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General Manager's Report

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Our ACME (Associated Charities, Management-Employees) drive was a tremendous success. It was all possible because of the deep concern you demonstrated for the efforts of the charitable organizations supported by ACME. (See story, page 12)

As chairman of this year's drive, I took the occasion to visit some of the organizations which rely upon us for a portion of their operating expenses. The work they are doing is heartwarming. We can all take pride in the knowledge that we are contributing to important research aimed at eliminating diseases, or to activities that provide necessities for the less fortunate.

Our funds are helping make new breakthroughs in disease prevention possible, the kind of breakthroughs that spelled the end of polio. Certainly, most of us remember when every summer brought the fear of a new infantile paralysis epidemic. Contributions to ACME helped in the development of the Salk vaccine.

We know what it means for children who cannot laugh and play like most youngsters. ACME contributions are helping more and more of these youngsters to lead normal, useful lives.

ACME contributions help in numerous other ways, such as providing funds for organizations aiding families in need of financial assistance.

Many of us took advantage of our payroll deduction plan to make our ACME pledge. Because we were able to have our pledge deducted over a 12 month period, most of us increased our participation.

I would like to thank the three unions which represent 90% of the RTD's employees—the United Transportation Union, the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and the Amalgamated Transit Union. All enthusiastically backed ACME. Kenneth Moore, Lyle Burkhart and Homer Porcher each share with me the gratitude—of the benefiting organizations—for the way in which you responded to this year's drive.





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DIVISION 9-13 FINAL WINNER

Sam Nelson congratulates Division 9 & 13 operators on winning RTD's safe miles contest for 1969.

25-year safety award pin holder John Steedman accepts first place plaque in behalf of Division 9 from UTU Local Chairman Earl Clark.

After award ceremonies at Riverside George Goehler joins Division 13 operators for lunch.

DIVISIONS 9 & 13

TAKE TOP HONORS IN 1969's SAFE DRIVING CONTEST

Top honors in the annual Safe Miles Contest went to Divisions 9 & 13 for 1969 when they increased their safe miles by over 14% from the previous year. Second place went to Division 12 and 3rd place to Division 18.

Fried chicken with all the trimmings was furnished by RTD to honor the winners at a special luncheon March 10 in El Monte for Division 9 operators and on March 14 a similar luncheon was held at Riverside for Division 13 operators. Management, union and local law enforcement officials were present at both luncheons.

At El Monte, RTD's General Manager, Samuel B. Nelson, in addressing the operators and guests, said. "Safe driving is a byword in the daily operation of our buses. My heartiest congratulations for your outstanding safety consciousness and the professional manner in which you do your job." The chairman of the United Transportation Union, Kenneth Moore, called RTD operators the finest in the nation and lauded their safety record.

Robert Steedman, holder of a 25-year safety award pin, accepted the UTU plaque from Local Chairman Earl Clark in behalf of the operators at El Monte.

