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Striving for excellence '87



Elonzo Hill, acting deputy executive director, Operations, leads in a toast to the 1987 **Striving for Excellence** honorees. Podium participants are (from left) Dr. **Robert E. Paaswell**, executive director; **George Haenisch**, acting deputy executive director, Engineering and Maintenance; **Rosemarie Gulley**, director, Media Relations, Public Affairs, and CTA Chairman **Walter H. Clark**.



'Striving' program Honor 1,148 employees at fourth annual

The 1987 Striving for Excellence Testimonial, held Nov. 8, 1987 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Chicago, honored 1,148 of CTA's finest employees from both the Operations and the Engineering and Maintenance Divisions.

It was CTA's fourth annual public display of appreciation for the demonstrated excellence of its employees. Both **Governor James Thompson** and **Mayor Harold Washington** proclaimed the day as Striving for Excellence Day in honor of CTA's finest employees.

The distinguished CTA employees also received the testimonial praises of CTA's executive director, **Dr. Robert Paaswell**, and CTA's chairman, **Walter Clark**. Additionally, accolades were heard from Transportation's acting senior deputy executive director, **Harry Reddick**; acting deputy executive director of Operations, **Elonzo Hill**; and acting deputy executive director of Engineering and Maintenance, **George Haenisch**.

Mistress of Ceremonies **Rosemarie Gulley**, CTA director of Media Relations, encouraged the honorees to "... applaud yourselves." Gulley said, "Awareness is when you are doing the best that you can, and you strive to get better."

The program was only a quarter of an hour underway when the house lights went up and the spotlight was turned on Mayor Harold Washington who walked in with his entourage, shaking hands with honorees in his path as he approached the stage.

In his address to the honorees, Mayor Washington stated: "It's tough to be a public servant in a sensitive area ... where people's nerves are frayed constantly and you've got to deal with them and give them the service they are paying for. It takes a super person to be able to give that kind of service ... so as Striving for Excellence awardees you are doubly entitled to that kind of consideration." It was to be the mayor's final appearance at a CTA Striving for Excellence Testimonial. The evening ended with dinner, a toast to the honorees, and dancing.

SELECTION CRITERIA: OPERATIONS DIVISION

To be considered as honorees, bus operators, box pullers, ticket agents, conductors, motormen, switchmen, towermen, yard foremen and foot collectors must have been hired prior to January 1, 1986 and have worked at least 200 days in their classification and/or in a pool for a union-represented classification. Additionally, these employees' 1986 work records had to conform to the following stringent standards:

- no misses (occasions of tardiness)
- no chargeable injuries on duty
- no chargeable complaints
- no violations
- no suspensions
- no chargeable accidents
- no corrective case interviews
- maximum of one occasion of illness requiring absence from work, **or** one non-chargeable complaint, **or** one non-chargeable accident

Because commitment to excellence is expected to increase as individuals advance within the Operations Division, clerks, supervisors and instructors were required to meet stricter criteria. These employees must have worked at least 200 days in their classification and/or in a pool for a union-represented classification during both 1985 and 1986. Their work records for 1985 and 1986 had to be perfect. A perfect work record is defined as having

- no misses
- no chargeable injuries on duty
- no complaints
- no violations
- no suspensions
- no accidents
- no corrective case interviews
- no absences from work

SELECTION CRITERIA: ENGINEERING AND MAINTENANCE DIVISION

To be considered honorees, employees must have worked in a union-represented classification. To determine this year's honorees, employee's work records for 1985 and 1986 were reviewed. Any employee with a suspension, AWOL or similar violation, or with more than two occasions of sickness, tardiness or early departure was ineligible. In addition, employees earned points for excellence as follows:

- Perfect attendance for previous 12 months* (+5 points)
- Missed perfect attendance for previous 12 months by one occasion of sickness, tardiness or early departure (+3 points)
- Missed perfect attendance for previous 12 months by two occasions of sickness, tardiness or early departure (+1 point)
- Each prior year of perfect attendance (+2 points)
- Each commendation (+2 points)
- Written warning (-5 points)

Each employee's points were totaled and those with seven points or more were designated as this year's honorees.

* Contractual days off allowed, i.e., jury duty, funeral leave, etc.

Employees of the Year honored



Recently honored as Materials Management, Stores Employees of the Year from their respective work locations were (from left) **Oliver Green**, **Fred Krawczyk**, **Cleveland Bennett**, and **Charles Bennett**.

Employees double 'Sharing It' '87 contributions

CTA employees doubled last Christmas season's food contributions to the 1987 'Sharing It' program as 3,024 pounds of canned goods and other staple items were donated by transit employees to help feed the masses of Chicago's hungry.

In 1986, CTA employees contributed 1,510 pounds of food to Chicago's food depository. "We hope to continue the increase in contributions each year," said Operations Planning schedule maker **George West**, who has been in the forefront of CTA's program participation since 1986.

At least 800,000 to 1 million Chicagoans, from children to senior citizens, suffer from malnutrition due to economic burdens.

CTA Chairman **Walter Clark** and Executive Director **Dr. Robert Paaswell** represented CTA at a Dec. 10 'spirit of caring' program, which was held in the main lobby of the Merchandise Mart. Mayor Eugene Sawyer dedicated the fifth annual program to the memory of the late Mayor Harold Washington, who established the city-wide food collection drive in 1983, his first year in office, to focus attention on



Dr. Robert E. Paaswell [left], CTA executive director, and Chairman **Walter H. Clark**, along with Santa, join **Ms. Elsa McCrory** [left], CTA Disadvantaged Business Enterprise staff assistant, and claims clerk **Ms. Delores Brooks** with food resources collected for Chicago's needy. A record-breaking 50 tons of food was donated in the 1987 'Sharing It' program and dedicated to the memory of the late Mayor Harold Washington.

the plight of hunger in the City of Chicago.

Food and resources were stacked from the floor to the ceiling of the Merchandise Mart lobby as a record-

breaking 50 tons of food were collected in the overall Mart drive. Representing the Mart at the program was the Mart's marketing vice president, **Jim Bidwell**.

Yuletide goodwill at Archer

Seldom do people talk about the good that others do. This means we rarely learn about the good that our co-workers do if it isn't job related.

Take the case of bus operators

Johnnie Gomilla, **Katie Jones**, and **Geraldine Taylor** of Archer garage. This public-spirited committee of three spearheaded a drive within their garage for collecting food,



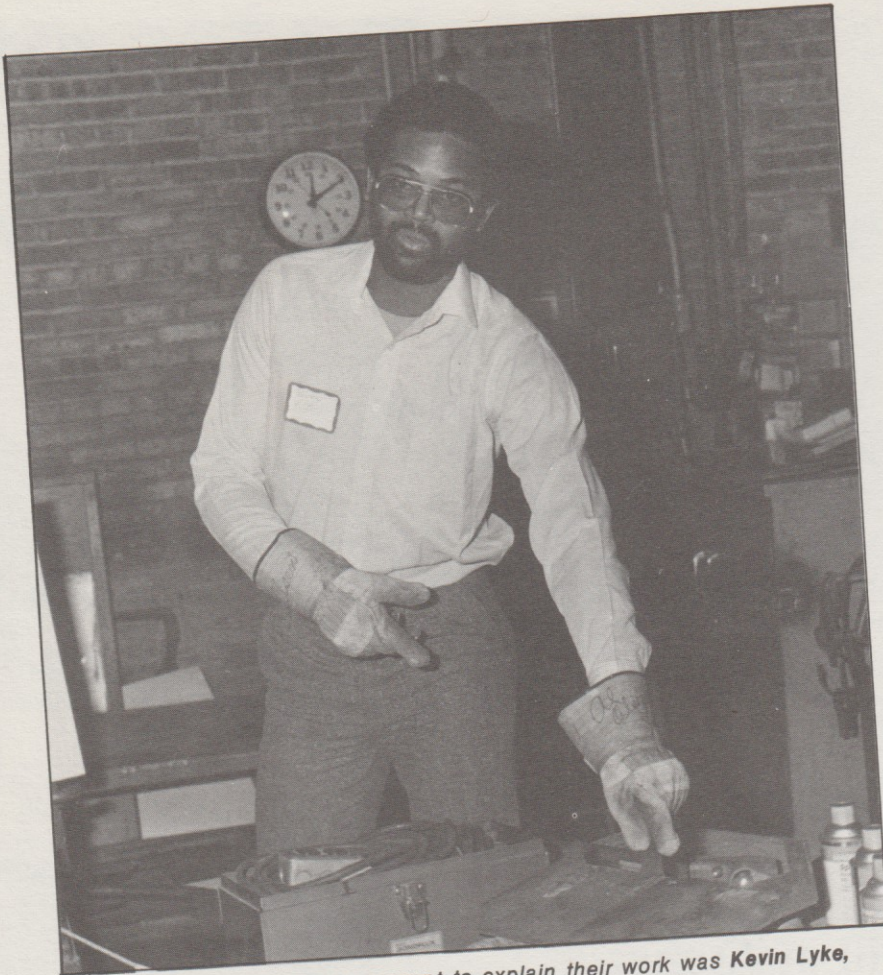
Representatives of the 'Archer garage family' sharing the Yuletide season with needy families exhibit some of their collections. Members of the group are [from left] bus operator **Geraldine Taylor**, Assistant Superintendent **Isaac Clark**, bus operator/Local 241 Board member **Tom Collins**, Superintendent **Ronald J. Catanzaro**, bus operators **Robert Vining**, **Hesler Gresham**, and **Johnnie Gomilla**, and Bus Supervisor **Michael Moore**.

