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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT**

## L. A. COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS THROWS FULL SUPPORT BEHIND RTD'S TRANSIT PLANS

The 5000 member, county-wide League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County announced at a press conference on January 19 its determination to push for development and operation of an adequate mass transportation system in Los Angeles County.

"Public transportation is a public service which we need for the economic, social, cultural, and physical well-being of Angeles County," said Mrs. William Russell, President of the League, which has chapters in 20 key communities of the County.

"Because public transportation is an essential public utility, we feel the use of public funds is justified. The League will support the use of public funds for the construction and development of a Rapid Transit system including coordinating rail lines, feeder buses, and local service.

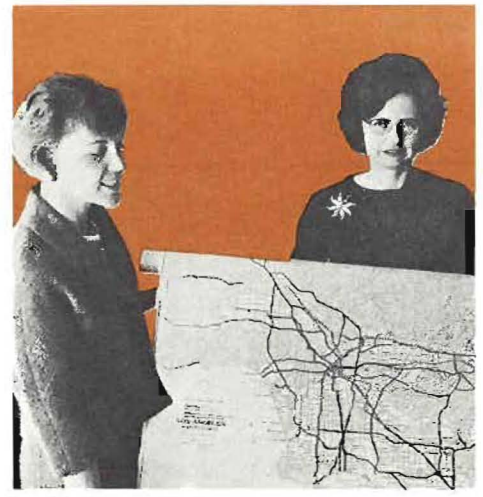
"We also support public funds to provide an operating subsidy to supplement farebox revenues so as to assure adequate service and reasonable rates. Pricing the average user out of public transit or cutting costs by eliminating buses and bus lines will work to the disadvantage of the communities and people of the County."

Mrs. H. Thomas Wilson, director of the study begun in 1965, emphasized the need for a complete system, which would include Rapid Transit corridors, connecting lines, and local service. "Neither Rapid Transit alone nor improved county service nor local service can fulfill the needs of the community."

Control of smog and better city planning would be among the benefits of an adequate public transit system. Large groups in the community would also benefit: students; commuters; senior cit-

izens; residents of poverty areas with little local employment and no convenient, inexpensive means of reaching employment; one-car families; and driverless families.

Mrs. Wilson described the preparatory study which brought together available materials on all the facts and issues involved. "We studied the facts and issues, weighed the pros and cons, observed the SCRTRD in operation, and concluded that we need an adequate public transportation system and should be willing to pay for the costs of both construction and, in part, operations.



Mrs. William Russell  
Mrs. H. Thomas Wilson

"We are car owners and drivers who appreciate the freeways. We are housewives and homeowners who do not want to increase living costs or property taxes. But we know that we need an adequate public transportation system. We also know that an adequate system wholly paid for by farebox revenues is an impos-

## RAYMOND W. GAREAU NAMED CONTROLLER



RTD President Harry A. Faulk has announced the appointment of Raymond W. Gareau, of Boston, to the office of controller. The post had remained unfilled since the creation of the District in 1964.

Gareau will, as controller, oversee the Rapid Transit District's fiscal and system analysis activities. Former vice president of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway, he supervised all fiscal activities and financial operations of the Boston-headquartered firm and has held major positions with other transit agencies.

Gareau, 39, also has served as vice president in charge of general operations for the Union Street Railway Company, New Bedford, Mass., vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Greater Portland Transportation Company, and has held executive positions with the Philadelphia Transportation Company and the Baltimore Transportation Company.

### League of Women Voters

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sible dream. So we are ready and willing to work for public financial support of construction and development of a transit system and for public subsidy of the operation of buses and Rapid Transit lines."



## EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION ASSETS APPROACH \$1.5 MILLION AS MEMBERSHIP RISES TO 2700

"Credit Union assets are increasing each month and have now reached \$1,425,412.25, with a membership of 2700," it was announced by T. V. Collins, Treasurer of the Transit District Employees Credit Union.

"Non-members are urged to investigate the many advantages of Credit Union membership. Our strength depends on our growth, and we could use 500 new members," Mr. Collins continued.

