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Merry Christmas

Greetings at * *



From Our Chairman

ON BEHALF OF the other members of the Authority and myself, I wish to extend to all of you and your families best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

With the loyal and thoughtful support of all, the New Year may well be one of great accomplishment for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

From Our Executive Director

CORDIAL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS and a sincere wish that 1961 may be the happiest of New Years for each of you and each member of your family.



SAFETY AWARD PIN for 15 years of operation with MTA and predecessors without any chargeable accident is presented by Executive Director C. M. Gilliss to Dakin Boardman as other operators—who have just received their 15-year pins from Mr. Gilliss—watch. Seated, from left, are D. R. Parks, G. J. Stoddart, Joseph Mahon, G. W. Demarest, and V. C. Engel. Standing, from left, are J. J. Wolfe, R. W. Steedman, N. C. Bayerle, F. W. Happel, W. K. Holsberry, and L. B. Meek. Some of these men, as well as others not shown, have operated many more than 15 years without chargeable accidents or other blemishes.

New Safety Awards Given Operators

"THE SAFE DRIVING of operators like you has given MTA a national reputation," Executive Director C. M. Gilliss told 12 MTA veterans on Dec. 5 as he presented each of them a gold safety award pin with ruby for 15 years of operating transit vehicles on the system without chargeable accident.

The ceremony signified the reinstatement and consolidation of previous safety award programs that had been carried on by predecessor companies, according to the Transit Casualty Co.'s safety engineer, J. H. Prutsman, who is in charge of the current program.

"Records indicate that the last safety awards were issued late in 1957," said Mr. Prutsman. "Since the formation of MTA, all operators' records have been evaluated back to Jan. 1, 1945.

"From the date he is hired, or from Jan. 1, 1945, whichever date is later, every operator is in this contest. He is entitled to a one-year pin as soon as he completes 12 consecutive months of operation without a

chargeable accident or other award penalty. For each consecutive 12-month period of similar operation thereafter, he is entitled to an additional year's award.

"If an operator has a chargeable accident after winning a pin, his eligibility for the next award begins the day after the accident."

Specially chosen to represent their respective divisions at the opening ceremony, the 12 operators who received their pins from Mr. Gilliss were among 60 who had won 15-year pins as of last June 30.

General Superintendent of Transportation George F. Goehler and Mr. Prutsman later visited the divisions to present the remaining 15-year pins as well as the lesser awards won to date.

A similar system of safety awards, based on avoidance of employee injuries, is being worked out in the Maintenance, Electrical, and Way and Structures departments, according to Assistant General Manager M. Edwin Wright.

FROM A ROOF TOP on Melrose Ave. near San Vicente Blvd., camera looks north at Division 7, West Hollywood. Hollywood Hills are in the background. Buildings in center are service station and garage. Low, flat-roofed building just over right edge of garage roof is the transportation building. Group of buses at right are on strip of property recently acquired from PE to enlarge bus storage space. Bus in foreground is about to make a right turn into exit driveway to San Vicente Blvd., which runs north and south just outside left-hand edge of photo. Entrance driveway, from San Vicente, is beside floodlight tower at the left.



Division 7, West Hollywood



DIVISION 7 SUPERINTENDENTS A. C. Tieman, transportation, left, and W. W. Aldrich, maintenance, talk over solution of mutual problems during one of their daily conferences.

KNOW YOUR MTA LOCATIONS

(Fifth of a series)

Division 7, West Hollywood

LOCATED about midway between Beverly Hills and Hollywood, Division 7, in West Hollywood, provides local bus service in the heart of the heavily populated west side of Los Angeles.

Routes assigned wholly or partially to Division 7 operators are on such main thoroughfares as Wilshire, Sunset, and Hollywood Blvds., and on Fairfax Ave., the "driveway" for the famous Farmers' Market.



CLOSER VIEW of transportation building, at north end of West Hollywood Division.



OPERATORS' ROOM, Division 7, West Hollywood. Game of dominoes going on in foreground.