clothing, toys and money to share with some less fortunate families at Christmas.

Last year, the 'Archer garage family' donated toys to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. This year, Gomilla and his committee collected \$308, of which \$50 was used to purchase new toys for Chicago's U.S. Post Office. The postal service used the donations in response to the letters received from needy youngsters at Christmas. A destitute family with 13 children received \$100, as well as some toys the committee had collected, and \$158 was earmarked for Mayor Sawyer's 'Sharing It' program.

Archer employees also donated clothing to a shelter for the homeless, and plans call for continuing the goodwill effort throughout the year rather than just at Christmas.

The south side garage's superintendent, **Ronald Catanzaro**, is quick to say he's proud to be associated with the personnel at Archer. "I'm very proud of our people. It gives me a good feeling to tell others what they are doing. They certainly deserve to be recognized."



One of the many volunteers present to explain their work was **Kevin Lyke**, assembler helper in Skokie Shops' stripping/degreasing area.

**'L' car fans
brave weather for ...**

Skokie Shops

More than 600 CTA employees, family members, and friends braved the chilly, rainy weather on Saturday, November 7, for an eye-popping 'L' car extravaganza at Skokie Shops Open House.

Inside the sprawling repair shop buildings, visitors found many displays of 'L' car components. Some components even had their protective covers removed, so the viewers could see how the devices worked and how they fit into the makeup of a complete 'L' car.

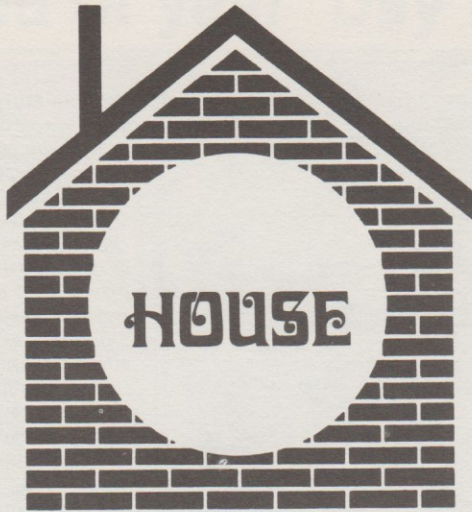
Repairers and technicians who worked on the components being exhibited were on hand, and took obvious pride in explaining how their particular assemblies worked and how they fit into the makeup of a complete 'L' car. The quantity of parts, and wiring, and the fitting together of everything so that it operated properly, caused many expressions of wonderment.

Mark Dundovich, superintendent of Rail Vehicle Shops, said planning for the Open House started long before the big event. Dundovich said the planners even decided to have visitors operate some of the displays to



Telling Santa their Christmas wishes are retirees **Richard Schneider** [left] and **George Millonas** [center]. **Jack Hruby** [right], director, Rail Maintenance, listens in. Santa is played by **William Meany**, Skokie Shops inspector.

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get a better sense of their importance to the operation of an 'L' car. The planners included co-chairmen **Pat Barton** and **John Kissane**, who worked with representatives from the various groups within Skokie Shops.

The Open House also featured clowns and free refreshments, as well as Santa Claus, who was on hand to take the many youthful requests.

"The highlight of the day, for me, was to see three generations of CTA families touring the Open House, with proud employees showing their families the important role they have in our rapid transit system," said Dundovich. "It was pleasant to see co-workers and their families enjoying an impromptu get-together," he added.

"A personal reward was the letter I received following the Open House. A little girl, whose father works at Skokie, sent me a note of thanks in her own manner and handwriting," Dundovich said.

Will there be another Skokie Shops Open House? Dundovich said there's a possibility, if all those who volunteered to put this one together want to give it another try sometime in the future.



*Edward Lubomski, acting electrical foreman, sporting a clown's costume, passes a balloon to **Brandon**, son of Mrs. **Mary Labus**, clerk, Storeroom 42, and her husband, **Ken**.*



*Rail Terminals Superintendent **R. J. Lorimer** and his son, **Corey**, check out a shiny piece of equipment on display.*

Jean Cage (North Park garage) 'is outstanding,' according to Irene Sheppard, a nurse who works on Lawrence Avenue. 'I had just come in from Peoria, and got on her (No. 151 Sheridan) bus. It was rush hour, and the bus was real crowded. The way she handled that crowd was just remarkable. She kept reminding them to move to the rear, and everyone enjoyed doing just that. Then she thanked them for cooperating. She is just a wonderful person, and is also efficient. She calls off the streets, and that is a big help, especially on a crowded bus. Just to look at her gives one confidence, and I feel safe riding on her bus.'



Oscar Coleman (77th Street) was appreciated by Ruby Davis, of South Hoyne Avenue, who was a rider on his 87th Street bus. "I had two boys with me. I got off and found that I had left my purse on the bus, with all my money, ID's and charge plates. I really didn't know what to do, but I told the next bus driver, and he called in and told me to wait until the next bus came back east. I waited. Thank God for these two lovely men, because times are very hard now. I had all my money in my purse, and when I got it back, everything was there. We still have good people in this world. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Mara DeGracia (North Section) was complimented by Steven Takaki, of Diversey Avenue, for "performing her duties [as conductor on an O'Hare train] in an abundantly professional manner. She assisted several passengers, and responded to their many questions pertaining to the direction of travel. The abundance of her station announcements on the intercom, along with the various points of interest and transfer points, also deserve commendation. A person who can perform her duties in such a professional manner warrants an honorable mention, and should be looked upon as a role model for others."

Ricky Hogan (North Park garage) caught the attention of Eunice Graubart, of North Drake Avenue, for the way he handled his No. 11 Lincoln bus. "After getting on at Chicago and Michigan, I sat opposite the driver. I observed him as he opened the door to let a passenger off, and to each one he said, 'Watch your step, now, and have a good evening.' He called every street, and to anyone making an inquiry, he answered in the most polite and helpful manner. This is a new breed of bus driver. I was so impressed with this young man that I had to write to tell you this is someone to be truly proud of."



Eugene Motyka (North Section) 'deserves recognition,' in the opinion of Mick Strelchuk, of Elmhurst, who is a frequent user of O'Hare service. 'I was on the 5:10 a.m. train from O'Hare. I was most impressed by the conductor's friendliness, professionalism and appearance. His demeanor was exceptional, and many passengers were obviously happy to see him welcome them on the train. As a pilot with a major airline, I know the importance of good service, and can recognize it when I see it. This man represents his position in an exemplary manner. The CTA and the city should be proud to have him as a representative.'