- 1) The Credit Union is a non-profit corporation, owned and controlled by its members for their own financial benefit. Members are the *only* investors.
- 2) The Credit Union has been paying 5% dividends (interest) on members' shares (savings) for years. Only members participate in earnings; the Credit Union is not operated for anyone's private gain.
- 3) Loans are granted at interest rates lower than those of the majority of banks and other lending institutions.
- 4) The Credit Union carries share and loan insurance on its accounts—at no cost to the member.
- 5) On their shares (savings) members get a dollar of life insurance for each dollar they save up to \$2,000 if deposited before age 55. Savings deposited between ages 55 and 70 earn life insurance too, in lesser amounts. No physical examinations are required to be eligible for this insurance, but members must be physically able to perform the regular duties of their livelihood at the time of deposit.
- 6) Any member who is performing the regular duties of his livelihood at the time he was granted a loan is eligible for loan insurance. In the event of death, or if permanently and completely disabled before age 60, any loan up to \$10,000.00 is paid in full by the insurance company.

Mr. Collins reminds members that they may secure payroll deductions in order to make either payments on loans or deposits to their share (savings) accounts—or both.

### LOAN TIPS FROM CREDIT UNION OFFICE MANAGER

Mrs. Ruth Collins, office manager of the Credit Union, reminds all members

that if they pay one-third down on the purchase of a *new auto* the Credit Union will finance the balance at  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% per month on the unpaid balance instead of the 1% per month charged on nearly all other Credit Union loans. "And don't forget," she added, "the Credit Union furnishes loan protection insurance free.

"Why throw money away?" she continued. "Compare our interest rates with those of other lending institutions before you decide to finance elsewhere.

"Do you know that if you borrow from a small loan company you can, and probably will, be charged 3% a month on the first \$50 and 2½% on larger amounts up to \$300? This totals up to interest of \$19.76 charged on a \$100 loan you repay in 12 equal instalments.

"Even at the Credit Union's 1% rate, your total interest on such a loan would amount to only \$6.50 for the year.

"On a \$500 loan, the same small finance company would charge you \$87.08 in interest, if you paid off the loan in 12 equal instalments. The Credit Union would charge you, at the rate of 1%, only \$32.50, or \$54.58 less, than the loan company.

### WHAT ARE ESTATE LOANS?

"An estate loan is money borrowed to build an estate, or cash reserve," explained Credit Union Treasurer T. V. Collins. "It's really a form of insurance.

"In making such a loan, the Credit Union simply credits your share account with the amount you borrow, the minimum loan being \$500. As with any loan, you repay the balance in monthly instalments, with interest at  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1% on the unpaid balance.

- 1) Both share and loan accounts are insured at no cost to the members.
- 2) The loan would be paid in full by the insurance company if you died or became totally and permanently disabled before age 60.
- 3) The amount of the shares (if deposited before age 55) would be doubled for your beneficiary if you should die. (Somewhat lesser benefits are paid on deposits to shares made beyond age 55.)
- 4) And of course payroll deductions are available for this type of loan also."

## HOW DO YOU CATCH A BUS—IF YOU'RE BLIND?

Problems encountered by the sightless who use the public transportation system are being solved—through a series of seminars sponsored by the Braille Institute in cooperation with the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

The first week-long transit seminar for the blind was held at Braille Institute Headquarters at 741 North Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles. SCRTD furnished a demonstration bus and driver to help blind riders find solutions to boarding a bus, finding a seat, requesting information from the driver and alighting.

So successful was the first seminar that the Institute plans to repeat the training course every year.



Guide dog "Ensign" and student Judy

Typical questions and answers:

- Q.** Where should the blind passenger sit in the bus?
- A.** The best place to sit in the bus is in the first seat behind the driver. This also is best for the guide dog because the dog is seen by sighted passengers immediately upon their entering the bus. When you depart via the front door the operator can assist you.
- Q.** Does the driver take the right change from my hand and put it in the box for me?
- A.** No. But he will hand you the correct change for your trip which you place in the box and he then will hand you the balance due you.
- Q.** Will it upset the driver's schedule if I take longer to board and leave the bus than the sighted passengers do?
- A.** It takes no longer for a blind person to board a bus than it does an elderly person. The operator is there to serve you and there is time in his schedule for normal operations.



