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Photo display highlights CTA workers



Raymond Ramirez, Jr.
Car Repairer
98th Street Shop
Testing control group

Just what are those photos on the walls along the corridor of the seventh floor at the Merchandise Mart all about?

They are all about people—CTA employees who move this city. Thus far, the pictures represent only a few of the outstanding employees who make things happen, and keep our stock rolling for the convenience of the riding public.

Included is a cross section of maintenance and operations personnel. Some have previously been recognized as "Striving for Excellence" honorees, or as participants in the annual Bus Rodeo or other competitive programs. Others are simply outstanding employees who work quietly behind

the scenes as support personnel. They are people we should all know.

The employees whose photos are on display were selected by their superintendents. There will be other photos of employees on display as efforts are continued to highlight CTA's most important assets—our employees.



Employees honor superintendents with new award

Tables of recognition were turned recently as two south side rail superintendents were honored as outstanding by south area ticket agents.

Superintendents **Jim McLane**, 63rd and Ashland, and **Miles Smith**, 61st Street, were each recipients of the all new "Silver Token" award for January and February, respectively.

Agent **Fannie Williams**, a CTA employee for 18 years, said the Silver Token will be awarded monthly to the south side superintendent who receives the most votes. A notice to south side employees from Williams, and co-chairman **Rodolfo Chavez** urges all south side employees to get involved. The 25th day of each month will be the deadline for submitting names for consideration, Ms. Williams said. She and her co-chairman said a box to receive nominations may be placed in the south side terminals.

Williams and Chavez said the Silver Token award was born out of south section agents' desire to promote better communications between middle management and employees. "Besides," said Williams, "the superintendents need to feel appreciated for their efforts as well as anyone else." She said it is hoped the idea will catch on system-wide.

McLane, a CTA employee for 25 years, recalled the early days of his superintendency when his approach to his job was different from his present management approach. "After I went through the management program, I got a good look at myself and I discovered a different way of doing things. I found that 'thank you' and 'please' go a long way towards getting things accomplished," he said.

Smith, a CTA employee for 29 years, said, "I'm pleased to receive this award. If I've done anything to receive it, it is because the opportunity was there. We always try to improve conditions for our employees."

Each plaque, handmade by Ms. Williams, exhibits a large silver token highlighted by a black background. The plaques are inscribed with the recipient's name and the message, "He tries to get the job done."



Superintendents **Jim McLane** (second, left), 63rd and Ashland, and **Miles Smith**, 61st Street, were the first recipients of the new Silver Token award presented by ticket agents **Rodolfo Chavez** (left), and **Fannie Williams**.

Transit analyst Hank Wilson dies suddenly

Henry (Hank) Wilson, 57, transit analyst 4, Operations Planning, died Sunday, April 5 at Michael Reese hospital after he suffered an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Wilson joined CTA on May 2, 1969 following a brief employment with the U.S. Postal Service. He began his transit career as a rapid transit motorman and was assigned to Operations Planning as a traffic checker on Oct. 14, 1974.

Charles Arndt, superintendent, Facilities and Equipment Planning, said of Wilson, "Hank knew the rail system as a motorman, and he had a good ear for listening. You could also depend on him to keep things around the office on an up beat. He was part of the glue here, and we will certainly miss him."



Survivors include his wife, Geraldine, a son, Anthony, who is employed as a CTA bus servicer, three daughters, Deborah, Denise, and Darlene; two grandsons, Marcus and Dejuan, and his mother, Mrs. Rosie Johnson.

Human Resources deputy brings new job approach

The first thing you realize on meeting **Ben Garrett**, CTA's new deputy executive director for Human Resources, is that this soft spoken man is sensitive to the needs of people, and he believes in the team concept of operating. He also knows how to listen.

His agenda of things to do brings a fresh outlook and promise to CTA, and it is sure to benefit employees as well as the riding public. His shirt sleeve approach not only promises to improve efficiency of operation, but it also promises to boost the worker's morale.

Garrett arrived Feb. 4 after retiring from American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) where he spent 30 years in production and human



resource management. Prior to joining CTA as deputy executive director for Human Resources, he held a similar position with the City of Chicago. Initially he was a CTA management consultant, but joined the Authority full-time at the behest of Executive Director Robert Paaswell.

"I want to bring about a more efficient operation in the area of Human Resources," Garrett said of his plans for CTA. "I want CTA to be a model for other properties. There is no job that cannot be improved upon," he said.

Expressing a desire to make some constructive changes, he said he wants CTA managers to be creative. "I want them to be innovative as we look to the future. I believe in the team approach.

"This is a good place to work which is evident by the employment longevity of so many people here. I want to utilize the experience of those people because there is so much here to draw upon. I don't believe in operating in a vacuum, and I don't pretend to have all the answers. That is why I listen to people."

A native Chicagoan, Garrett is a graduate of Roosevelt University where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in business administration with emphasis in accounting. He served his apprenticeship years in the production ranks of the communications industry with Western Electric/AT&T, and Illinois Bell. He spent the last 15 years of that career in a variety of human resource management jobs from equal opportunity coordinator to specialized recruiting, and labor relations.

Garrett and his wife, Rodina, a cosmetologist, are the parents of two sons and a daughter. The family resides on Chicago's south side.



Mayor Harold Washington joins officials at the Hospital of Englewood in congratulating Charles and Linda Johnson (right), who are the proud parents of Chicago's first sesquicentennial baby, Christina Joy Johnson, born at 12:01 a.m. and 10 seconds on March 4, the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the city. At left is "Baby's 1st Wheels", a baby carriage presented to the parents by CTA.

Southwest Transit groundbreaking ceremony



CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell** joins Mayor Harold Washington at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Southwest Rapid Transit line. The \$496 million project is expected to be complete by 1993.

Mayor Harold Washington presided over the Feb. 9 official groundbreaking of the \$496 million Southwest Rapid Transit line project near Archer Avenue and Wallace on the southwest side.

The new line is expected to provide CTA riders with an easy access between the Loop and Midway Airport, and the southwest side. Of all the major areas of the City of Chicago, the southwest side is presently the only area without rapid transit service.

The southwest transit line will operate along nine miles between Midway Airport and Roosevelt Road. The line will include eight station stops of Midway at 59th Street, Pulaski and 51st Street, Kedzie and 49th Street, Western and 49th Street, Leavitt and 35th Street, Ashland and 31st Street, Halsted and Archer, and State and Roosevelt.

It is estimated that daily ridership will be about 118,000 patrons which will relieve downtown bus congestion and high transit operating costs. Completion of the project is expected in 1993.

Present for the groundbreaking ceremonies were CTA Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**; Linda Wheeler, Illinois Department of Transportation; Congressman William Lipinski; Chicago Public Works Commissioner Paul Karas, project coordinator; and Joel Ettinger, Regional Administrator for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The project is funded by the federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Public Safety Awards

Michael McCarthy (left), principal public safety analyst, presents the fourth quarter Interstation Public Safety plaque to Forest Glen superintendent **Hugh Masterson**. Area Superintendent **Clark Carter** (right) was on hand to congratulate Forest Glen employees for their record of 26 accident-free days during the quarter, which earned them the Public Safety award for the 15th time. Topping all rail facilities for the PSA was Douglas terminal (below), where Public Safety Manager **Tom Boyle**, flanked by Superintendent **David Curry** (right), and assistant superintendents (from left) **William Miller** and **Roosevelt Corey**, present the coveted PSA plaque. Douglas earned the award for the 11th time in the terminal's history with 90 accident-free days in the fourth quarter.



Transportation planning forum at University of Chicago

The University of Chicago Center for Urban Research and Policy Studies will sponsor the 1987 Metropolitan Conference on Public Transportation Research, which will be held at the university on May 29.

The forum will be held in the Social Science Administration building, 969 East 60th Street. Keynote speaker for the occasion will be New York City Transit Authority President David Gunn. CTA Operations Planning Manager **Harold Hirsch** will be the luncheon speaker.

The conference will address 11 issues of primary concern to purveyors of public transportation from planning and

fares to suburban congestion and geographic information systems. CTA participants will include **Ray Chwasz** and **Andrew Suggs**, Operations Planning who will present a paper on *Automatic Passenger Counter Systems*; **Norman Hall**, Strategic Planning, and **Larry Anderson**, Capital Development, will present a paper on *A Method to Analyze the Equity of Spatial and Mode Differentiated Transit Fares*.

Other CTA authors presenting papers will be **Paul Olenski**, director, Management Information Systems whose paper will concern the *Anatomy of an Office Automation System*.

Harry Hirsch and **Peter Farenwald** of Operations Planning are the co-authors of *The Analysis of Future Loop Elevated Operations*, a paper which will also be presented at the forum. Evaluating the session on Joint Development and Facilities Planning will be **Fritz Petzold** of Facilities Engineering and Maintenance.

Persons wishing to take advantage of advance registration for \$30 should contact Julie Montague, administrative director, University of Chicago Center for Urban Research and Policy Studies, telephone 702-1037. Registration at the door will be \$35.

FRENCH VISITORS



Michael Rousselot (seated left) president of the Paris Transit Authority (RATP), stopped in Chicago recently with an entourage of French transit officials and their U.S. affiliates to share information with their American counterparts about transit operations. Next to Rousselot are Maurice Ernst (center) chairman of RATP's engineering subsidiary, SOFRETU, and Jean-Francois Bougard, SOFRETU executive vice president. Directing the group's overview of CTA activities were **Harold Hirsch** (standing left), Operations Planning Manager, and Executive Director **Robert E. Paaswell**, who was host of the event. To Paaswell's left are Jean-Pierre Ragueneau, RATP director of rolling stock; Harold Geissenheimer, vice president of IS Transit Systems, Inc., and former CTA General Operations Manager; and Joseph Famiglietti, vice president of Impell Corp., an LSTS affiliate.

