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- Governor Signs MTA Bill (Cover story, page 15)
- Picture Story on Divisions 3 and 10
- New Treasurer and New Controller Appointed



QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION—Operators crowd around California Highway Patrolman Jack Wetmore (center, facing camera) at El Monte Division safety meeting to get a CHP officer's point of view on their traffic problems. This scene was typical of all divisions.

BRT, CHP Cooperate with MTA And TC in "Impruv-Ur-Record"

IN A JOINT EFFORT to reduce traffic and passenger accidents on the system, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the California Highway Patrol are cooperating with MTA and the Transit Casualty Co. in the current "Impruv-Ur-Record" contest now at all divisions.

Evidence of such cooperation was especially apparent at some 75 divisional safety meetings held in July and early August to explain to Operators the purpose and plan of the contest.

Typical of the meetings were those held at El Monte July 18 and 20.

Here 160 Operators heard talks on various phases of safety from their Superintendent, J. T. Johnston; Assistant General Superintendent of Transportation Jack Stewart; BRT Local Chairman C. H. Cantrell; California High-

way Patrolman Jack Wetmore; and Chief Safety Engineer J. W. Prutsman, of the Transit Casualty Co.

Specifics on the contest came from Mr. Prutsman, who said:

"Fellows, we're trying to reduce all accidents, but especially the rear-end collisions (Type 23) and the passenger falls (Type 63). We're giving these special attention because, although the percentage of occurrence is fairly low, the percentage of cost in claims is high.

"Beginning last July 1, each division is competing, month by month, for the remainder of 1961, against its record for the same months of 1960. In addition to the Type 23 and Type 63 accidents, the categories in the contest include traffic accident frequency, passenger accident frequency, the average number of witnesses per report, and the ratio of accident reports with no witnesses," he added.

DOOR PRIZES being drawn for at El Monte. Assistant General Superintendent Jack Stewart mixes up the attendance slips and C. H. Cantrell, left, Local Chairman, Lodge 390, BRT, draws lucky Operators' names.



"The Brotherhood feels that the unions have as much at stake in this safety contest as the Authority," said Local Chairman Cantrell to the El Monte men.

"For this reason the BRT is donating a trophy which will go each month during the contest to the division that shows the greatest improvement in its record for that month over the same month of 1960. At the end of the six-months contest period, the trophy will become the permanent possession of the top division."

The point of view of a law-enforcement officer on traffic safety was expressed to Operators by California Highway Patrolman Jack Wetmore.

"Allow yourself plenty of stopping distance so you can avoid those quick stops," he urged his hearers. "One bus length for every ten miles an hour is about the right spacing."

Officer Wetmore was one of a number of CHP officers detailed for a like purpose at all divisional

meetings in the "Impruv-Ur-Record" contest.

Following his talk, a motion picture, "Code 1179," produced in sound and color by the CHP and depicting a day in the life of one of its officers, was shown.

At the conclusion of the film, the Highway Patrolman was surrounded by Operators eager to learn his point of view on their handling of buses.

"In my seven years with CHP, I've found you fellows good drivers," he told his hearers.

The last divisional meeting was on Aug. 3 at Division 3. Operators are now looking forward to the announcement as to which divisions had 100% attendance at the safety meetings.

At each of these 100% divisions, two safety meeting attendance slips will be drawn from a barrel containing all the division attendance slips. The Operators whose names are drawn will each receive a special prize.



DIVISION SAFETY MEETING—At El Monte, Division Superintendent J. T. Johnston opens meeting with a short talk.

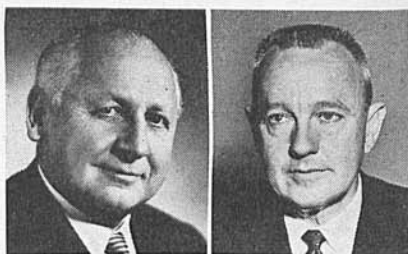
Braunschweiger Named Treasurer, Black, Controller, of LAMTA

WALTER BRAUNSCHWEIGER, a prominent Southern California business and civic leader, was named Treasurer of the Metropolitan Transit Authority at the Authority meeting of July 14. He will serve in an advisory capacity.