Division 7, West Hollywood

The considerable expansion in manpower and facilities at the West Hollywood division in the past year emphasizes its importance in MTA plans. The number of operators has increased from 241 to 362 since June 19, when Division 4 was closed and its drivers were shifted to Divisions 5 and 7, which are now the largest single divisions in manpower on the system.

The garage, built new only half a dozen years ago, has been enlarged so that its pits can accommodate six instead of three buses. The storeroom,



INSTRUCTION in fare zones is given by Head Instructor C. E. Brown to Operator R. S. Turner. Two other instructors at West Hollywood are P. B. Powers and W. C. Liles.

EXTRA BOARD for the day is posted by C. B. Ballenger, assistant division superintendent.

OPERATORS Clinton Riggan, left, and Rufus Hudson check schedule changes posted on special bulletin board separated into sections by transit line number.





CLERKS' OFFICE — Seated is V. T. Griffin. Other clerks are, from left, W. T. Cox, G. H. Todd, and C. M. Meade. The division has a total of seven regular and three extra clerks.

enlarged only last June, is again being expanded.

Additional bus parking was obtained by purchasing this year a strip of ground 500 feet long and 35 feet wide, on the east side of the division.

A tire room on the north end of the lot was opened in October.

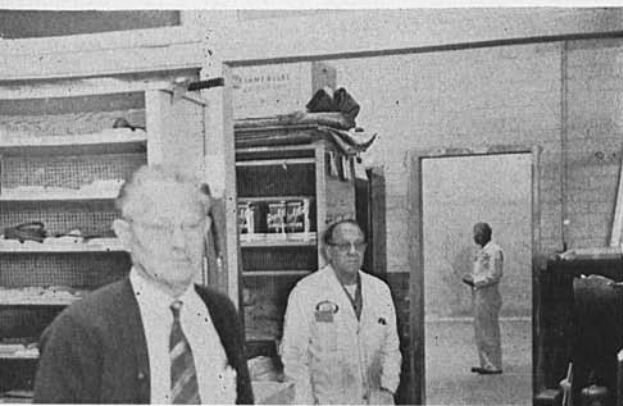
In mileage operated, Division 7 ranks fourth—on the basis of a figure of 564,436 miles in September, regarded by the statistical department as a typical month.

Transportation operations are under Division Superintendent A. C. Tieman and Assistant Superintendent

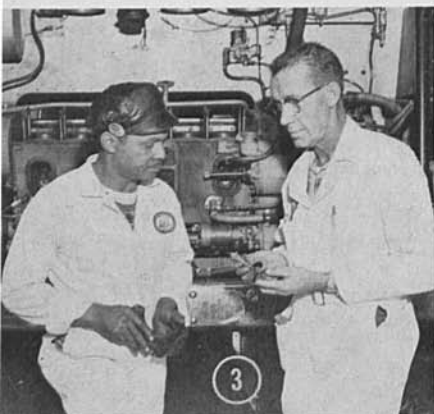
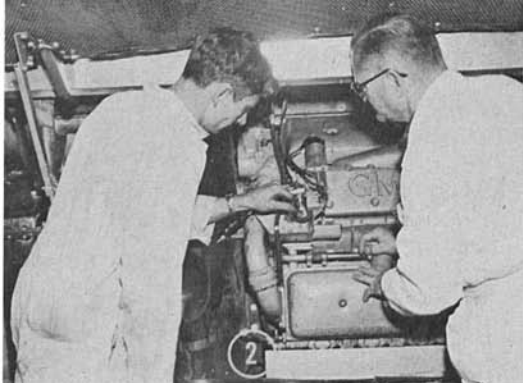
C. B. Ballenger, with the help of seven regular and three extra division clerks, three instructors, and a steno-clerk.

Maintenance is directed by Division Superintendent W. W. Aldrich, who supervises a force of over 50, with a foreman and a leader on each of the three shifts.

(Next time: Division 8. The reversal of the previously announced order from the high- to the low-numbered divisions is due to the absence on vacation of Division 8 Division Superintendent Earl Jardell.)