Communications Liaison



Cynthia Florence, superintendent II, Operations Division, has been named communications liaison for Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**. The executive director has emphasized maintaining a line of communication with all employees. As his representative, Ms. Florence will visit various work locations to hear from employees who may have suggestions for providing a more efficient, safe and reliable service for the riding public, and for making CTA the best it can be.

New appointments announced



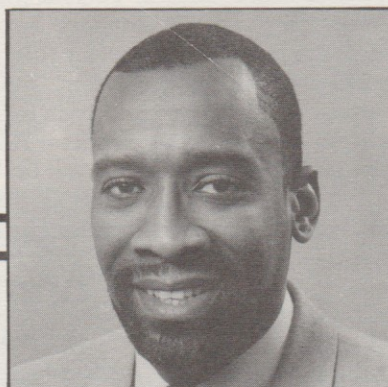
ELONZO HILL



JOHN WEATHERSPOON



JOHN W. DAVIS



RONALD TUCK



JON ROTH

Elonzo Hill, former manager Training/Instruction, has been named manager of Transportation Personnel, succeeding Alex Johnson who retired in January.

Hill, who now heads CTA's largest department with over 7,000 employees, began his 26-year CTA career as a bus operator, and was promoted through the transportation ranks from supervisor to his present position. He is a graduate of Tilden high school and holds certificates of training in various aspects of transportation management from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Northeastern University at Boston, and the Transportation Safety Institute (Buses), U.S. Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City.

John Weatherspoon, former director, Classification and Employment Administration, has been named director, Transportation Personnel Administration. In his new responsibilities, Weatherspoon directs the planning and administration of the rail and bus personnel sections of the Transportation Personnel department, Operations Division.

Weatherspoon also began his 26

years of CTA service as a bus operator. Subsequently, he was elected President of Amalgamated Transit Union 241.

John Davis has been appointed manager, Joint Development, reporting to the deputy executive director of Planning, Marketing and Development. He will direct revenue enhancement methods through land use planning for CTA's vacant or abandoned properties.

Davis joined CTA in 1984 as manager of Strategic Planning and was subsequently named corporate development officer. He attended the Chicago Technical College, where he studied tool and design engineering. He is a licensed real estate broker with a diploma from the Real Estate Institute in Chicago. He is also a certified assessor and appraiser.

In other announced appointments, **Ronald Tuck** was named director, Human Resources/Benefit Services Administration. He had previously served as a Personnel Administration classification and compensation specialist.

Tuck began his 20-year career as a rail conductor. He is a graduate of

Northeastern Illinois University, where he earned a baccalaureate degree in sociology. He has also done graduate work in personnel management at Northeastern.

In his current responsibilities Tuck heads a new staff function which will conduct personnel administrative concerns and serves as a liaison reporting directly to the deputy executive director of Human Resources and Benefit Services.

In the Capital Development area, **Jon Roth**, former superintendent, Special Services Planning, has been appointed director of Private Sector Plans and Programs, reporting to the manager of Capital Development.

Roth is responsible for the planning and development of new programs conducted for CTA by the private sector. He also supervises planning, policy and budget for paratransit programs for the disabled.

Roth joined CTA in 1974 as a research analyst and was subsequently named planner I, planner II, and principal planner. He graduated from Carthage College, Kenosha, Wis.

Outstanding performance gets Day in CTA kudos

Seven Operations employees were recent "Day in CTA" honorees, receiving special recognition for their extraordinary job performance, and their demonstrated concern for public safety.

Honored were District D supervisors **Marselino Miranda**, and **Sandor Barath**, District A supervisor **Monroe Jackson**, North Park operator **Reginald Edwards**, and O'Hare terminal motormen **Hosie Brown** and **Larry Buford**, and switchman **Lawrence Balark**.

The alert response of **Marselino Miranda** and **Sandor Barath** is credited with saving eight North Park buses from fire damage. The vehicles were parked along the fence at North Park as flames from a fire in the lumber yard behind the bus garage were reaching under the fence. The two supervisors rallied immediate help and moved the buses to safety.

In another incident involving a fire, the crew and a third employee aboard a northbound O'Hare train were praised for swiftly evacuating 40 passengers from their train as fire was discovered under one of the cars. Motorman **Hosie Brown**, conductor **William Thomas**, and switchman **Lawrence Balark** assisted riders in evacuating the train safely.

O'Hare motorman **Larry Buford** received the praises of his supervisors after he was able to stop his train in time to avoid hitting a man who had climbed from the Chicago Avenue platform onto the tracks. Buford notified the control center, and police were dispatched to the scene, where the man was taken into custody.

In another tense situation handled efficiently by an alert bus operator, operator **Reginald Edwards** of North Park garage received the accolades of his supervisors for the manner in which he conducted himself, and for the safe



Motorman **Larry Buford**, switchman **Lawrence Balark**, and District A bus supervisor **Monroe Jackson** received certificates of recognition as "Day in CTA" honorees.

evacuation of the passengers on his bus, after a deranged man who boarded the northbound bus at Homan and Washington pulled a pistol and ordered the operator to deviate from his route. Instead, Edwards depressed the emergency alarm.

The bus was intercepted by a police squad. Officers entered the bus through the rear door, allowing passengers to exit the vehicle quickly as police brought the situation under control. Operator Edwards' response to the situation is credited with possibly saving the lives of CTA patrons and averting serious injury.

District A supervisor **Monroe Jackson** was also recognized for unsnarling northbound traffic along Jeffery Boulevard from 73rd to 66th Street, while working a district car in the area. He removed a 30-foot pole from the intersection at 66th Street, instead of waiting for a municipal crew to handle it.

The pole had been knocked over and into the intersection by a motorist, causing it to block traffic. Supervisor Jackson's initiative to remove the pole is credited with minimizing delays for four bus routes along Jeffery Boulevard.



"Day in CTA" honorees were management's special luncheon guests at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club following a tour of CTA's operational facilities. The honorees and their hosts are (from left) District D supervisors **Sandor Barath** and **Marsilino Miranda**; O'Hare motorman **Hosie Brown**; **Michael LaVelle**, manager, Transportation Services; North Park operator **Reginald Edwards**; **David Martin**, manager, Operations Communications/Power Control, and **Edward Mitchell**, manager, Operations Training/Instruction.

Charles Young (77th Street garage) was called "the most considerate, friendly and courteous driver I have ever had the pleasure of riding with," by Sarah Roberson, of East 45th Street. "This young man waited for me while I ran across the street with my five-month-old godson. He greeted everyone who got on and off the (No. 6 Jeffery) bus. He was even kind enough to help one old lady get on and off with her packages, and his driving was excellent. He wasn't hitting any bumps or knocking the passengers that were standing onto the ones who were sitting. Please let him know what a wonderful job he is doing."



Johnny Dickerson (North Park garage) "is perhaps one of the best drivers employed by the CTA," according to Rose Klonowski, of North Dearborn Street, who was a rider on his No. 11 Lincoln bus. "He is conscientious and polite, and demonstrates daily that route schedules can be maintained. I know I can depend on his bus arriving promptly every morning. This driver also brings a sense of humanness to his work. He knows almost every passenger by sight, as well as where they board and depart his bus. He does his job exceedingly well, and makes it a pleasure to utilize your service."

Christopher Crosswright (South Section) was complimented by William Sarris, of Dayton, Ohio, who was visiting a relative in Chicago. "I traveled downtown with my cousin. One of the things that impressed me most was the fact that CTA still has the most professional team anywhere. We rode the 'L' from the Howard station to Washington. On the way back, after shopping and enjoying the sights, we met a very helpful, friendly and professional conductor who assisted us with information and reflected the overall integrity of the best transit system in the U.S. He deserves credit for his performance and demeanor. I always enjoy your city and especially riding the CTA."

Gregory Cobbs (Limits garage) was the operator of a No. 145 Wilson/Michigan Express bus ridden by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sloan, of North Lake Shore Drive. "Not only was he outstandingly polite to us, but his wonderful way of explaining fares and how to get to places to out-of-towners who boarded on Michigan Avenue was just great. Just before Erie Street he avoided an accident with a careless cab driver. He was so skillful that the bus passengers broke out in applause. He is a terrific public relations man for the CTA."



Ramon Rincon (North Section) was applauded by Lois Dan, of North Sheridan Road, for the way he handled his duties as conductor of a Howard train. "At each stop, he pleasantly announced the name of the station, enunciating so he could be clearly understood. He also announced that this was an 'A' train. Upon reaching Howard, he said, 'This is Howard, the end of the line. Have a pleasant evening.' He is to be commended. I have written the CTA a number of times to complain about things that are wrong with the system or its employees, so I feel I should do the same when things are right."

Allan Frazier (Limits garage) was appreciated by Marci Huch, of North Wells Street, who was a rider on his No. 151 Sheridan bus. "I heard and saw a commotion on the bus. I don't know what transpired before, but the driver was talking to a passenger who had a knife in his hand. The driver insisted that the passenger leave the bus. The guy finally left, and I boarded with the rest of the passengers at the stop. Not only did the driver greet all the passengers with a smile and hello, but he seemed calm and unshaken by the incident. He was great. He makes me feel safe riding the CTA. He stood up for himself and the safety of the other passengers."