At the same time, the MTA Board appointed H. L. Black Controller. He will serve as administrative head of MTA's Accounting Division. Mr. Black had been serving as Acting Treasurer and Controller since the resignation of W. W. Wakelee on May 19.

Retired Executive Vice-President of the Bank of America, Mr. Braunschweiger will advise the Authority on problems connected with the financing of a rapid transit system, on the current MTA bond indenture, and on other financial matters connected with MTA operations.

Now Chairman of the Los Angeles Central City Committee, Mr. Braunschweiger is a Past President of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles



Walter Braunschweiger

H. L. Black

Downtown Business Men's Association, and the All Year Club. He is also a former Vice-President of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Black, who had been serving as Assistant Treasurer before he was appointed Acting Treasurer and Controller, was formerly Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, and Assistant Controller of Los Angeles Transit Lines.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

On Their Way Up

CONGRATULATIONS to the following employees, who took a step up the ladder between June 11 and July 2:

C. M. Andrus from Mechanic "A" to Mechanic "A" Leadman, Division 9, July 2. Employed June 17, 1948.

Louis Baca from Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk, Division 7, June 17. Employed Sept. 19, 1945.

F. A. Barbarossa from Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A," Division 2, June 18. Employed Oct. 12, 1960.

W. J. Cecil from Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A," Division 2, June 18. Employed June 23, 1960.

R. R. Cox from Utility "B" to Utility

"A," Division 5, June 18. Employed Feb. 20, 1942.

J. P. Diaz from Laborer "B" to Laborer "A," Way and Structures Department, June 16. Employed Dec. 10, 1959.

P. G. Dubreuil from Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A," Division 1, July 2. Employed Nov. 3, 1960.

J. A. Ferguson from Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A," Division 20, July 2. Employed Feb. 13, 1961.

A. M. Gracy from Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk, Division 6, June 14. Employed Sept. 25, 1960.

C. G. Kook from Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk, Division 3, June 18. Employed Feb. 1, 1960.

Frances H. Robinson from Information Clerk to Assistant Supervising Telephone Operator, Real Property Management, June 11. Employed Oct. 17, 1955.

Commendations

N. J. Eller, Division 3, July Operator of the Month

N. J. ELLER, of Division 3, was selected by a panel of impartial judges as Operator of the Month



N. J. Eller

for July because of his unflinching courtesy toward his passengers.

Two daily commuters who said they had been riding with him on his Eagle Rock-Hawthorne Line 5 schedule for at least the past three years wrote the Authority praising him for his "cheerful personality, unflinching sense of humor, as well as his thoughtfulness and consideration for each and all riders as individuals." They also spoke of his "ever present smile."

On the basis of the statements made in this letter, the judges—three officials of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce—awarded him their first choice for the honor, which carries with it the gift of a check for \$50 from the Authority in appreciation of the good will evidenced by the outstanding courtesy of such Operators as Mr. Eller.

"First time I've ever won anything!" was Mr. Eller's gleeful comment when told of the honor that had come to him. His service with MTA and its predecessors dates from 1934.

Asked for his recipe for getting along with passengers, the Operator of the Month said,

"I don't try to get away from people—I wait for them at transfer points and still make my schedule."

The Operator lives with his wife

79 Operators Honored In July for Courtesy

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 79 Operators, who received commendations during the month of July:

V. M. Adamson, Division 1; G. N. Alexander, 5; S. M. Alexander, 3; K. C. Anderson, 5; R. D. Andrews, 3; H. D. Apel, 7; J. T. Bail, 7; Harry Barrish, 7; E. M. Baylor, Jr., 7; L. S. Bernard, 5; D. H. Bogenberger, 7; H. A. Brown, 2; E. N. Brunswick, 5.