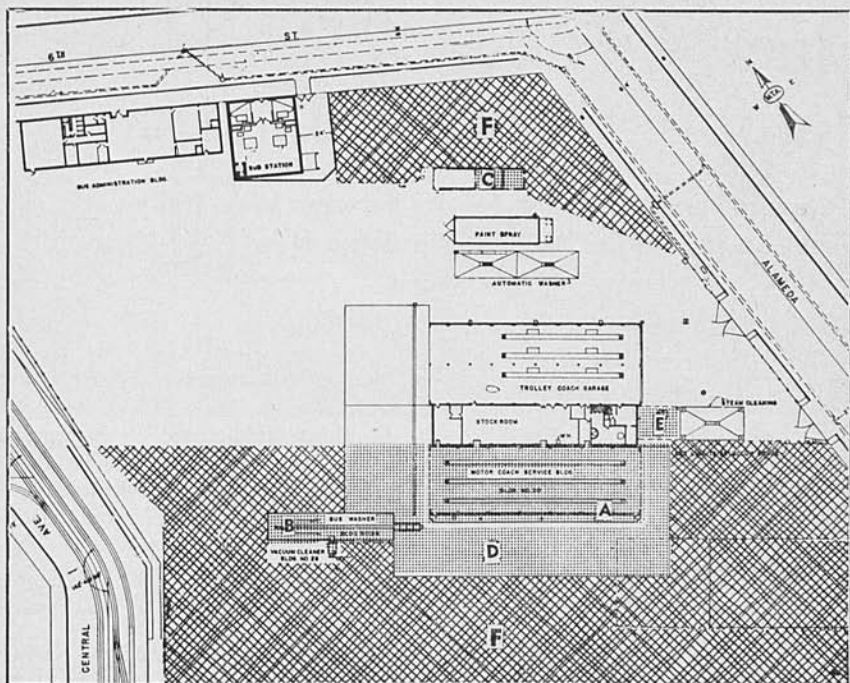


STORE GROWS—To show how store has grown through the years, W. W. Aldrich, maintenance division superintendent, left, stands in original room; next, Storekeeper G. H. Gingrich stands in section added last June; and, through door at rear, Shipping and Receiving Clerk Art Cahill is seen in large new room now in the process of construction.



Glimpses of Maintenance At West Hollywood Garage

(1) Repairing a door mechanism is Leadman Ray Fletcher, of the third shift. Foreman R. T. Arrington inspects the work. (2) Mechanic Melvin Purkeypile, left, completes a job of repairing engine shut-off cylinder. Second shift Foreman Fred Webking checks work. (3) Day Foreman Wayne Spittler, right, "mikes" a main bearing taken from bus engine by Mechanic Sanford D. Jefferson, of the first shift. (4) On the second shift, Leadman Gordon Brown, left, looks over defect card from bus being fueled by Utilityman Calvin C. Choates. (5) Mechanic John Pantera, right, calls the attention of Leadman Rollin Johnston, first shift, to an air-ride bellows that may need replacement. (6) Second shift Leader Claude Stauffer checks 190 fuel tickets in anticipation of deluge of buses that will come in after 6:00 p.m. for service after their day's runs have been completed.



DIVISION ONE PLOT PLAN — (A) New bus maintenance garage and service station. (B) Automatic bus washer and vacuum cleaner. (C) Extension to tire building and (right half) new paint storage room. (D) New concrete slabs around bus garage. (E) New roofed shelter for trucks. (F) Sections of lot to be regraded and paved. In lower section near southeast corner of bus garage is existing substation barely outlined under shading. This substation is to be removed. Unshaded portions of lot show existing structures which will remain. For space reasons northwest and southeast portions of property are not shown in this cut.

Division 1 to Add Buses Next May 1

DIVISION 1 will become a combination trolley coach and bus division about May 1, states Assistant General Manager M. Edwin Wright.