William Spencer (77th Street garage) was the operator of a No. 4 Cottage Grove bus ridden one evening by Barbara Maxon, of Maryland Avenue. "A man snatched my purse and started to go out the front door, but the bus driver saw him and closed the doors just as the man tried to get out. The man tried several times to get out, but to no avail. He then headed for the back door, but was tripped. He fell and dropped my purse. I got everything back. The people on the bus were helpful, but if it had not been for the driver, I would not have been so fortunate."

Joseph Maryland (Limits garage) was commended by Lewis Colburn, who heads a company on North Dearborn Street. "I boarded a northbound No. 36 bus at Grand, and observed the driver continuously to the Maple Street stop. At each stop, the driver announced the name of the street and the next stop. He made every effort to bring the bus as close to the curb as possible, despite illegally parked cars. He also managed to avoid blocking other traffic in the northbound lane. When he was unable to stop at the curb, he would caution departing passengers to be careful leaving the bus. I appreciate his concern."

Smoking or nonsmoking

One of the most controversial subjects concerning the work environment today is the issue of smoking, and whether or not there should be a nonsmoking policy.

Recognizing that there are strong feelings on the subject, and in an effort to address the issue, a survey, sponsored by the Promotional Services section, is included in this issue of Transit News, and may be found on pages 15 and 16.

Your opinions on the subject are important and count only if you make them known. You are encouraged to participate in the survey as CTA begins to look at the concept of a nonsmoking policy. Your completed survey should be returned to Carol Van Gorp, CTA Promotional Services, Room 734, Merchandise Mart.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Angel Adorno, Forest Glen
Douglas Alexander, 77th Street
Sherron Alexander, Limits
Rosa Alfaro, Forest Glen
James Allen, Howard/Kimball
Arthur Alpert, Howard/Kimball
Ora Amos, Limits
Robert Armstrong, Forest Park

Donald Baber, Central Counting
Pedro Balderas, North Avenue
Bobby Barry, North Park
Angel Beenn, Archer
John Bond, North Avenue
John Booker, Kedzie
Willie Borders, Kedzie
Michael Bragg, 69th Street
Steven Branch, Archer
Cornell Brown, 77th Street
Bernard Brown, 69th Street
Robert Brownlow, North Park

Jean Cage, North Park
Michael Caldwell, 77th Street
John Cameron, Ashland
Sergio Candelaria, Limits
Bennie Caridine, Kedzie
Glenn Carpenter, Forest Glen
Anthony Ceriale, Forest Glen
Muhammad Chaudri, North Park
Kevin Clancy, North Park
Patricia Cobb, 69th Street
Harold Collins, Kedzie
Harold Croner, Forest Glen
Angel Cruz, North Park
Armando Cuesta, North Park

Vincent Dawson, Limits
Robert Dering, West Section
Roberto Diaz, North Park
Jose Diaz, Limits
Robert Dillard, North Park
Brian Dollar, North Park
Recardo Douglas, Forest Glen

Harold Evans, Limits
Edward Farmer, 77th Street
Emiliano Feliciano, Limits
James Franklin, Archer

Tommie Garner, North Park
Ricardo Gonzalez, North Park
Douglas Green, Beverly
James Green, Ashland

Horace Hall, 77th Street
Wonda Hall, North Park
Judy Hall, Jefferson Park
Earl Harrington, North Avenue
Melton Harris, Archer
Jonas Harris Jr., North Park
Georgia Harris-Bennett, North Park
Richard Hoffman, Kedzie
John Hopkins, 77th Street
Jesse Howard, 77th Street

Zeke Jagst, North Park
Willie James, North Park
Robert James, Ashland
Charles Jessie, Limits
Frank Jones, 69th Street
Howard Jones, Archer

Martin Kane, Howard/Kimball
Mary Ketchum, Forest Glen
Ajaz Khan, North Park
Thomas Kissel, North Park
James Kolstad, Beverly

Alfred Lee, Limits
Oscar Leon, Forest Glen
Jesus Limas, North Park

Ubaldo Macias, North Park
Bobby Manns, Ashland
Earnest Marsalis, Archer
Cornelius Marshall, North Park
Jeanette Martin, 77th Street
Charles Martin, Archer
John McBroom Jr.,
Douglas/Congress

Cleophus McGee, 77th Street
Wilbert Mooney, Kedzie
Robert Moskovitz, North Park
Eugene Motyka, Jefferson Park

James Nelson, North Park
Thomas Palma, North Avenue
William Partee, North Avenue
Frederick Pepke, Limits
Jorge Perez, North Park
Angel Perez, Forest Glen
Lonnie Perry, Rail Instruction
Willie Pittman, Limits

Israel Quinones, North Park

Manuel Ramirez, North Park
William Ramos, North Park
Robert Richardson, North Park
Alice Richman, North Park
William Roman, Limits
Ralph Rosado, Howard/Kimball

Janet Sams, North Park
Vera Smith, Archer
Joseph Smith, Limits
Calvin Steen, Howard/Kimball
Russell Stevens, Forest Glen
Evelyn Stofer, West Section

Mary Thrower, Jefferson Park
Geraldine Tufano, West Section

Sergio Villanueva, North Park

Myron Webb, Limits
Napoleon White Jr., 77th Street
Gartha Williams, 77th Street
Wilson Williams, 77th Street
Isaiah Williams Jr., Kedzie
Phillip Wood, 77th Street

Jacques Yezeguielian, Forest Glen
David York, 77th Street
Joseph Zukerman, North Park

Graduate Operations management personnel

A graduation ceremony held in the CTA Board room honored 24 Operations employees who were presented certificates of training by Executive Director **Robert Paaswell**. The training qualifies the candidates for various Operations management positions.

Completing training as assistant superintendent for Instruction were: **Alexander Chacko, Ivory Davis,**

David Garrison, Robert O. Graham, Harvey Kirkpatrick, and James Thaxton.

Certificates of training for superintendent I, Rail Service were presented to: **Richard Bretz, Marco Cordova, Carl Davis, Cleveland Jackson, John Nimitz, and Russell Zdeb.** Qualifying as superintendent I, Rail Personnel

were: **Romayne Brown, Walter Frye, Esther McKelker, James McPhee, Diane Overstreet, Andrew Robinson, Donald Seay, and Kevin Smith.**

Overstreet, Robinson and Seay were also graduates of the rail controller I training along with **Ronald Heard, S. Montes DeOca, Richard Newton, and Efrain Villarreal.**



Management and professional candidates who recently completed the Rail Controller I, Assistant Superintendent, Instruction; Superintendent I, Rail Service; and Superintendent I, Rail Personnel training programs are shown here with their instructors and other Operations management personnel. Seated (from left) are **William Nichols**, instructor for rail personnel; candidates **Donald Seay, Marco Cordova, Harvey Kirkpatrick, Esther McKelker, Diane Overstreet, David Garrison, San Juana Montes DeOca, Ivory Davis**, and the instructor for bus controller candidates, **George Hand**. Standing (from left) are **William Thompson**, director, Management and Professional Development; **David Martin**, manager, Operations Communications and Power Control; **Arthur Hubbard**, superintendent, Rail Instruction; candidate **Russell Zdeb** and

Thomas Wilson, superintendent, Bus Instruction; candidates **Richard Bretz** and **James Thaxton**, and **Paul Kadowaki**, director, Instruction; **Harry Reddrick**, Acting Senior Deputy Executive Director, Transportation; **Elonzo Hill**, manager, Transportation Personnel. Others are candidates **Andrew Robinson, John Nimitz, Efrain Villarreal, and James McPhee**; **Michael McGovern**, superintendent, Personnel Development; **Jerry Johnson**, superintendent, Rail Communications; **James Zepp**, assistant superintendent, Rail instruction, and **Robert Janz**, director, Rail Service. Candidates who graduated but were not present for the class photograph were **Alexander Chacko, Robert O. Graham, Carl Davis, Cleveland Jackson, Romayne Brown, Walter Frye, Kevin Smith, Ronald Heard, and Richard Newton.**

Earn dual rating

These South Shops electrical workers were awarded certificates of training qualifying them as dual rated maintenance electricians. The trainees averaged 90 percent on written tests. The program included home study material as well as hands-on performance. Included in this group of trainees, Maintenance Training Center, and shop personnel are (from left): **Allan Cox; Juanita Duff**, former MTC specialist and program coordinator; **Ron Northcut; Peter Buck; Ernest Johnson**, superintendent, Bus Shops; **Bill Densmore; George Greco**, unit supervisor, Maintenance Training Center, and **Louis Young**.



HATA Spring Dance

The Hispanic American Transportation Association (HATA) invites all employees, relatives and friends to the association's Spring dance which will be held Saturday, May 23 at the Holiday Inn, 300 East Ohio Street, Chicago, from 7:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. The occasion promises to be an enjoyable evening of good music and entertainment. Door prizes and other surprises are also planned. For ticket information contact HATA delegates at your work location.



HATA General Assembly



The Hispanic American Transportation Association (HATA) held its general assembly Feb. 19 at the Holiday Inn City Center. Present for the occasion were (from left) special guests Hilda Frontany of Group W. Cable, and Ana Marie Balmas, representing A T&T. Others are **Fermin Claudio**, operator, Forest Glen, HATA public relations chairman;

George Dalmas, first vice president, Amalgamated Transit Union 241; **Gerardo Perez**, bus operator, Forest Glen, HATA first vice president, and **Ben Garrett**, deputy executive director, Human Resources and Benefit Services.