J. R. Carlin, 8; H. R. Castellano, 12; P. R. Ciaccarello, 10; W. S. Crawford, 7; C. V. Crosley, 1; J. M. Culbreath, 7; L. A. Davis, 8; J. R. De Costa, 11; Theodore De Lora, 3; N. J. Dionne, 12; B. L. Dixon, 7; C. M. Dravis, 20; Reyad El Fattal, 3; G. C. Esposito, 3; W. J. Esters, 3; W. J. Green, 9.

Frank Hackman, 2; F. G. Hall, 3; H. J. Harrigan, 2; D. T. Harter, 7; R. L. Heaton, 2; R. J. Hennessy, 12; W. H. Hicks, 5; Lawrence Hill, 7; H. S. Holcomb, 20; R. M. Humphreys, 5; O. F. Johnson, 9; T. H. Jones, 2; L. J. Lampshire, 5; H. L. Lovato, 3; M. E. Kittinger, 12; F. W. Koenig, 6; C. F. Kohler, 3; J. H. Kosman, 2.

O. J. Maynard, 5; Willie McCoy, 3; J. E. McGee, 20; L. W. McWalters, 3; G. A. Miller, 6; R. B. Owens, 8; J. F. Polaco, 5; W. A. Prewitt, 8; AunFrance Reed, Jr., 7; C. L. Richmond, 7; J. C. Ripley, 9; B. V. Rodriguez, 2; C. D. Ross, 11; B. J. Rush, 6.

M. J. Saniga, 7; A. G. Schultz, 7; Leonard Sellick, 5; C. J. Shaw, 11; H. W. Shaw, 11; J. W. Slickelman, 6; S. V. Smith, 11; R. R. Sperber, 20; T. W. Spurgeon, 20; R. W. Stillwell, 6; S. C. Swanson, 7; J. S. Theisen, 7; R. L. Webster, 6; C. E. Wilson, 8; C. W. Wisler, 7; S. S. Wollam, 3; E. L. Worsham, 9; A. M. Yates, Jr., 2.

in Alhambra. The couple have a married son and daughter who have presented them with four grandchildren. Mr. Eller relaxes with yard work and freshwater fishing.



KNOW YOUR MTA LOCATIONS

(Ninth of a series)

**Division Split Makes It Easier for Men to Qualify;
System Basic Training Given All New Operators Here;
\$63,000 Worth of Improvements for Facilities Coming**

Divisions 3 and 10, Los Angeles

FOR CONVENIENCE, the location is usually referred to as "Division 3," but there are actually two divisions under one roof on the huge bus lot at 630 W. Ave. 28, a half mile north of the point where the Pasadena Freeway crosses the Los Angeles River.

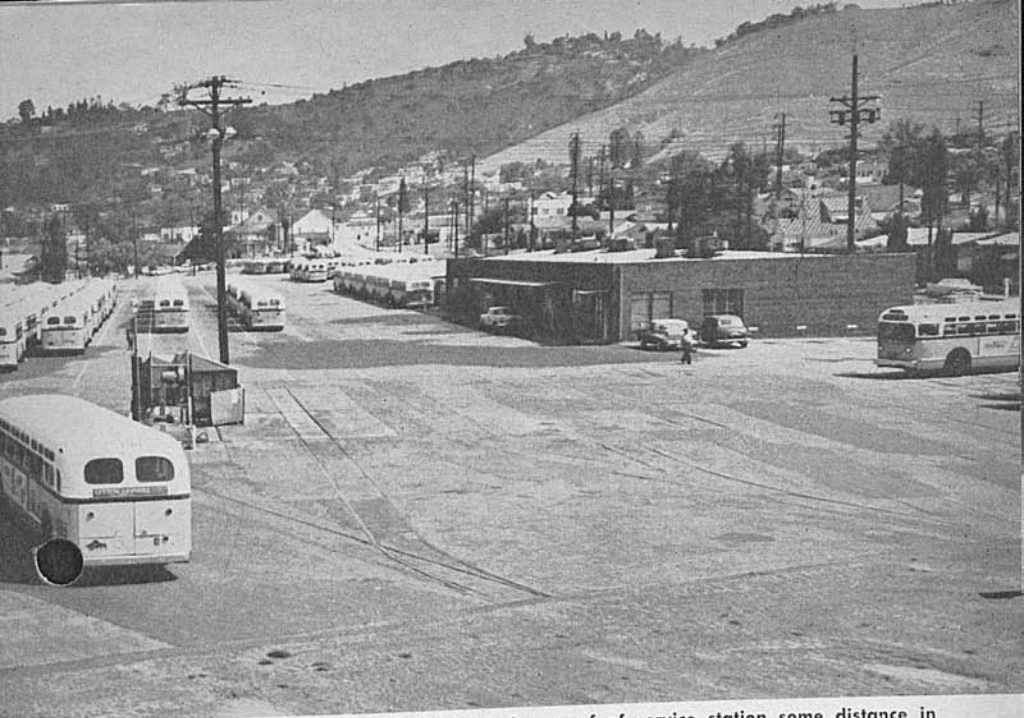
Six of the system's longest local lines and one of the shortest are in Division 3; and 10 shorter shuttle lines are in Division 10.