Opal DuBose (r.), RTD Matron with 29 years of continuous service, receives a rare orchid from the Women's Sunday Morning Breakfast Club, noted for its charitable donations to children's hospitals. This year, Opal was the Club's Number One pledge-solicitor for Cinderella Internationale, annual fund-raising event held in the Beverly Hilton's International Ballroom.



from JOHN F. MONTOYA  
(Division #3):



It pays to drive an ExtraCAR! On December 17 ED HAMM, Jr., Division 3 Operator, married Theresa Kerkenides, one of his Line 25 passengers, in Tijuana, Mexico. After an ExtraFINE honeymoon, happy couple are settling down to a life filled with ExtraBLISS... Division #3 welcomes three new men to our operating ranks: L. B. LEWIS, #1772; H. B. SAUNDERS, #1711; J. R. SYLVESTER, #1706. Like it says on the side of the bus — Welcome Aboard!

## "TERRIFIC" OPERATORS WIN COURTESY AWARDS

Courtesy pays. The District's "Real Terrific Driver" award for November was presented to Glenn E. Serres, a 24-year veteran in public transportation service. RTD Director David K. Hayward, a Redondo Beach city councilman, presided at the Transit District Building ceremonies. A letter signed by 21 of Serres' passengers on Los Angeles-Alhambra-Temple City-Arcadia Line 52 praised the operator for his "extra courtesies," and said "he is just as calm and polite on his last trip at night as he is on his first trip in the morning." The letter continued, "During the rush hours when cars are bumper-to-bumper, he slows down and allows people to pull out of parking lots. When old people get on with a great deal of luggage, he stops and helps them. He has a real heart for the crippled and afflicted and makes them feel that they are someone special!" Serres, wearer of a 21-year safety award pin, is married and is the father of two boys and one girl. The Serres family resides at 12700 Elliott, El Monte.

Robert J. Monday was the District's "Real Terrific Driver" for December. RTD Director Kermit M. Bill, a Huntington Park city councilman, presented the honoree a special Certificate of Merit. Monday, who has completed 19 and 1/2 years of service in public transportation, wears the 19-year safety award pin. A letter signed by 37 of Monday's regular passengers on Melrose-West Olympic Blvd.-Beverly Hills-West Los Angeles-Santa Monica-Pacific Ocean Park Line 4

said of Monday: "He's patient! He's cheerful! He's courteous! He waits for his passengers who have to cross the street." Joyce Nishioka, who signed the letter containing the 37 signatures, added: "Liz Brown and I were not able to get as many signatures as we might... if we were able to ride downtown we would find many, many more to sign this commendation!" Monday is the father of three children, two girls and a boy. The family resides at 1425 Washington Boulevard, Venice.

The District's "Real Terrific Driver" award for January went to A. Ben Bogartz, a 20-year veteran of public transportation. At ceremonies in the Transit District Building Bogartz received a special plaque from RTD Director Douglas A. Newcomb. The letter that won Bogartz the award was written by Mrs. Sybil Copeland. It praised the Operator, who works on Los Angeles-Van Nuys-Pacoima Line 93, for "courtesy far beyond the call of duty." Operator Bogartz, according to the letter, made a special effort in behalf of Mrs. Copeland's sister who is stricken with a nerve disease. "The Operator stopped his bus and picked her up and sat her down in the bus. He helped her to pay her fare and at her destination he carried her off. We want to thank Operator Bogartz and let RTD know we will never forget this!" Bogartz, wearer of a 19-year safety award pin, is married and the father of two children. The Bogartz family resides at 16904 Citronia in Sepulveda.