Robert Jacobson (South Section) won the approval of Mrs. C. W. Hoffman, of Glenview, for his performance as conductor of a Jackson Park-Howard train. "I was so pleased with the conductor that when I got off at Howard, I went back to the middle of the train to check on his number. He should be commended for a job not just well done, but more! In a cheerful, pleasant voice, he announced each stop clearly, so you could actually understand what he was saying, and provided information about bus connections. At the end of the ride, he wished us a good afternoon and thanked us for riding the CTA--unbelievable!"

Joeie Pryor (North Section) was praised by Thomas Brusstar, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for her 'unusually good' work as conductor on an O'Hare train. "Having traveled extensively in Europe and the U.S., I have learned to appreciate efficient, easily understandable transit systems. In this regard, the conductor's announcement of stations is important, and she impressed me. She announced the stations clearly, noted transfers properly, and admonished riders to abide by CTA conduct rules unobtrusively and politely over the speaker. Even a foreign traveler would find her announcements helpful."

Rosette Ewing (North Section) was thanked for her concern as conductor on a Howard-Jackson Park train ridden by Winston Garth, a teacher working on North Ada Street. "I noticed a man and woman dressed in denim getting on the train. Apparently, a confrontation occurred between them and the conductor, and they became very rude, belligerent and offensive. What could have developed into an explosive situation was avoided by your employee, whom I felt handled this matter with great calm and concern. Employees like her are needed to make riding public transportation enjoyable and pleasant."

CTA hosts Transit Police/Security symposium



CTA's Industrial Safety/Police Liaison department was host to a mid-November two-day Transit Police/Security symposium in which nine transit properties met to discuss common problems and solutions to security measures. **Dr. Melvyn R. May**, manager of CTA's Industrial Safety/Police Liaison department, and symposium host, said transit police attending the two-day session included representatives from the District of Columbia, Atlanta, Boston, Houston, New York, and Philadelphia. There were also representatives from Chicago's Regional Transportation Authority, the Chicago Police Department, the Cook County Sheriff's Department, and Amalgamated Transit Union 241.

Topics for discussion included issues in major contemporary transit police work and training and development, dealing with graffiti, internal investigations, relationship with the media, and juvenile crime on transit authority properties.

Thanks for a job WELL DONE!

Employees who have received Commendations from the public.

Carmen Alvarez, Forest Glen
Carlos Baez, Forest Glen
Pedro Balderas, North Avenue
Margaret Barrett, North Section
Joseph Blackmon, 77th Street
Howard Bramham, Jefferson Park
Alvin Brown, Archer
Frank Buscemi, Forest Glen

Ted Cain, 77th Street
Robert Carbonelli, Howard/Kimball
Chester Colbert, Howard/Kimball
Donald Collins, Forest Glen
Herman Cortez Jr., Jefferson Park
Jerry Crawford, Archer

Milan Davidovic, North Park
Roberto Diaz, North Park
Jose Diaz, Howard/Kimball
Ernest Dittsworth, Forest Glen
Rosemary Donaldson, Forest Park
Philip Donohue, Howard/Kimball

Hezzie Edwards, 77th Street
James Elder, Ashland/61/95
Rosette Ewing, Howard/Kimball

Dewitt Forrest Jr., 77th Street

Juan Garcia, North Park
Johnnie Goines, North Park
James Green, Ashland/61/95
Bobby Griffin, Archer

Dino Harvey, 77th Street

Louis Kelley, 77th Street
Roland King, Jefferson Park
James Kolstad, Beverly
Robert Kremer, North Park
Al Kristolaitis, Douglas/Congress

Paul Lane, Forest Park
Joseph Lawrence Jr., 69th Street

Melinda Manoni, West Section
Louis Maravilla, 77th Street
Robert McClure, Ashland/61/95
James McManus, Howard/Kimball
Faye Murry, Limits

Frank Nava, Limits

Thomas Parker, North Park
Viola Paschal, Kedzie
Marshall Price, 77th Street
James Prohaska, South Shops

Carl Reese, Kedzie
Kimberly Rhyne, Archer
Robert Riley, 77th Street
Stephond Robinson, Howard/Kimball

Gary Santini, Forest Glen
Leonie Smalling, 77th Street
Drusilla Smith, 77th Street
Barry Smith, North Park
Charles Smith, Forest Glen
Jeffrey Smith, Jefferson Park
Howard Sneed, 77th Street
Verna Starks, 69th Street
Kenneth Steppe, South Shops
Howard Stratton, Howard/Kimball
Alice Strong, Forest Glen
Maria Sudeikis, Archer
Maurice Sutton, 77th Street

Ruben Velasco, Congress
Amador Velez Sr., North Park

Lonnie Walker, North Park
Mary Wallace, North Park
Darold Wardlow, Limits
Riccardo Wardlow, Jefferson Park
Leon Washington, 77th Street
Harold White, Ashland/61/95
Georgia Williams, 69th Street
Gwendolyn Williams, North Section

James Yancey, Limits
Fred Young, North Park
Jeffrey Youngerman, Limits

Anthony Zenner, North Park



Dr. Paaswell named to Transportation Research Board

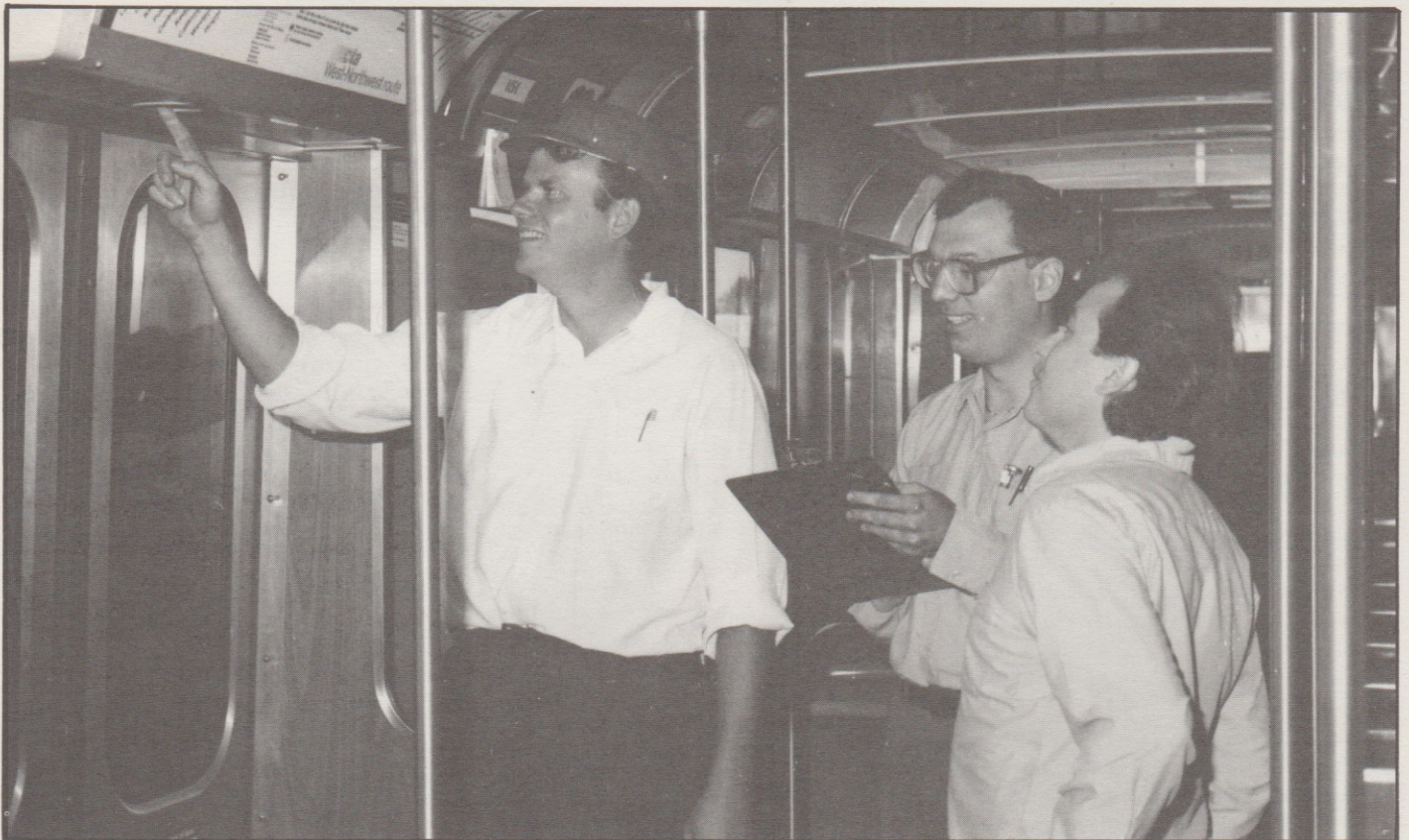
Dr. Robert E. Paaswell, Executive Director of the CTA, has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board [TRB]. The board, an arm of the Washington-based National Research Council [NRC], assists governmental and other national and international agencies with the development, implementation and dissemination of transportation policy.