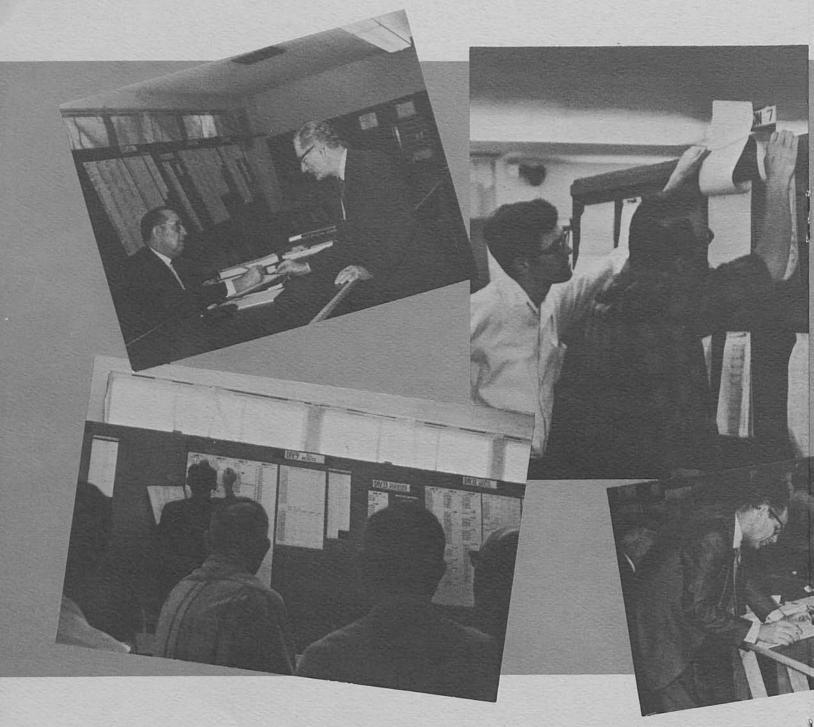
At Riverside, George Goehler, Assistant General Manager For Operations, congratulated Division 13 operators for their outstanding safety record for 1969 and commented in depth about RTD's new plans. Earl Clark presented a union plaque to Oliver Horn, who accepted it in behalf of the operators at Riverside.



Oliver Horn accepts 1st place plaque in behalf of Division 13 at Riverside from UTU Local Chairman Earl Clark.

TENTH ANNUAL SYSTEM





"Landers remains at Seven," called out John T. Johnson, manager of Division 7, and the Tenth Annual System Shake-up got underway in the train room of Division 3.

Auburn E. Landers, a veteran of over 44 years public transportation service, is the most senior operator in the District. He has his pick of any assignment the District offers. Whatever work-run appeals to him, for convenience close to home, for short hours if he wants to take it easy, for long hours if he prefers those, or for days-off to suit his pleasure — Landers could take whatever he wanted and no one could take it from him.

He didn't change - he had the run he wanted.

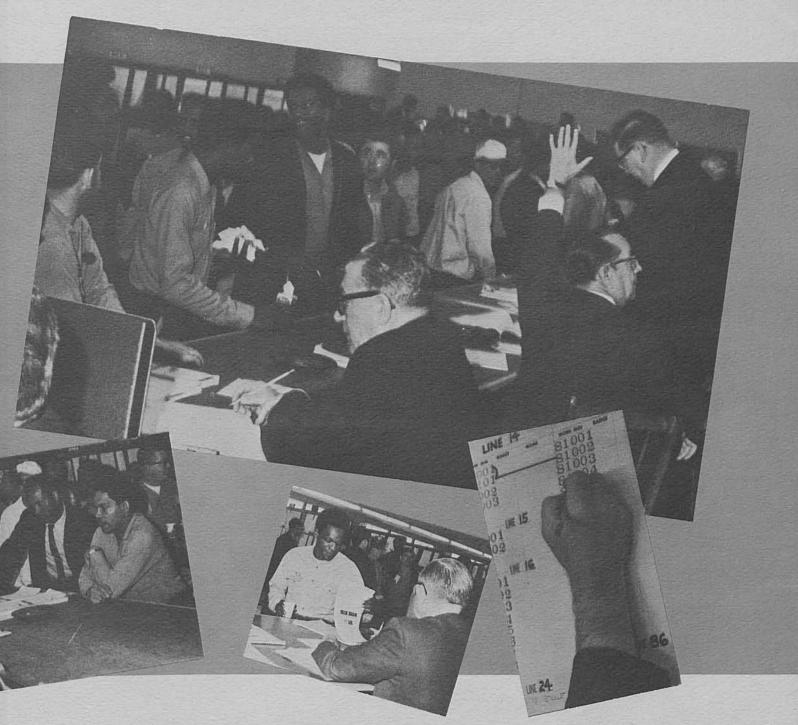
Landers started with the Pacific Railway back in

1925 and today he works the Fairfax Avenue-Hollywoodland-Western & Franklin Line 89.