### NOVEMBER

Glenn E. Serres...and Director Hayward



### DECEMBER

Robert J. Monday...and Director Bill



### JANUARY

A. Ben Bogartz...and Director Newcomb



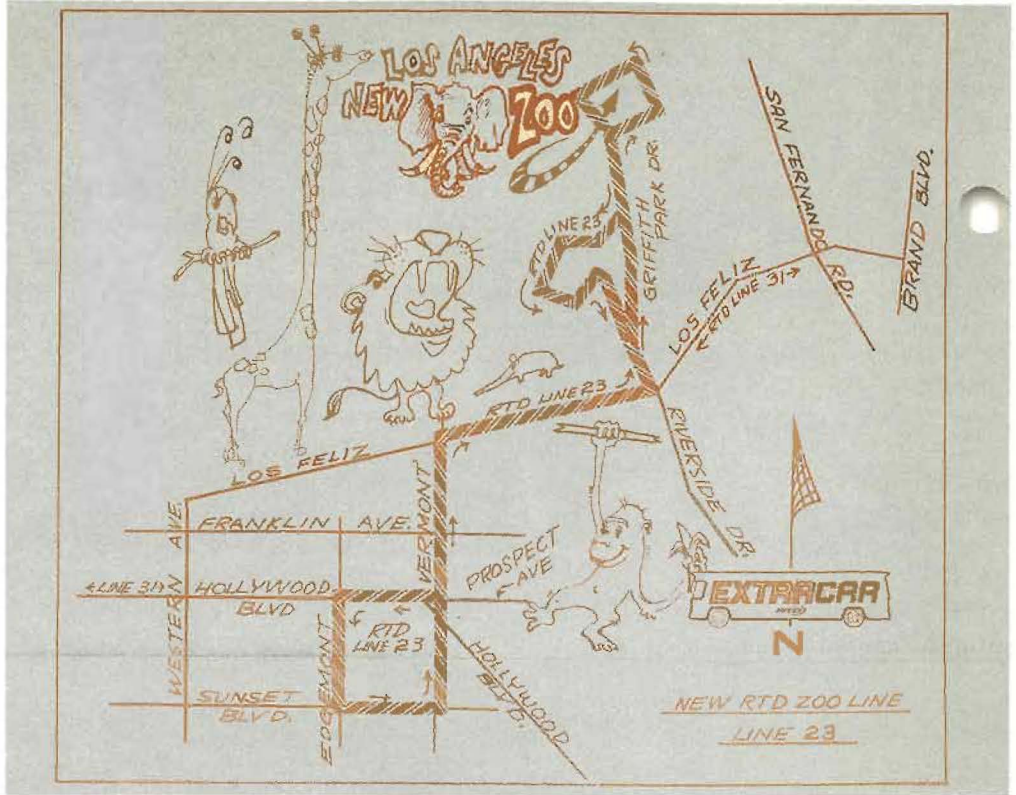
## LINE 23 RUNS TO ZOO SEVEN DAYS A WEEK

Bus service to and from the new Los Angeles Zoo in Griffith Park is offered hourly seven days a week by the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

RTD's Line #23 ExtraCAR service leaves from Vermont Avenue and Prospect Street hourly beginning at 9:30 a.m. and terminates at the new Zoo's entrance. Return service from the Zoo starts at 10 a.m. and continues hourly until 5 p.m., Zoo closing time.

Passengers may board this shuttle service at Sunset and Vermont Boulevards and at all other bus stops on Vermont from Sunset to Los Feliz, and all stops on Los Feliz to the Riverside Drive entrance to Griffith Park. Buses then follow the main road into Griffith Park directly to the Zoo. (See map.)

The ExtraCAR makes the final departure from Vermont and Prospect at 4:30 p.m.



## THESE ARE YOUR TWO-BELLS SCRIBES:

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BY  
WM. F. QUINN, M.D.  
RTD MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Many remarkable medical developments depend, to a large extent, on new X-ray techniques. Newly-developed fluids can be injected and followed through the circulation by rapid-fire X-ray films and movies to reveal abnormalities never before detectable. Now it is possible to pinpoint obstructions in the arteries which prevent blood from reaching vital centers like the brain. This opens up vast new surgical possibilities.

One example is the new approach to paralysis caused by certain strokes. A tiny tube can be threaded through the skin of the arm or leg right into an artery leading to the brain. Through this tube a harmless fluid, visible in an X-ray, can be traced as it flows toward the brain, and the exact point of obstruction may be seen. This often makes it possible for the surgeon to re-open the circulation and restore normal function to a patient who might otherwise remain permanently paralyzed.

## NEW USE FOR TV

One of the most striking new X-ray techniques involves the use of television. A TV camera focused on the X-ray screen picks up the picture, brightens and amplifies it, so that more can be seen with smaller doses of radiation.

There is some concern among many people about the possible hazards in the use of X-ray for diagnosis and treatment. Considering the total amount of radiation to which the world's population is exposed — not only from nuclear explosions but from certain natural sources — medical radiation represents a very small segment of the whole.