"The relocation of the Electrical, Way and Structures, and Mechanical Engineering department to Macy St., and the use of the Macy yard to store equipment and materials now at Vernon Yard, make it necessary to move the 120 buses now stored at Macy to new quarters," Mr. Wright said. "Some will be moved to Division 1 and some to Division 2."

The opening of the new transportation building at Division 1 in mid-

November was but the first step in new construction at that point. Shown above in the shaded portions of the plot plan are the garage addition, service station, bus washer, and vacuum cleaner listed in the last issue of THE EMBLEM. Portions of the lot to be graded and paved are also shown.

Other new features will be new yard lighting, motor-operated doors at each end of the garage, driveways for buses on both Central and Alameda, and five 10,000-gallon tanks for fuel and oil, Mr. Wright said. The stockroom will also be enlarged.

Line 99 to Be Combined With Portion of Line 27 January 1

**Change Permits Through Service Between West Hollywood
and Southwest Los Angeles; To Begin New Year's Day**

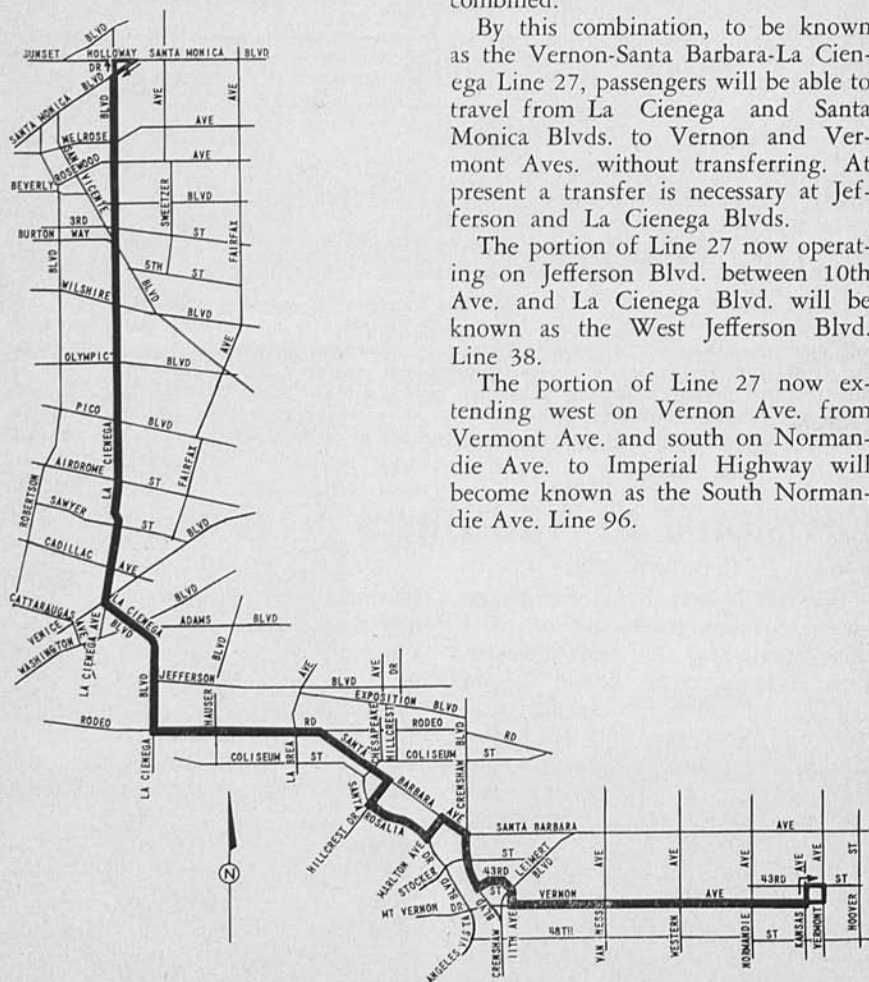
THROUGH SERVICE between West Hollywood and southwest Los Angeles will go into effect New

Year's Day when Line 99 (La Cienega Blvd.) and a portion of Line 27 (Normandie - Vernon - Jefferson) are combined.

