th anniversary since her retirement...Two long time high level shop employees passed away recently. **Lester H. Reichard**, superintendent, Rapid Transit Shops and Terminals, retired in 1965 with 48 years of service, and **L. Gordon Anderson**, superintendent, Shops and Equipment, retired in 1969. Both resided in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and were neighbors. We extend our condolences to their families...Congratulations to **Joe J. Cecala**, supervisor, Field Review, who retired March 1st. A retirement dinner was held at the Villa Ristorante and was attended by many of his coworkers and friends.

Arlene Zittman

North Avenue

Has anyone had any thoughts, comments or suggestions regarding North Avenue's 1985 Christmas party? Now that it is over we have plenty of time to come up with suggested changes, or plans to make our next one even better.

From all appearances, it would seem that we did have a very successful Christmas party. The event was held in a convenient location, Belvedere Banquet hall on West Grand Avenue.

Approximately 220 people attended and guests were welcomed as they entered the hall by various members of the Christmas committee. Various styles of music were heard as two separate bands supplied all the rhythm



Claims/Law utility clerk **Lorna Appleton** and her computer programmer husband **James** (left) became the first-time proud parents of a six pound, ten ounce baby girl (Jessica) on December 28. The baby was born just five weeks after Mrs. Appleton sliced this cake to share with coworkers who honored her November 22, as the mother-to-be made plans for a maternity leave.

Taking life easy

Recent out of town CTA pensioners visiting local CTA pensioners included (from left) **Lars Pearson**, and his wife, **Anna** of Mountain Home, Arkansas who helped celebrate the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of their friends **Cal** (formerly of North Avenue garage) and **Ruth Ash** of Elmwood Park, standing with them. Pearson, a retired Lawndale foreman, and his wife also visited with **Bill Medema** of Chicago, formerly assigned at Forest Glen garage.



necessary to keep our dancing and smiling couples laughing.

If you thought you were seeing double and sat down, you surely had to do a quick blink of confusion as the "spellbinder" also known as **Walter King, Jr.**, performed his wizardry as the host magician for the evening.

The festivities came to a close at 1 a.m. We hope everyone made it safely to their destinations with good feelings and thoughts of returning to our 1986 Christmas festivities.

Members of the North Avenue Credit Union were in attendance along with our station superintendents, **Mr. Baxter**, and **Mr. Catanzaro**. Again, if we can receive recommendations from anyone for new ideas on our next Christmas party, get in touch with someone to share your thoughts.

Committee members for the 1985 event were: **Gail Calloway**, **Robert Wilson**, **Carnell Watt**, **Evelyn Allen**, **Oliver Moses**, **Ed LaBoy**, **Doris Nailor**, and representing the Repair department, **Mr. Alvarez**.

Mike Flores

North Park

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...Maybe that's what the Bismark Hotel's elevators seemed to sound like as their passengers stepped out into the lobby leading to the area reserved for North Park's 1985 Christmas Party. With the musical talents of both a male and female singers' voices accompanying current songs played by a band led by Ken Allison, the dance floor never seemed empty. Yet, every so often, the pace would slow enough to provide an opportunity for those shy to dance individuals to hold each other close and dance as one. Not one to lose a chance at showing his talent, our own **Joe Cobb** took control of the microphone and let loose with some songs he has obviously enjoyed singing previously. Going from table to table among the guests all evening was another of our talented operators, **Sam Favre**. He obligingly took the time to explain what was going to take place, as he performed sleight of hand magic to the applause and laughter of his audience. Also on hand to provide some colorful mementos of the even-

ing were operators **Chester Harris** and **Owen Terry** who took 35MM photographs and polaroid instant photos for those guests who wanted to look at their keepsakes during the evening. Along with the calling of the evening's cash raffle, announced by **David Washington**, came some whoops of surprise as the winners looked around to confirm that they had actually won the various cash awards.

Giving the featured vocalists a break, members of the Christmas Organizing Committee and members of the North Park Credit Union led the audience in singing whole verses of Christmas carols much to the amusement of this reporter who remained silent for a short, short while. Hoping everyone enjoyed themselves, members of the 1985 Christmas Committee would like to hear from all of you regarding suggestions and ideas for our next gala event. This year's committee members were: **Vicki Nesbit, Bob Thomas, Michael M. Flores, David Washington, Leonard Lloyd, Rosemary Hoskins Walker, Cornelius Marshall, Sally Oliver** and **J. D. Gaston**.

Have a healthy and safe 1986!

Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in January

40 Years

Ward Chamberlain, Transp. Pers.
John Tertz Jr., Forest Glen

35 Years

George DeRose, North Avenue
Joseph Fano, Motor Line
Ruth Havlik, Operations Planning
James Irwin, Kedzie
Leon LeRoy Jr., Beverly
Thomas Popek, Safety Prfm. Analysis

30 Years

Albert Godbold, Bldg./Wiring
Edward Levy, 77th Street
Herman Miles, Bus Service

25 Years

Vernon Cannon, 69th Street
Daniel Clinnin, Beverly
Charles Coats, Kedzie
Charles Coffey, Esc. Mtce.
Ronald Gliszczynski, Mech. Mtce.
Ernest Guedel Jr., Forest Glen
Harry Harrigan, Jefferson Park
John Harris, Kedzie
James Johnson, North Avenue
Claude Jones, 77th Street
Ronald Joy, 77th Street
Keith Klein, Campaign Area
Henry Radtke Jr., Sheet Metal
Rudolph Roach, Bus Instruction
Robert Williams, Bus Pers.-North
Thomas Wolgemuth, Fac. Engr. & Mtce.