Nevertheless, the medical profession — and particularly the radiologists, who are the specialists in the field of X-ray — are most careful to hold the medical dosage of radiation below the danger point and to avoid its use in situations where it might be threatening. In the hands of properly trained professional personnel who use safely designed and shielded equipment (in California such equipment is licensed and inspected), medical use of X-ray presents advantages which far outstrip its risks.



CHERIE SNOW (CENTER) CAN'T BELIEVE IT  
Rapid Transit bus drivers deliver surprise baby shower gifts by bus

## Fellow Employes Surprise Her

# Secret Delivered by Bus

Everyone knows a woman can't keep a secret.

And for obvious reasons Mrs. Cherie Snow couldn't keep secret from the 184 men and one woman she worked with every day why she was leaving her job.

But they kept theirs from her right up to Cherie's last day of work as clerk in the Van Nuys Division office of the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

The obvious reason for Mrs. Snow's announcement of her temporary retirement to Tom Arnott, Division Eight superintendent, was the impending arrival of the Snow family's first child.

As word of her leaving the end of last year spread it was decided to shower her with gifts for the new member-to-be of the family.

And the shower of gifts arrived appropriately enough in an RTD bus.

When the car seat, vaporizer, portable

bottle warmer, crib sheet, blanket, night shirts, sweater set, plastic pants, and toys had been arranged in the stroller and the high chair, Mrs. Snow was given her first word of what was about to take place.

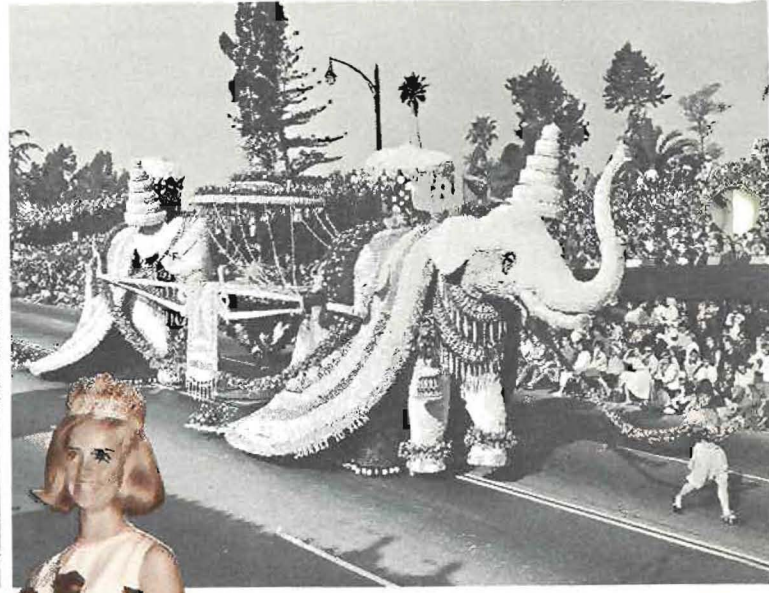
As she struggled through the list of gifts, the off-duty operators and other employes gathered around to cheer her through her tears.

Mrs. Snow will be back on the job in May — the baby is scheduled to make the scene this month, and — who knows there may be more additions to the family. Besides, she likes her work and the people she works with — for obvious reasons.

The Snow family resides at 3016 Los Olivos Lane, La Crescenta.

There is another important member in the Snow family too — the husband William Snow. He teaches grades A-3 and B-4 at the Plainview Avenue School in Tujunga.

So much for him.



## TOURNAMENT OF ROSES RIDERS UP OVER '66



The 1967 Tournament of Roses Parade got under way at 2 a.m., January 2 for many of the operating personnel of the Southern California Rapid Transit District. That's the hour when the first of 301 ExtraCARS started rolling to Pasadena. But the intricacies of scheduling that provided the smooth flow of service from every part of the District, including Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties started months before the Rose Parade date.

Early in October the Schedule Department, under the direction of D. S. Coburn, began planning. Charter-service operators were asked for a preliminary figure of the number of RTD buses they would require, as were the ticket agencies. An initial reserve of 200 buses was set aside for the charter operators and 60 for the ticket agents. At 11 a.m. on January 1 — the final deadline — 120 buses had been requested by the charter companies and 30 by the ticket agents. The latter sold a combination ticket that included bus service to and from the parade as well as a seat for the parade. Similar ticket combinations, including tickets for the Rose Bowl football game, were sold by the charter services. To determine how many buses the District would require for its own routes, the schedule department added 10 per cent to the number of revenue passengers carried in 1966. The final determination was that 151 buses would be needed.