He plans to retire in November. The next two men, also planning to retire in November, started with the Los Angeles Railway in 1927, only two months apart. Ray Steel, number two in seniority, works the Los Angeles-San Fernando Line 24, while Edwin Deane, number three in seniority, works the Avenue 50-El Paso Drive Line 43.

These three men have accumulated over 130 years of transportation professionalism.

Bidding the first few hours went very fast, with only five men changing jobs. Seniority time dropped sharply the second and third day and operators who had been eyeing certain jobs, were able to bid them.



Virgil M. Adamson, a veteran of 23 years service, changed from Division 1 to Division 2. He was one of 95 operators to change divisions Monday, February 16.

On Thursday, February 19, operator Lawrence A. Richards of Division 7 bid for Saturdays and Sundays off, and got them. His little daughter Monique (inside cover) was with him that day and was very pleased "her daddy" would be home weekends. She was thrilled when he took her out to one of the buses and showed her how to drive it. Richards has been with RTD since 1967.

As the final week of bidding was underway, Clarence Christopher stayed with Division 10 while Richard Davenport of Division 5 changed over to Division 7.

Friday, February 27, the final day of bidding saw almost as many operators present as the opening day of bidding. Larry Ziegler stood behind Robert R. Jones—there were two bids open. One at Division 10 and one at Division 4. If he got 10 he'd work out of 630 West Avenue 28 and if he got 4, he'd work out of 2300 West 54th Street. To Ziegler, who is a newcomer to RTD, having started February 7, it really didn't matter—he got Division 10.

An air of relief permeated the air in the train room as Ziegler walked away. Those behind the desks began shuffling papers and prepared to leave. It was noted by one division manager that this year only 480 operators changed divisions as compared to 521 last year.





Bidding is over — another shake-up is history. The paperwork starts now and the qualifying of operators who made run and division changes starts. One operator was heard to remark to another as he left the train room, "It won't be too long before I'll be able to get that run I've got my eye on." He was right.

EXTRACAR WEEK IN PASADENA

MERCHANTS OFFER GIFTS and PRIZES



ExtraCAR Week was observed in Pasadena March 23-29. Civic, business and government leaders throughout Pasadena participated in the week-long activity sponsored to enable area residents to become further aware of the public transportation services provided in Pasadena by RTD. Passengers riding the 10 Pasadena area RTD lines were given special ExtraCAR lapel badges. The lapel badges were honored by area merchants for bonuses and gifts. Present at the opening day breakfast were: (left to right) John Regan, Executive Vice President of Pasadena Chamber of Commerce; Transit Maid Sparkle; RTD President Herbert H. Krauch; Transit Maid Dorothy; and RTD General Manager Samuel B. Nelson.

TRANSIT NO LONGER A "BLACK SHEEP"

The fact that public transit, at long last, appears to be shedding the stigma of being the "black sheep" of the transportation family was the prognosis offered by RTD General Manager Samuel B. Nelson to members of Town Hall's Transportation Section. "In the past, assisting transit financially was considered only when a community was threatened with the immediate loss of all service," Nelson said, adding: "Now, indications are that in the emerging decade, good public transportation will be fully recognized as essential for the functioning of the total community."

FEDERAL TRANSIT BILL ON THE MOVE

The United States Senate has passed, by an overwhelming vote of 83-4, legislation providing urban mass transportation assistance. The transit bill, S. 3154, has been sent to the House of Representatives where the Housing Subcommittee reported favorably on the bill to its parent

House Banking and Currency Committee. The Subcommittee increased the original \$3.1 billion authorization to \$5 billion and restored the 15% discretionary fund. This provision would allow the Secretary of Transportation to make grants above the 12.5% state limitation. The Senate version, endorsed by Secretary of Transportation, John A. Volpe, and sponsored by Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey, would provide \$10 billion in assistance for public transportation over a 12-year period. If the Housing Subcommittee recommendations are adopted by both the House of Representatives and the Senate, California could qualify for more than \$625 million in federal capital assistance in the first five years.

