

## Unique achievement: **Bus Service Supervisors class**



Members of the 1986 Bus Service Supervisors class and their instructors show their pride and smiles for the class' unique achievement.

The 57 members of the 1986 Bus Service Supervisors class have plenty to be proud about, besides earning their certificates of Achievement Award, following their 21-week classroom and field work program provided by the staff of the CTA's Training Center.

"This is the first class in recent memory to have had all its members, all 57 of them, who entered the tough training program in May, 1986, to have completed it on October 3," said **Paul Kadowaki**, director of Instruction.

Some of the graduates confided in Kadowaki that they found the course demanding and difficult. They formed small groups on their own time and studied at their homes to help classmates stay abreast of the program. That was another first, Kadowaki said.

"Their camaraderie and team work was just beautiful. Their instructors didn't learn about their home study groups until the class was well into the training program," Kadowaki explained.

On graduation day, the proud 57-member class received certificates and then presented their bus instructors with a plaque with the inscription "Thank You to Bus Instructors **Sam Johnson, Joe Valtierra, Jenipher Finger, and James Cruthird.**"

The plaque is now on display in the Training Center. A motto of this very special class could be "We Will Continue to Perform our Best."

The members of this outstanding class, listed in rank of seniority, are on page 2.

## Bus service supervisor graduates Unique achievers:

Jay W. Thompson  
Otha Williams  
Willie O. Robinson  
Thomas O. Patterson  
Paul K. Jones  
Clois Harper  
Willie J. Stewart  
Ladell Jackson  
Levy Johnson  
Robert E. Hampton  
David M. Keske  
William I. Washington  
Robert L. Reed  
Charles D. Murrell

James C. Darke  
Rudolph Tatum  
Lee M. Dagon  
Gary Wallace  
Billy Morgan  
Joe A. Jones  
Leonard Woolfolk  
Victor R. Moore  
Richard P. Ziemba  
Daniel Shelton  
William H. Edgerton  
Salvador V. Flores  
Eugenio Rivera  
Anthony W. Ellis

Charles McKissick  
Mohammed Y. Choudry  
Mildred Heath  
Melvin R. Wark  
Ethel Wilson  
Wylean Williams  
Wilson Torres  
Annie P. McIntosh  
Douglas W. Hoffman  
Jose Moreno  
Lynval J. Thompson  
Ernest T. Ware  
Sanders Ingram  
James A. Burns

Obie I. Dean  
James V. Bernstein  
Gayla M. Thompson  
Ray A. Lea  
Joseph E. Rodenski  
Patricia A. Percy  
Delois West  
Dale M. Myrick  
Robert G. Williams  
Carlotta H. Myers  
Willie Pettigrew  
Phillip L. Gary  
Claude L. Woods  
Rosemary Hoskins  
Clearchie Lawrence

## Rosemarie Gulley is named director of Media Relations

**Rosemarie Gulley**, former director of community relations and general assignment reporter for the American Broadcasting Company's WLS-TV station in Chicago, has been named director of Media Relations for CTA by Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell**.

Before joining WLS-TV in 1972, Ms. Gulley served as executive director of the Independent Voters of Illinois - Independent Precinct Organization. Most recently, she was telemarketing representative for Time-Life Corporation.

Ms. Gulley is a professor of broadcasting at Columbia College. She holds bachelor and master of arts degrees in sociology from Roosevelt University.

A member of both the nominating and communications advisory committees of the Girl Scouts of Chicago, Ms. Gulley has been a board member of South Central Community Services, and an advisory board member of the Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, the Media Committee for Operation Able, and the Celebrity Corps of the Salvation Army.

Ms. Gulley is a recipient of the Chicago Links Communicators



Award, the Chicago Board of Education's Excellence Award, the National Association of Media Women's Pioneer in Electronic Media Award, and United Press International's Special Documentary Award. She also has been honored by the Women's Bar Association.

Ms. Gulley makes her home in downtown Chicago.

## 1986 SAFETY RECORD IS BEST EVER FOR CTA

The Chicago Transit Authority in 1986 had the best safety record in its 39-year history, according to figures released in January by CTA Executive Director Robert E. Paaswell.

The Authority's traffic and passenger accident rate of 4.8 accidents and incidents per 100,000 miles of operation represented a 3 percent decrease from the record of 5.0 in 1985, which itself had been 2 percent less than the lowest previous rate.

"Concern for passenger safety has been one of our highest priorities," Paaswell said. "We're proud that our employees are demonstrating improved safety awareness, and that our safety training programs are paying off."

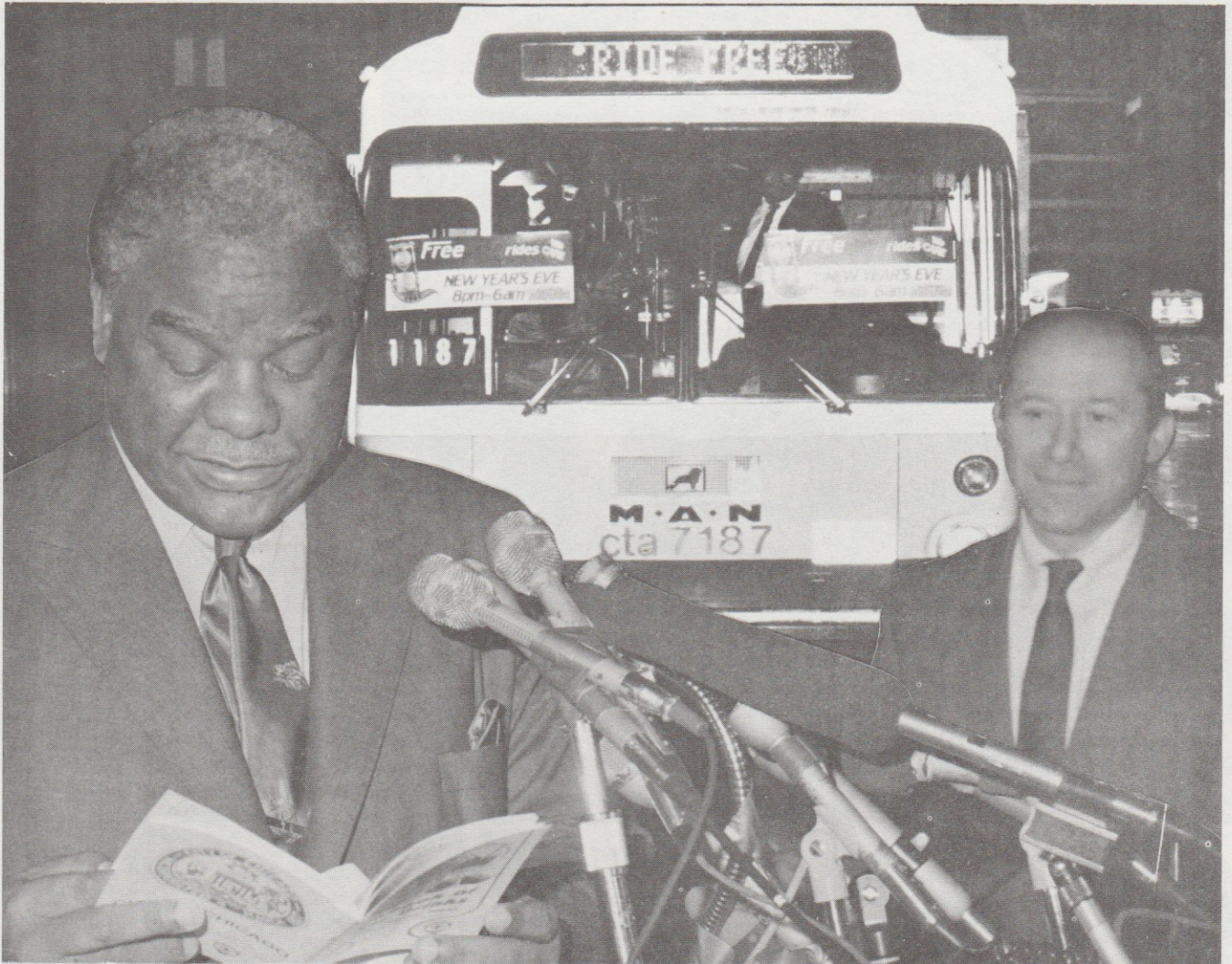
Figures used to determine the CTA safety record include all traffic and passenger accidents and incidents reported by both CTA personnel and the general public.

## March of Dimes solicits walkers

CTA will participate in the 17th annual March of Dimes Walk America in the fight against birth defects. Walkers will step off April 26 at 8:30 a.m. from Grant Park at Butler Field near Jackson and Columbus Drive.

Team walk participants are encouraged to solicit sponsors for pledges in this 30 kilometer walkathon. Arrangements for CTA walkers are being handled by **Joyce Shaw**, CTA Promotions, **Ext. 3345**.

## 2nd annual free ride program is a success



**Mayor Harold Washington** reviews a copy of the city's "Cook Book of Sober Drinks" as he and CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell** promote free rides on CTA for New Year's Eve.

New Year's Eve--For some it's a time of parties with lots of merrymaking, and for others, a time of great introspection and deep prayer. But for CTA personnel, it was quite a different kind of New Year's Eve experience. Why? Because passengers rode FREE from 8:00 pm New Year's Eve until 6:00 am New Year's Day!

The free rides were made possible when the CTA Board passed a special ordinance approving 1¢ rides for all passengers on New Year's Eve. To make the rides free for everyone, the Illinois Restaurant Association (IRA) paid the penny fares.