The Transportation Research Board is responsible to the Council for recommending policy and providing administrative oversight for all programs and activities of the Transpor-

tion Research Board. TRB has a membership of 2500 in the United States and 47 countries.

Dr. Paaswell is an internationally-recognized expert in the field of transportation, and most recently was invited by the Republic of China and the United States Department of Transportation to be a major leader in an International Transportation Conference in Beijing.

Prior to joining CTA, Dr. Paaswell was director of the Urban Transportation Center of the University of Illinois, and was a professor of Transportation Engineering at the University.



Kevin Finnegan [left], terminal foreman, and his teammates, car repairer **Joseph Kolek** and terminal combination clerk **Michael Averitt**, took first place honors in the 1987 Rail Maintenance RoundUp. Others in the top five were Harlem car repairer **Eric Lorenz**, car servicer **Sam Hernandez**, and Desplaines terminal assistant foreman **Joseph Witek**, second place winners. Taking third place honors were 98th street terminal foreman **Leon Fields**, combination clerk **Richard Jeffries**, and car repairer **Albert Curtis**. Fourth place recognition went to terminal foreman **Gary Kemp**, car repairer **Gary Johnson** of Desplaines, and **Jack Dorsey**, combination clerk, PCS area, Skokie. **John Josephitis**, assistant foreman at Howard, and **Diego Rendon**, a Howard car repairer, took fifth place honors.

Call of the wild lures bus operator to African safari

On the job, **Bennie Jackson Jr.** is a mild-mannered bus driver on the No. 80 Irving Park route out of the Forest Glen garage. Jackson likes his job. He's been doing it for 14 years.

However, beneath his uniform jacket beats the heart of a big game hunter.

Jackson has heard the call of the wild.

That's right. Smiling, unassuming Bennie Jackson has developed his skill and honed his nerve to look through the sights of his .378 Weatherby magnum high-powered rifle, squeeze off a shot at a charging 125-pound Tennessee wild boar with vicious tusks bared for attack, and drop it dead in its tracks.

Jackson also has taken a 250-pound Canadian black bear with his 3006 Remington rifle, plus big-horn sheep, prong-horned antelope, and deer.

"Ever since I was a kid and saw my first 'Tarzan' movie, I wanted to be a big game hunter--in Africa," Jackson said. As a youngster, he went squirrel and rabbit hunting with his father. He then used a 12-gauge shotgun.

"Then, one day when I was hunting rabbit, I saw a deer, and I knew I wanted to go for big game. I did, and I have. I also learned never to waste a shot and never to waste a kill. I always make sure the game I hunt is used for human consumption, after I've taken the skin, and when possible, the horns."



Bennie Jackson shows off a springbok buck he brought down with his trusty .3006 Remington rifle. The kill weighed more than 80 pounds and was taken in Southwest Namibia on Jackson's recent safari there.

A bus driver's salary doesn't go far in the sport of big game hunting. To cut his expenses, Jackson learned to be a taxidermist and make his own trophies.

"Even with hunting throughout North America, I felt the call of big game hunting in Africa," Jackson recalled. "Finally, with a refinanced auto loan and my savings, I raised the needed cash to go on a genuine African big game safari. It was a dream come true for me."

Jackson turned his dream and his cash over to Paul Merzig's Adventure Safaris Ltd., in Chicago, and Merzig turned the dream into reality--a seven-day safari in Southwest Namibia.

"I took a plane to South Africa. Because I was a foreigner, the white South Africans gave me no trouble as I made my way to the game preserve with my hunting gear. I was the only hunter there with a staff of seven and

two off-the-road vehicles," Jackson said.

"There I was, in the African wild with a guide, tracker, skinner, cook, cook's helper, laundress, and--get this--my personal valet.

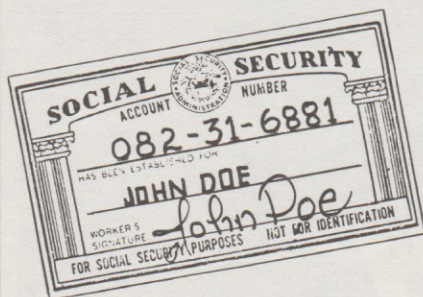
"In a week's time I shot five gemsbok, a fine springbok, a zebra, and a greater kudu. The kudu is bigger than a horse, the gemsbok is about the size of a horse, and the springbok is about the size of a German shepherd dog," he said.

"All the meat from the animals went to natives in the area. The skins and horns I selected arrived at my apartment in beautiful condition about eight months later."

Was it worth it? he was asked.

"Every cent," Jackson grinned. "But the next time I go back to Africa, I'm going to hunt Cape buffalo, the meanest animal on hoof. Wish me luck!"

Social Security: phone first



Some services rendered by the Social Security Administration may be handled by telephone. If you're applying for benefits, replacing a Medicare card, or inquiring about Social Security programs, you may wish to call your local office.

If your business with Social Security does require a visit to the office, it is advisable to call for an appointment

first and find out what documents or information you will need to transact your business. Chicagoans who live north of Madison street should call **724-8838**, while residents south of Madison should call **636-8811**. Suburban residents should check the local directory for a listing of the nearest Social Security office.

RETIREMENTS

Tobin reminisces as he closes a career of 30 years

Edward Tobin, manager of Materials Control, who joined CTA in 1957 as a graduate trainee upon graduating from Marquette University, will retire January 1.

Tobin said of his CTA service, "It's been a great 30 years with many wonderful memories and experiences. The most treasured aspect of my career here has been the many fine people with whom I have been privileged to be associated, including our old Materials Management team. No matter what the future brings, I shall always miss the many friends I have made over the years at CTA."

His career began with a two-year training program in which he worked as a bus operator to learn the basics of the transit industry. Later, Tobin worked as a surface system supervisor after a two-year interruption for military service.

"The two-year CTA training program was like management boot camp where you found out whether or not you had the right stuff to become a transit professional," Tobin recalled. He said numerous training assignments within CTA culminated in assignment to the former Staff Engineer's office.

Tobin was loaned to the Institute for Rapid Transit, a trade association now merged with the American Public Transit Association [APTA]. The Institute was headed by **Walter J. McCarter**, who was then CTA General Manager.

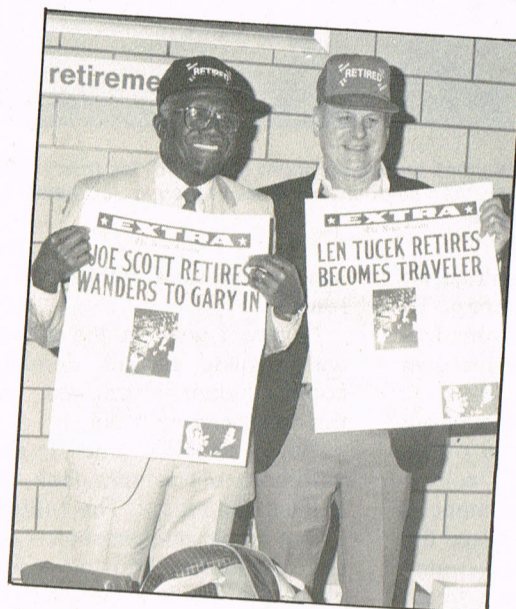
Tobin said some of his most interesting assignments occurred at the Institute, dealing with car design, fare collection, rail transit promotion, and legislative topics. He took a permanent position with the Institute, but rejoined CTA with an assignment in the Purchasing Department in the late 1960's, after the Institute for Rapid Transit moved to Washington. He has been an active member of APTA's Purchase and Materials Management Committee for several years, and was the committee's 1982-83 chairman.