"It's easier for an Operator to qualify on seven or 10 lines than on 17," pointed out Ross J. Bragdon, Superintendent of both divisions, in explanation of the split.

Of the 344 Operators under his jurisdiction, 211 work in Division 3, and 133 work in Division 10. The staff necessary to handle this large operating group includes an Assistant Division Superintendent, Kenneth E. Funk; nine Division Clerks; a Division Stenographer; two Instructors; and a Janitor.

The 229 buses are maintained by a force of 59 under the supervision of Otto Schmokel, Division Superintendent, maintenance. There are also three men handling the store.

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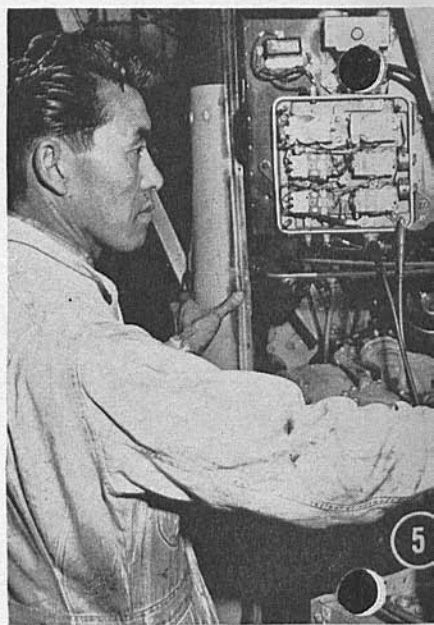
DIVISION 3, as seen when one looks north from roof of service station some distance in from the south boundary of the lot. Long building at left is the garage. Roof partially shown at extreme left is over steam-cleaning rack. In left foreground, Utilitymen are pre-cleaning bus before sending it through bus washer. In center foreground, bus is heading for vacuum cleaner. Low building at right is division transportation headquarters.

OTTO SCHMOKEL, Division 3 Superintendent, maintenance, looks over a bus reported to need a dent ironed out at left front.



ROSS J. BRAGDON, right, Divisions 3 and 10 Superintendent, transportation, talks over with Operator H. F. Sadberry vacation schedule Mr. Bragdon has just posted on bulletin board.