North Section Rail

During a visit to the Illinois Railroad Museum in Union, Ill. last summer, ticket agent **Don Liberko** was surprised to find the CTA collection of streetcars there. When this reporter visited the museum several years ago, we were very disappointed because there was only one Brill streetcar which was out of service. Liberko's news calls for another visit to Union, Ill...Ticket agent **Douglas Carr** traveled 2,000 miles on December 12 to attend the wedding of his eldest daughter, **Arlene Reed Carr**. He gave her in marriage to **Kenny Woolfolk**. A reception for about 80 guests followed the lovely church ceremony...Speaking of traveling, ticket agent **Rene Melendez** and his wife, **Marilyn**, took one-year old baby **Eileen Melendez** all the way to Puerto Rico for her baptism which was performed November 10, during the regular Mass at El Salvador Iglesia. Despite the rain for the two weeks they

Service anniversaries in February

40 Years

Charles Dugo, Elec. Testing
Patrick Kenny, Subs. Mtce.

35 Years

Stanley Brown, Forest Glen
Wilbur Cooley, Ashland Terminal
Charles Edwards, West Section
John Levanovic, District B
John Miller, Utility
William Payne, Ashland Term.
Robert Poellnitz, Utility
James Quinn, North Park
Abraham Scarbrough, Bus Service
James Sims, District A

30 Years

Valon Brown, 77th Street
Clifford Coleman, Rail Systems
Frank Goudeau, 69th Street
Bartholomew Kantak, Bus Instr.
Herbert Williams, 69th Street

25 Years

David Alexander, Central Ctg.
Cecil Bell, 77th Street
James Burris, Kedzie
William Claiborne, Bus Pers.-South
Jerald Ferrero, Forest Glen
Allen Fowler, 77th Street
Salvatore Furlin, Forest Glen
John Gallagher, Douglas/Congress
Johnny Gavin Jr., 69th Street
Mary Ann Jagodzinski, Finance
William Kilstrom, Bus Service
John Pitsoulakis, Bus Instr.
Alexander Robertson, District D
Edward Unrein, North Park
Cecil Wood, Engine

were there, they visited relatives and friends, and even had an adventure when they took a 15 minute ferry boat ride to Old San Juan. On the way back the sky darkened, the wind rose, and they were mighty glad to get back to land.

Josephine Anderson

South Shops

Herminia and **Mario S. Utreras** are proud indeed of their son, **Mario E. Utreras**, who earned an Exceptional Achievement Award presented by the U.S. Achievement Academy. Less than 10 per cent of U.S. students earn this award. Mario E., who is a junior at St. Rita High School, was also in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. He is planning a future in Journalism/Communications. Mario S. is a welder at South Shops. Congratulations.



Site dedication

CTA was represented by Real Estate Director **Merritt R. Kotin** at the December 8 site dedication of the second and third Alexian Brothers Chicago Hospitals which took place at 1530 N. North Park avenue. A marker was erected and dedicated on the original site of Franklin and Market streets (now Orleans and North Park). Papers and blueprints from the files of CTA Real Estate/Law department made it possible for officials of Alexian Brothers to pinpoint the exact hospital border lines. Alexian Brothers sold the site to the Northwestern Elevated Railroad company, a CTA predecessor, during the mid-1890's. Present for the December 8 site dedication were (from left), **Maribeth S. Coleman**, assistant archivist; **Brother Philip Kennedy**, CFA, president and CEO Alexian Brothers Medical Center; **Kotin**, and his wife, **Mrs. Maxene Kotin**.

IN MEMORIAM

Lewis G. Anderson, 81, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-5-44, Died 12-10-85
Joseph A. Baldassari, 69, Veh. Maint., Emp. 5-21-47, Died 12-28-85
Giuseppe A. Balice, 92, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-7-43, Died 1-23-86
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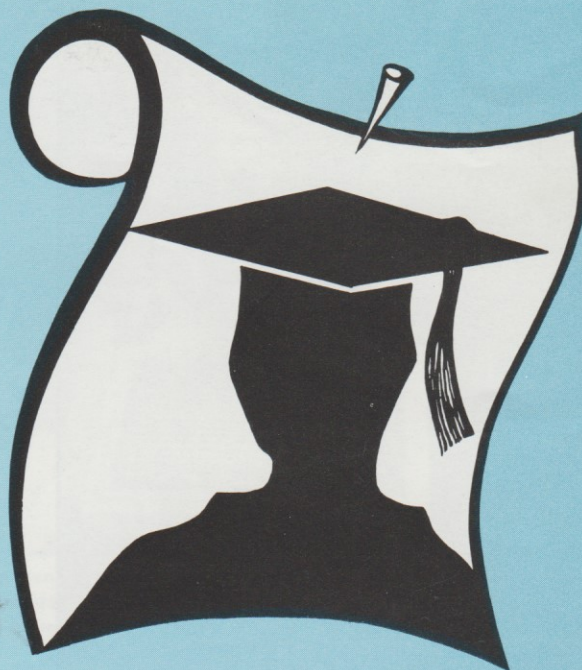
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