Tobin was named CTA purchasing agent in June 1982, and subsequently was named manager of Materials Control, a job which gave him responsibility for the warehousing and control of nearly 68,000 line items.

Tobin and his family will remain in the Chicagoland area after his retirement.



This cake being sliced down the middle is part of the retirement send-off for **Alphonse Martin** (left), director of Purchasing, and **Edward Tobin**, manager, Materials Control. Tobin, who rode the 125 Water Tower Express bus to work, was presented this destination sign as a memento.



Joseph Scott (left) and **Leonard Tucek**, bus and truck mechanics at South Shops, became pensioners January 1 after 31 years and 33 years of service, respectively.



Surprise, surprise! Co-workers really did surprise retiring Superintendent III **Junius 'Nick' Blaino** of North Section Rail, Kimball terminal, who is being greeted here upon his arrival at the Rodeway Inn at Harrison and Canal for a party given in his honor. It was hosted by **Porter 'Buck' Bynum**, **Maureen Thivel**, **Carty**, **Ray Rhone**, **Eddie Martinez**, **Sam Alvarado**, and **Charles Rose II**. Nearly 200 people attended the gala affair for Blaino as he closed his CTA career of 28 years.



Manuel Segura, government project coordinator for CTA Purchasing, says farewell to CTA co-workers and friends at his retirement celebration after 11 years of service.



Blaino says thanks and bids farewell to friends and co-workers after opening gifts and other tokens of appreciation.



Unit supervisor **David Maiden** (left), Bus Shops, congratulates sheet metal worker **Charles S. Henderson** who retired January 1 after 25 years of service.



Jim Madden (left), director of Benefit Services, accepts his retirement packet from **Charles Anderson**, manager of Benefit Services. Madden joined CTA pensioners January 1 after 40 years of service.



Tina Rodriguez, Materials Management utility clerk, accepts the coveted pensioner packet from director of Purchasing **Al Martin**. Ms. Rodriguez, a CTA employee for 15 years, was presented with a cash gift from her co-workers upon her retirement.

RETIREMENTS NOVEMBER

Walter J. Anderson, West Shops, 25 Years
Pete Colombo, Des Plaines, 34 Years

disability retirements

Jessie W. Howard, 77th Street, 10 Years
Nelson Sanders, Archer, 17 Years

*Retroactive to 3/1/87

DECEMBER

Melvin Clarke, Howard, 34 Years
John M. Flanagan, Archer, 25 Years
John M. Jones, Beverly, 25 Years
Alpha J. Lambert, 77th Street, 13 Years
Padraig Lynch, Madison/Wabash, 27 Years
James R. Smith, 69th Street, 37 Years

disability retirements

Charles Clark, 77th Street, 18 Years
Diego L. Santos-Rios, North Park, 20 Years
George H. Thompson, Beverly, 18 Years

Garrett holds monthly sessions, hears employees

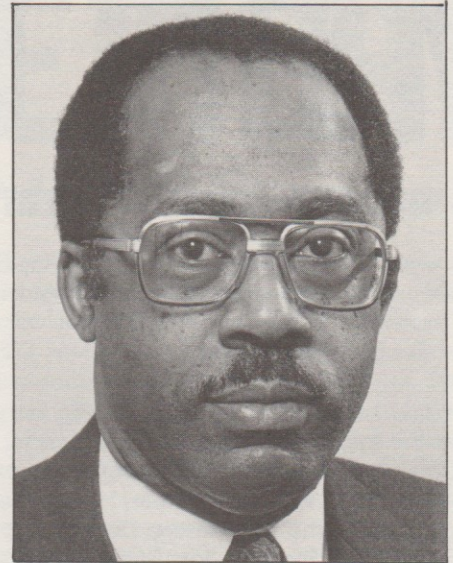
CTA employees in the Human Resources and Benefits Service Division are getting to share common concerns and performance issues with the division's chief officer, Deputy Executive Director **Ben Garrett**.

Since August, 1987 Garrett has been conducting monthly round-table discussions with his non-management personnel over continental breakfast. The informal meetings, usually with 8-10 people, provide mutual benefits. Garrett not only has an opportunity to meet a cross-section of experienced

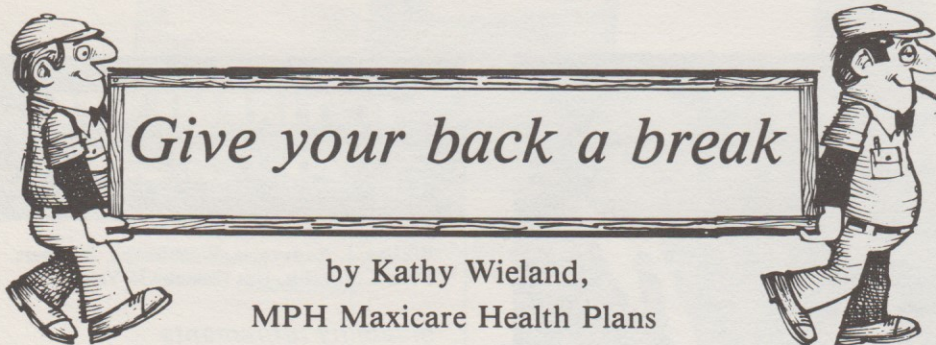
CTA personnel who are available to him, but it also gives employees a chance to get to know the boss, and to know that he is available to them.

The meetings are held each first Thursday with different groups of employees who are free to express their feelings about themselves, their jobs, and their goals. A primary rule with Garrett concerning the gatherings is that each issue raised is appropriately answered.

"If we can't answer immediately, we try to get back to the individual before



our next meeting with another group. It's our way of communicating and sharing and responding to employee needs. We hope it is an idea that will not only continue in this division, but will catch on in other areas of CTA," Garrett said.



Thanks to all of the modern conveniences of American life in the 1980's, most of us end up sitting for 85% or more of our day. Believe it or not, all of this excess time spent sitting is causing much more damage than a worn out pair of pants!

This type of inactivity throughout the better part of the day causes muscle tension, aching lower back, sore neck and shoulders and even emotional exhaustion.

If your job requires eight or more hours of sitting per day, there are some strategies you can employ to avoid the above aches, pains, and problems.

1. Support Your Lower Back - Four out of five Americans will experience back pain at some time in their lives. So if you suffer from backaches, you're not alone! The area of the spine generating the most complaints is the lumbar region, or lower back. To help support this area, make a lumbar support by rolling a towel to 4 inches by 6 inches. Place this support where the small of your back hits in your chair at work or home, in your car, or anywhere else you frequently sit. Lumbar supports are also available commercially made.

2. Improve Your Posture - Slouching can lead to back strain,

stiffness, and muscle fatigue. To avoid slouching, imagine a plumbline starting at your shoulders and running straight down to your hips. Keep both shoulders and hips even with the line. To improve your posture even more, include your ears along the same line. So, your ears, shoulders and hips should all be along the same straight, imaginary line.

3. Take 'Move' Breaks - Sitting in one position for too long causes fatigue. To increase energy and avoid grogginess, leave your desk or seat as many times as you can without hurting your efficiency too much. If you cannot get up and move often, move in your seat--change positions, stretch!

4. Stretch - Doing periodic, simple stretches in the sitting position will release tension in each muscle you stretch, eliminating muscle aches/tension, improving circulation to stretched areas, increasing your flexibility, and even fine tuning muscles.

How much time do you spend in your chair? If your answer is a *lot*, consider the above suggestions for a more comfortable and less stressful day!

How well do you know your CTA co-workers?

How well do you know your CTA co-workers? Name all of these Mart employees from the Labor Relations Department, and rate yourself outstanding. Get 50 per cent of them correct and you're good, and fair if you can name 25 per cent. Anything less probably means you've missed a familiar feature or two.