The Public Affairs Department with the IRA kicked off the campaign with Mayor Washington officially announcing the free rides at a press conference

at the Daley Plaza, December 29. Also attending the conference was Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director, and Herman Berghoff, vice chairman of the Illinois Restaurant Association Board.

The Mayor stressed the dangers of drinking and driving and even read recipes from the city's "Cookbook of Sober Drinks," including the Windy City Whistler. After questions were answered by Dr. Paaswell, free coffee was served and information was disseminated.

Nathaniel Campbell, Kedzie Garage, who has had 17 years of service as a bus operator, worked on New Year's Eve. He stated, "I think it was great and a really good move. I'm

sure it saved a lot of lives, and it probably helped the police too - keeping people off the streets." When asked how many passengers were aware of the free rides, he estimated about 50% had heard of it. When he explained to those who didn't know about it, they were really happy and most said thank you.

The promotions continued with press releases, radio commercials, public service announcements, and car cards up throughout the system.

Bill Baxa, Manager of Public Affairs, added that even if one of the 200,000 riders' lives, or that of many motorists on the road, had been spared, CTA's New Year's Eve FREE Ride Program was well worth it.

# 1,500 attend West Shops open house

Some 1,500 family members and friends of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance department personnel were entertained at a West Shops pre-Christmas open house on Dec. 20. **David A. Hillock**, department manager, and members of his staff hosted the occasion.

Hillock said Facilities Engineering and Maintenance personnel want CTA employees throughout the Authority to become familiar with West Shops and get a better look at the role the department plays in the CTA mission. He said plans call for an open house at West Shops each year.

Visitors to this first occasion for West Shops were greeted by personnel eager to explain functions of the various departments, and to answer questions of the guests. Employee families also contributed cakes, pies, cookies, and other homemade pastries for the enjoyment of visitors. Souvenir candy stockings, balloons, and plastic windshield scrapers were distributed as mementoes of the open house.

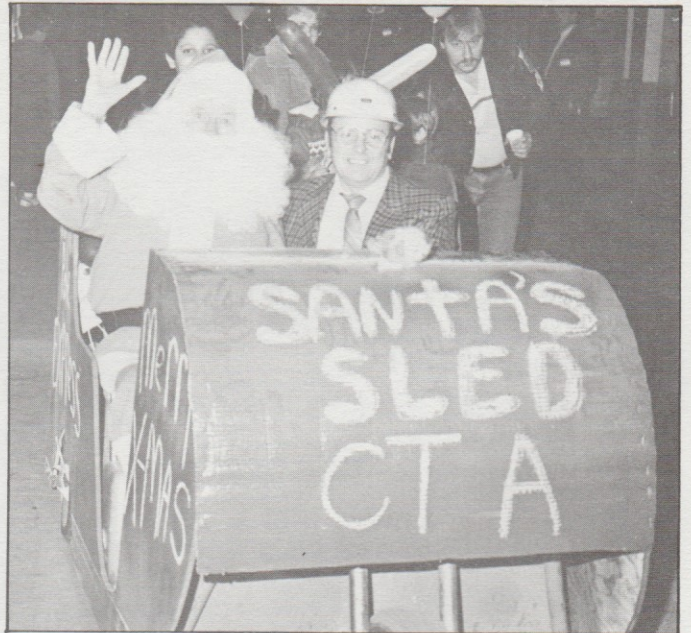
Personnel of the Power and Way section provided children of guests with rides on the West Shops mini bus, and sleigh rides, as well as a moment

with Santa, who was played by CTA Power and Way retiree **Robert Booth**. Youths were also entertained with a "Lights, Bells and Whistles" show, a system of push buttons which, when activated, gave some insight into signal communications used in public transportation.

Other Facilities Engineering and Maintenance management staff on hand to greet visitors included **John Winkler**, director, Utility; **Gordon Brady**, acting director, Building and Grounds, and **Roy Smith**, acting director, Power and Way/-Maintenance.



Santa, played by retiree **Robert Booth**, is visited by three little friends ready to tell him about their wish list for Christmas.



Santa and **Richard Valloni**, supervisor, Substations Operations, ride through the shop on Santa's sleigh, greeting the throng of guests who turned out for this first West Shops open house for CTA families.

CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**, and his wife, **Mrs. Rosalind Paaswell**, were host and hostess to a special West Shops open house guest, **Professor Yang Zhao Sheng** (left) of Jilin University of Technology, at Changchun, Republic of China. Others are **Gordon Brady**, acting director, Buildings and Grounds (background), and Buildings and Grounds carpenter **Frank Bartos** who handed out snow scrapers on the occasion.



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# Honor six retirees on Day in CTA

Six CTA operating employees retiring with over 197 years of collective service, were the recipients of special recognition on A Day in CTA for their years of exemplary service in their respective classifications.

Honored were **Frank Von Schwedler**, bus operator, North Park garage, and **Walter Raffa**, conductor, O'Hare terminal, each with over 38 years of service; operators **Thomas Cook** and **Rufus Meeks**, 69th Street garage, 35 and 30 years service, respectively; **Myron Woods**, instructor, Limits Training Center, and

**Odessa Danielley**, ticket agent, Ashland terminal, each with 27½ years of service.

Bus operators Von Schwedler, Cook, and Meeks were praised for logging more than two million miles in revenue service over their collective 104 years of CTA employment. Meeks, a participant in the annual CTA Bus Rodeo since 1982, and a member of the Winning Circle 20 since 1983, finished his CTA career as third runnerup in the 1986 Bus Rodeo.

Myron Woods, a former bus operator at Archer garage who transferred to the rail system, held a variety of job classifications before he was assigned as an instructor. Raffa, with CTA since 1948, and Ms Danielley, hired in 1959 as a ticket agent, both compiled excellent work records throughout their CTA service. Each of the honorees received special certificates of recognition.



Certificates of appreciation were presented to these Day in CTA honorees as they announced their retirement. They are (from left) Myron Woods, Frank Von Schwedler, Odessa

Danielley, and Rufus Meeks. Others honored but not present to receive their certificates were Walter Raffa, and Thomas Cook.

**Charles Parham** (right), telephone maintenance foreman at West Shops, gives his family a tour of his work location during the pre-Christmas open house. The family includes (from left) daughter, Mrs. Theresa Williams who holds her 18-month old son Terrell, 11-year old grandson Anthony Wilson, and Parham's wife, Alicia of the CTA Accounts Payable section. Resting comfortably in granddad's arms is 2-year old Krishna Baisden.



**Robert Kendrick** (77th Street garage) was complimented by Marian Pinman, of East 52nd Street, for his courtesy as operator of an early morning No. 1 Indiana/Hyde Park bus. "If he sees someone running to the bus, he waits. He greets us with a cheery 'Good morning!' In fact, nearly everyone who boards the bus now greets fellow passengers the same way. He knows all his regular passengers, and will inquire when he does not see one. I enjoy going to work now, as it is a pleasure to have such a concerned and considerate driver, and we the passengers are special to him."



**Richard Corbett** (North Section) was commended by Rolando Valente, of North Mozart Street, in a letter forwarded from the Sun-Times' Action Time, for his alertness as conductor of an afternoon rush period Ravenswood train. "He came to the car where I was a passenger and called to everybody's attention in a firm, loud voice that there was a pickpocket on board whom he had seen in the act before. He then warned passengers to be careful and wary of him. I don't know how other passengers felt, but as a regular rider, I am really grateful for what he did. We need more CTA employees like him."



**John Cameron** (South Section) caught the attention of Manny Julius, of Morse Avenue, for the way he handled his job as conductor of a Howard-Jackson Park train. "I must compliment him for the way he announced the stations. He announced in advance as well as, at the stations, and told people what major areas, buildings, shopping and places of interest were near each stop. He also announced at times the temperature and weather conditions on what was a damp, chilly and windy day. It certainly was a great help not only to the local citizens, but also to Chicago visitors."

**Anthony Donato** (Lawndale garage) won the approval of Brendan Gedow, of North Springfield Avenue, for his handling of a No. 53 Pulaski bus. "Recently I broke my ankle, and have been using crutches to get around. Normally, I don't ride CTA buses, but now I must. This bus operator on the Pulaski route was very courteous and helpful, letting me know when my stop was coming up, and not driving until I had found a seat. He called out the stops loudly and clearly, and was especially nice to elderly people. He is a credit to the CTA and deserves some sort of recognition."

**Janis Marion** (Limits garage) was the operator of a No. 36 Broadway bus ridden by Ella Gardner, of South Loomis Boulevard. "There was a male passenger yelling, cursing, and using the worst language I ever heard. She tolerated the obscenities for only a few blocks before stopping the bus and asking him to leave. When he refused, she picked up the phone to call for help. Despite being cursed and threatened by the passenger, she stood her ground and demanded that he leave the bus, which he finally did."

**Elton Williams** (North Section) was thanked by Vivian Spittle, of Evanston, for his helpfulness as conductor of an Evanston Express train. "He announced each station clearly, and explained where to transfer to other lines en route. This employee impressed me as being efficient and accommodating in every way. He stressed that there was to be no smoking or radio playing without earphones, and no littering. His voice carried this message clearly. It was a pleasure riding the CTA at this time."

**Vernon Hill** (North Section) was praised by Hugh Magill, a Loop attorney with offices on West Madison Street, for his performance as conductor of an Evanston Express train. "His announcements were given with unusual clarity and enthusiasm. He also took time to relay important information for commuters, such as the current time and details about interline transfers and the various stops on the line. His interaction with passengers displayed a similar enthusiasm and politeness. His performance and attitude as an employee are assets to your service."