ACME PLEDGES INCREASE BY 120%

RTD initiated the annual ACME charities drive in March and the results have been tremendous. Participation has increased over 65%, and donations 120%. 1970 pledges totaled \$57,000, compared to \$26,000 the previous year. RTD General Manager Samuel B. Nelson, ACME

Chairman, said, "A lot of good works will result from our efforts. We can all be proud." One department increased its participation by 166%, while another department had a 658% rise in donations.

LOS ANGELES 1990 STYLE

One out of every 10 Americans live in California; and one out of every seven Californians live in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles City Planning Department envisions a population growth in the city from its present 2.9 million to 4 million by 1990. To meet this projected growth, the Department has released a preliminary Master Plan for the city, a plan which envisions a continuing vital role for the District in meeting and fulfilling area public transportation needs.

JUDGING CONTINUES IN NAME CONTEST

Several hundred entries have been received in the contest to name RTD's employee magazine. The judges are continuing to review the suggestions.

DIVISION NEWS

DIVISION 4 & 5

Division Five Clerk Clarence S. Riley passed away in his sleep early Thursday morning, February 26, 1970. Clarence had suffered for twenty years with heart trouble and still tried to do his best every day he was at work. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and three daughters, Patricia, Linda and Erin.

Division Five pulled a mild upset at the System Shake-up and closed in fifth place instead of last.

We understand that all of our recent retirees from Division 4 and 5; Maurice E. Dally, Charles K. Stahl, Frank Kicha, Don Ritz, Wilfred Cato, Charles C. Cupp, Dearcy W. Daniels, Davy Buzzell and Ivan Stewart, are all doing well and enjoying the leisure life.

BIRTHS: CHRISTOPHER A. KENNEDY, February 28, a son, for Operator and Mrs. Lee Roy Kennedy. REGGIE MOREHEAD, February 6, a son, for Operator and Mrs. Wardell Morehead. ARRON J. LEWIS, February 19, a son, for Operator and Mrs. James C. Lewis.

DIVISION 9

The following fellows are home after sickness or surgery and would welcome a call by phone or in person: Ross R. Shappell, Oliver Burns, Irvin G. Hofstetter, Edward P. Miller, Oscar E. Wheeler, Joseph J. Stevens and Robert L. Hanna.

Your scribe was presented with his second grandson, Anthony John, by son, Dennis, and his wife Cindy, to make a matched set (2 boys and 2 girls). Daughter Susie, also expecting, came through with number five, a girl, Elaine Leslie. (G. E. SERRES, Division 9 Reporter.)

RTD BOARD ELECTION...

HERBERT KRAUCH NEW PRESIDENT

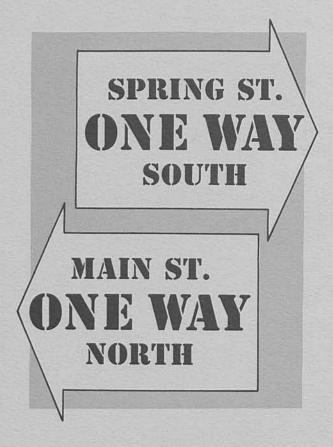
Herbert H. Krauch has been elected to head RTD's 11-man Board of Directors for 1970. Elected during the Board's March 3 meeting at District Headquarters, he succeeds Kermit M. Bill, Huntington Park city councilman, as president.

Bill turned over his gavel to Krauch during brief ceremonies which also saw Thomas G. Neusom, a Los Angeles attorney, replace David K. Hayward, a Redondo Beach city councilman, as the Board's vice president. Both Bill and Hayward will continue as RTD Directors.

Krauch, retired editor of the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, was first appointed to RTD's Board of Directors by Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty in 1965 and was reappointed last year. Neusom was appointed in 1969 by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

During his tenure as a Board member, Krauch has been chairman of the Legislation and Public Information Committee, vice chairman of the Public Information and Marketing Committee and vice chairman of the Personnel and Administrative Procedures Committee. He is presently chairman of the Executive Committee and a member of Surface Operations, Finance and Governmental Affairs, and Advanced Planning and Engineering committees.