Answers

1. James Marshall, manager, Labor Relations
2. James Bidwell, director, Contract Administration
3. Mike Bruen, Labor Relations representative
4. Donald Bowie, Labor Relations representative
5. Gerry Fiedler, Contract Information representative
6. Diane Traxler, Contract Administration representative
7. Ann Murphy-Gaughan, Contract Administration representative
8. Doris Atkins, executive secretary
9. Michelle Day, director, Grievance/Arbitration Processes
10. Gus Alevisos, Labor Relations representative
11. Mike Nardulli, Labor representative
12. Eileen Kosinski, confidential office assistant

Credit unions observe half-century mark

CTA's North Side 'L' Federal Credit Union at 4753 N. Broadway, and the 69th Street Depot Federal Credit Union at 1601 W. 69th Street, both observed their 50th anniversary in December. According to the Illinois Credit Union League, only about 100 existing Illinois credit unions have been operating longer.

The two credit unions, which were founded in 1937 to provide service for CTA employees and family members, are among 19 credit unions serving CTA employees.

The North Side 'L' Credit Union employs four part-time workers. Its 1,330 members are offered a variety of loan and savings options, and its assets exceed \$4.7 million.

Officers of North Side 'L' Federal Credit Union are **Hugh F. Hegarty**, president; **John E. Hill**, vice president, and **Mary Ellyn Collins**, secretary-treasurer.

Five part-time employees provide a variety of loan and savings services to the 870 members of the 69th Street Depot Federal Credit Union with its nearly \$3.7 million in assets.

Its officers are **Harry Blake**, president; **Thomas Reilly**, vice president; **Melvin Turner**, secretary, and **Thomas W. Cook**, treasurer/manager.

A big money Saver



An estimated \$99,326 per year will be saved inspecting marine pumps on CTA's 1000, 7400, 9000, and 9600 series GM buses with the cutting of an inspection hole in the marine pump cover. The modification was suggested by Kedzie bus repairmen **Bernie Grant** (left) and **Les Gooley**. The modification will mean easier inspection of the pump without remov-

ing the cover, and will save 25 minutes on removal and replacement time. Grant and Gooley are members of Kedzie's Quality Circle. Other QC members are: **Sal Alleruzzo**, **James Downer**, **Vince Ecter**, **Joe Escamilla**, **Ron Goins**, **Lonzo Lyles**, **Pat Murphy**, **Milford Shelton**, and coordinator **Juanita Duff**.

End of year 'Day in CTA' honors retirees



Honorees at the 1987 year-end 'Day in CTA' gather in CTA's Control Center exhibiting certificates of appreciation. The 12 employees were all retired January 1. The group includes [from left] Wilkes Battles, Clevelen Brogdon, Henry Radom, Louis Robinson, Ernest Thomatis, Robert Wynne, Shirley Knight, Theodore Vernon, Edward Willeko, Edward Schurz, Peter Kourakos, and Olson Jackson.

Twelve CTA retirement applicants with a combined total of 402 years and 2 months of outstanding service to CTA were honored in December at a special year-end 'Day in CTA.'

The honorees are motormen **Edward Willeko** of Howard terminal, 45 years and 10 months of service; **Theodore Vernon** of 95th street terminal, 36 years and a month of service, and **Robert Wynne** of the 61st street terminal with 30 years and nine months of CTA service. The lone conductor among the honorees was **Wilks Battles**, also of the 95th street terminal, who served CTA for 31

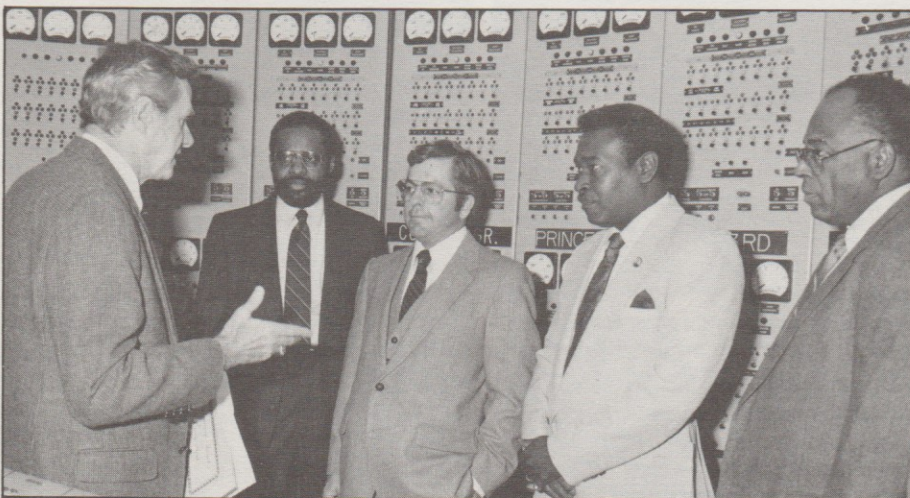
years and two months.

Ticket agent **Shirley Knight** of Kimball terminal joins pensioners after 28 years and five months of service. Ms. Knight distinguished herself in 1984 when she kicked the smoking habit and took the money she normally used to buy cigarettes to purchase miniature televisions for residents in area senior citizen homes. She and her husband are currently continuing their benevolence by purchasing wheelchairs for use by elderly and disabled persons.

Bus operators taking their pensions who were among the honorees were

Edward Schurz and **Henry Radom** of Forest Glen garage with 40 years, one month service, and 30 years, eight months service, respectively; **Peter Kourakos** of North Park, 38 years, one month, and **Olson Jackson**, Kedzie, 36 years, nine months.

Bus service supervisors among the honorees were **Ernest Thomatis** with 31 years, two months of service, and **Cleavelen Brogdon**, 27 years, five months, both of District A, and **Louis Robinson** of District D with 25 years, two months of service.



Michael LaVelle, manager, Transportation Services, charges recently trained power supervisors **George Hand** and **George Clark** with new responsibilities as he prepares to present them with their certificates of training. Present for the occasion were [from left] **Benjamin Morris**, assistant superintendent, Rail Communications; **Hand**, **Clark**, **Jerry Johnson**, superintendent, Rail Communications, and [not shown] **Ollie Winston**, assistant superintendent, Power and Data.

New Power Supervisors

INSIDE NEWS

AS REPORTED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY

North Park

Ever hear "Nice guys finish last"? Well, not here at North Park they don't. Operator **Vicki Nesbit** snapped a picture of Clark Street's **Bob Devitt** after he had been seen escorting a handicapped passenger across a busy intersection. We hear he joined the ranks of married couples this past June, so you can guess who will be pushing their grocery cart when he and his bride, **Jazmin**, go shopping ... Picture, if you will, a Monday morning at 7 a.m. and **John Winkler** sitting in the training room reaching for his coffee, when he feels something crawling on his neck and ZAP! he's stung by a bee. What a way to start your week! Fortunately, operator Winkler is no wimp and just oh so casually brushes aside the now expired perpetrator. Question: who let that bee in? ... True or false? Whenever you manage to catch a ride in **Rafael Rosados** car he has that radio tuned to that country and western station with the volume a-l-l the way up ... TV's Dick Clark may not know it but he has competition in the Latin version by the name of **Hermino Ayala**. How else to explain someone who's approaching his 53rd birthday and yet doesn't look his age? Miss **Yolanda Ragsdale**, daughter of operator **Frederick Ragsdale**, is another 1987 graduate from Henderson grammar school, and we hope dad didn't hold back on the young lady's graduation gift ... All the best wishes to a young lady here at the clerk's window who became a bride to one of our south area supervisors and now her last-name initial matches her first. Told you I wouldn't name names, Miss ... **Carl Guzzi, Jimmie Johnson, Lee**

Richardson, Joe Zukerman and supervisor **Juan Gonzalez** are some of our co-workers who aren't in the best of health lately. Hopefully, they will be feeling like teenagers again by the time this issue is printed ... How else to say how sorry we are when we lose a parent? Operator **Carmen Betances'** father, **Julio C. Betances**, recently passed away. Our deepest condolences, Carmen ... And how would you like to be on the loose in Paris, France for a week and not have anything to do but enjoy yourself? We, of course, who were working here in Chicago, can only guess why Evanston operator **Ken**



Forty-three year old **Earnest Hays** will attempt to run a New York or Boston marathon [26.2 miles] this year under three hours. Hays, a switchman at 63rd street and Ashland, has already completed three such events in Chicago, one in Duluth, Minn., and one in Hawaii. His best time over the course to date has been three hours and 15 minutes. Last October he ran a half marathon--13.1 miles--in one hour and 29 minutes.