**Cedric Johnson** (Kedzie garage) was noticed by Michael Johnson, of North Lake Shore Drive, for his courtesy as operator of a No. 66 Chicago bus. "When I boarded the bus, I was greeted with a friendly 'Hello.' About three blocks later, the driver waited for a lady running out of the hospital door. At Dearborn, he asked an able-bodied young man to move out of the handicapped seat. Then he helped an elderly man on board with his grocery bag, and made sure the gentleman was seated before pulling away. He called out all streets loud and clear, and traveled at a good pace. CTA should be proud to have him."

# Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

*Employees who have received Commendations from the public.*

**Glen Adams**, 77th Street  
**Arthur Alpert**, Howard/Kimball  
**Robert Anderson**, Forest Glen  
**Albert Armstrong**, Limits

**Martha Bada**, North Park  
**L. C. Bankhead**, Kedzie  
**Johnny Banks**, 77th Street  
**Samuel Bevelle**, North Park  
**Eugene Blackmon Jr.**, North Park  
**Rudolph Blakemore**, North Avenue  
**Michael Bragg**, 69th Street  
**Edward Brewer**, Ashland, 61st, 95th  
**Everett Brown**, Forest Glen  
**David Brown Jr.**, North Park  
**Robert Buie Jr.**, North Park  
**Earl Burress**, 69th Street

**Anthony Caldwell**, North Park  
**John Cameron**, Ashland, 61st, 95th  
**Sergio Candelaria**, Limits  
**Eloise Carter**, 77th Street  
**Ethel Claiborne**, 77th Street  
**Dwayne Clark**, 77th Street  
**Marla Clark**, Forest Glen  
**Patricia Cobb**, 69th Street  
**Ernest Cooley**, 69th Street  
**Griz Craig**, North Park  
**Armando Cuesta**, North Park

**George Davenport**, 77th Street  
**Bart Davis**, Forest Glen  
**Vincent Dawson**, Limits  
**Joseph Dean**, 69th Street  
**Angel Delapaz**, Forest Glen  
**Robert Dering**, Agent, West  
**Johnny Dickerson**, North Park  
**Thelma Dorsey**, 77th Street

**Rosette Ewing**, Howard/Kimball

**Edward Farmer**, 77th Street  
**Jerry Feggin**, Douglas/Congress  
**James Fitzgerald**, Limits  
**Robert Foster**, Forest Glen  
**Willie Fowler**, Jefferson Park

**James Gaines**, 77th Street  
**Jose Galloza**, Forest Glen  
**Juan Garcia**, North Avenue  
**Vincent Gerybo**, Forest Glen  
**Ralph Green**, 77th Street  
**William Greenwood**, 77th Street

**Josephine Harris**, North Avenue  
**Leonard Heady**, Beverly  
**Bryan Hedstrom**, Campaign Area  
**James Hentz**, Jefferson Park  
**Neil Hickman**, Limits  
**Vernon Hill**, Howard/Kimball  
**Ricky Hogan**, North Park

**Herbert Ives**, North Park

**Cleo Jackson**, Jefferson Park  
**Willie James**, North Park  
**Jerry Jenkins**, Archer  
**Gilbert Johnson**, 77th Street  
**Frank Jones**, 69th Street  
**Gregory Jones**, Limits  
**Ismael Juarbe**, North Avenue

**John Kidd Jr.**, Beverly  
**Thomas Kissel**, North Park  
**Michael Kobar**, Mgmt. Info. Syst.  
**Peter Kourakos**, North Park

**Robert Lay**, Limits  
**Leblanc Ledree**, Limits  
**Nathaniel Lee Jr.**, Ashland, 61st, 95th  
**Irving Lewis**, 69th Street  
**Leotha Lewis**, Archer  
**Hollis Lewis Jr.**, Kedzie  
**Christopher Lindner**, North Park  
**Melvin Lindsey Jr.**, 77th Street  
**Dominic Lochirco**, Archer  
**Theodore Love Jr.**, Archer

**Janis Marino**, Limits  
**Kenneth Martin**, Kedzie  
**Michael Martinov**, Forest Glen  
**Joseph Maryland**, Limits  
**Theodore McIntyre**, Limits  
**Wade Montgomery**, Archer  
**Charla Morgan**, 77th Street  
**Thomas Morrison**, North Park  
**Robert Moskovitz**, North Park  
**Timothy Mulvey**, Beverly  
**Ricky Munoz**, Jefferson Park

**Frank Nava**, Limits  
**George Neal**, Kedzie

**Araceli Olivier**, North Park  
**James Ollie**, 77th Street  
**Lynn Owens**, 77th Street  
**Dianna Owens**, Forest Glen

**John Paczkowski**, North Park  
**Willie Parker**, North Avenue  
**Frederick Pepke**, Limits  
**Rosario Perez**, Jefferson Park  
**Irvin Perry**, Archer  
**Bruce Price**, 77th Street  
**James Pruett Jr.**, 77th Street  
**James Przybylski**, North Park

**Emelio Ramos**, North Park  
**Lowell Reynolds**, Agents, West  
**Thomas Rhone**, 77th Street  
**Ramon Rios**, Forest Glen  
**Halipson Rivera**, North Park  
**Anthony Rivera**, North Park  
**Vernon Robinson**, Ashland, 61st, 95th  
**Jose Roman**, Jefferson Park

**Pedro Sanchez**, 77th Street  
**Barnett Simmons**, 69th Street  
**Wade Simmons**, Kedzie  
**John Smith**, 77th Street  
**David Smith**, 77th Street  
**Salvador Soler**, North Park  
**Howard Stratton**, Howard/Kimball  
**George Studenroth**, Rail Campaign Area

**Sterling Tharp Jr.**, 77th Street  
**Lynette Thigpen**, Ashland, 61st, 95th  
**Wanda Thompson**, 69th Street  
**Robert Tirado**, North Park  
**Eddie Traylor III**, North Park

**Adolphus Walker Jr.**, North Avenue  
**George Whaley**, Limits  
**Walter White**, Beverly  
**Martha Whiting**, Kedzie  
**Kenneth Williamson**, Kedzie  
**James Willis**, North Avenue  
**Leroy Wilson Jr.**, 77th Street  
**Angela Winfrey**, Forest Park

**Jacques Yezeguelian**, Forest Glen  
**Fred Young**, North Park  
**Rudolph Young**, North Park  
**Mohamed Yousef**, Limits

**Anthony Zenner**, North Park  
**Joseph Zukerman**, North Park

"I've always found the CTA Control Center an interesting place. It's always so busy with activity," said Gregory White, a Commonwealth Edison engineer who was chaperoning visiting high school students.

White, the son of CTA rail controller **Willie White**, is advisor for Explorer Scout Post 9709 which is sponsored by Commonwealth Edison. White and assistant advisor Roberto Garza brought their scouts, all aspiring engineers, to visit the CTA because, as White said, "We wanted the students to see the nucleus of the city's transportation system. We wanted them to see the 'power side' so they will know how Commonwealth Edison serves the transportation industry."

As a youth, White was also a frequent visitor to the CTA Control Center. Thus, he knew the interest which such a visit could have for his scouts as well as his co-workers, Garza, and Commonwealth Edison's Engineering Division vice president, Lester Dugas. White is a 1985 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology where he earned a degree in electrical engineering.

In a letter of appreciation to CTA

## Explorer Scouts tour CTA Control Center



Rail controller **Willie White** explains the CTA system to Commonwealth Edison sponsored Explorer Scouts seeking a better understanding of how the utility serves the transit authority. Seated at the console is controller **Craig Pease**.

**Chairman Walter Clark** concerning the visit, Dugas said, "We were warmly received by Superintendents **Jerry Johnson, Derrick Robinson, and Ben Morris**.

"We were given very professional explanations of the various systems by **Willie White** whose son Gregory is our Post Advisor, **George Hand** and **Robert Heinlein**.

"They kept the level of the presenta-

tions appropriate to the age group and level of understanding. These young people are interested in pursuing technical careers after they graduate from high school, and these gentlemen provided a model to which they can all aspire.

"We all have a greater level of appreciation for the degree of dedication that exists in this segment of our public transportation system."



## Employee Assistance offers confidential service



If you're an abuser of alcohol or drugs, and you're frightened at the prospect of your physical and mental health being destroyed as a result of your habits, you may find solace in the confidential help of counselors available to you through CTA's Employee Assistance Program.

The Employee Assistance Program was started in 1974 to assist CTA employees with alcohol or drug related problems, and to counsel their loved ones who may be suffering from similar abuses, or who may be affected by an abusing employee.

CTA's Employee Assistance Program also provides a referral service to employees needing help with a variety of other problems from emo-

tional stress to financial difficulties and strained marital relationships.

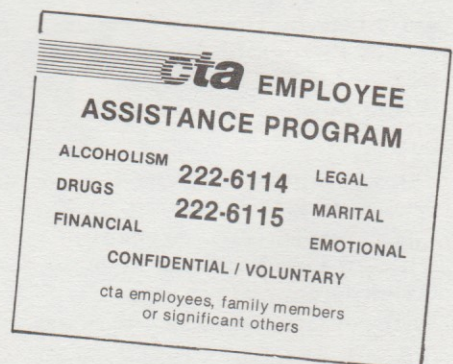
The Employee Assistance Program staff includes bilingual, multiracial men and women who have had experience counseling and assisting some 1,800 CTA employees since the program's inception. The staff is on call around the clock, every day of the year.

Michael Stroden, Employee Assistance Program director, offers a simple but direct goal for the program which is expanding, "We try to find solutions for problems and to keep people working."

The CTA Employee Assistance Program is believed to be one of the finest serving the transportation industry anywhere in the United

States. "We receive daily requests to aid and assist other organizations in developing their own programs," Stroden said.