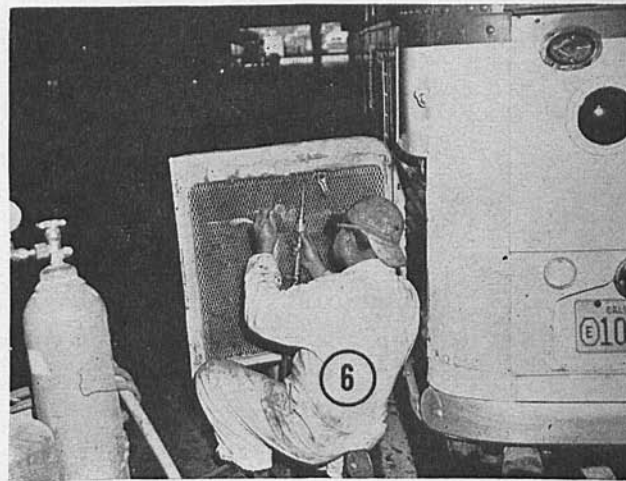
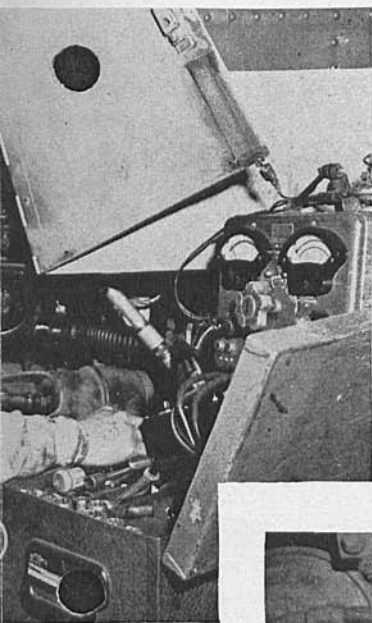




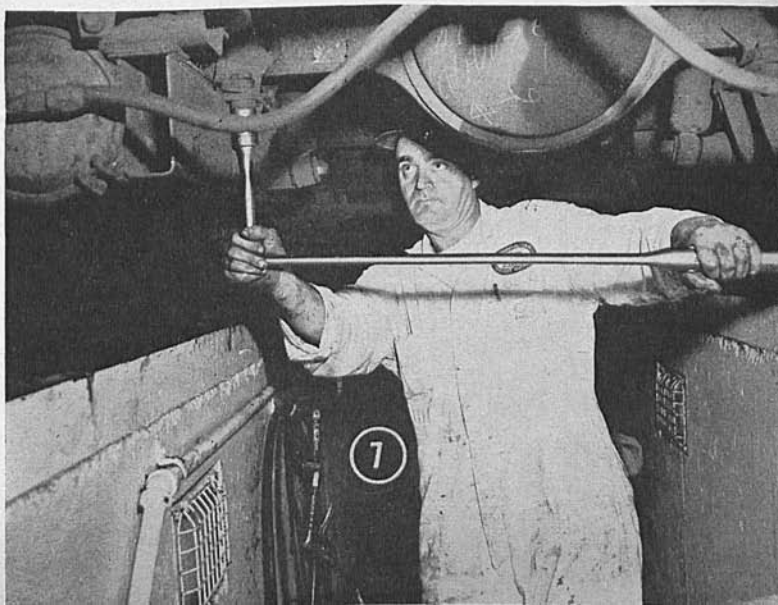
At Work in Division 3 Garage

(1) Cleaning bus interior are Eleanor Hernandez, left, and Alice Garcia. (2) Making up pull-out sheets is Shop Clerk Byron Derry. (3) Receiving a supply of clean coveralls from laundryman are Louis C. Knollmiller, Storekeeper, left, and Jack W. Langford, Junior Clerk. (4) Pulling a rear wheel to inspect for a possible leaking

seal is Leadman Earl Cowell. (5) on a 5100-class bus is Mechanic E. (6) Welding a bent radiator grill is Mechanic Sam Casillas. (7) Torque suspension brackets is Mechanic E.



Adjusting the voltage
technician Michael Nakayama.
After straightening it is
using U-bolts holding air-
line. Skinner, on inspection.





INSPECTION AREA, looking toward south end.

Division 3 Garage

RUNNING REPAIRS AREA, looking toward north end.