West Side foot collector **Dan Miller** and his wife, **Maryann**, are proud parents for a second time. Son **Nicholas Mario** was born Nov. 17, weighing 8 pounds, 9-1/4 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. Another button-popper over little Nicholas is the happy grandfather, Forest Glen Supervisor **Nick Miller**, for whom the baby was named.

Ernst had that little gleam in his eye when he mentioned that Paris was so enjoyable for the U.S. male ... On the other hand, it seems appropriate that **Tony Zenner** and his wife, **Kim**, flew south to Mexico to finally reclaim their car. We had mentioned, in a previous issue, that they had experienced transmission troubles twice. Look at it this way, Kim, these are the more pleasant memories the two of you will share in a few years when he mentions 'let's go camping.' ... **Frederick Douglas** has a new camera and says he's interested in joining the **North Park SLR's** camera club, so why not join him when he comes to one of the club's end-of-the-month film shoots? ... Beautiful, sunny weather on a Sunday morning, and members of the **SLR's** camera club have finally made it to the Morton Arboretum, which is only a 25-mile drive from Chicago. There, **Chester Harris, Owen Terry, Michael Collymore, Vince Dawson** (Limits), **Vicki Nesbit** and **Michael Flores** hope to take some serious competition-type pictures of nature in all of her autumn splendor ... As always, our station credit union contributed to the annual Christmas Party. Personnel who helped were **David Washington, Bob Thomas, Cedric Wright, Sally Olivier, Bob Vasquez, Vicki Nesbit**, and the multi-talented **Gary (Santa Claus) Hurst** ... Instructor **Aaron Crockett** showed his typical devotion to duty by standing at his post distributing the recent safety awards. We're going to

miss him once he receives his appointment to start working at the Control Center ... Remember that scene in the old movie *Citizen Kane* with the *Rosebud* sled? **Marvin Zabel** surely did when he was doing some construction, tearing apart the porch on his home, and discovered one of those older versions of a sled under all of the debris. Knowing how Chicago's winters are, we would suggest you keep it nearby till springtime, Marv ... Coach **Bob Jenkins** is probably one of the tallest operators here at the garage, so it's only fitting that he's helping to coordinate the 'charcoal delight' basketball team. Regardless of your height, why not come and try out? You could be the one individual who makes the winning difference ... We couldn't help but smile when we noted former North Park operator **Janet Marino**, who is now at Limits, working the Broadway route with a 9000-series bus, and she was using a hand signal to indicate a left turn ... **Michael Cobleigh, David Gaston** and **Bob Devitt**, who happen to be the team leaders of teams 1, 12 and 10, were this quarter's safety award winners, along with each new member of their respective teams. The awards this time were carry-all bags and emergency flashlights. Did you remember to pick up your award, or do you know your team number? ... From all appearances, it looks as if **Daniel Brooks** will be the final student of 1987 to join the ranks of operators, just in time to enjoy all the winter wonders of driving that the rest of us have enjoyed in the past. Oh well, in only 29 more years, Dan, you and your wife **Patricia** can start planning your retirement activities ... Well, here it is, the final 1987 issue of *Inside News*, and I would like to say sincerely, **THANK YOU**, to retirees **Ed Unrein**, team leader **Lee Richardson**, operator **Sterling Williams**, morning clerk **Lynn Wilkerson**, supervisor **Roy Ripka**, assistant superintendent **Sal Carbonelli**, operators **Dan** and **Nilda Dzyacky**, repairman **Bob Powell**, scheduleman **Ed Olender**, janitor **Al Lowery** and everyone else who has been kind enough to share their moments of news with us. For 1988, we hope to share lots more stories, pictures and memories.

Mike Flores



Carol Musto, control center executive secretary, is assisted by Manager David Martin as she shows off the cake prepared for her farewell party. Ms. Musto, an Inside News reporter, joins the mass of American homemakers after nine years of CTA service.

Inside News Reporters

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

Transit News Issue

Inside News Deadline

March-April, 1988.....	March 25, 1988
May-June, 1988.....	May 20, 1988
July-August, 1988.....	July 22, 1988
September-October, 1988.....	September 23, 1988
November-December, 1988.....	November 18, 1988

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

Retiree **William Miedema** and his wife, **Dorothy**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a reception hosted by their sons, **William** of Forest Glen garage, **Wayne** of North Park, and **David**, a government employee and sports writer. The Miedema family has a total of 117 years of service with CTA and its predecessor, CSL.



Management Information Systems

Senior systems programmer **Christopher Prosperi** gains a ready-made family in October '88 when he weds **Lisa Scheer**, who has a daughter, **Mindi**. The newlyweds will honeymoon in Australia/Fuji Islands. More to come next year ... Guess who



the clown in the picture is. It certainly does resemble me. This is what happens when you organize a Halloween candlelight bowl, although it was lots of fun. **Jeanne Malenki** of Production Control was a pirate, along with her husband, **John**. Joining us were the Smurfs, a two-headed devil, Dracula, a Blues Brother, Emmett Kelly, Pinocchio, and Gippetto, a pink crayon, a pound puppy, a prisoner and French maid, some ghosts, goblins, witches and ghouls. Nice company, huh? And these were the ones who didn't dress up! ... Senior quality assurance analyst **Bill Ehrler** has been elected president of the Triangle Community Organization [TCO] in his Bucktown area. He's brushing up on his Roberts Rules of Order. Where's the gavel? ... We're still receiving no input from our department. I know there have been more babies born, marriages celebrated, and possibly some long-time anniversaries. Don't be shy, let us know about you!

Patricia Glines



Forest Glen retirees [from left] **Dan Noncek**, **Henry Ziolkowski**, **Joe Motyka**, and **Robert Barber** were reunited recently at Ziolkowski's Sun City, Arizona home. The word is "if you talk to **Hank** (Ziolkowski), he'll have you buying property in Sun City." Just ask Barber.

Service anniversaries in November

40 Years

Edward Schurz Jr., Forest Glen

35 Years

Martin Norwood, Ashland/61/95

William Reynolds, District C

Raleigh Washington, 69th Street

30 Years

Love Berry Jr., South Section

Samuel Burns, District A

George Kahlfeldt, Claims

Clinton Lewis, 69th Street

Jack Martin, Archer

Robert Matthews, Schedules

Ronald Nelson, Elec. Dist.

Richard Nelson, Escal. Mtce.

Richard Salinas, Steel Fab. Shop

Milford Shelton, Kedzie Mtce.

Ezel Wiley, Archer

25 Years

Willie Allums, South Shops

Paul Brazeau, Forest Glen

Edward Duckworth, 77th Street

H. Herring, General Mtce.

Norbert Koscienski, Safety Insp./Invest.

William Lambert, Bus Garages-North

Daniel Luberdia, Forest Glen

Wayne Matejka, South Shops

Victor Medunycia, North Park

Jackie Pritt, Rail District North

Lee Ross, District C

Thomas Sims, 77th Street

Jerome Smith, 77th Street

Howard Spann Jr., Archer

John Theus Jr., Schedules

Willie Williams Jr., District A

40 Years

James Durr, Communications Mtce.