The confidential service of the Employee Assistance Program is available to any CTA employee by calling...







# Don't let a home fire catch you unprepared

They are terrifyingly quick and intense. They take the lives of unsuspecting sleepers, cause millions of dollars of property damage, and usually can be prevented. They are home fires, and they represent the second leading cause of accidental deaths in homes.

Home blazes kill about 4,000 people each year, according to the National Safety Council, and most of the victims are young children and older adults. Most home fire deaths occur between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., the time when most people are asleep, so prevention and advance planning are the best measures for protecting your family.

Careless smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths, but it is probably the most easily avoided. Most fires blamed on careless smoking start in living rooms where cigarettes dropped on upholstered furniture can smolder for hours before bursting into flames. Cigarette butts should be dumped into an empty metal container, and nothing flammable should be put into that can. Smokers should never light up in bed where it is easy to fall asleep while the cigarette is still burning. A smoker should get out of bed and smoke some place where dozing is less likely.

The number one cause of residential fires and second leading cause of fire-related deaths is attributed to heating units. Central heating systems should be checked annually, and any needed work should be completed by a professional. Home owners should change or clean filters regularly to avoid overburdening the furnace.

Solid fuel heaters (coal or woodburning) should not be placed within three feet of combustible objects or walls. Fire is not the only hazard posed by these heating units -- improper use or installation can cause carbon monoxide poisoning. Check local fire codes and enlist the help of a professional to install these heaters.

To avoid home fires, portable heaters, whether electric or kerosene, should be used with extra care and manufacturer's instructions followed closely. Electric heaters should have a switch that will automatically turn the heater off if the unit is tipped over. Extension cords should not be used with these heaters unless the cords are designed for the heavier power load, and, of

course, electric heaters should never be used around water. When using a kerosene heater, it is a good idea to open a window an inch or two to provide the room with ventilation. Only K-1, clear kerosene should be used in these heaters. Allow units to cool and take them outdoors before adding fuel.

Cooking often leads to home fires. Cooks should not allow themselves to be distracted by a television or by becoming involved in a phone conversation. Potheolders and spice racks should not be hung over stovetops where they can catch fire and where your clothes can catch fire when you reach for them. Never throw water on a grease fire -- the flames will only spread. If a fire starts on the stovetop, put a lid on the pan to cut off the air supply, and turn off the burner. Do not move a blazing pan from the stove because the action will fan the flames. If a fire starts in an oven or broiler, close the door and turn the appliance off.

A child's innocent curiosity is all too often the cause of a home blaze that brings serious injury or death. Store matches out of a child's reach, and teach your children never to handle matches unless you are with them. Do not allow them to play around any type of heating unit or in the kitchen while you are cooking.

Minutes can mean the difference between life and death, so plan ahead for your family -- install smoke detectors and establish escape routes from each room. The lifesaving blast of a smoke detector horn can give your family enough time to escape a home fire. The National Safety Council recommends smoke detectors be installed on the ceiling or high on a wall outside bedroom areas; multi-level homes should have a detector on each level (including the basement). These devices should be checked at least every month and batteries replaced at least every year. At about \$10 each, smoke detectors are small but mighty investments in your family's safety. Each person should know how to escape their home quickly in case of fire. Establish two escape routes from each bedroom and practice using these routes.

While no measure is foolproof, prevention is the best insurance policy for avoiding serious and heartbreaking injuries and extensive property loss.

# Plan New North Avenue garage construction

CTA is adding to its state of the art bus garages. The latest addition will be a new garage at North and Cicero Avenues in Chicago.

The new North Avenue Garage which is expected to be completed in late 1989, will be the third garage in CTA's modernization program to be built since 1984. The Kedzie Garage at Jackson Boulevard and Van Buren Street was completed that year, followed by the Stony Island Garage at 103rd and Stony Island Avenue which is currently under construction.

The North Avenue Garage, which had its origin in 1910, served street cars, trolley buses, and propane and diesel buses until it was closed last September. The Chicago Transit

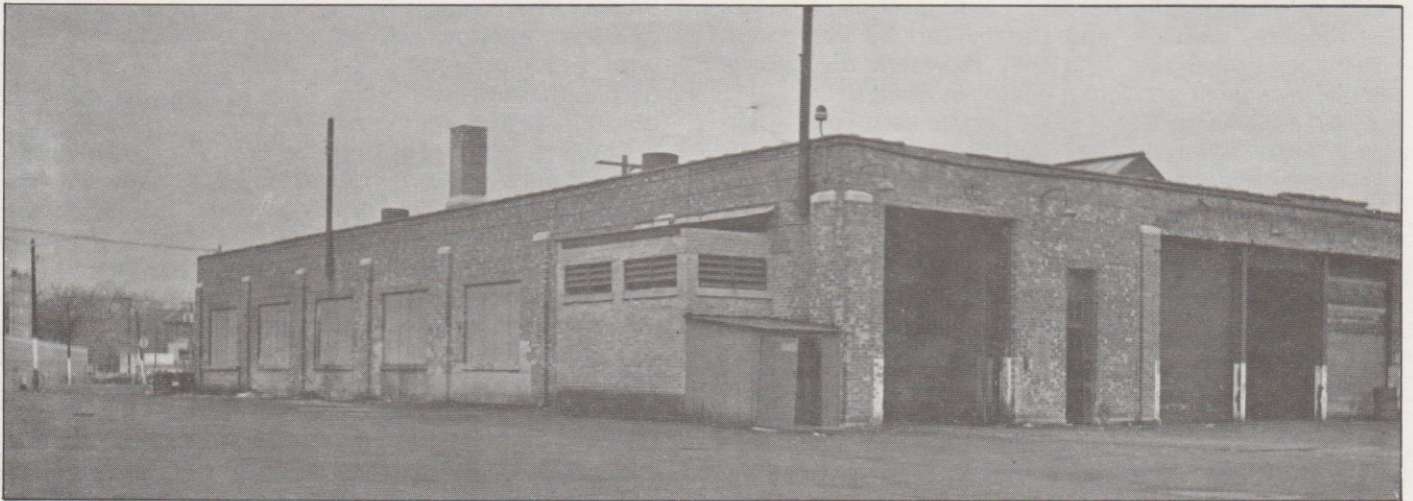
Board has awarded a contract for \$598,500 to the G.M. Wrecking Company of Thornton, Illinois for demolition of these existing facilities.

This contract, which was the lowest of the six bids received, provides for the removal of several structures on the 15.4 acre property to be completed by July. These structures include three brick, steel, and reinforced concrete buildings covering a total of 100,000 square feet, a bus fueling facility, and miscellaneous structures above and below grade. The contractor must also excavate the entire site to a point one and a half feet below the existing grade to remove long-covered street car tracks, paving bricks, and other surface pavement materials.

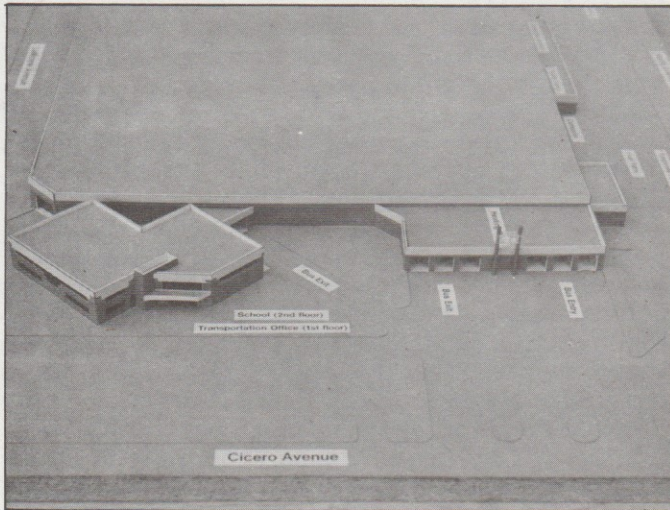
The 240 buses which were assigned to the North Avenue Garage have been temporarily transferred to the reopened Lawndale Garage as well as to Kedzie and Forest Glen Garages. The new North Avenue facility is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of 1989.

**F. H. Petzold** of the Facilities Engineering and Maintenance Department is the project manager. Petzold said that the new one-story facility will cover 345,000 square feet and will store up to 300 buses. Plans and specifications for the new garage are currently being finalized.

This new building will also contain a training center and a transportation office complex.



*This old building, one of three at the North Avenue bus garage site, waits to be razed as plans move ahead for a new facility.*



*This scale model of the new North Avenue garage offers viewers a preview of how the new facility will look in 1989, when it is expected to be completed. Total project cost including demolition, site improvement and construction will be approximately \$24 million dollars.*



*A wrecking ball, hoisted from a crane in the background, makes short work of the demolition project at North Avenue as the building crumbles under the weight of the ball.*

## Pioneers celebrate 11th anniversary

The CTA Pioneers Retirement Club marked its 11th anniversary at its annual Christmas party held December 9 in the Golden Flame restaurant, at Higgins road and Nagle avenue. More than 400 persons attended the luncheon and dance, one of four parties the club features during the year.

This year's party schedule includes **Valentine's Day**, February 10; **Mother's Day**, May 12; **Grandparents' Day**, September 8, and the **Christmas** program, December 8.

The club's 1987 slate of officers were introduced at last year's Christmas party. They are **Frank Koziol**, president; **George Nash**, 1st vice president; **Sam Girard**, 2nd vice president; **Walter Steinbeiss**, secretary, and **Warren Scholl**, treasurer.

Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in the Golden Flame restaurant starting at 12:30 p.m.