PHOTO: RTD President Kermit M. Bill (center left) turns over the "President's Gavel" to Herbert H. Krauch, his newly elected successor. The two are flanked by (far left) Outgoing Vice President David K. Hayward and the Board's new Vice President (far right), Thomas G. Neusom.



NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN AFFECTS 21 RTD LINES

Downtown Los Angeles is suffering from growing pains — new buildings are rising above the skyline all over the city. These buildings mean people—lots of people who will be adding to our already crowded streets.

Plans have been completed regarding the pairing of various north-south streets in downtown Los Angeles. The first pairing took place April 5 when Spring Street, between 9th Street and Sunset Boulevard, became oneway south and Main Street, between 9th and Macy Streets, became one-way north.

These two streets were chosen because their conversion would be accomplished with a minimum of disruption to the present street traffic pattern.

RTD has been working closely with the Los Angeles City Department of Traffic, and the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation, to effect an orderly changeover in street traffic patterns for improved mobility downtown.

To speed boarding and discharging of passengers on both Spring and Main Streets, a new alternate stop pattern is being used. Alternate stop pattern, as the name implies, means that in most cases every other block will be for local bus stops and every other block for interurban stops.

Twenty-one RTD lines have been re-routed and new bus stops established. A special pamphlet regarding the changeover has been printed and distributed throughout the District so that RTD customers were aware of the changeover and how it would work.

LINES AFFECTED

LINE 2 Brooklyn and Hooper Avenue

LINE 8 West 54th-North Main

LINE 13 Los Angeles-El Segundo

LINE 24 Los Angeles-San Fernando

LINE 37 Los Angeles-San Pedro

LINE 39 Los Angeles-Burbank

LINE 47 Whittier Boulevard-East Fourth St.

LINE 49 San Pedro Street-South Figueroa

LINE 52 Los Angeles-Alhambra-Arcadia

LINE 53 Los Angeles-Pomona

LINE 56 Los Angeles-Sunland

LINE 60 Los Angeles-San Bernardino

LINE 63 Los Angeles-El Monte

LINE 67 Sierra Madre

LINE 68 Glendora-Monrovia

LINE 69 Hellman Avenue

LINE 70 Oak Knoll-Pasadena

LINE 71 Fair Oaks-Pasadena

LINE 75 Venice Boulevard-Echo Park Avenue

LINE 92 Watts-Sierra Vista

LINE 177 Dodger Stadium

COURTESY HONOREES



BOYRS G. SCHWIMER JANUARY COURTESY HONOREE — Line 92 operator Boyrs G. Schwimer, of Division 11, has been chosen as RTD's January "Operator of the Month." Employed with RTD for over 14 years and a resident of Hollywood, Schwimer wears a 12-year safety award pin. The letter nominating him for the award came from one of his daily passengers, who wrote, "I have ridden the 92 bus often with this driver and he surely goes above and beyond the call of duty toward his passengers. He is extremely kind and patient with anyone getting on or off his bus and I could cite numerous cases of his thoughtfulness."

DALE F. HAMILTON FEBRUARY COURTESY HONOREE—Line 61 operator Dale F. Hamilton, of Division 12, has been chosen as RTD's February "Operator of the Month." Hamilton, a native of Los Angeles County, has been working with RTD since 1951 and wears a 15-year safety award pin. The letter nominating him for the award came from one of his regular passengers who wrote, "I travel back and forth to work every day and Mr. Hamilton is most courteous and pleasant. It means so much to a passenger who rides buses everyday. Thank you for having such courteous drivers working for you."





