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SIX COMMENDED

Busway Progress Heralded

Six District employees, as well as employees of the California Division of Highways and three contracting firms, were commended for meeting a strict first phase construction schedule on the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway at a special luncheon recently.

Among those cited for their efforts were Assistant Engineer Denzel (Zeke) Allen, Assistant Engineer Elmo Douglass, Chief Engineer Richard Gallagher, Associate Civil Engineer Charles Proctor, Senior Civil Engineer Neil Richards and Civil Engineer James Wong.

Also receiving commendation were officials of the three Busway contractors: Strecker Construction Company; Dan J. Peterson and Rados Contractors; and Nelson & Belding-Brutoco.

Jack R. Gilstrap, District general manager, and James A. Moe, Public Works state director, explained that the seven miles completed in the initial phase will enable operator training to commence in late November or early December.

Buses originating east of El Monte will use the Busway in December and merge into the San Bernardino Freeway at the Long Beach Freeway juncture until the remaining four miles are completed in spring 1974. When finished, the Busway will lead from El Monte to Mission Road.

Expanded service originating from El Monte will be available in spring 1974 when the Busway and El Monte Terminal have been completed.

Surface streets will be used from Mission Road to the RTD/Greyhound Terminal.

The \$53 million Busway will be an operating prototype of a multi-modal transportation system, reducing the 35 to 45-minute drive from El Monte to approximately 18 minutes through the use of "Bus Only" lanes on the San Bernardino Freeway. Southern Pacific Railroad tracks separate the two-way bus flow.

Other areas to benefit from the new thoroughfare are California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA), USC-County Medical Center, the Central City, the Wilshire Corridor to Western Avenue and the Commercial

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UMTA Grant to Bring 200 New Buses, Plus Double Mini-bus Fleet

Two hundred new large, air-conditioned buses and 20 new Mini-Buses are to be purchased through a \$10.7 million grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, announced Secretary of Transportation John Volpe.

The interurban buses will replace buses 15 years old or more. In addition, the grant involves the purchase of 1,165 two-way radios, 117 supervisory automobiles and maintenance trucks and additional operating equipment.

The funds provide for conversion of 650 District buses to LSN fuel injectors to reduce air pollution.

Almost \$40 million in federal funds have been awarded to the District since 1969, or approximately half the cost of the entire bus fleet.



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COMMENDATION TIME—A special program marked completion of the first seven of 11 miles in the first phase of the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway. Attending were (l to r) State Director of Public Works James Moe, District General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap, Director Leonard S. Gleckman and California Highway Commission Chairman Winston Fuller.

District Hosts Open Meetings to Discuss Social, Economic, Environmental Impact

Community meetings in Los Angeles and the surrounding area during November provided a platform for the public to address the District concerning its transportation needs in relation to the environmental, social and economical impact.

Information gathered will contribute to major rapid transit construction planning

inter-linked with an eight-month Corridor Analysis initiated in October. The analysis is a prerequisite to qualifying for federal funding by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Sessions were held at Covina, Redondo Beach, Burbank, Lynwood, Santa Monica, San Gabriel, Long Beach, Huntington Park, Northridge and South Los Angeles.

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"WATTS" HAPPENING—A plaque is presented to (c) Jesse A. Varrie, supervisor of Reclamation and Surplus Material and Equipment, by (l) Mike Anderson, of the Pacific Telephone Company, for his efforts towards a successful 1972 Watts Summer Games. Mike Hartpence, assistant director of Purchasing and Stores, looks on.

Jesse A. Varrie Recognized for 1972 Watts Summer Games Work

The Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce has awarded a plaque to Jesse A. Varrie, supervisor of Reclamation and Surplus Material and Equipment, for his assistance during the 1972 Watts Summer Games.

Varrie served as chairman for the Transportation Project in which he arranged for outing, summer camp and the Games competition transportation. He coordinated his efforts with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the Watts Community Labor Action Committee.

Director of Purchasing Earl W. Stanley said, "I feel Jesse has done an excellent job in the Purchasing Department, as well as making contributions to the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce and should be recognized for his outstanding work in this area."

Looking Ahead

Congress requires the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways to plan construction projects with the anticipation of traffic requirements 20 years beyond their design.

Modern Miles

Most of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways have been built or improved under the federally aided interstate program started in 1956.

Head in the Clouds? Fliers Want You!

Everyone has heard of fast operators, but what about flying operators?