MBE Opportunity Fair



CTA was well represented at the annual Minority Business Opportunity Fair by personnel of the CTA Affirmative Action section and Materials Management department. The fair was held Feb. 6-7 at McCormick Inn. Participants are (from left) **Tom Marasovich**, buyer, Materials Manage-

ment; **Mrs. Elsa McCrory**, staff assistant, Minority Business Enterprise; **Loyce Ellis**, Minority Business Enterprise specialist, and **Andrea Lindsey**, staff assistant, Affirmative Action.



Five maintenance locations awarded top ZAP prizes

Industrial Safety Maintenance's fourth quarter 1986 Zero Accident Program for maintenance garages and terminals ended with five work locations receiving first place honors.

First place certificates were presented to personnel at Howard/Linden and 98th Street terminals, Kedzie garage, Skokie Rail Shop, and Bus Shops at 77th Street.

Maintenance crews at 98th Street, Skokie Rail Shop, and Bus Shops were treated to catered meals for having sustained the lowest accident frequency rate in a six month period. Another location receiving the catered meal was Beverly garage.

Winners in the Bus Shops competition were Sheet Metal, Vehicle Wiring, Body Shop D, Upholstery, Shop Service, Convertor, Electrical Units Rebuild, Engine Rebuild, and the Machine, Radiator, and Print shops. The first place achievers at Skokie Shop included Paint shop, Armature room, Motor Line, Vehicle Wiring, Blacksmith/Welding, the Machine and Axle shops, and Degreasing.

Catered meals are awarded to maintenance work locations based on the standard calculated injury rate with handicap calculated for a six month period. Other incentive awards for safety performance include jackets and caps designed with the CTA logo, key chains, travel mugs and gift certificates.



Maintenance foreman **Leon Fields**, 98th Street terminal, expresses appreciation to day crewmen for an outstanding fourth quarter in the ZAP competition. The 98th Street terminal maintenance personnel enjoyed first place honors as well as a catered lunch. Caps and vests sporting the CTA logo were also included among incentive awards.



Pulling a winner for a door prize is Dorothy Ballard, 98th terminal combination clerk. Prizes included jackets, caps, key chains and sundry other items.



First place certificates and other rewards such as these jackets are ready for distribution to Skokie Shop personnel.



Bus Shops workers enjoy a catered meal which they earned for maintaining the lowest accident frequency rate over a six month period. The catered meal, a highlight with all CTA maintenance facilities, was also

awarded to maintenance personnel at 98th terminal and Skokie Rail Shop.



Skokie foremen were proud of the outstanding performance of their Rail Shop personnel who earned the eight first place certificates shown here. The foremen are (from left) **Pat Langosch**, Machine shop; **Chuck Olcikas**, Paint shop; **James House**, Inspection Degrease and Tear Down,

recently promoted to unit supervisor; **Clarence Mills**, Armature room, **Vito Pontelli**, Motor Line; **Elmer Fischer**, Blacksmith/Welding; **Ray Hagerty**, Vehicle Wiring; **Bob Velinski**, Air Brake/Axle; **Matthew Spatzek**, unit supervisor, and **Ronald Benschish**, safety specialist.

Ancient (H)INESE discipline keeps retiree motivated

A thousand-year-old Chinese system combining exercise and philosophy is keeping a growing number of senior citizens on their toes.

Among them is retired CTA Board secretary **Willis Helfrich**. Now 80 years old, Helfrich is a devotee of this ancient life enrichment program called Tai Chi (pronounced Tie She).

If someone were to set Tai Chi to music, its rhythm would be very slow. Yet its snail's pace movements are the key to its ability to invigorate the body without risking exhaustion or injury.

Tai Chi is derived from the Oriental martial arts of kung fu and karate. While Tai Chi movements look languid, there is a great amount of concentration and control used in each movement.

Helfrich, a retired lawyer whose wife also is a lawyer, sometimes leads warm ups at some Tai Chi classes.

"These warm ups last from five to 10 minutes and begin with each Tai Chi participant in a sitting position," he explains. "We start at the extremities, the ankles and the fingers, then we work toward the knees, hands, arms, and legs, then we rotate the hips, swing the arms, shake the hands, make circles with the wrists, massage the shoulders, all the while breathing deeply and rhythmically."

Helfrich says this form of warm up comes close to making a participant

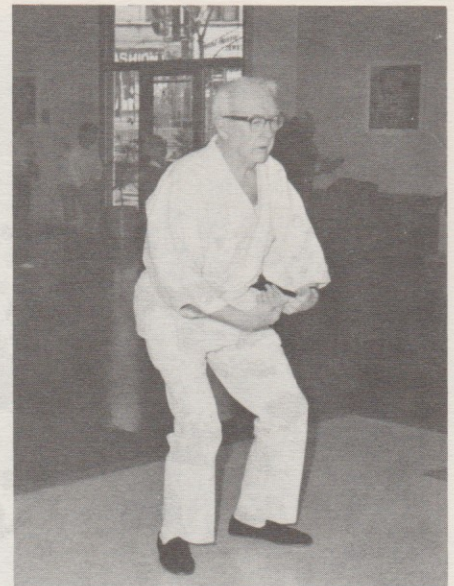
perspire and causes the blood to rush to their capillaries.

"It's sort of like a baseball pitcher's warm up so he'll be ready to do his best during the game. Our warm ups help us do our best in our Tai Chi exercises.

"When I retired 15 years ago I used to lay in bed until noon. I was becoming sluggish, I wouldn't accept any challenge. I was even getting sick," he says.

"Now you can't give me enough assignments," he says with pride. "Somehow I manage to get them all done, and thanks to Tai Chi, I get them done well."

As anyone would suspect, the movements in Tai Chi have typical Chinese expressions, such as "stroke the



peacock's tail," or "the white crane spreads its wings and moves forward," and, best of all, "embrace the tiger."

Tai Chi is a pattern of continuously flowing movements that result in a healthy body, a sound mind, and a good spirit. It puts stress on the body's joints in a positive sense; makes breathing more regular and calm, improves a person's range of motions, gently rotates and stretches each joint and muscle in the manner intended by nature, and evens out a person's moods.

Free Tai Chi classes are held at 11 a.m. each Tuesday in the Levy Senior Citizens Center, 2019 W. Lawrence Ave. The center's telephone number is 878-3564.



Veterans urged contact VA before selling home

If you're a veteran with a mortgage backed by the Veterans Administration you should be alert to the possible dangers to avoid if you're planning to sell your home, or if you're considering offers to assume back payments. You could still be liable to lenders, and possibly the VA.

Grady W. Horton, director of the Chicago VA Regional Office, said many home purchasers find it advantageous to assume a VA-guaranteed mortgage with no change in interest rate. However, the seller should apply to the VA for a release from liability before signing the contract to sell, or include a clause in the contract specifying the sale is conditioned on the seller being released from liability on the GI loan by the VA. Without the

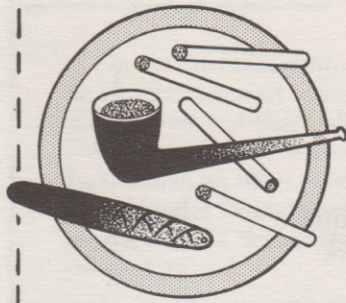
release, if a buyer later fails to make the mortgage payments, the seller is required to make up any loss suffered by the lender and the VA.

The VA usually will release a veteran from liability at the time of sale if loan payments are up-to-date, if the buyer satisfies VA that he or she is a satisfactory credit risk and if the buyer agrees to assume the seller's liability to the government. Horton said the VA will send a "release of liability package."

Horton said a release of liability also can prevent a homeowner from being defrauded after falling behind in loan payments. The owner may be offered cash for a "quitclaim" deed to the property. The deed is generally given with a promise by the buyer to make up

back payments. Often the veteran moves out of the house believing the loan will be brought up-to-date when the new "owner" rents the property. The problem comes when the individual holding the quitclaim deed rents the house without making back payments. When foreclosure occurs, the veteran still owes the lender and possibly the government. This form of fraud is commonly referred to as "equity skimming."

Horton advised borrowers who are offered such propositions to contact their lenders or the loan guaranty division of the Chicago VA Regional Office before signing anything. He said that although the VA cannot give legal advice, it can advise as to whether the offer is sound or whether an attorney should be consulted.



Smoking or Non-smoking

What is your opinion?