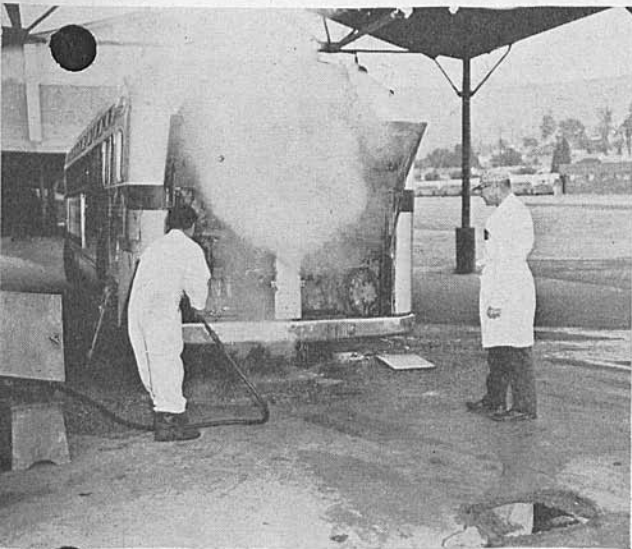
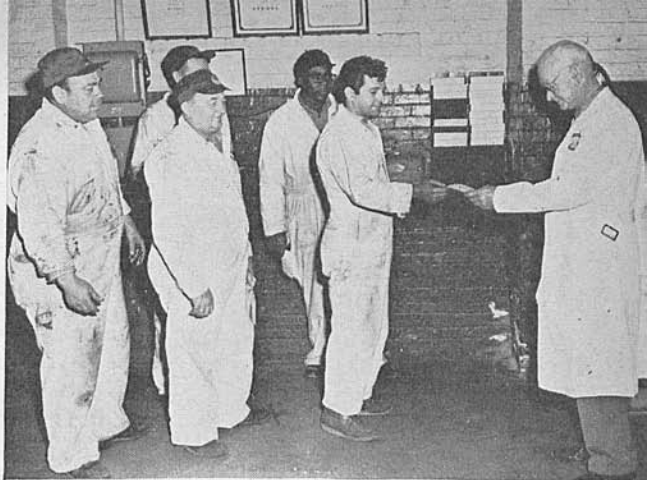


ABOUT 6 P.M. on week days, the south end of the yard begins to fill up with coaches coming in from runs. These are serviced and cleaned as needed and parked for morning.



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C. R. ("BUD") LACY, third shift Foreman, right, hands out pay checks to his men.

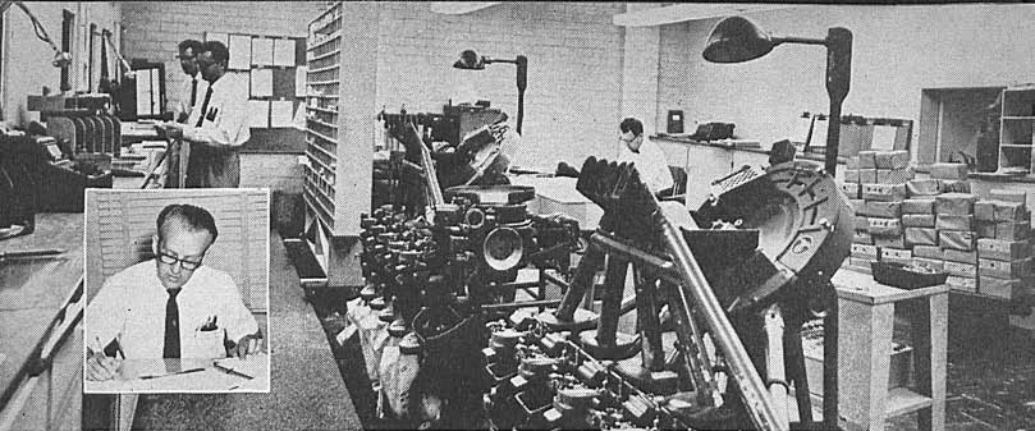


THOMAS WATTS, first shift Foreman, right, inspects steam cleaning job being done on a bus engine by Mechanic Frank Sanchez.