By this combination, to be known as the Vernon-Santa Barbara-La Cienega Line 27, passengers will be able to travel from La Cienega and Santa Monica Blvds. to Vernon and Vermont Aves. without transferring. At present a transfer is necessary at Jefferson and La Cienega Blvds.

The portion of Line 27 now operating on Jefferson Blvd. between 10th Ave. and La Cienega Blvd. will be known as the West Jefferson Blvd. Line 38.

The portion of Line 27 now extending west on Vernon Ave. from Vermont Ave. and south on Normandie Ave. to Imperial Highway will become known as the South Normandie Ave. Line 96.



MAP of proposed new Vernon-Santa Barbara-La Cienega Line 27.



FIRST PRIZE — a transistor radio complete with leather carrying case — is presented to Division 7 Operator H. R. Harrington, center, by Jack Stewart, assistant general superintendent of transportation, as C. B. Ballenger, assistant superintendent at Division 7, looks on.

3 Win Prizes for Attendance At Showing of Safety Film



WHEN attendance slips turned in by those who viewed the safety film, "Knowing's Not Enough," were tossed in a barrel Nov. 10, the names of an operator and two mechanics were drawn as winners of three prizes donated by the Transit Casualty Co.—For names

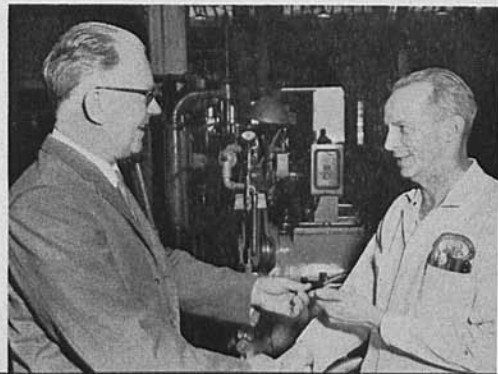
of winners and their prizes, see photos on this page.

F. A. Payrow, November Operator of the Month, drew the name of the lucky operator. In a separate drawing for Equipment Maintenance Department employees, Fred Yenour, assistant superintendent of equipment, drew the names of the lucky mechanics.

SECOND PRIZE—a wallet—is presented to Elton Ford, left, utilityman on the second shift at Division 2, by Foreman L. E. Johnson.



THIRD PRIZE—a deluxe ballpoint pen—is presented to Charles Bauman, right, mechanic, South Park, by Supt. Norman Lane.



Commendations

113 Operators Honored During October

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 113 operators, who received commendations during October:

V. M. Adamson, Division 1; A. J. Alvarez, 20; R. D. Andrews, 10; H. D. Apel, 7; Albert Armelin, 5; A. J. Arnone, 3; E. W. Barnett, 9; G. I. Battelle, 7; R. E. Bernard, 2; Estelle O. Black, 2; D. G. Blackmer, 11; T. H. Brown, 7; H. W. Bryant, 7; C. T. Burris, 7.

O. L. Caroway, 3; R. J. Charpentier, 5; J. D. Cleveland, 3; L. R. Crozier, 20; H. J. Crunk, 9; A. O. Davila, 6; C. A. Deguire, 5; Theodore DeLora, 3; G. W. Demarest, 6; H. H. DePratt, 7; R. L. Dewey, 5; C. H. Donahoe, 2; E. A. Evans, 7; Harvey Evans, 7.

L. H. Faulkner, 11; Esequiel Flores, 3; R. M. Frank, 3; M. L. Fretwell, 5; D. B. Galvez, 11; D. L. Gladwell, 10; W. H. Gohn, 6; C. A. Gurske, 7; Jethro Hassen, 3; E. M. Haas, 8; H. R. Harrington, 7; T. P. Hervey, 2; W. A. Hicks, 5; F. M. Huizar, 3; D. T. Hutton, 7.