1 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for your *immediate* work area?
(Check one)

There should be no
restrictions _____ 1

There should be designated
smoking & non-smoking areas _____ 3

There should be a
total ban on smoking _____ 2

Other (please specify) _____ 4

2 What is your opinion of a smoking policy for *other areas* at the workplace?
(Check appropriate column at right)

	1 There should be no restrictions	2 There should be a total ban on smoking	3 There should be des- ignated smoking & non-smoking areas
a) conference room	_____	_____	_____
b) cafeteria	_____	_____	_____
c) break room (lounge)	_____	_____	_____
d) elevators	_____	_____	_____
e) restrooms	_____	_____	_____
f) other (please specify)	_____	_____	_____

3 Do you feel CTA should
offer programs to employees to
help them stop smoking?

Yes _____ 1
No _____ 2

4 Please indicate the extent to
which you are bothered by some-
one else smoking at work.

Frequently _____ 1
Occasionally _____ 2
Seldom _____ 3
Never _____ 4

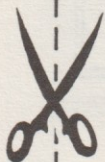
5 If you are bothered by smoking
at work, in what way are you
bothered?
(select all that apply)

Clothes & hair smell _____ 1
Eye irritation _____ 2
Coughing _____ 3
Headaches _____ 4
Interferes with work
performance _____ 5
Concern for long-term health effects _____ 6

Other (please describe) _____

6 How would you classify your
current smoking status?

Current cigarette smoker _____ 1
Current Pipe or cigar smoker _____ 2
Ex-smoker _____ 3
Never smoked _____ 4



OVER →

**The Following Two Questions Are To Be Answered by
Current Cigarette Smokers Only**

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|----------|--|--|-------|
| 7 | If our company offered a program to help you stop smoking, would you attend? | Yes | ___ 1 |
| | | No | ___ 2 |
| | | Not sure | ___ 3 |
| 8 | If our company introduced a policy which restricted smoking on CTA premises, how do you think this would affect your <i>overall</i> smoking?
(select <i>only</i> one) | It would not affect my smoking | ___ 1 |
| | | I would probably smoke more away from work | ___ 2 |
| | | It might reduce the overall amount I smoke | ___ 3 |
| | | I might try to quit | ___ 4 |
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The Following Questions Should Be Answered by All Employees

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|-----------|--|---------|-------|
| 9 | How many employees are there in your immediate work area? | 1-5 | ___ 1 |
| | | 6-10 | ___ 2 |
| | | 11-50 | ___ 3 |
| 10 | How many employees in your immediate work area smoke cigarettes? | None | ___ 1 |
| | | 1-5 | ___ 2 |
| | | 6-10 | ___ 3 |
| | | 11-50 | ___ 4 |
| 11 | Are you... | Male | ___ 1 |
| | | Female | ___ 2 |
| 12 | What is your age? | 18-25 | ___ 1 |
| | | 26-35 | ___ 2 |
| | | 36-55 | ___ 3 |
| | | Over 55 | ___ 4 |

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|-----------|----------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| 13 | Are you...Management | ___ 1 | Non-Management | ___ 2 |
|-----------|----------------------|-------|----------------|-------|

- 14** Additional Comments: _____

Thank You for Your Help!

Please return your completed questionnaire to: Carol Van Gorp, CTA Promotional Services, Merchandise Mart, Room 734. Call extension 3325 for additional information.



RETIREMENTS



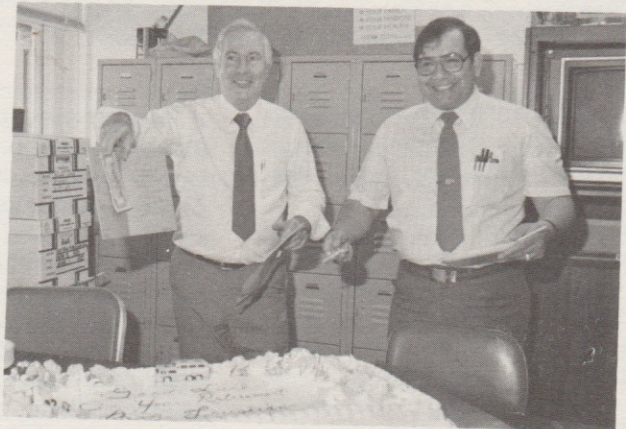
Switchboard supervisor **Eva Marcin**, a CTA switchboard operator for 27 years, is joined by her husband, **Emil** at a reception in her honor on retiring after 30 years of service.



There is likely to be a lot of tee-off time on the ole greens for **Merritt Kotin**, director of Real Estate, now that he has joined CTA pensioners. Kotin who retired March 1 after 34 years of service, was presented with this personalized putter and a golf umbrella by his co-workers at a retirement party in his honor.



Rail janitor foreman **L.C. Smith** (left) who joined CTA in Oct. 1957, receives his retirement packet from **William Jones**, acting director, Rail Janitors, Facilities Engineering and Maintenance. A farewell reception, sponsored by Smith's co-workers, was held at the Madison/Wabash office.

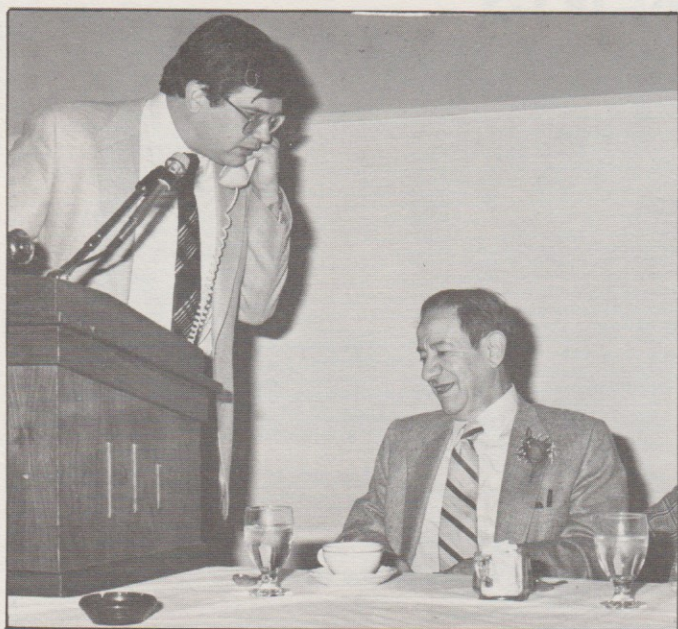


"I know just what to do with this," says bus controller **Bob Loughran** of the cash gift he received from Control Center co-workers upon his retirement with 38 years of CTA and Chicago Surface Lines service. Sharing the moment with the former Travel Information supervisor is bus controller **Michael Sanchez**.



John Dillworth (right) receives his retirement packet from **Roger Wood**, manager, Management Services. Dillworth, who was assigned to the CTA mailroom in the Merchandise Mart, closed a 36-year career which he began as a bus operator. Co-workers sponsored a farewell open house, and gave him a monetary gift.

Farewell roast right on track for John Pope



"Hey, John, some guy who calls himself 'Pineapple' wants to talk to you about a race in the fifth at Hawthorne," says **Jerry Kurowski**.



The receiving line was long as **Johnny Pope** received well wishers following the retirement roast.

A race track fanfare is how paymaster **Johnny Pope's** retirement luncheon got underway at the Merchandise Mart M&M Club on March 5.

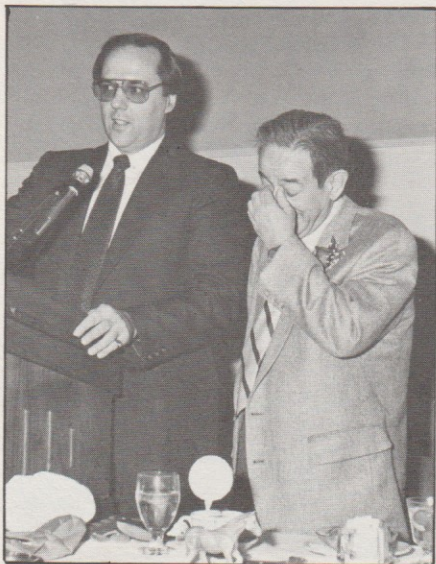
Pope, who retired after 44 years with CTA, was the subject of a farewell roast by his CTA friends. They shared a fondness for the happy-go-lucky paymaster who always greeted every employee, from those with years of seniority to the newly hired, as though he'd known them for a lifetime. In some cases that was true.

His retirement farewell was an hilarious occasion, as Pope got a bit of gentle ribbing about his penchant for the horses. "John goes to the track every chance he gets," recalled **Dennis Sipich**, superintendent of Treasury and Pope's supervisor.

About 80 co-workers and other friends joined the Pope family, which includes a brother, sister-in-law, sister, brother-in-law, a niece and two nephews, to say thanks for a lot of happy years in the work force, and the best

of everything for the future.

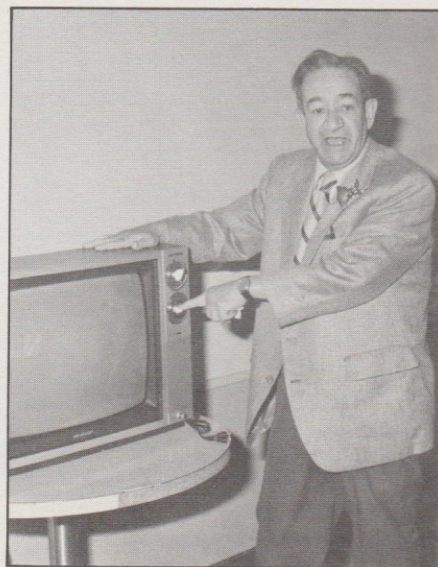
Master of ceremonies was **William Buetow**, manager of Treasury. Other speakers included Acting Senior Deputy Executive Director **Daniel Perk**, Sipich, and **Gerald Kurowski**, director, Payroll Operations. The festivities were arranged by co-workers Buetow, Sipich, **Joanne Boettin**, **Rosemary Podlasek**, **Meg Whirity**, **Ella Otis**, **David Kruger**, and **Alan Sabol**.



The ole paymaster fights to keep his composure as **Dennis Sipich** shares a few thoughts about him with friends.