All CTA and West Towns retirees are invited to join the 600-member club. For more information, telephone **Walter Steinbeiss** at **334-4189**.



*Pioneers Retirement Club officers for 1987 are (from left) **Walter Steinbeiss**, secretary; **Warren Scholl**, treasurer; **Frank Koziol**, president; **George Nash**, 1st vice president, and **Sam Girard**, 2nd vice president.*



*Pioneers Club President **Frank Koziol** (light suit) welcomes guests at the club's annual Christmas party, **Bob Thomas** (left), **Rosemary Hoskins**, and **Lonnie Walker**, all North Park garage bus operators.*



## Certified Professional Secretary

**Patricia Flynn**, executive secretary, Personnel Administration, has earned the distinction of Certified Professional Secretary (CPS) awarded by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries. Ms Flynn received the CPS distinction based on recent test scores she received in an extensive six-part, two-day examination of her secretarial skills. She was tested on her knowledge of behavioral science in business, business law, economics and management, accounting, secretarial skills and decision making, and office procedures and administration. Ap-

proximately 1,200 Illinois residents belong to this exclusive group of secretaries which comprises some 20,000 professional secretaries throughout the United States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Jamaica and Canada. A second generation CTA employee, Ms. Flynn is the daughter of former rail superintendent **John P. Flynn**, who retired from Desplaines terminal in 1979 after 42 years of service. Her mother, Mrs. **Mary Ryan Flynn**, is a former CTA ticket agent.

# Retirement is beginning of new opportunities

The charismatic prayer group at St. Henry's Catholic church will occupy a lot of **Mrs. Dorothy Rose's** time now that she has retired from her job as a utility clerk in Materials Management. She began her retirement on Christmas eve.

Mrs. Rose, of Schaumburg, is a widow who has been active with the prayer group for 14 years, and says she looks forward to continuing in its service. After many years as a homemaker she began her CTA career in 1974 as a clerk in central files and fondly remembers her first boss, the late **William Platt, Sr.**, whom she credits with giving her the encouragement she needed when she first joined the CTA family.

Soon after her employment, Mrs. Rose traveled with her prayer group to the Holy Land where she enjoyed an audience with Pope Paul VI. She expects to be among the group's conferees attending the international conference in New Orleans this summer.

Her family includes a son, James,

Jr., and a daughter, **Mrs. Judy Boschan**, who formerly worked in CTA's Materials Management department.

**Frank Barker**, director, Street Traffic/Graphics, retired January 1 after 40 years of service. He and his wife, Dorothy, are residing in Sandwich, Illinois. Barker's father, the late **Frank J. Barker**, retired in 1959 as traffic analyst in CTA's former Training and Accident Prevention department.

Paneling his basement and turning it into a hobby room for the model railroads he likes to build is a job that is keeping **Alex Johnson** occupied for the moment. Johnson, manager, Transportation Personnel, also retired January 1 after 40 years with CTA. He is vice president of St. Peters Lutheran Church, and chaplain of the 70th Infantry Division Veterans association. Johnson and his wife, Helen, plan to remain in Chicago.

**Ruth Havlik**, executive secretary, Operations Planning, retired January 1 after 36 years. Another veteran of

36 years CTA service who joined pensioners was **Joe Tunzi**, supervisor, Operations Administrative Services.

Tunzi joined CTA as a mail clerk on August 7, 1950, and left in 1953 for a two-year stint in the U.S. Army. He resumed his CTA service immediately following his discharge from the Army in 1955, and was promoted to supervisor in the Operations division last June. Tunzi and his wife, **Diane**, a former CTA employee, reside on Chicago's northwest side.

Another year end retiree from CTA's general office is **Glenn Andersen**, supervisor, Industrial Engineering Design, an active member of the Illinois Railroad Museum at Union, Illinois. He leaves CTA after 36 years. He and his wife, Joan, will remain in Chicago.

**John Harrington**, superintendent, Grant Accounting, retired after 10 years of service. Harrington and his wife, Phyllis, will travel in their new motor home.



**Glenn Andersen**, supervisor, Industrial Equipment Design (third/left), prepares to cut the big sheet cake advertising his co-workers' best wishes for him in retirement. Celebrating with Andersen are (from left) **George Millonas**, deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance; **Frank Venezia**, director, Equipment Engineering, and **Richard Schneider**, manager, Equipment Engineering and Maintenance.



**Mrs. Dorothy Rose** (with corsage) is surrounded by family members at her retirement open house. Present for the occasion were (from left) her daughter, **Mrs. Judy Boschan** who was accompanied by her husband, **Donald**. Others are the honoree's son, **Jim Rose, Jr.**, and his wife, **Jane** with their children, **Alicia** and **James Rose III**.



Alex and Helen Johnson enjoy a turn or two on the ole dance floor at Johnson's retirement gala held at Northwest Builders Hall.

A cookie jar fashioned as a double decker bus reminiscent of his native Manchester, England was among mementoes which Operations Planning co-workers presented to retiring director of Street Traffic/Graphics **Frank Barker**. The jar sports a decal bearing Barker's CTA car number (K861) as well as his new locations (Sandwich/Galena).



Ms. **Ruth Havlik**, executive secretary to Operations Planning **Harold Hirsch** (left), receives per pension packet at an open house held in her honor.

**John Harrington** (second from left), is flanked by his wife, and co-workers at a retirement open house in his honor. Well wishers include (from left) **Patrick J. Clifford**, director, Grant/Property Accounting; honorees **John and Phyllis Harrington**, **Amy Dihiansan**, and **Mila Austria**, accounting specialists II, and **Van Gosrisirikul**, supervisor, Grant Accounting.



It was a grand moment for retiring **Joe Tunzi** as he responds to the cash gift and gold watch presented to him by co-workers (from left) **Shirley Boyd**, **Joe Vodvarka**, and **Tom Anderson**.



Conductor **Walter Raffa**, 65, ended his 38 years in public transportation on Dec. 31 with a final trip to the O'Hare terminal. Supt **Dennis Closs** arranged to have a sign made for the front of the train honoring Raffa who started his conductor's career on the street cars on Oct. 4, 1948. He switched to the rapid transit system the next year. Raffa and his wife, Lillian plan to remain in their Niles home between vacations throughout the country.

# INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

## North Park

Taking time out from showing an opposing team how the game is played are members of the North Park 'B's' football team. Coach **Leonard (Doc) Sims** says the team ended its season with a third place showing but, just like that 'other' Chicago team, wait until next year! Shown in this photo,

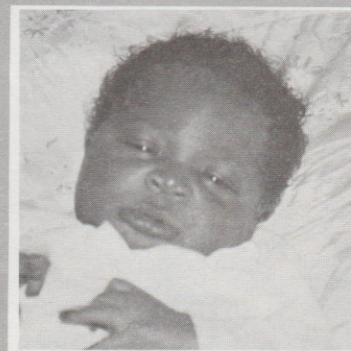
assistance of the North Park Credit Union, these ladies served a very wide and attractive selection of food, pastries, and soft drinks to those operators who were lucky enough to participate in this special Christmas dinner. And yes, that was Team Leader **Lester Jones** whom we spot-



front row left to right, are **Redmond Ward, Frank Springs, 'Doc' Sims, Eugene Blackmon, Ted Lapke** and **Albert Polk**. Standing left to right are **Robert Cook, Alfonso Rivera, James Banres, Mike O'Neal, Jerry Lockridge, Lamar Wymbs, David Lewis** and Team Captain **Mark Hishop...Jean Cage, Vicki Nesbit, Iona Williams, Gail Inis** and **Frances Walker** are the guilty parties to blame for those extra calories you are now carrying around your waistline. With the generous

ted with a big smile carrying his contribution in to share among the hearty eaters. And no, that wasn't Santa, but his good friend Instructor **Pete Espinoza** riding and checking his list on the California line on Christmas Eve. This event was such a success, it might continue to be a yearly celebration. If so, we all know how much we enjoyed this occasion...Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! And how would you like to have five big weeks of vacation time coming up and not know what to do, or where to go? Instructor

**Lawrence Chatman**, D District, has this problem it seems, so maybe if there's someone out there reading this who needs help moving furniture, painting, etc., contact our good friend Mr. Chatman, OK?..Most of us would just about fall over when we hear we've received a commendation, so when Union Representative **Daniel Galarza** received three in just over two months, he must have done a complete somersault...**Marta Rodriguez** and **Luis Cordero** have both been hospitalized, but hopefully will be up and about in better health when you read this...While most of us are enjoying winter's low temperatures and blowing snow, **Leo Dawkins** will be shaking sand from his boots in El Paso, Texas, and barking out orders to the troops. Staff Sergeant Dawkins serves with the 108th Medical Battalion of the National Guard and can answer most of your questions if you're interested in volunteering...Did anyone else catch the photo and worthy commendation of **Herbie Munoz** in Volume 39 of **Transit News?**..Our former Chief Bus Instructor **Jim Thaxton** looked just as busy in the same issue as he did when he was here at North Park...Nice to see that perpetual smile of **Chellie Booth** who now works at 69th Street garage...**David Kettleson's** 11-year-old son, **Paul**, probably had a grin as big as dad's when he was awarded a special commemorative pin and silver puck by the Northern Illinois Amateur Hockey association...**Sterling Williams** and his wife, **Darlene**,



have a newborn son, **Jermaine**, who was born January 11. Being the dedicated husband and father that he is, Sterling was at the hospital this time just like he was during the births of his other two sons, **Sterling Jr.** and **Antoine**...New pensioners: **Frank Von Schwedler** who originally started at