L. D. Jensen, 6; W. L. Kennedy, 5; J. M. Kienegger, 8; G. M. Kirby, 7; A. R. Kook, 3; J. O. Koontz, 20; R. D. Kornell, 20; D. A. Lackey, 6; H. L. Lavato, 3; E. D. Lee, 2; F. V. Lemaster, 6; R. S. Lenoue, 6; M. E. Levin, 7; J. H. Livingston, 5; E. H. Martin, 5; L. R. Maspero, 20; J. W. May, 5; W. K. McDonald, 5; L. B. H. Meeks, 3; J. L. Melton, 1; W. H. Menges, 7; H. J. Menard, 3; C. E. Merriweather, 8; L. L. Murdock, 2; R. B. Nevarez, 1; O. A. Ortega, 20.

J. W. Palmer, 8; R. L. Parker, 2; L. H. Perea, 8; Leonard Premelaar, 6; J. W. Range, 7; W. R. Renard, 20; R. R. Rideout, 7; C. J. Robbins, 6; L. J. Ruiz, 20; C. J. Russell, 7; H. F. Sadberry, 3; W. J. Saddiewhite, 1; A. L. Sartin, 6; P. D. Schmidt, 5; P. N. Schmidt, 7; Ann G. Schulz, 7; R. G. Seymour, 8; C. J. Simington, 2; Albert Singleton, 10; R. L. Smith, 7; Robert Smith, 3; E. A. Sorenson, 11; J. W. Stevens, 6; C. E. Streffler, 20; C. P. Swepe, 9.

R. A. Thacker, 8; J. R. Thompson, 2; W. B. Tibbs, 20; A. D. Venable, 7; G. F. Vogel, 2; R. J. Walters, 5; Mildred C. Ward, 5; C. B. Warfield, 7; J. A. Warren, 8; W. S. A. Weary, 7; R. L. Webster, 6; D. B. White, 7; H. E. Whitney, 10; C. E. Wilson, 8; J. C. Williams, 1; Lewis E. Willis, 20; J. W. Winston, 5; P. F. Wolstenholm, 7; H. L. Woodford, 11.

Frank A. Payrow Chosen Nov. Operator of the Month

"I GREET my passengers with a smile and a 'good morning,' try to keep my troubles to myself, and—don't talk politics!"



Frank A. Payrow

This was the reply made by Frank A. Payrow, November Operator of the Month, when asked how he keeps on friendly terms with his passengers.

Mr. Payrow was selected by a committee of El Monte business leaders not connected in any way with MTA. They did not know until several days after they had selected a letter praising a certain operator for his courtesy that the person was Frank Payrow, because all letters in the contest are retyped in blank from the originals. That is, all references to name, number, and line are eliminated in the retyping.

The winning letter praised the operator as "always courteous and patient," "a careful and cautious driver [who] thinks ahead before plunging into traffic," "always cheerful," and one who "goes out of his way to be helpful."

A Division 2 operator with more than 14 years of service, Mr. Payrow lives in Long Beach with his wife and two children: Diane, 17, a student at Long Beach City College; and Steven, 9, a Cub Scout. Both parents are active in the Cub pack.

The operator's hobby is landscaping his home with rocks, cactus, and wagon wheels.

New Faces

A HEARTY WELCOME to the following new employees who joined MTA between October 17 and November 15:

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL

Accountant: William Louis Duffy.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Receptionist-Stenographer: Nola L. Pearson.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Mechanic "B": Frank P. Albano, Paul G. Dubrouil, Lee A. Massey, Jesse G. Villegas, Jerome S. Whitelock.

Utility "A": Roland Bonner, George Hillery, Osie L. Williams.

PERSONNEL

Medical Clerk-Receptionist: Sylvia M. Anderson.

Steno-Clerk: Susan N. Stearns.

Typist-Clerk: Robert J. Miller.

TRANSPORTATION

Operator: Gordon L. Alcorn, Division 20; William H. Bentley, 20; Robert M.