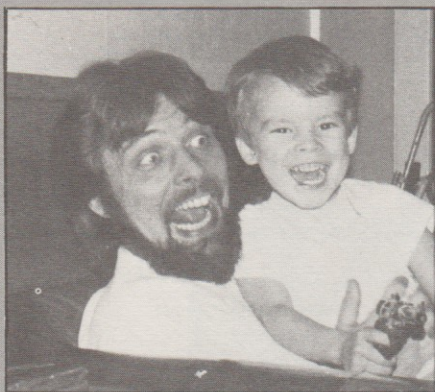
A **Tom Boyle** plaque for **John Pope** would hardly be complete if it didn't include an old racing form. The memorabilia also included the paymaster's original employment application, his 1943 hiring notice, an old token, and a 1957 bus pass.



When he can't get to the track **Pope** will watch the action on the tube. This 19-inch color TV was a gift from co-workers and friends.

North Park

Congratulations to all of the North Park bus operators who have qualified to participate in this year's Bus Rodeo. Lets have a winner from North Park this year...As long as we are talking about winners, we should mention that big cigar smoking operator **B.T. Gregory** and his wife, **Essie**, have just reached one of those modern miracles of matrimony by celebrating 25 years of marriage (No, B.T. didn't present the lucky lady with a cigar)...Our quiet custodian, **Al Lowery**, is soon to be off to the state of Arkansas to say hi and why to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lowery...**Reginald Edwards** definitely earned his "Day in CTA" certificate and tour of the control center for an incident which took place aboard his bus a while back. Too modest to comment on it, we shall just say "Way to go Reg"...Obviously in this photo one picture is worth more than a thousand



words: **Ricky Hogan** and his son, **David** have just heard Ricky's wife, **Doreen** announce that she is expecting again!! Of course at press time there was no coment from their youngest son, **Bryan** who is 19 months old. He probably knows that all of the above is just **APRIL FOOL**...Did you ever have your 35MM camera foul up at one of those wrong times and wish you knew what to do next? Well, the person to obviously hope you see real soon would be operator **R. Inada** who is a very knowledgable camera repaire extraordinaire wiz...Our words are just that, words, but with our sympathies we offer condolences to operator **Angel Flores** and instructor **Aaron Crockett** who lost their mothers, **Sylvia** and **Martha**, respectively...**Tom Kissel** is back in familiar territory for the third time now that the latest system pick is in effect. Tom kept getting bumped out of

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Retirements April

Alfredo Arnieri, West Shops, 20 yrs.
James Dently, Jr., 77th Street, 33 yrs.
Gabriel Figueroa, 77th Street, 33 yrs.
Christopher Gilbert, Jr., Forest Glen, 36 yrs.
William F. Glassner, West Shops, 40 yrs.
Justine M. Janasek, South Shops, 13 yrs.
Walter H. Jones, Lawndale, 38 yrs.
Marvin H. Kocar, Lawndale, 30 yrs.
Joseph J. LaBellarte, DesPlaines Shop, 36 yrs.
Robert F. Loughran, Control Center, 38 yrs.
S. T. Lucas, West Shops, 30 yrs.
Miguel L. Manso, Treasury, 15 yrs.
Eva M. Marcin, Admin. Services, 30 yrs.
Clovee Mattox, Kedzie, 30 yrs.
John H. McGhee, Lawndale, 35 yrs.
George Millonas, Equip. Eng. & Maint., 38 yrs.
Lawrence J. Monaghan, Equip. Eng. & Maint., 25 yrs.
Ramon Nuno, Madison/Wabash, 12 yrs.
George R. Rose, Forest Glen, 33 yrs.
Peter A. Schmanski, Forest Glen, 25 yrs.
Robert B. Tausch, West Shops, 39 yrs.
George J. Weathers, Trans. Pers./South, 32 yrs.

Disabilities

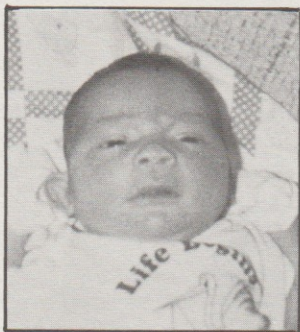
Andrew Johnson, Rail, South, 21 yrs.
Lawrence F. Lee, 69th Street, 24 yrs.
Joseph T. Slaughter, Forest Glen, 16 yrs.
Dean G. Walcott, 77th Street, 14 yrs.
Shirley M. Watson, North Section, 20 yrs.
Penny M. Wilson, South Section, 18 yrs.

North Park on previous picks and perhaps now he can look forward to finding his own parking space in the lot, at the very least. (Better keep that travel bag handy Tom)...Before we get too far ahead of ourselves we better say "Not bad, **Leonard**, not bad"...Operator **Lloyd** was one of the top vote getters in the Local 241 election commissioners race in which Mr. Lloyd garnered 1,578 votes to his opponent's 809...Just a followup note of thanks to all for your

help in the individual pictures we are taking of the operators here at North Park. It takes time as we all know, but we are definitely getting there...For those of us waddling penguins who partook of the big feast here in the station a few months ago when some of our female operator/chefs got together and hosted a luncheon, we offer a picture of the guilty ladies and say THANKS



LADIES!! (From left to right) **Jean Cage**, **Vicki Nesbit**, **Gail Inis**, **Iona Williams** and **Frances Walker**. Union representative **David Washington**, and **Mary Wallace** were also present. Avoiding the photo is janitor **Al Lowery** cleaning up the soon-to-be-offerings, **HA!**...For all of you potential pop-up specialists in baseball, we will also let the word go forth that the "STYX" softball team has begun their new season practice, so if you are not too busy and have some sort of expertise in this sport, why not come on down and try out?...Does North Park have a monopoly of sorts on the number of married husband/wife drivers at one work location? Maybe we could do a followup on how all of that courting and woo wooing began, hmmm, ladies?...Anyone else notice the exteme bravery that our "Dirty Harry" displayed when he managed to hobble in on one crutch to attend the pick for the runs?...Add operators **Barry Smith** and **Vicki**



Lawndale bus operator **Cesar R. Guardiola** and his wife became the proud parents of **Cesar Jr.** on Sept. 27, 1986, it was just announced. The baby who weighed eight pounds, one and a half ounces at birth, is also the first grandchild of **Apolarin** (Madison and Wabash Maintenance), and **Maria T. Guardiola**.

Nesbit to those interested fans of photography who have 35mm cameras and would like to learn more on this subject. We have had inquiries from other interested drivers at some of the other work locations who would also like to learn more about their camera, so don't be shy about asking. **Chester Harris**, your reporter **Mike Flores**, **Owen Terry** or **Gersham Johnson** will be able to answer any of your inquiries...Instructor **George Zajac** and his team of instructors must all feel like they're all in the midst of the Taj Mahal what with all of the new painting and restructuring going on in the instruction office. Any final words of wisdom before the final nail is put in place George?...Nice to see back to work after all of those many days off is our other brave operator who cares to just be anonymous and says three times being hospitalized was just too much, Right **Tiny**?...What with all of the lack of snow, supervisor **Ernest Usher** and his wife, **Joyce**, needed no prodding to head off to Colorado to enjoy some skiing up and down the snowy slopes there...Reaching another year closer to their retirements but also another year closer courtesy of their birthdays are **Florinda Orcasitas**, **Eula Jarrett**, and **Rudy Garcia** (Put all of the candles on the cake ladies)...Don't tell the other bosses, but assistant superintendent **Sal Carbonelli** made sure his wife **Maria** had a restful 24 hours on her birthday by not letting her do any of the

housework, and instead took her out to some finer eateries as most good husbands do. This is what you did, didn't you Mr. Carbonelli?...Ever notice how calm and patient **Robert Richardson** is whenever he's talking about various matters to the other operators? Always helpful Mr. Richardson can usually be found advising those members of his church, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist church in Evanston, so like he is sure to say, "Come on over and enjoy our company."... "There are not enough medals to hang on his chest." That comment was included in a commendation for one of our operators a while back. But then when you are married to the same woman for over 30 years and manage to share your lives being a mother and father to 35 boys and girls as foster parents maybe there exists a special medal in the shape of a heart which would mean just as much. In a small impromptu ceremony held in the North Park training room and attended by Superin-



tendents **Samuel Smith** and **Ken Czachowski**, retired operator **Ed Unrein**, and his wife, **Opal**, Ed was presented a steering wheel which was engraved with his name, his badge number, and hire and retirement dates. The presentation was made by your reporter, **Mike Flores**, and pictures were taken by operators **Chester Harris** and **Vince Dawson**. Included as a special gift was an enlarged photograph of Ed standing next to his bus. The picture was inscribed on the back with various retirement greetings. One which seemed to stand out was "God Bless".....