the Devon Depot will look back on 38 years of service behind the wheel now that he has retired. Frank probably will have more time to devote to his VFW Post in Park Ridge, Illinois, of which he emphasizes is **THE** second largest in the United States. And just to keep Frank standing at attention, we must mention that his wife, **Elaine**, will be installed as the 4th District Auxiliary president this spring. Correspondence should be mailed to the home post in northwest suburban Des Plaines. Our



next retiree is **Ed Unrein**, who really, really will retire on MARCH FIRST, 1987. We mention 'really' because in an earlier issue of **Transit News**, we announced Ed's retirement effective January of this year, but he wouldn't let go of that steering wheel, and decided to help the other California operators make it through the winter. Ed has 26 years of bus driving to his credit and says he and his wife, **Opal**, will be driving to Orlando, Florida, to visit their son, **Ed Jr.**, and over to Fort Myers, Florida, to Opal's sister's place. If Ed ever lets go of that wheel, you can write him at their home in Wauconda, Illinois. We're going to miss you, Ed...Maybe our station magician **Sam Favre** is the one responsible for making the usual winter snow disappear? Sam mentions he performed at a party scheduled for two hours but the crowd wouldn't let him go until he did an extra two hours! Poof, poof and Sam disappeared... Just who is it that **Mary W.** is always calling Potato Head?..How does our #2 clerk **Hiltey McGee** manage to be so cheerful at his window at 5 a.m.?..Will the morning schedule man, **Sang Joo Kim**, go ice fishing soon and show us some **REAL** fish compared to the Grouch's recent pictorial display? Questions,

questions...Remember when we told you A.M. clerk **Lynn Wilkerson** would be back? He's back...Your reporter, **Mike Flores**, went to Cleveland, Ohio, and sez Cleveland is



v-e-r-y nice!.. **Cedric (Dusty) Wright** finally stood still long enough to reveal his official time as a runner in the America's Marathon: 3 hours, 33 minutes. Not bad, Dusty, considering there were over 10,000 runners. You're getting there slowly but surely (smile)...A Case For Columbo? **Lee Richardson's** 9-month-old, blue-eyed baby kitten Prince was purloined, she reports. Does this make it an official Kat-Napping? H-m-m-m?

**Mike Flores**



*Happy birthday wishes brought a catered affair for **Earl McGhee**, superintendent, Personnel and Benefits Investigations, compliments of his staff and co-workers. About 35 friends from various departments stopped by Room 1890 in the Merchandise Mart to wish Earl the best on his special day, January 16 (the actual day). Coordinating the event was **Mary Harper** of the Police Liaison Investigative unit, who did an outstanding job. Nobody is saying how many candles should have been on the big beautiful cake, but it really didn't matter because, with the ever suave Mr. Earl, age is only a number...Best wishes McGhee, and many many more.*

## Service anniversaries in January

### 40 Years

**Howard Andler**, North Park  
**Harold Friedl**, Claims

### 35 Years

**Willie Jackson**, Kedzie  
**Everett Odle**, Forest Glen

### 30 Years

**Aaron Amos**, Kedzie  
**Darden Fuller**, Rail Service  
**Lutenent Hare**, Utility  
**Thomas Walker**, Elec. Engr./Maint.

### 25 Years

**Robert Bystrek**, Bldg./Grounds  
**Coy Causey**, Sig., Phone & Radio  
**John Coleman Jr.**, Ashland  
**Walter Feulner**, Budg. Mpower. & Adm.  
**Peter Gusich**, Track & Roadway  
**James Haworth Jr.**, Equip. Tech. Svcs.  
**William Haworth**, Equip. Tech. Svcs.  
**James Jones**, West Section  
**Robert Kinney**, North Park  
**George Klein**, 54th Maint. Term.  
**Richard Lorimer**, Rail Veh. Term.  
**Norman Oswald**, Schedules  
**Michael Philbin**, General Maint.  
**Robert Revolt**, General Maint.  
**Peter Schmanski**, Forest Glen  
**Roger Torbik**, Job Classification  
**Dorris Wilson Jr.**, Schedules  
**Gary Wilson**, Sub-Ass'y/Elec.

## February

### 45 Years

**Herbert Schomer**, Oper's Review  
**Edward Wilieko**, Howard/Kimball

### 40 Years

**James Dohoney**, Central Bus Dist.  
**Francis Hennigan**, Support Serv.-Bus

### 35 Years

**Peter Graf**, Elec. Engr./Maint.  
**Frank Holley**, Douglas/Congress  
**Clarence Knox**, Douglas/Congress  
**Michael LaVelle**, Transp. Services  
**Ardis Morris**, Rail Pers.-South  
**Charles Nichols**, Bus District C  
**Josephine O'Kray**, Rev. Accounting

### 30 Years

**Lampton Evans**, Rail Pers.-South  
**Robert Fletcher**, Kedzie  
**George Fuentes Jr.**, Bus Instruction  
**Horace Harris**, Archer  
**Wallace Johnson**, Cent. Bus Dist.  
**Johnnie MacDonald**, South Section  
**Donald Mitchell**, 77th Street  
**Joseph Roque**, Forest Glen  
**Jesse Tucker**, Utility  
**John Williams Jr.**, Kedzie

### 25 Years

**Preston Brown**, General Maint.  
**James Civito**, Rail Syst. Janitors  
**Mark Dundovich**, Rail Shops  
**Engelberta Gurgone**, South Section  
**Francis Konopka**, Forest Glen  
**Lazaro Lafita**, Cent. Bus Dist.  
**Thomas Morrison**, North Park  
**Vito Pontrelli**, Motor Line  
**Dale Sledge**, Rail Dist. West  
**James Whittley**, Stores-South

## Operations

The Operations Division would like to congratulate **Kathy Brabec**, administrative assistant, on her engagement to Raymond Perlick. To our surprise, Ray came to Kathy's office, roses in hand and down on his knee, to propose to her with a ring in the other hand. Best Wishes to them both...**Mary Marble**, agent controller, and her husband **Charles** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary aboard a Caribbean Cruise Liner. Mary says there was plenty of food available and festivities of all sorts at all times. Happy Anniversary...Congratulations to Control Center's Agent Controller **Karen King** and her new born son Johnathon...**Rosalyn Webb**, executive secretary, Training/Instruction department, was surprised by her friends and co-workers with a baby shower. Rosalyn is expecting her first child at the end of January...**CTA General Office Basketball Team**, coached by **Arliss Jones, Daryl Lampkins** and **Chester Kidd**, won their first season game in a dominating 102 GO points to **Rail Blazers** 49 points. The CTA Basketball games are held at the

Washington Park gym. Come out and support your number one team...Control Center welcomes aboard **Craig Pease** as a newly appointed bus controller. Mr. Pease was a bus operator out of North Park. He has been employed at CTA since October 1973...Condolences to the Brabec Family (**Kathy**, Operations Division and **Connie**, Materials Management) on the death of their father **Edward Brabec**...Best Wishes to **Alex C. Johnson**, manager, Transportation Personnel, on his retirement after 40 years of service to CTA. We hope you enjoy yourself, and we want you to know that we will miss your friendly smile...**Joseph Tunzi**, supervisor, Administrative Services, retired from the CTA with 36 years of dedicated service. His co-workers will all miss him and wish him the best to come in his retirement...Happy Birthday to the December and January babies in the Control Center: **Corrine Dalmas, Sterling Martin, Jerry Johnson, John Betourne, Michael Sanchez, Joseph Piento, Stan Mihajlovic,** and **George Booker.**

*Carol Musto*



Representing Addison Trail High School's freshman class in the annual homecoming parade, October 11, was 14-year old **Denise Bednarz**, the beautiful granddaughter of retired Forest Glen operator **John and Julie Bednarz**. Denise, the daughter of **Tom and Diane Bednarz**, was crowned freshman queen.



## Sweet 16

Sunday, December 14, 1986 is a day **Maria Cecilia Hernandez**, escorted by **Henry Guillen**, will always remember. It was the celebration of a life time for the **Kalvin High School** sophomore who was introduced into polite society with a "Sweet 16" grand ceremony, traditional in Mexico. Maria whose 16th birthday was December 4, is the daughter of **Forest Glen** bus operator **Cecilio and Lucy Hernandez** (left). Some 200 friends and family attended the gala event held at **Tania Restaurant** following a thanksgiving mass at **Dios Peniel church**, 2536 W. Division.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Edward H. Baker**, 81, Transportation, Emp. 12-8-23, Died 11-6-86  
**Trygve C. Berg**, 72, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-8-42, Died 11-20-86  
**David J. Bresnahan**, 84, North Avenue, Emp. 11-16-28, Died 11-3-86  
**William T. Brison**, 80, North Section, Emp. 1-8-46, Died 11-6-86  
**Patrick Broderick**, 84, West Section, Emp. 12-16-21, Died 11-20-86  
**John A. Burns**, 78, Rapid Transit Dist., Emp. 6-17-27, Died 11-7-86  
**Thomas Calante**, 78, Purchasing, Emp. 11-28-42, Died 11-3-86  
**William Cook**, 78, North Section, Emp. 1-20-42, Died 11-22-86  
**Horace C. Crawford**, 60, West Shops, Emp. 2-8-51, Died 11-2-86  
**Peter H. Domet**, 85, Forest Glen, Emp. 8-15-44, Died 11-4-86  
**John T. Fitzsimmons**, 75, Plant Maint., Emp. 8-3-59, Died 11-13-86  
**John J. Gavin**, 68, Beverly, Emp. 10-31-51, Died 11-22-86  
**Robert A. Gilmore**, 88, Const. & Maint., Emp. 11-3-20, Died 11-7-86  
**Ernest J. Herring**, 83, West Section, Emp. 10-29-42, Died 11-10-86  
**Sidney L. Jacobson**, 77, Office Services, Emp. 12-9-42, Died 11-25-86