Edward Superczynski, Elect. Mtce. South

35 Years

Catherine Corcoran, Treasury

Wilbert Dohrmann, Forest Glen

William Kelly, Douglas/Congress

30 Years

Donald Budoff, Stores

Gerald Doherty, North Park

Harold Freiwald, Beverly

Samuel Highsmith Jr., Forest Glen

Joseph Maloney, Kedzie

George O'Donnell, Archer

Roosevelt Russell, 69th Street

Willie Shelton, North Section

Lawrence Thigpen, North Park

25 Years

Isaac Clark, 69th Street

George Knowles, 69th Street

Hurman Mathus, District A

William Melfi, Forest Glen

Peter Naughton Jr., Rail Dist. West

Phillip Purdie, Archer

George Sanders, 69th Street

Gunta Tapins, West Section

Joseph Vallier III, Ashland/61/95

Eugene Wellington, Kedzie

December

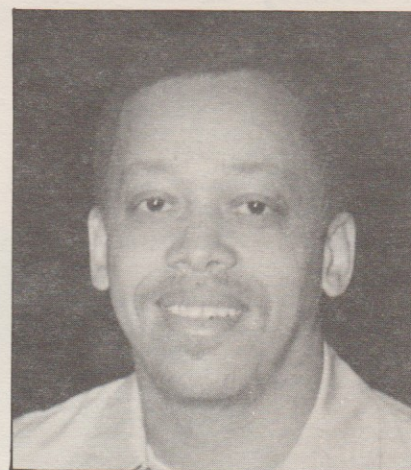
South Shops gets Inside News reporter

Meet **Percy Harrell**, *Inside News* reporter for South Shops, where he is assigned to the Body Shop as a carpenter. Harrell, who joined CTA in 1974, has aspirations for reporting on major events at South Shops, and their impact on employees.

He would like to call his report "Shop Talk," which he said will include a "shop salute" of two employees each month, and highlight their CTA careers.

South Shops personnel with items which they think may be of interest to *Inside News* should contact Harrell on **Extension 216** at the Body Shop area.

Harrell is a former motorman, conductor and switchman. He attended Olive Harvey college where he majored in Industrial Arts. He is married and is the father of two children.



IN MEMORIAM

Gertrude Anderson, 88, Traffic, Emp. 9-7-39, Died 10-21-87
Harry W. Antonion, 92, 61st Street, Emp. 9-6-17, Died 10-9-87
Mary Avallone, 88, West Section, Emp. 6-3-47, Died 11-11-87
William S. Bennis, 80, Archer, Emp. 6-26-43, Died 10-5-87
Robert S. Benson, 79, Transportation, Emp. 7-2-42, Died 9-14-87
Charles A. Bonow, 88, 77th Street, Emp. 3-6-29, Died 10-20-87
Daniel J. Coughlin, 77, Transportation, Emp. 12-10-40, Died 10-28-87
John Coyle, 72, Transportation, Emp. 6-1-72, Died 10-12-87
Charles P. Derrick, 72, Transportation, Emp. 11-18-42, Died 10-25-87
Emily J. Dillon, 74, Transportation, Emp. 1-30-42, Died 10-31-87
Lillian Edel, 73, North Section, Emp. 1-30-42, Died 10-24-87
Otto Ertl, 73, Transportation, Emp. 12-16-47, Died 11-16-87
Christian Evenson, 73, Claims Law, Emp. 6-13-77, Died 10-7-87
George B. Fiezel, 90, Shops & Equip., Emp. 7-29-25, Died 11-7-87
Johan Franciscovich, 85, Shops & Equip., Emp. 11-22-30, Died 11-22-87
John Frugo, 86, Transportation, Emp. 1-8-23, Died 10-87
George J. Geins, 67, Veh. Maint., Emp. 4-1-82, Died 11-19-87
Allen Gilgs, 75, Transportation, Emp. 2-1-54, Died 11-14-87
David S. Guereca, 60, Equip. Engr./Maint., Emp. 6-18-47, Died 10-20-87

William C. Gurgel, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 6-17-20, Died 11-2-87
Charles W. Johnson, 86, North Avenue, Emp. 9-2-42, Died 10-1-87
Victor J. Juknius, 73, Transportation, Emp. 7-12-42, Died 10-26-87
David Kelly, 77, 69th Street, Emp. 11-16-36, Died 10-21-87
Frank Kolcz, 73, North Avenue, Emp. 3-20-46, Died 10-2-87
Peter Kondratuk, 75, Veh. Maint., Emp. 9-13-44, Died 11-13-87
Jack Lapidus, 78, District D, Emp. 1-12-42, Died 11-21-87
William A. Lawson, 56, 69th Street, Emp. 10-14-57, Died 10-8-87
Thomas J. Lenihan, 76, Shops & Equip., Emp. 2-10-43, Died 11-23-87
John J. Madigan, 70, Elect. Maint., Emp. 2-3-43, Died 10-27-87
Patrick J. Maloney, 82, Shops & Equip., Emp. 10-11-44, Died 9-18-87
John Marasovich, 70, Stores, Emp. 9-14-42, Died 10-26-87
Flowers Mason, 70, Transportation, Emp. 1-29-51, Died 10-7-87
Steven Mattes, 79, South Shops, Emp. 6-7-26, Died 10-14-87
Edward McWilliams, 82, Archer, Emp. 11-7-33, Died 10-7-87
Cordell McWorter, 73, North Avenue, Emp. 8-28-51, Died 10-1-87
Walter H. Messer, 91, Electrical, Emp. 12-21-21, Died 10-11-87
Raymond Michalski, 58, West Shops, Emp. 8-1-50, Died 10-8-87
John G. Milos, 87, Transportation, Emp. 5-9-42, Died 10-30-87

Peter Morowski, 78, Transportation, Emp. 6-3-47, Died 10-31-87
Alice Murtagh, 87, Transportation, Emp. 9-19-35, Died 10-11-87
Arthur G. Neuman, 75, Transportation, Emp. 1-26-46, Died 10-20-87
Patrick O'Connor, 87, Transportation, Emp. 9-21-26, Died 11-11-87
Anthony Raimondi, 78, Bldg. Maint., Emp. 5-9-42, Died 10-23-87
Henry M. Ringo, 65, Transportation, Emp. 11-21-42, Died 11-7-87
Roy H. Schneider, 73, Transportation, Emp. 5-2-42, Died 10-6-87
Jackson D. Smith, 77, 77th Street, Emp. 2-7-47, Died 10-17-87
Matthew Smith, 79, Building Division, Emp. 11-14-45, Died 10-10-87
Duane D. Thompson, 57, Transportation, Emp. 8-30-67, Died 11-9-87
Harold Thompson, 91, Transportation, Emp. 1-14-43, Died 10-6-87
Thomas Togher, 62, Maintenance, Emp. 9-17-48, Died 11-5-87
Joseph Turano, 91, Track, Emp. 9-27-22, Died 10-26-87
Joseph Varga, 75, North Park, Emp. 8-29-52, Died 11-20-87
Raymond F. Walz, 80, Transportation, Emp. 8-31-37, Died 10-13-87
Karl K. Warndorf, 90, Transportation, Emp. 9-26-27, Died 10-21-87
Earl H. Washington, 73, Kedzie, Emp. 2-25-49, Died 11-9-87
Samuel Wilson, 85, South Shops, Emp. 7-2-28, Died 10-24-87
Clifford A. Wunch, 70, Veh. Maint., Emp. 2-16-48, Died 11-9-87

CPR training saves a life at Archer station

CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation] is a heart-to-heart life-saving technique that works.

Just ask three Archer garage employees, **Joseph Neely** and **Robert Powers**, bus repairers, and **Rodney Lance**, assistant foreman. The men had been trained in CPR programs and were attending a retirement party when they were unexpectedly put to the test.

The party's honoree, **Anthony Blazeovich**, collapsed from an apparent heart attack. True to their training, Neely, Powers, and Lance responded quickly, administering CPR to the stricken Blazeovich.

They continued their life-saving technique until paramedics were summoned to the scene.

Neely, Powers, and Lance were nominated for the Maintenance employees' award program, "Day in CTA", for their life-saving deed. The three employees enjoyed a luncheon in the exclusive M&M



Archer garage assistant foreman **Rodney Lance** [left], **Robert Powers** [center], and **Joseph Neely**, Archer bus repairers, used their CPR training to save a new retiree's life when he was stricken by a heart attack at his retirement party.

Club in the Merchandise Mart, and a tour of the CTA's Control Center.

"The value of CPR training, learned at other locations, has led CTA to begin its own CPR training program as part of its bus maintenance training program," said **Jim Dudley**, supervisor of In-

dustrial Safety, Facilities Engineering & Maintenance Department.

[Editor's note: Although his co-workers were successful in their efforts to revive Mr. Blazeovich when he was stricken at his retirement celebration, he subsequently suffered a fatal heart attack at his home a month later.]

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