Mike Flores

Service anniversaries in March

40 Years

Harold Berndt, Quality Control, Bus
James Madden, Insurance
Thomas Tadevic, Paint Shop

35 Years

Auston Woolfolk, Archer

30 Years

Edward Barrett, 77th Street
James House, Insp. Degrease & Teardn.
Dennis Kuhn, Stores, South
Arthur Lee, Bus Pers., South
Charles Lindsey, 77th Street
James Massey, 69th Street
Clovee Mattox, Kedzie
William Miller, Body Shop
Nathaniel Mosley, Kedzie
James Rigney, Escalator Maint.
Richard Rossborough, Archer
Wendell Slay, Jr., 69th Street
Leo Stern, North Park
Aaron Wright, Utility

25 Years

Allan Adamczyk, Archer Maint.
James Butzen, Wilson Maint.
Leonard Davenport, Rail, W/S
Robert Harris, Jr., 77th Street
Solomon Jones, Beverly
John Kilgore, Forest Glen
Morton Libert, Admin. Services
Lawrence Monaghan, Rail W/NW
Harry Reese, Kedzie
Cornelius Schaaf, 54th Maint.
Edward Sullivan, Beverly
Cecile Thomas, South Section
Donaldson Thompson, Stores, 63rd Yard
Postle Watson, Jr., South Section

April

35 Years

Arthur Frazier, Archer

30 Years

James Beauford, Utility
Edward Buckner, West Section
Gerald Budzisz, North Park
James Hightower, Control Center
Deborah Hillard, 77th Street
Roger Hudson, 77th Street
Edward McSweeney, Signal Phone
& Radio

Henry Radom, Forest Glen
Lonnie Rupert, Beverly
Clarence Shepard, Bus Dist. B.
Adrian Truitt, 77th Street
Robert Wynne, Ashland Terminal
Wayne Williams, Bus Instruction

25 Years

Charles Berglund, Data Processing
Sylvester Ciciura, Shop Services
James Corbo, Support Services, Bus
Frank Gray, South Shops
Gay Jenkins, Support Services
Victor Johnson, Jr., Data Processing
John Laskey, Jr., Body Shop
Robert Mandujano, Upholstery
Willie McClain, Bus Dist. C.
J. McClendon, North Avenue
James Olsen, Machine Shop
Drago Pancic, North Park
James Patterson, South Section
Joseph Ritrovato, Schedules
Robert Thomas, Control Center
Ronald Wheatley, 69th Street



Half-century mark

Inside News has just been informed that John Bednarz, a CTA employee for 37 years ('76 Forest Glen retiree), and his wife, Julie, observed their golden wedding anniversary last Nov. 25. A party to celebrate the occasion was held at the Golden Flame, near Higgins and Nagle, where the CTA Pioneers also hold their monthly meetings each second Tuesday. The uniqueness of the occasion was marked by a party of 50 couples, many of them also CTA retirees, who joined in festivities with the proud couple's children and grandchildren.

In the "Somebody's Watching You" department, 16-year old **David Diamond** of Palatine is a CTA fan par excellence who is a volunteer at the Illinois Railway Museum, and a member of the Central Electric Railfans' Association. David, who aspires to one day land a job as a motorman, possibly on the Skokie Swift, also runs a part-time business—CSL Railway Products. He makes electric railroad emblem plaques.

Edwin Green of Central Counting, and bus operator **Wilhelmina Price** of North Park garage, were married April 18, and journeyed to Montego Bay, Jamaica for their honeymoon....Rail Service supervisor **Michael Caselman**, North Rail District, and wife **Judith** are proud to announce the birth of a son, **Mark Samuel Caselman** who was born March 8 weighing seven pounds, one ounce, and 20 inches long. The Caselmans are also the parents of two daughters, **Elizabeth** and **Victoria**.



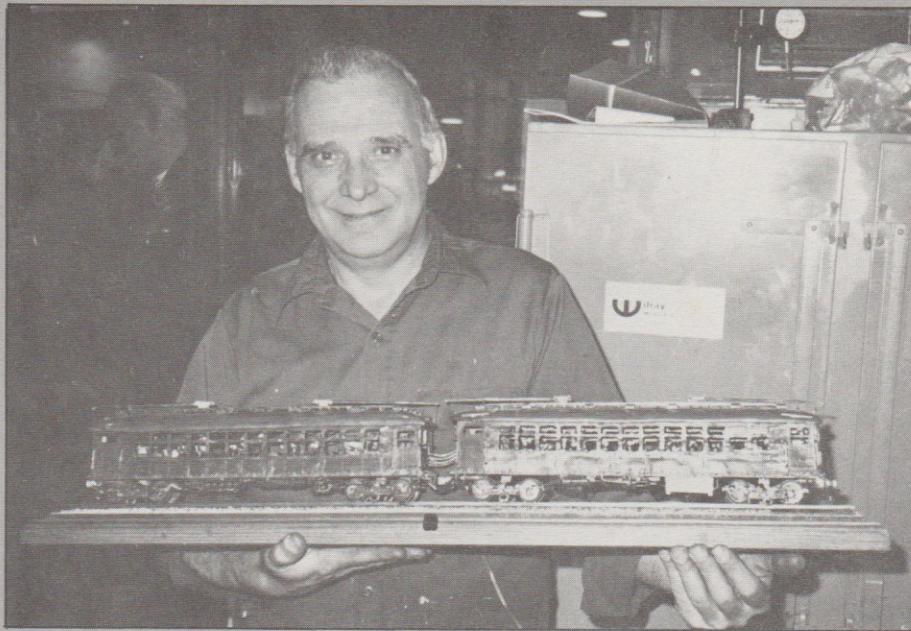
Another proud couple observing the half century mark in holy wedlock is Larry and Grace Shields who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on April 24. Mr. and Mrs. Shields are enjoying retirement in Valrico, Fla. Shields, a former CTA mail serviceman, retired in April 1976 after a 39½-year career which started with the Chicago Surface Lines in Nov. 1936.

IN MEMORIAM

Beaman, Willard O., 85, Beverly,
Emp. 1-9-29, Died 1-2-87
Belshaw, Thomas, 74, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-23-45, Died 1-2-87
Bennis, John P., 82, Schedule/Traffic,
Emp. 9-7-27, Died 1-23-87
Brennan, Joseph T., 80, South Section,
Emp. 8-24-45, Died 2-1-87
Brown, James D., 73, Archer,
Emp. 4-26-48, Died 2-1-87
Boggus, Hollis, 83, West,
Emp. 10-5-51, Died 1-15-87
Burge, Albert L., 82, 52nd Street,
Emp. 3-23-44, Died 1-2-87
Calmelat, Thomas L., 90, Electrical,
Emp. 6-3-20, Died 1-14-87
Caspers, Margaret M., 100, North Side,
Emp. 1-6-43, Died 2-10-87
Clair, Raymond M., 76, 69th Street,
Emp. 4-3-51, Died 1-28-87
Comstock, Wilbur S., 85, General Office,
Emp. 6-10-21, Died 7-27-87
Cook, Melvin, 69, Plant Maint.
Emp. 4-15-46, Died 2-13-87
Cooper, William D., 55, Skokie
Emp. 2-17-72, Died 2-14-87
Dwyer, Lawrence, 84, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 10-12-43, Died 2-5-87
Eaton, Clyde L., 83, Beverly,
Emp. 1-5-25, Died 1-31-87
Eiffes, Joseph M., 82, North Park,
Emp. 6-24-42, Died 2-19-87
Eppich, Joseph M., 85, 77th Street
Emp. 6-4-26, Died 12-29-86
Gardiner, George B., 92, West Section,
Emp. 9-17-20, Died 1-21-87
Goode, James H., 54, Lawndale,
Emp. 8-27-53, Died 2-23-87

Graver, Norman, 61, G.O./Transp.
Emp. 11-19-46, Died 2-6-87
Guse, C.F., 81, Electrical
Emp. 10-13-33, Died 1-3-87
Hanning, John M., 73, West Shops,
Emp. 1-24-46, Died 2-16-87
Heady, John E., 93, South Section,
Emp. 11-16-25, Died 1-26-87
Hildbold, Marvin B., 71, North Rail,
Emp. 12-4-41, Died 2-4-87
Howe, Manley M., 79, Security
Emp. 11-13-28, Died 2-8-87
Hughes, Thomas, 85, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-5-30, Died 1-24-87
Jansen, David, 98, Skokie
Emp. 2-3-35, Died 2-14-87
Johnson, Irving, 73, Library Services,
Emp. 10-3-42, Died 2-17-87
Karschnik, Charles F., 81, Beverly,
Emp. 8-25-20, Died 2-22-87
Kobs, Chester C., 78, 69th Street,
Emp. 10-19-36, Died 2-9-87
LaVieri, Frank P., 83,
Emp. 10-13-27, Died 1-6-87
Loftus, John, 81, Shops & Equip.,
Emp. 8-5-26, Died 2-21-87
Lombardo, Ross, 64, Madison/Wabash,
Emp. 1-26-71, Died 1-20-87
McGrath, Patrick, 87, Kedzie,
Emp. 2-21-23, Died 1-7-87
Minogue, James M., 73, West Section,
Emp. 6-18-66, Died 2-21-87
Moore, Flarzell, Sr., 64, Beverly,
Emp. 6-19-46, Died 2-12-87
Mosely, Thomas N., 63, Limits,
Emp. 10-18-62, Died 2-4-87
Muirheid, Aubert E., 72, South Shops,
Emp. 1-13-48, Died 2-15-87