**Otis J. Lamier**, 67, 77th Street, Emp. 2-15-51, Died 11-2-86  
**Eugene C. Mazur**, 71, Forest Glen, Emp. 6-4-46, Died 11-10-86  
**Peter L. Mills**, 83, Schedule-Traffic, Emp. 2-10-43, Died 11-17-86  
**Daniel A. Molinare**, 80, Forest Glen, Emp. 4-14-43, Died 10-29-86  
**George W. Nelson**, 82, Beverly, Emp. 7-24-29, Died 11-5-86  
**Rodger Reed**, 86, North Avenue, Emp. 1-12-25, Died 10-5-86  
**William A. Ruzich**, 71, Plant Maint., Emp. 8-19-37, Died 11-13-86  
**Joseph Salamone**, 66, Plant Maint., Emp. 11-28-47, Died 11-29-86  
**Frank Skrzynski**, 69, Veh. Maint., Emp. 10-7-47, Died 11-19-86  
**Thomas J. Southern**, 64, 69th Street, Emp. 11-20-58, Died 11-13-86  
**George H. Spencer**, 83, West Section, Emp. 9-28-26, Died 10-29-86  
**Frank W. Stolarz**, 70, South Shops, Emp. 7-24-42, Died 11-8-86  
**Edwin Szacik**, 69, Forest Glen, Emp. 10-10-45, Died 11-17-86  
**Andrew Volpentesta**, 88, Const. & Maint., Emp. 10-29-25, Died 11-8-86  
**Eugene A. Wrobel**, 62, Oper's Planning, Emp. 5-17-46, Died 11-16-86



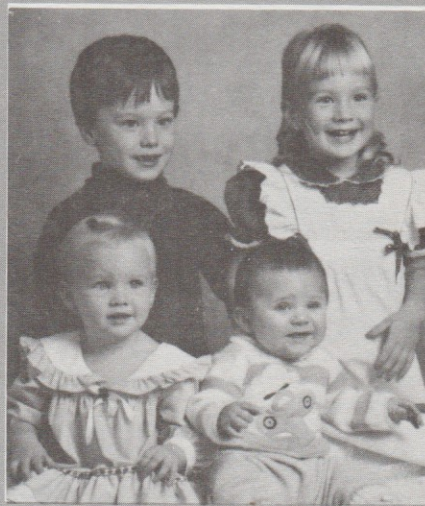


(Photo courtesy Star Publications)

Bus operator **David Bonds, Jr.** (left), 69th Street garage, past master of Monarch Lodge 99, F&AM, accepts a proclamation from south suburban Homewood Village President **Manny Hoffman** honoring the masonic lodge for its humanitarian service. The presentation was made during the lodge's recent 66th anniversary celebration at the Homewood Sheraton Inn. In the background are (from left) Senior Warden **Willie Lawler**, bus operator, Beverly Garage, and **Leonard Frazier**, steward.

## North Section

Thank you, **Grace Huff**, ticket agent, for sharing this picture of your four grandchildren with us. They are



(back row, left to right), Gary 5, and Grace 3; (in front, left to right), Kathy, aged 2, and Teddy 8 months. These children are real traffic stoppers...This must be the generation for gorgeous kids. Miss Jenny Powell, picture here.



is the daughter of **Michael Powell**, conductor, out of Howard Street. She celebrated her second birthday, December 11, with the help of her loving family...When **Ron Cheney**, Electrical Maintenance, heard that he allegedly eloped (eloped?) last month, he said; "Why no, I didn't elope. In fact, I haven't heard the word 'elope' used in the past 20 years." Ron is right about that. You just don't hear about people eloping anymore...It's good to see **Milton Roman**, foot collector, back on the job again after 11 weeks of illness.

**Jo Anderson**

## Retirements

**Cornelius L. Allen**, Beverly, 30 yrs.  
**Daniel M. Allen**, 69th Street, 36 yrs.  
**Juan F. Alvarez**, North Park, 11 yrs.  
**Glenn M. Andersen**, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 36 yrs.  
**Frank C. Bailey**, Archer, 27 yrs.  
**Frank E. Barker**, Operations Planning, 40 yrs.  
**Charles H. Barnes Jr.**, 77th Street, 28 yrs.  
**Alfred Berry**, Madison/Wabash, 30 yrs.  
**Jan Broda**, Skokie Shops, 33 yrs.  
**Richard G. Brown**, West Shops, 17 yrs.  
**Stanley E. Brown**, Forest Glen, 25 yrs.  
**Walter Campbell**, 77th Street, 35 yrs.  
**Thomas W. Cook**, 69th Street, 25 yrs.  
**Odessa K. Danielley**, 63rd/Ashland, 27 yrs.  
**Arlene B. Daugherty**, Mtrls. Mgmt., 25 yrs.  
**Rodman G. Daugherty**, Mtrls. Mgmt., 31 yrs.  
**Bart B. Davis**, Forest Glen, 31 yrs.  
**Herbert D. Dillard**, 63rd/Ashland, 35 yrs.  
**Travis W. Dixon**, 77th Street, 33 yrs.  
**Martin R. Dzincioloski**, Kedzie, 31 yrs.  
**William L. Eberhart**, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 25 yrs.  
**Wilbert Ellison**, North Park, 25 yrs.  
**Curtis L. English**, Forest Glen, 29 yrs.  
**Mitchell P. Faczek**, Skokie Shops, 35 yrs.  
**George R. Ferguson**, 69th Street, 35 yrs.  
**Horace Flournoy Jr.**, 77th Street, 33 yrs.  
**Robert Foreman Jr.**, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 38 yrs.  
**John M. Gorman**, North Rail, 27 yrs.  
**John J. Harrington**, Fin. Acctg. & Analysis, 10 yrs.  
**Ruth F. Havlik**, Planning & Dvlpt., 35 yrs.

**Clamie C. Herman**, 77th Street, 28 yrs.  
**Claude Herring**, 77th Street, 15 yrs.  
**George E. Hindson**, West Shops, 11 yrs.  
**Charles A. Hollingsworth**, West Shops, 33 yrs.  
**Stanley B. Janasek**, South Shops, 44 yrs.  
**Alex C. Johnson**, Transp. Personnel, 40 yrs.  
**Joseph Johnson**, Beverly, 33 yrs.  
**Robert Johnson**, Archer, 32 yrs.  
**Andrew B. Jones Jr.**, Beverly, 34 yrs.  
**James N. Jones**, 69th Street, 25 yrs.  
**Andrew J. Karkoska**, Beverly, 37 yrs.  
**Robert L. Kennedy**, 77th Street, 38 yrs.  
**Joseph A. Lacy**, West Shops, 39 yrs.  
**Robert Lewis**, Kedzie, 26 yrs.  
**Vertis Lindsey**, Racine Shop, 17 yrs.  
**Willard Lindsey**, Beverly, 32 yrs.  
**Theodore Love Jr.**, Archer, 36 yrs.  
**Stuart W. Maginnis**, Washington Garage, 36 yrs.  
**Everett G. Martin**, Forest Glen, 27 yrs.  
**William J. McCarthy**, Beverly, 38 yrs.  
**Rufus E. Meeks**, 69th Street, 30 yrs.  
**Maurice M. Miller**, Limits, 25 yrs.  
**W. B. Moore**, Lawndale, 30 yrs.  
**Patrick O'Sullivan**, South Shops, 38 yrs.  
**Patrick C. Owens**, 77th Street, 38 yrs.  
**Frank Papaleo**, South Shops, 25 yrs.  
**Samuel D. Patton**, North Avenue, 29 yrs.  
**Benjamin Perkins**, 77th Street, 35 yrs.  
**Walter S. Raffa**, O'Hare, 38 yrs.  
**Walter L. Rakauskis**, West Shops, 36 yrs.  
**Daniel Rios**, Kedzie, 10 yrs.  
**Edward H. Roncek**, West Shops, 6 yrs.  
**Dorothy L. Rose**, Administration, 11 yrs.

**Clara A. Sala**, Lake/Harlem, 27 yrs.  
**Malcolm C. Simpson**, West Shops, 40 yrs.  
**Benjamin Smith**, 77th Street, 28 yrs.  
**Thomas F. Spencer**, 77th Street, 36 yrs.  
**Arthur G. Springer**, Beverly, 25 yrs.  
**Edward Steed**, Forest Glen, 26 yrs.  
**Randolph E. Stewart**, 77th Street, 29 yrs.  
**Ralph M. Stuart**, 77th Street, 31 yrs.  
**Thomas D. Sulzer**, Blue Island, 25 yrs.  
**Thomas A. Tadevic**, South Shops, 39 yrs.  
**Joseph V. Tunzi**, Oper's., Adm. Srvc's., 36 yrs.  
**Ted Ulasz**, North Avenue, 32 yrs.  
**John G. Vogt**, Beverly, 33 yrs.  
**Frank A. Von Schwedler**, North Park, 38 yrs.  
**Jerome Walker**, Limits, 30 yrs.  
**Herbert Williams**, Beverly, 29 yrs.  
**Fred A. Wilson**, West Shops, 44 yrs.  
**Edmond E. Wojcieszak**, Equip. Engr. & Maint., 16 yrs.  
**Gordon Woods**, Lawndale, 35 yrs.  
**Myron H. Woods**, Training Center, 27 yrs.  
**Lester Wright**, 69th Street, 25 yrs.