The accuracy of the Schedule Depart-

ment in forecasting the number of buses that would be needed is underscored by the fact that in 1967 there were 19,766 revenue passengers — a gain of 15% compared with 1966, while using 29 fewer buses.

As the deadline neared, George H. Powell, General Superintendent of Equipment, was kept advised so that the mechanics under his supervision would have the buses in first-rate running order. The various Divisions were alerted as to the number of Operators that would be needed.

To back up all this attention to detail, an intensive publicity and promotion program also was started well in advance of January 2.

The News Bureau of the Public Information Department prepared and mailed releases to some 90 newspapers. In addition, special tape recordings were furnished 22 stations. This media-saturation coverage was given more impetus by the Department's Advertising Division which posted appropriate bus-stop aprons at 68 locations along the routes RTD buses used to and from Pasadena.

And it all paid off. There were 2,582 more revenue passengers this year than there were in 1966.



from CLIFTON B. LAWSON  
(Division #3303):

On December 3, HESQUIO AGUILAR and Maria Delgado were joined in holy wedlock at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church in Los Angeles. Happy groom is a mechanic at Division #3303. Upon their return from a two-week honeymoon in Palm Springs, pair set up housekeeping at 5629 Stratford Road, L.A. 90042.

from VERNON R. ROSE  
(Division #3305):

Makes you feel good all over when a fellow-worker gets on his feet, off the sick-list and back on the job. JIM MAURICE MULLEN is with us again after a three-month bout with arthritis. Thumbs up, Jim! . . . Division 5 employees have been taking off toward all points of the compass on their annual vacations: VICTOR RODRIGUEZ went to Denver; ROBERT McKEMIE, Dallas; HOWARD AHRENS, Las Vegas; ROBERTA McGEE, Fontana; FRANCIS LEWIS, Lompoc; BRYANT FORREST, Corona del Mar; and JAMES McKNEELY to Portland, Oregon . . . JOHN WOOLUM is able to resume his duties after a serious hand operation . . . JOSE "Joe" ARANA got as nice a Christmas present as you can get — his mother came all the way from Guatemala to spend the holidays with him.

from JEANNE DAY  
(Planning and Engineering):

Retired Civil Designer HAROLD PETRIE has become a grandfather for the first time. Born January 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Benton Register at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, a daughter — Elizabeth. Harold is tickled pink (naturally). Baby girl weighed in at 8 lbs. 14 oz.

from **BILLY PINDER** 

(Division #3314):


All Divisions and Departments please note: when Christmas rolled round, DOUG PHELPS' wife made delicious fudge for all the boys in the Farebox Department—prepared in the Phelps kitchen with tender, loving care... While we're on the subject, JACK OGDEN wishes "those guys" would eat their jellied doughnuts someplace else during the ten-o'clock break. Jack is trying to drop a few pounds. With jellied doughnuts on one side of him and hot burritos on the other, what chance has a fellow got?... ART CLARK is having a tough time getting people to believe he got his black eye and missing tooth as the result of repairing a car. Stay away from those swinging flywheels, Art... Watchman JIMMY McCUE has it framed and hanging in a place of honor—a sprig of genuine Scotch heather, plucked on a recent trip to Europe by one of the boys and presented to Jimmy as a sentimental reminder of the Old Country... It could only happen in a Ritz Brothers movie: GUS GUNDERSON opened the bathroom cupboard one morning and found himself staring into a sea of suds. His shave-cream valve had gotten stuck and filled the cupboard with foam. Ain't science wonderful?... After a serious auto accident, AL SPARKS of the body shop is home from the hospital and progressing nicely. Hurry back Al, the gang misses you!... GLEN McBRIDE's house was burglarized recently. Fortunately, Glen was able to identify and reclaim most of his belongings at the Police Station.

from **JOHN S. BURTON** 

(Division #3308):

