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Welcome to another issue of The Green Pennant Special. It is through this publication that we endeavour to keep the membership informed on happenings in the organization and the transit industry.

*** APRIL MEETING ***

The April meeting of the Omnibus Society of America was held on April 1, 1994, at the Welles Park Field House, located at 2333 W. Sunnyside, in Chicago. The meeting began at 7:00pm.

Like the previous month, this evenings program was also movies, but this time presented by Dave Stanley, and in super 8 mm. Dave kindly dipped into his archives to present us with some movies of long ago OSA fan trips.

*** CTA CORNER ***

It appears that the new CTA Green Line between Midway Airport and the Loop is proving to be a success.

Since this line opened six-months ago, more than 28,000 riders use the nine-mile line each day - nearly as many riders as the Ravenswood Brown sees daily.

This increase in ridership accounts for a 14.6 percent increase in public transit use in the southwest quadrant of the city, a CTA report released on April 20th said.

The Orange line's 20-minute hop from Midway to the Loop has switched over 6,000 former automobile drivers to the new service.

The Orange line is a vital part of an upward trend in CTA ridership after a sharp plummet in 1992. In 1992, CTA ridership fell from 21 million trips a month to 16 million-the result of recession-related job loss in the downtown area. Last year, ridership crept back up to 19 million a month.

*** NEWARK AIRPORT ***

Sometime in 1995, Newark Airport will have a \$378 million monorail system connecting the terminals with long-term parking lots and

rental car services.

Von Roll Transport, a Switzerland-based company, has been constructing the basic shells of the monorail trains. The shells will be outfitted in the company's Pittsburgh facility. The trains are scheduled to arrive at Newark in pieces. They will be assembled in the maintenance shop.

By spring, the first monorail train should venture out to the 1,000 foot test track that will connect the maintenance facility with the track to be used by airport passengers.

The monorail system will become operational in early 1995, using a total of 12 trains. Ten trains will run during peak hours, carrying passengers from distant parking lots to terminals in less than 10 minutes. This is twice as fast as the busses that the monorail will replace.

Work has also begun on the terminal stations and remote stations, where passengers will board the monorail. The monorail system will feature four remote stations - three in Lot D and one in Lot E. The stations, scheduled for completion by September, are fully enclosed, climate-controlled buildings. The stations stand 24 feet above the ground. Passengers will reach the 100-foot by 32-foot platforms using elevators and escalators.

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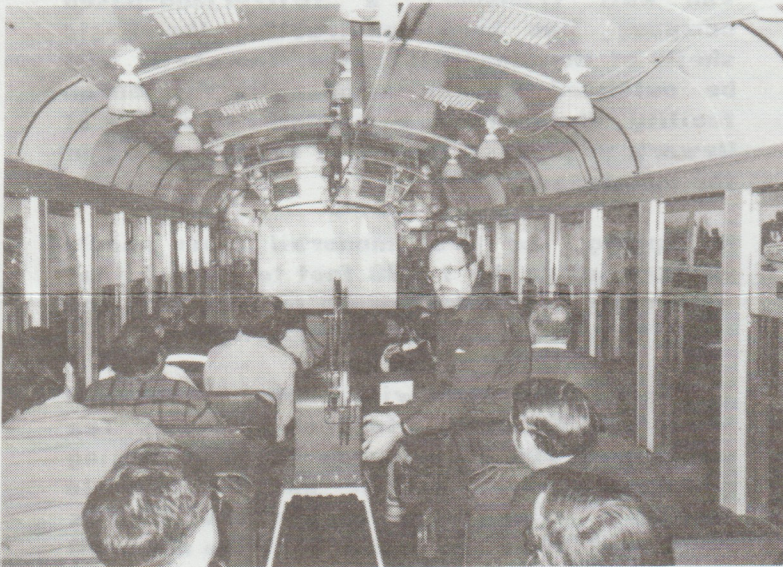
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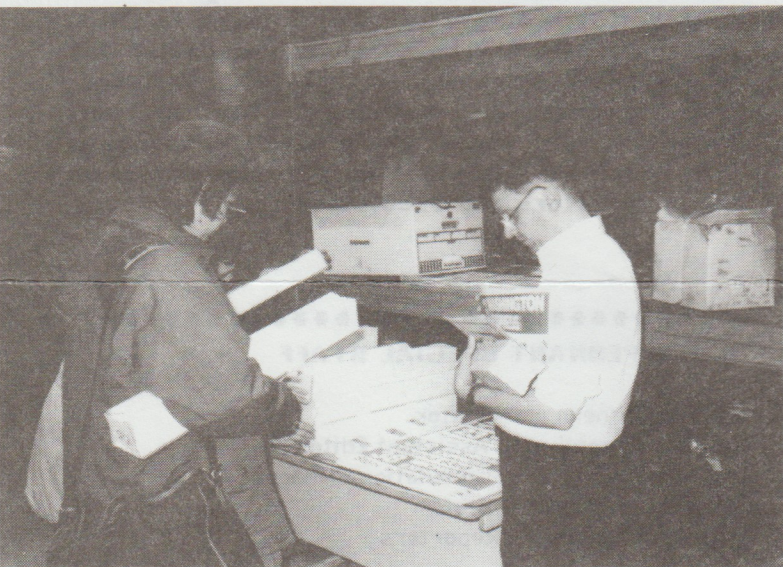
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WALTER KIEVEL PREPARING TO SHOW
HIS MOVIES TO THE MEMBERS



MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN 4272
BEFORE SHOWING OF MOVIES



MEMBERS POKORNY AND CIOFFI CHECK-
OUT THE FREEBIES AFTER MEETING



PICTURE OF MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF
CAR 4271 BEFORE MEETING