Munro, Edwin S., 89, North-South,
Emp. 9-9-20, Died 12-25-86
Nelson, Wenrick F., 84, Forest Glen,
Emp. 10-1-28, Died 1-8-87
Niemczyk, Joseph S., 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 8-12-41, Died 2-22-87
Olson, Jeanette P., 88, North Avenue,
Emp. 2-15-36, Died 1-2-87
Pawliski, Michael, 88, North Avenue,
Emp. 9-10-23, Died 1-30-87
Puntil, Edward J., 68, Limits,
Emp. 8-8-41, Died 1-1-87
Rentschler, Orrin H., 74, North Park,
Emp. 8-19-37, Died 1-13-87
Riley, George A., 72, General Office,
Emp. 2-19-36, Died 1-28-87
Ruehl, George P., 86, South Section,
Emp. 12-12-23, Died 1-27-87
Sack, Erwin W., 86, Beverly,
Emp. 10-21-42, Died 1-24-87
Sedall, Foster P., 87, Forest Glen,
Emp. 4-2-26, Died 2-24-87
Snyder, Charles J., 82, West Section,
Emp. 2-7-36, Died 1-28-87
Wallon, Joseph, 71, Plant Maint.,
Emp. 4-1-42, Died 1-6-87
Whalen, Joseph A., 79, North Avenue,
Emp. 1-25-51, Died 1-22-87
White, Elvin, 65, 77th Street,
Emp. 2-24-48, Died 2-3-87
White, Margaret A., 79, West Section,
Emp. 11-16-43, Died 12-14-86
Wrobel, Charles A., 75, Treasury,
Emp. 10-15-41, Died 2-15-87



Skokie Shop

Television cameras were filming as shop inspector **Bill Meany** entered the Liberace Museum. He was seen by some local TV viewers during his recent visit to Las Vegas....Our ever cheerful receptionist, **Ann Marie Wolf** and her husband, **Barry**, are bidding us adieu as they move to Manassas, Virginia. Good luck Ann, and don't forget your friends in the snow belt....Under the heading of "Great Job this Month" appears the name of **Ken Blocker**. Ken, a welder in the sub-Assembly area, recently completed a model of antique cars 4271, and 4272. Using 2,754 parts in 309 hours, he made duplicates which include passengers and advertisement cards. Nice going Ken....Congratulations to electrical rebuild foreman **Muzio Ficarella**, and his wife **Toni** on the birth of their daughter, **Maria** who tipped the Alexian Brothers Hospital scales at eight

pounds, eight ounces on Christmas Day....Congratulations also to machinist **Greg Winski** and his wife **Janice** on the birth of their son, **Nicholas**, who was born March 3 at Christ Hospital, and weighed nine pounds....Welcome back to electrical worker **Mike Dunbar** of the Motorline after a lengthy absence due to surgery. It's nice to have you back, Mike....Best wishes to machinist **Art Piecyk** who retired March 1 after 28 years of service. Art and his wife, **Bonnie**, will move to Las Vegas....Much happiness to **Dan Greene**, son of **Grant Greene**, Mechanical Rebuild, and his bride, **Pat**. They were married January 3 at St. Cornelius church. Reception was held at the Golden Fawn restaurant.

**Stan Warchol
and Steve Wickert**

CTA pensioneer **Harry Mocarski**, 72, recalled the hectic days he experienced during the "Big Snow of 1967." The former bus operator, like many others, stayed at the wheel battling the elements and impassable routes in an effort to serve people who were depending on public transportation. The plaque Mocarski holds was presented to him by a member of his family and is appropriately entitled, "Award for Bravery."



Frank Zeiger, former assistant superintendent, 77th Street garage who retired in 1982, is already looking forward to the Yuletide season. He conducts business as Santa Claus for a Chicago area shopping center. Mother Nature has supplied him with the beard for the job, and he doesn't require any special padding for his role. His middle is the real thing. The West Morgan Park resident thoroughly baffles kids, and raises a quizzical eye from adults occasionally when they see him at work. Good luck Frank, and keep making the little ones happy at that special time of year.

RETIREMENTS FEBRUARY

Howard A. Andler, North Park, 30 yrs.
Robert E. Baker, Forest Glen, 18 yrs.
Charlie W. Bateman, 69th Street, 28 yrs.
Booker Byers, 77th Street, 32 yrs.
John A. Dilworth, Sr., Mgmt. Serv., 35 yrs.
Ralph Fields, West Shops, 30 yrs.
Joseph Gadson, Kedzie, 25 yrs.
David D. Hinman, Archer, 31 yrs.
Ike Houston, Harlem-Lake, 19 yrs.
Willie C. Jackson, Kedzie, 35 yrs.
Robert P. Johnson, North Section, 26 yrs.
Joseph A. Kelso, 69th Street, 24 yrs.
Clifford R. Last, Forest Glen, 33 yrs.
Ramon Lopez, Forest Glen, 11 yrs.
Michael F. McCarthy, Kedzie, 33 yrs.
Johnie T. McDonald, 63rd/Ashland, 30 yrs.
Raymond J. Michalski, West Shops, 30 yrs.
William E. Sears, Skokie Shop, 26 yrs.
L.C. Smith, Madison/Wabash, 29 yrs.
Foyce S. Whitney, 77th Street, 30 yrs.

Disabilities

Anthony F. Blazeovich, Archer, 39 yrs.
William D. Cooper, Skokie Shop, 14 yrs.
Carl L. McCormack, North Section, 13 yrs.

MARCH

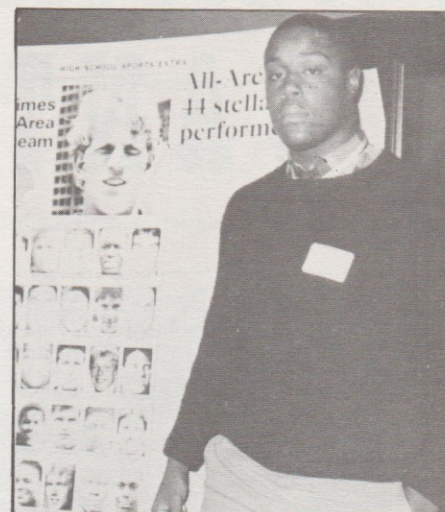
Anthony Espinosa, Kedzie, 31 yrs.
James W. Harris, Beverly, 29 yrs.
John J. Hester, Jr., Forest Glen, 40 yrs.
Wallace S. Johnson, Central District, 30 yrs.
Jesse L. Jumper, Claims, 31 yrs.
Merritt R. Kotin, Real Estate, 33 yrs.
Michael Leavy, Kimball, 30 yrs.
Dominic F. Lochirco, Archer, 32 yrs.
Robert J. Madison, Beverly, 37 yrs.
Raymond A. O'Malley, West Shops, 11 yrs.
Arthur H. Piecyk, Skokie Shop, 28 yrs.
John Pope, Treasury, 44 yrs.
Dale H. Sledge, West Section, 25 yrs.
Nicholas A. Spitali, West Shops, 44 yrs.
Joseph G. Steinbach, 77th Street, 40 yrs.
Edward C. Unrein, North Park, 25 yrs.

Harlem Shop

Repairer **Joe Milke's** son **Joey** is doing a service hitch for Uncle Sam with the U.S. Navy in Japan. Good luck sailor...**Tom Warchol** and **Joe Milke** will celebrate 13 years of CTA service in May...Welcome to Harlem Shop servicers **Bill Brown** and **Ken Savage**. Brown and **Bill Kincaid** are doing a fine job with the car wash. The rail cars are glistening. The guys deserve the Employee of the Year award for their dedication to the job...Welcome to new repairmen **Ron Young**, **Alex Coupet**, **Bill Szczesniak**, and **Carl Durnavitch**, all powerful working employees...Our number one repairman, **Tom Togher**, 38 years, is currently off with a broken leg. Hurry up and walk back to us Tom!...**Herman Swoope** and **Mike McGuinness** are still thrashing along as weekend repair's salt and pepper. Swoope has 35 years and McGuinness is on his 21st. Wow!...Our friend at Desplaines Shop, Foreman **Joe Labellarte**, retired April 1 after what seems a life time of service and dedication. Good luck Joe, we wish you a long and happy retirement...**Patricia Link**, the lovely wife of PM foreman and nice guy **Ernie Link**, gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, **Amy Elizabeth** on Feb. 26. Amy weighed 9½ pounds and was a dashing 22 inches long. She joins her ever so beautiful sister, 4-year-old **Kristin**.

Mike McGuinness

Sixty-first Street switchman **Al Thompkins** and his wife, **Lillian**, an East Chicago, Ind. elementary teacher, are justifiably proud of son **Al Jr.'s** achievements. The 17-year old Rich Central defensive tackle/offensive guard was named to the 1986-87 High School Football All Area list by Chicago area coaches and the Chicago Sun-Times. Presenting Thompkins with a handsome trophy, at a banquet honoring area high school athletes, was Chicago Bears linebacker **Dave Duerson**. Thompkins will attend Colorado State University on a football scholarship, and will major in law enforcement.



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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Retired bus operator **John H. Bishop, Sr.**, (second from left) and his wife **Constance**, are still basking in fond memories of their recent golden wedding anniversary observance which began with mass at St. Joachim church, celebrated by the Rev. Father Frank Sasso (right). The event also marked the occasion of Bishop's 71st birthday. Following the religious ceremony a memorable anniversary celebration was enjoyed at the Beverly Woods restaurant. Included among guests offering special remarks were Mel Jordan of the NAACP, Alderwoman Marion Humes, and Cylestine Fletcher of the mayor's office. Bishop, who joined the Chicago Rapid Transit Lines as a motorman in 1943, switched to CTA buses in 1949. He was in janitorial service from 1975 until his retirement in 1979. The gala anniversary celebration for the Bishops was compliments of thier son, John H. Bishop, Jr., (left) of Detroit.

WANTED

for the June issue of **TRANSIT NEWS**:

Pictures of **high school** or **college** students graduating in 1987 who are **sons** or **daughters** of CTA employees.

All pictures must be taken by a professional photographer and should be wallet size. On the back, provide the student's full name and school, as well as the employee's name and work location.

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