Superintendent EARL COWELL and Leadman A. G. MELVIN are busy making special alterations and changes in our coaches to accommodate the Cummins Engine. Our Second Shift Foreman, CLYDE BURDEN, and Third Shift Foreman, ERNEST KELSO, are also part of the team that "keeps 'em rolling"... VINCENT CONTENT is our nominee for athlete-of-the-year. "Vince" consistently bowls a near-perfect game. Also, last season he managed a Pony League baseball team that finished the year as League champions. Beside all this, he manages every year to train dozens of youngsters in sportsmanship and team-spirit, thereby earning the esteem and gratitude of parents and friends... The new parking facilities at Van Nuys Division are just great. It took months of

negotiating, planning and surveying. And it took tons of dirt, gravel and asphalt. But we now have as nice a parking lot as you'll find anywhere.

from **JAMES L. McKANE** 

(Division #3212):

How's this for a comeback? In December of 1962 the Operators of Division #12 presented a wheelchair to ROBIN OLIVER, daughter of Operator W. J. OLIVER, upon learning she was suffering with a disintegrating hip joint and socket. This act of kindness seemed to lift Robin's spirit and hasten her recovery. With her wheelchair a thing of the past, Robin is now an active swimmer and member of the Long Beach Aquatic Club. At the Hawthorne Invitational Novice Swim Meet, held November 19 and 20, Robin placed 2nd in the Butterfly, 3rd in the Free Style, 3rd in the Backstroke, and 5th as member of the Relay Team!... At the annual Boy Scout Recognition Dinner of Long Beach Council BSA, Operator PAUL COLE received a handsome Thank-You Pin and Scouter's Plaque inscribed: "For Outstanding Service to the Lakewood District, BSA." Both Paul and his wife Mary are active in the Boy Scout movement; Mary received her award two years ago for outstanding service as a leadership Trainer and ex-Den Mother of Cub Pack #136. Their son Roger will be eleven years old this March and plans to go on into Boy Scouting. Besides serving as Webelos Den Leader of Cub Pack #169, Paul is also the Institutional Representative at Douglas MacArthur School, responsible for two Cub Packs and one Scout Troop.

from **JACK OGDEN** 

(Division #3314):

*A Tale of Three Sons:* Capt. George Sardina, M.D., has given up a post as head medic at West Covina Hospital to volunteer for service in the seriously undermanned Army Medical Corps. Dr. Sardina is the son of District glazier FRANK PROVENCHER. Following a brief indoctrination in Texas, Dr. Sardina will be flown to Viet Nam. A rugged hiker and member of the Sierra Club, he distinguished himself some years ago by climbing to dizzying altitudes in the Himalaya Mountains of Tibet to secure rare medical specimens... Another medical son, Dr. Michael Pontrelli, professor of zoology at Syracuse University, recently received a surprise visit from his dad, JOHN PONTRELLI (upholsterer, South Park). Father and son had planned a tour of Eastern universities, but gave up

the idea after the first lap (Cornell U., Ithaca) owing to huge snowdrifts that made road travel next-to-impossible... Your correspondent's son BRUCE, OGDEN played a mean slide-trombone New Year's Day in the USC marching band heading up the Tournament of Roses Parade. Up well before dawn, sleepy Bruce took his place among ranks of yawning musicians to await the Marshal's start-cue. His reward: a handsome thank-you medal from the Tournament of Roses Committee, now hanging proudly in Bruce's trophy-corner.

from **MURRAY SZATHMARY** 

(Division #3301):

A hearty welcome to new employees LYLE H. OWEN, #5828, and WESLEY WILMES, #5820. And an equally hearty welcome back to PRISILIANO LOPEZ, among us once again after an indefinite sick leave... JAY SZATHMARY, son of your scribe, has his heart set on a medical career. A recent interview resulted in his acceptance by the Chicago College of Osteopathy and Surgery—Jay plans to start his studies in September.

from **RUTH ROGERS** 

(Real Property Management):

On December 28, LINDA FLOCK presented the world with a 20-inch long baby girl named Tracy Renee, weight 7 lbs. 10 oz. ... CYRIL GAUL, a veteran of 32 years' service, has joined the information operators, dispensing directions to callers asking how-to-get-there. A former street-car conductor, motorman and Supervisor, Mr. Gaul worked the temporary Main Street Station all night on New Year's Eve... Born November 30 to Hugh and LENNA DAY, a 7 lb. 6 oz. pink package named Elisabeth Andrea. Dad works for Airport Transit.