## Disabilities

**Norman D. Bolden**, 77th Street, 11 yrs.  
**Phillip Branch**, Kedzie, 17 yrs.  
**Spurag L. Foster Jr.**, 77th Street, 23 yrs.  
**Sammy Lee Jr.**, 61st Street, 11 yrs.  
**Millard E. Mabry**, West Shops, 12 yrs.  
**Patricia Marshall**, North Park, 11 yrs.  
**Mary McIntosh**, 77th Street, 8 yrs.  
**Joseph D. Milello**, Forest Glen, 24 yrs.  
**Ricky L. Witt**, Forest Glen, 13 yrs.

## General Office

Rear brake lights, which we see on every bus and take for granted these days, were not a part of the very early streetcars, a fact verified by an employee or two who still remember that vintage public transportation vehicle. However, absence of rear stop lights on the early streetcars became a matter of concern for **Mrs. Mabel B. King**, a public spirited Chicagoan whose keen interest in public safety prompted her to write a letter (Dec. 27, 1940) to Mayor Edward J. Kelly suggesting that such luminary fixtures should be on all streetcars. The mayor brought Mrs. King's letter to the attention of then Transportation Chairman **James R. Quinn** (later CTA Board vice chairman) who urged a study by



North Park Bus Operator **Barry Smith** thought he and his wife, **Jackie**, had finished all of their Christmas shopping, but Barry had to hurry back to the store for more gifts since the stork decided to arrive a little early. The little one they were expecting in the new year arrived instead on December 22. The Smiths are now the proud parents of another little girl whom they named **Kamana Frances**. The baby was born at Evanston hospital, and weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces. Waiting at home to welcome her little sister was big sister, **Larissa** who is 2 years old.

Major R.F. Kelker, Jr., engineer for the Committee on Local Transportation. Although the study did not warrant modifying existing streetcars to accommodate the rear lights as proposed by Mrs. King, replacement cars were indeed equipped with rear brake lights. Mrs. King, the mother-in-law of the late **Mel Alexander**, Public Affairs production assistant, received the grateful acknowledgement and thanks of the mayor's office for her interest in traffic safety...Librarian **Ruth Beutler** has a new grandson. He is Christopher Ecosta, born October 13, and tipping the scales at 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Six-year old Bradley, Christopher's older brother, was at school when the little guy

arrived...Condolences to the family of **Kathy (Stranor) Lyckberg**, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance, whose father, retired CTA painter **Otto Richard Krueger**, died suddenly.



Remember when controller **Tessa Gaines** and her Chicago Police detective husband, **Ronald** were surprised by "the stork's announcement of a new blessed event, and remember last summer when Tessa's co-workers surprised her again with a baby shower, and sent her off to her room to wait for the grand arrival? Wellllll that was a few months ago, and of course since the little **Miss Tiffany Dorothy Marie Gaines** made her world debut on July 23, but Tessa's co-workers missed the introduction. Sooo folks, here'sss Tiffany. A little late, but better late than never. Others popping buttons over Tiffany are 77th Street bus operator and Mrs. **George McCoy**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Gaines**, the proud grandparents.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of **Terry McGuigan**, director, Bus Maintenance, and the **Murphy** family in the loss of their mother, **Mrs. Denyse Murphy**. She was the wife of CTA retiree **Timothy Murphy**, and the mother of **Dennis**, Customer Assistance; **Mrs. Louise Muhr**, General Accounting, and Mrs. **Chris Denlinger**, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance...Mr. **Peter J. Meinardi**, retired General Administration manager who passed recently, is remembered for his smiling face and his friendliness to all CTA employees. He always had time to say hello. Our sympathy to his family...Thanks to all for the kindness shown to **Ted Szewc**, supervisor, Signal Maintenance who is recovering after a heart attack...Congratulations to **Frank E. Barker**, director, Street Traffic/Graphics upon his retirement. A farewell dinner was held at the Como Inn...Congratulations are also in order for retirees **Glenn Andersen**, **Ruth Havlik**, **Stu Maginnis**, **Joe Tunzi**, and **Alex Johnson**...**Kay Corcoran**,

is now the proud owner of a condo. We all wish her well...**Alice Miller Wienski**, an employee of long ago, was back to visit friends recently. Alice left 20 years ago, and looks younger than ever...**John Gritis**, retired supervisor, Reproduction Services, surprised us with a telephone call. John is doing fine and wants to be remembered to all his friends...A retirement party for **Rodman Daugherty** and me was held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza. Approximately 130 guests attended and shared in the festivities of this most unusual double retirement. Thanks to the efforts of **Linda Poetsch**, it was the retirement party of the year. Her assistants are to be commended for all their help to make this event a big success...Since this is my last article for Transit News, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supplying me with information for my column and to say goodbye to you. Working for CTA for 25 years has enabled me to meet and make many friends. I hope these friendships will continue, and that I will hear from you in the future. CTA has been good to me in many respects. It has afforded me the opportunity to travel throughout the world, and most recently and more importantly, it has brought about the meeting of a special man, Rod Daugherty. Both of us wish you good health, and as much happiness as we have now. Keep those buses and trains rolling so we can continue to receive our retirement checks.

**Arlene Zittman Daugherty**

## Skokie Shop

Paint shop foreman **Jan Broda** and his leader, **Mitch Faczek**, were honored December 19 at a retirement party. More than 100 guests attended the affair which was held at Lido's. Music was provided by DJ **John Gurreri** of Warehouse 42...Christmas Day was very special for electrical foreman **Muzio Ficarella**. His wife gave birth to an 8½ pound daughter. **Maria Angella**. Muzio is a little shaky but mom and baby are doing fine. Congratulations Muzio...Kudos to **Charles Olcik** for his recent promotion to paint shop foreman.

**Stan Warchol  
and Steve Wickert**

**Archer**

Congratulations to Supervisor **James Edward Mott** of District B who was selected to be included among recipients of the 1986 Outstanding Young Men of America award. He was recognized for his community volunteer work which has included serving as second vice president of the Kensington Community Council, and a number of community relations boards throughout the city. He has also worked with his aldermanic and congressional representatives. Archer is very proud of Mr. Mott, and we extend to him our hearty congratulations, and best wishes...Congratulations are also in order for newly weds



"BANDITS"



**Lee R. Davis** and **Joanne Loggints** who were married Dec. 6, and **Percy Anderson** and **Ruth Adkins**, married Dec. 26...Operator **Nedeljko Nikolic** and his wife, Vesna are the proud parents of **Kristina**, their first born, who weighed 7 pounds, and was 19¾ inches long when she was born Nov. 16...Wow! look at what **Joe Sernek** bagged during his four-



**KRISTINA NIKOLIC**

week vacation at Moose Lake, Wis. Joe downed this 180 pound buck with an accurate bow-n-arrow shot...Get a load of the "Bandits," Archer's baseball team. Seated in the front row are (left to right) **Alfred Taylor, Arthur Johnson, Joe Bustos, Johnny Jenkins, and David (Toby) Johnson**; Second row: **Otto Sullivan, James Millard, Andre**



**JOE SERNEK**

**Brown, Glen (Spankie) Carpenter, and Phil Cheathan.** Standing: **Eulozio Fuentes, Edith Sellers, Gil Singleton,** team manager; **Pete Sthkelis, Joe Carter, Charles Lyons, Ken Ducree, L. Bell, Darryl Stone,** Coach **James Bradley, Clarence (Skip) Webb, and Willie Young.** **Ollie Hoskins**



**PERCY ANDERSON & RUTH ADKINS**



**Seabees**

Experience as journeymen carpenters with CTA is reaping benefits in a second career for **Walter Anderson (left)** and **Scott Stone** of the 61st Street Carpentry shop. The two don uniforms of the U.S. Navy Reserve at least one weekend each month and report for duty with Detachment 1625 of the U.S. Navy Seabees based in Forest Park. Each man holds the rate of Builder Third Class and participates in training which enhances their knowledge and skills in their CTA jobs. Anderson, a Navy veteran of 12 years service (24 with CTA), is the unit's Operations petty officer. He is continuing a career which he started with the active Navy. Stone who has been in the Navy's service for two and a half years, and 13 years with CTA, is the unit's Training petty officer. "I joined the Navy only recently to learn other aspects of the building trade, and to get some extra experience as well as to travel," said Stone. He was graduated number one in a class of 34 Navy personnel who were enrolled in an Advanced Pay Grade course in New Orleans, and has been recommended for the Navy Achievement Medal in recognition of his academic success.

# Operations sets plans for 1987 competitions

Operating employees are encouraged to contact garage and terminal superintendents for 1987 Bus Rodeo, Third Rail Roundup or Ticket Agent TieUp applications.

Preparation for the annual events are underway as the

Operations Division named competition chairmen. **Thomas Wilson**, superintendent, Bus Instruction, continues as chairman of the Bus Rodeo event, while **James Zepp**, assistant superintendent, Rail Instruction, will head the 1987 Third Rail

Roundup contest.

Named as chairman of the Ticket Agent TieUp competition was **John Perkins**, acting superintendent, Limits Training Center.

## Competition Schedule

	Bus Rodeo	Third Rail Roundup	Ticket Agent TieUp
Applications Accepted	March 01 thru March 14	March 15 thru March 28	March 01 thru March 14
Eligible Applicants' Names Posted	March 23	April 12	March 30
Written Tests Administered	March 30 thru April 11	April 19 thru May 2	March 30 thru April 11
Preliminary Competition	June 7 thru June 14	May 10 thru May 23	April 26 thru May 17
Finalists' Names Posted	June 28	June 7	June 1
Final Competition	July 11	June 28	June 28



THOMAS WILSON



JAMES ZEPP



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