HUBERT DENNIS, second shift Foreman, right, supervises installation of new heater radiator in a 2800-class bus. Mechanics are Leonard J. Davis, left, and Herbert Fassbender.

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DIVISION CLERKS' OFFICE—Standing at windows are Glenn Nieman, left, and D. A. Pierre; seated in background in H. C. Ferguson. Inset is L. G. Homrighausen. Note coin-counters.

Division 3— Transportation



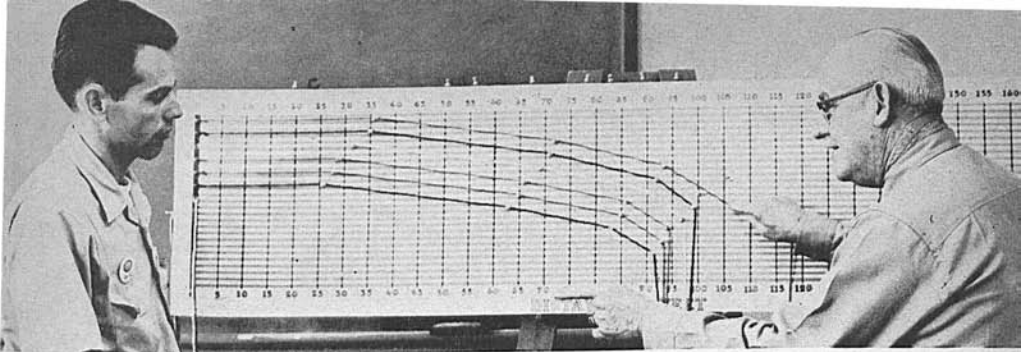
KENNETH E. FUNK
Asst. Division Superintendent



DOROTHY NYE
Division Stenographer

OPERATORS' ROOM





ROBERT L. WOODROW, right, Instructor at Division 3, explains to Operator **E. P. De Cambra** the meaning of the reaction board. Each colored string represents one Operator's record in the reaction test drive made in the river bed. Each vertical black line represents five feet of distance traveled, beginning with zero at left. The distance from zero to the last thumb tack is total stopping distance at 30 mph; zero to first thumb tack, reaction distance; first to last thumb tack, braking distance; first to second thumb tack, braking distance the first second; second to third thumb tack, braking distance the second second; third to fourth thumb tack, braking distance during the third second.

Division 3—Instruction

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Approved by the Authority July 14 was a \$63,000 work order calling for the removal of old rail and ties in the division lot; repaving an extensive area; building new washroom and locker facilities for maintenance forces; installing a second vacuum cleaner; enlarging the clarifier for the steam cleaner to prevent oil and grease from entering sewers; and repairing the brick wall of the shop building.

Because of its central location, excellent classroom facilities, and well-qualified staff of Instructors headed by R. L. Woodrow, Division 3 has a unique distinction. After Operator candidates have undergone preliminary orientation at the main office of the Instruction Department, Chief Instructor M. J. Storer sends them all to Division 3 for three days of basic training before they go to their respective home divisions. The basic training includes driving tests on the Rio Hondo River bed, practice in bus operation on streets, classroom instruction on the laws of motion,

and study of MTA fares and transfers. At their home divisions, the knowledge gained is applied to the particular lines the new Operators will work.

ON THE RIO HONDO RIVER BED—This level, miles-long, concreted, trafficleless surface is ideal for training Operators to maneuver a bus. Here one is going through the obstacle course, a 500-foot zigzag trip between rubber pylons set 10 feet apart.



New Faces

A HEARTY WELCOME to the following new employees who joined MTA between June 16 and July 13:

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DIVISION

Clerk: H. E. Battles, G. L. Boughton.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Mechanic "B": H. L. Carrasco, R. E. Sloan, L. G. Zwiebel.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Steno-Clerk: Margaret L. Thomas.

PURCHASING AND STORES DEPARTMENT

Junior Stock Clerk: B. T. Jobgen, R. C. Steadman.

REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Information Clerk: Marie J. Heilman, R. M. Holder, Helen M. Kendall, LaVonne I. Searcy.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Operator: W. T. Beal, Jr., Division 5; Alven Blake, 5; H. H. Brown, 5; R. C. Clancy, 8; C. R. Cockrell, 8; M. G. Conrad, 20; H. B. Day, 20; W. J. Douglas, 7; J. I. Fargen, 1; T. E. Fowler, 7; John Franks, Jr., 7; C. V. Goodwin, 5; D. L. Hamilton, 7; Marvin Hartley, 20; V. L. Thielman, 7; W. E. Henry, 1; J. M. Hoofman, 1; J. C. Kelly, 7; M. J. Laborde, 7; L. E. McCrary, 1; Samuel Montoya, 6; P. L. Murphy, 5; Joseph Romeo, 10; S. J. Stachura, 5; E. E. Taylor, 6; Leroy Thompson, 20.

Relief Stenographer: Helen F. Wells.

WAY AND STRUCTURES DEPARTMENT

Laborer "B" (Temporary): M. M. Chavez.

In Memoriam

THE EMBLEM announces with regret the death of the following:

Laura V. Baldwin, 75, retired Laborer, Division 3; July 17; service from 1921 to 1946. Survived by a daughter, Mrs. Roberta B. McGee, a Utility "B" at Division 20; and a son, Thomas.

William A. Maitland, 89, retired Mechanic; June 23; service from 1911 to 1946. Survived by his wife, Ella.

Frederick O. Roberts, 61, Operator, Division 5; July 9; service from 1930. Survived by his wife, Doris.

Ernest E. Wilke, 72, retired Operator, Division 5; July 6; service from 1925 to 1950. Survived by a son, Robert; and two daughters: Mmes. Esther W. Wald and Catharine W. Furse.

Painters Escape Lightning

MECHANICS Ignacio Davalos and Hector Galindo narrowly escaped with their lives when lightning struck the switch shanty at Division 20 on Wednesday, July 12.

They were on a scaffold painting the top of the building about 8:30 a.m. when a bolt struck during the unusual July thunderstorm.

"We saw smoke around the roof and a light inside the shanty after we heard a clap of thunder," they said. "We jumped down right away and ran."

"I never saw two men move as fast as those painters did," declared Switchman R. L. Wilson.

"I hope lightning never gets that close again," said the two Mechanics, fervently. Both are employees of the Way and Structures Department.

NOT PAINTERS HERE—Versatile Way and Structures Mechanics Ignacio Davalos, left, and Hector Galindo are shown here helping build new pits at the South Park Shops. But they were up on a five-foot scaffold with paint brushes in their hands at the Georgia St. switch shanty when lightning struck on Wednesday, July 12.



OUR COVER

Governor Signs MTA Bill As Co-Authors, Eyraud, Watch

GOVERNOR Edmund G. Brown, seated at right, as he signed Assembly Bill 2643 on July 14, with MTA Chairman A. J. Eyraud, standing, right, and some of the co-authors of the legislation. Co-authors are, from left, Augustus F. Hawkins, Assemblyman, District 62, Los Angeles County; Senator Richard Richards, District 38, Los Angeles County; and Assemblyman Charles H. Wilson, District 66, Los Angeles County.

Commenting on the bill, the Governor said:

"I consider passage of this measure one of the most significant actions of the 1961 legislative session affecting Los Angeles.

"I supported the bill from the moment it was introduced by Gus Hawkins. It represents one of the steps we must take to fight the creeping paralysis that threatens our metropolitan areas.

"I want to congratulate the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority for demonstrating that it is years ahead of public transit agencies in other parts of the country in developing a rapid transit system."

Said Mr. Eyraud: "With the signing of A.B. 2643 the Authority now has the springboard for a program of action.

"We now are not talking studies. We are talking construction of a system."

ACME Receives Thanks From CP for Gift of \$150

A LETTER OF THANKS has been received from the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Los Angeles County for a gift of \$150 from ACME.

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