Bolds, 5; Kay Lavell Brown, 2; Joe L. Bumgarner, 2; William E. Carr, 20; Stanley B. Chase, 7; Lewis L. Clark, 10; Clyde Cummings, 3; Henry Darwin, 7; Frank El Fattal, 20; Salvador H. Gaitano, 20; Leonard Grissom, 5; Paul Hagen, 10; Clayton Charles Hall, 2; Jimmy D. Holland, 10; Donald Joseph Hudgens, 10; Morris Wayne Hunt, 8.

John P. Jones, 3; Mingo H. Jones, 5; Donald Gene Keyser, 2; Hans Richard Leuchtag, 2; Theodore R. Long, Jr., 7; Francis J. Lynn, 10; Claude H. McCracken, 5; James T. Melor, 20; Robert Eldon Messner, 5; Joseph Albert Mitchell, 5; Alexander A. Moore, 7; Kermith A. Muthleb, 5; William E. Napier, 20; George V. Norcia, 7; Lester E. Osborne, 7; Camilo Perez, Jr., 3; Richard Ecton Powell, 8; Robert E'mer Primm, 5.

Lloyd B. Rees, 5; Raymond D. Rodgers, 5; Hugues Rosellini, 20; Donald W. Sholley, 20; Alvin Sims, 10; Eugene Striblin, 2; Donald W. Todd, 7; Raoul B. Van Zile, 3; Lewis A. Yantis, 3.

WAY AND STRUCTURES

Temporary Laborer "B": Agapito Alvarez, William Bowman, Fidel H. Hernandez, Harry E. Ryan, Josef Salomon, William R. Wagner.

On Their Way Up

CONGRATULATIONS to the following employees, who took a step up the ladder between Sept. 23 and Nov. 6:

Raul F. Rodriguez from mechanic "B"

to mechanic "A," Division 13, Riverside, Oct. 23. Employed Aug. 1, 1959.

Hubert C. Thomas from mechanic "B" to mechanic "A," Division 9, El Monte, Oct. 23. Employed July 22, 1957.

Robert M. Varing from extra clerk and operator, Division 20, to division clerk, Division 2, Nov. 6. Employed June 2, 1956.

In Memoriam

THE EMBLEM reports with regret the death of the following:

Jewell M. Bunch, 60, retired division clerk, Transportation Department; Aug. 14; service, 1923-1945. Survived by his wife, Berenice.

Otto A. Draffke, 62, leader, Division 8, Maintenance Department; Nov. 4; service from 1927. Survived by his stepson, Henry Ashton.

Nell L. Flanders, 57, clerk, Accounting and Financial Division; Nov. 8; service from 1940. Survived by four sisters: Mrs. Frances Johnson, Mrs. Edna McIntosh, Mrs. Edith Willey, and Miss Jean Scott; and two brothers: Robert O. Scott and A. J. Scott.

Lewis L. Wimberly, 74, retired superintendent of transportation; Nov. 3; service, 1911-1945. Survived by his wife, Mary.

Allen T. Nunn, 71, retired operator, Division 2; Oct. 7; service, 1923-1954. Survived by his wife, Mable.

Decision to Purchase 175 New Buses Is Among Recent Authority Actions

THE PURCHASE OF 175 new buses for delivery in 1961 was approved by the Authority at its Nov. 15 meeting.

The Authority approved the recommendation of its purchasing committee that 140 of the buses be purchased from General Motors and 35 from the Flxible Co.

In making the committee's recommendation to the Authority, Chairman Don Belding pointed out:

"The purchase of the 140 GM motor coaches recommended here would cost the Authority \$177,764 more than would 140 coaches offered by the Flxible Company. However, the staff of MTA reports that the difference in delivery schedules between the two companies represents a difference in operating and maintenance costs of \$206,000 in favor of the GM delivery. The purchase of the 140 GM buses, therefore, represents a net saving to the Authority of \$28,000."

General Motors will build 80 buses of the city type and 60 of the inter-urban type. Of the latter, 30 will have gearshifts, and 30, automatic transmissions.