JOHN R. ENDERS MARCH COURTESY HONOREE—Line 9 operator John R. Enders, of Division 5, has been chosen as RTD's March "Operator of the Month." Enders has been with the District 27 years and wears a 23-year safety award pin. The letter nominating him for the award came from one of his regular riders who, speaking for other passengers as well, wrote: "As a group, we wish to say that we have complete confidence in Mr. Enders' driving ability and his courtesy to all is beyond match. He gives good service, recognizing his regulars with a good mannered greeting upon boarding the bus. He is business-like, but very considerate in waiting for us to run a few steps, on those occasional late mornings, if his time permits it. And his courtesy extends to those who are not regular riders. Never once have we heard him raise his voice or show impatience."

VITAL STATISTICS

RETIREMENTS

ERNEST K. BELOTE

Operator, Division 9 Emp. 9-29-45 Disability Retirement: 1-1-70

WALTER C. BUCKMASTER
Utility "A," Division 6
Emp. 10-27-44/RETIRED: 2-1-70

JOHN E. DAVIS Operator, Division 9 Emp. 1-8-43/RETIRED: 1-18-70

VICTOR R. GUSTAFSON Mechanic "A," South Park Shops Emp. 10-1-58/RETIRED: 1-1-70

HENRY MARYLAND Utility "A," South Park Shops Emp. 12-24-46 Disability Retirement: 1-1-70

DEATHS

JAMES L. CARNINE, age 92 Conductor, Division 1 Emp. 10-1-20/RETIRED: 9-12-44 DIED: 3-20-70

JOHN C. COLLINS, age 90 Supervisor Emp. 9-6-01/RETIRED: 8-16-45 Special Roll DIED: 3-23-70

ARTHUR J. JACKSON, age 68 Mechanic "A," South Park Shop Emp. 4-19-27/RETIRED: 6-1-67 DIED: 4-13-70

JOSEPH E. LEWIS, age 63 Operator, Division 9 Emp. 4-24-45/RETIRED: 8-1-68 Permanent Disability DIED: 3-28-70 ALBERT O. OLSON, age 70 Carman, South Park Shop Emp. 7-5-35/RETIRED: 9-1-64 DIED: 4-11-70

ASA PACE, age 80 Conductor, MTL Emp. 4-24-25/RETIRED: 3-25-55 DIED: 4-14-70

HERBERT L. TURNER, age 80 Mechanic "A," South Park Shop Emp. 4-16-23/RETIRED: 6-1-58 DIED: 4-2-70

WILLIS C. WARD, age 76 Operator, Division 12 Emp. 2-27-45/RETIRED: 8-1-60 DIED: 4-6-70 Southern California Rapid Transit District 1060 South Broadway, Los Angeles, Calif. 90015 U.S. POSTAGE

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HONOR FOUR OPERATORS



Can you drive 21/2 million miles without a chargeable accident? Four men in the District have!

Operators Robert W. Steedman, Oscar F. Johnson and Vernon C. Engle of Division 9 and David B. White of Division 10 received their 25-year Safety Award Pins Tuesday, March 3 during special ceremonies at RTD's semi-monthly Board meeting.

Assistant General Manager For Operations George F. Goehler, in introducing the operators to the Board Members said, "It is the operator who makes a safety program a success and these four operators have logged enough miles to travel around the world 25 times — while carrying over 8 million passengers. The importance of applying classroom training to behind the wheel practices can be seen in this outstanding performance."

Outgoing RTD President Kermit M. Bill presented the award pins to the operators, taking notice of their accomplishment and years of transportation service. He went on to say: "Southern Californians can be extremely proud of the fact that the professionals who operate RTD buses are the best trained operators in the nation."

Goehler cited continuing cooperation with representative unions in the implementation of safety programs as a factor in the success of the safety award efforts. Technical advice and assistance from the safety engineers of the Transit Casualty Company has further aided the safety effort.

25 YEAR SAFETY AWARD PIN PRESENTATION — Outgoing RTD President Kermit M. Bill presents pins to (left to right) Operators Vernon C. Engle, Oscar F. Johnson, Robert W. Steedman and David B. White. RTD's new president Herbert H. Krauch, looks on.