from **CALVIN W. SMITH** 

(Division #4):

Operator A. H. JONES of Division #5 has helped organize a male glee club at the 105th Street Christian Church. Results are promising. Group could use more voices. Can you carry a tune?

from **THEODORE EVANS** 

(Division #5):

Bowling has long been a family hobby for the MARVIN S. PETTIFORDS. Now it's paying off—in cold, hard cash. Thanksgiving weekend at Encino Bowl, Marvin won a \$720 jackpot plus a \$100 First Place. But that wasn't all. Bowling as a team, he and Doris earned a \$50 bonus for breaking 1375 (their combined score: 1380). Pretty good "pin" money, huh?

from ELMER E. CAPEK

(Division #10):

A hearty welcome to the following newcomers. We're glad you're with us: H. HALL, #1108; M. L. HARRISON, #1553; R. S. MEYERS, #1575; W. HUDSON, #1670; R. L. SANDERS, #1677; J. E. TEFFETELLER, #1867; C. KING, #1856; D. WASHINGTON, #1845; L. W. QUICK, #1844; G. MAGENO, #2099... Airman GALEN J. CAPEK, your correspondent's son, came home for the holidays after completing 72 missions on his first tour of duty in Viet Nam. Galen is an ICT man on a C-121 radar plane and a member of the "Big Eye" Task Force. Recently named Airman-of-the-Month in his unit, he is stationed at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento.

from ROD SHADLE

(Purchasing & Stores):

Scoring 643 in a local bowling league series doesn't come easy for HAYES L. ARCHER. Archer, stationery department storekeeper at South Park, bowled a 600 series for the second time in his life on November 14. He scored a 198-225-220 at San Gabriel Lanes in a Mixed Foursome League. Currently in his 24th year with the District, Archer served as storekeeper at Division #1 for five years before moving to South Park... Mr. and Mrs. CURTIS MILLER welcomed their first child, a son, at 11:30 a.m. November 15 in Kaiser Hospital. Miller is a Junior Invoice Clerk in Purchasing and Stores. The mother is the former Mary Stigner, employed by the Los Angeles School Board. Newcomer weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz.

## DISTRICT RETIREES

NOVEMBER 1, 1966 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 1967

NAME	OCCUPATION	YEAR JOINED
Theodore Deak	Operator	1947
Chris P. Henricksen	Operator	1947
Harry C. Hunten	Operator	1928
Jose S. Montes	Mechanic	1946
Edward J. Pennington	Watchman	1946
Simon Rinkus	Equip. Supt.	1926
Paul G. Roberts	Operator	1923
Clyde H. Sellers	Mechanic	1939
Sam J. Smith	Operator	1945
James P. Trainor	Operator	1942
Alva D. Venable	Operator	1944

from W. G. "BILL" FIELD  
(Division #3307):

Paul Kenneth Gonzalez, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. GONZALEZ, Mech. "A," was born at 5:30 a.m. on January 18 at Glendale Community Hospital. Entries on his birth certificate read: weight, 7 lbs. 6 oz.; length, 19 inches. Over the Christmas weekend, your correspondent and wife drove the Santa Susana Pass, stopping over at the mobile home of Operator GEORGE BATTELLE of Division #7. The Simi Valley was unexpectedly verdant and lush - try it sometime, it's a welcome relief from battling the freeways.

### ED WRIGHT: GRANDDAD

RTD Manager of Operations ED WRIGHT became a grandfather for the first time on December 30 when Rebecca Sue was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Peak of 10351 Miralago Place, Santa Ana. New arrival weighed in at 6 lbs. 5 oz. at St. Joseph's Hospital in Orange. Rebecca Sue has blue eyes and reddish hair (lots of it). Mr. Wright, in a burst of grandparental pride, insists they didn't used to make babies as strong or as smart as this one. Astute observers are already noting a decided resemblance between



Rebecca Sue

the features on the left

and the features on the Wright.



...and friend.

### A GIRL FOR GILSTRAPS

Born December 6, to Assistant Manager Jack Gilstrap and wife Pauline, a baby girl - at Huntington Memorial Hospital, Pasadena. Her vital statistics: 7 lbs. 11 oz., length 20 3/4". Daughter Melissa is the Gilstraps' second child: son Peter is 3.



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