The 35 from Flxible will be all of the city type.

OTHER DECISIONS

At the same meeting, the Authority decided to:

1. Rent part of the Pasadena bus storage building to the Tournament of Roses Association for the construction and decoration of floats between Dec. 7 and Jan. 2.

2. Request bids for MTA's petroleum requirements for one year beginning Feb. 1, 1961.

3. Authorize relocation of the 16,500-volt high line from poles to

underground on Hoover St. between 20th and 22nd Sts., where the Santa Monica Freeway is coming through.

4. Authorize construction, for about \$7,700, of a radio maintenance shop on the ground floor of the Maintenance Department building at Division 2. This new shop will replace the existing shop, which is to be torn down.

5. Authorize the \$6,000 installation, under the viaduct at Sixth and Main Sts., of light and power switching facilities to replace some of those at the Sixth and Alameda Sts. substation, which will be removed. (See plan on p. 9).

The new 240-volt light and power switch will serve the Los Angeles St. bus terminal, the viaduct (including rail switching facilities but not trolley power), the switch tower, and Division 11 maintenance facilities and storage yards.

Line Car Operator Retires

ALVIN U. CALVERT, Division 12 operator who piloted the line car at night for more than eight years

retired Oct. 15 after service from 1942 with MTA and its predecessors.

He spent the first 10 years of his service working out of the Subway Terminal on box motors.

His retirement followed a year of indefinite sick leave. He and Mrs. Calvert plan to travel when he becomes well enough.



Alvin U. Calvert

**Debra Makes Her Wish
On the Candy Cane Bus**

"PLEASE, SANTA, I want a jack-in-the-box and a cash register," says Debra Lee James, making her wish as directed by the sign on the Candy Cane Bus.

Pretty Debra Lee is the 4 1/2-year-old granddaughter of Mechanic Thomas G. Smalley, of the South Park Shops, where the bus was painted.

The design for the red and white striping was worked out by General Foreman A. F. Kilgore. Painting was by Kenneth Stepp, Joseph Montes, Homer Blue, and Harlan Schumacher, under the supervision of Gus Gunderson, body shop foreman.

Sponsored by the Downtown Business Men's Association, the Candy Cane Bus is expected to add zest to the holiday atmosphere as it travels in regular service on lines entering and leaving downtown Los Angeles.

Expectant Parents!

THE PLEASANT TRADITION of announcing in THE EMBLEM the first baby of the New Year born to MTA parents has grown up with this publication.

However, in order to make such an announcement, the cooperation of the parents in notifying THE EMBLEM is necessary. The news is available from no other source.

If your baby is born in the first few days of the New Year, call THE EMBLEM on extension 435 promptly. Your child may be the title-holder for 1961!

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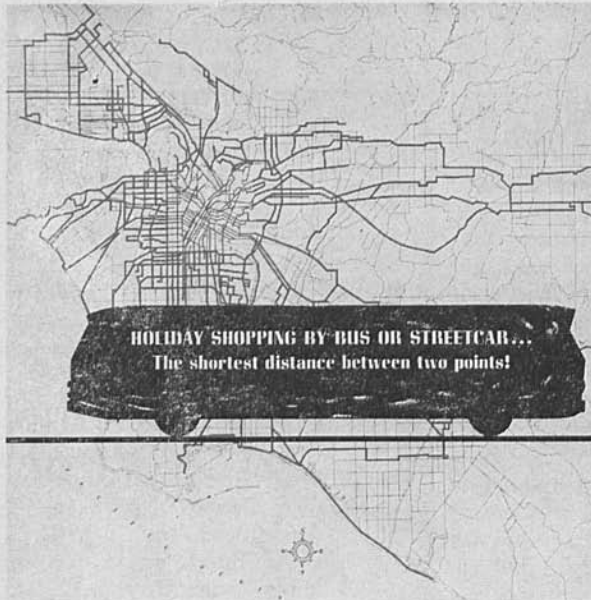
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