Joshua C. Torres and A. Lee Howard Wilson are recruiting amateur and seasoned pilots for a non-profit flying club.

Anyone interested in exploring this opportunity may contact Torres at Division 1 or at 589-8693 or Wilson at Division 2 or 291-6890.

Evolution of Cinema Exhibition Scheduled Among Current Science Museum Shows

Beauty is its own testament at the California Museum of Science and Industry, located within Exposition Park in Los Angeles.

The landmark museum is exhibiting Evolution of the Cinema through an unannounced date, Aldo Luongo Paintings through Jan. 31, and History of Exposition Park through Jan. 1.

The cinema display contains rare image-in-motion and cinematic items, including shadow play puppets.

NEW EDITOR

RTD Flyer Revamped

The RTD Flyer has a new look, a new editor and new style but best of all the newspaper will have new attractions—bigger than Life!

Employees and former employees are invited to submit news items, Letters to the Editor and suggestions for new features by writing to RTD Flyer Editor Maria Elena Amaran, in the Public Information Department at Location 31.

Former Editor William (Bill) A. Reason is now a community relations representative, also within the Public Information Department.

Letters to the Editor must be legible and contain the author's name, signature, title and department or division number. These items are subject to editorial discretion and editing according to District policy and limited space.

Letters should not exceed one double-spaced, typewritten page or 250 words.

Other new items which may be added include a retiree news section, employee features and Transit Facts Briefs.

The editor would like to hear from District employees. She may be reached at 749-6977, ext. 431.

People Mover Proves Interesting Experiment

Machines are not commonly thought of as moving people to great lengths unless these machines are trains, buses or planes—until now.

The University of West Virginia has introduced a Personal Rapid Transit System, a computer-operated 30-mile-per-hour vehicle system. Passengers can call a 15-passenger — resembling a Mini-bus — vehicle by push button to his location and then to his non-stop destination.

The \$4.1 million system, developed and built by Bendix Corporation and sub-contracted to Boeing Company, now utilizes five vehicles and a two-mile double-tracked concrete guideway, but ultimately will incorporate 60 vehicles and 40,000 feet of guideway.

Potent brush strokes of Aldo Luongo, a native Argentinean, reflect the strength of life among his fellow latins throughout his 26 over-sized paintings. A conglomerate of photographs and memorabilia dating back to 1913 trace the history of Exposition Park.

The Museum of Science and Industry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and closed Christmas and Thanksgiving. Dates are subject to change. For confirmation call 749-0101.



ELECTRIFYING EXPERIENCE—A battery-operated Electrobus, by Toro-Link Co., was viewed during a demonstration Nov. 9-10 by (l to r) Electrobus Marketing Vice President Hank Flum, Division 3 Operator Don E. Warehime, Instructor L. T. Altig and Supervisor H. A. Speed.

Busway First Phase Ends

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manufacturing district south of downtown Los Angeles to Washington Boulevard.

New feeder bus lines will be scheduled for San Gabriel Valley travelers.

In addition to reducing traffic congestion, the new system will lower pollution and noise emissions. Surface street traffic will be minimized, while providing economical, efficient transportation.

Passenger stations are to be constructed at Santa Anita Avenue in El Monte, CSULA and USC-County Medical Center.

The rotund El Monte station and half of

its 1,400-auto parking grounds are set to be completed this spring. A new bus maintenance building will be constructed next to the terminal and the second portion of parking facilities will be built in 1974.

Gilstrap said a total of 10,000 commuters are expected to depart and arrive daily at the El Monte terminal.

The CSULA and USC-County Medical Center stations tentatively are scheduled for completion in April 1974.

Busway architectural consultants are Kaiser Engineers/Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall.

The costs are shared by federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration, Federal Highway Administration, California Division of Highways, SCRTD and Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

The project is a joint effort of RTD and the Division of Highways, Department of Public Works.

Dedication Marks Service Addition

Congressman John H. Rousselot (R-Arcadia) helped dedicate a new service line for the Bouquet and Seco Canyons and Newhall.

Among those participating in the dedication were: Wellington Love, representing State Senator John L. Harmer (R-21); Robert Ronka, representing Senator John V. Tunney; and Donald Harper, administrative assistant to Congressman Rousselot.

Others were Dan Hon, an official of the Newhall-Saugus-Valencia Chamber of Commerce; John Groom, Chamber president; and Timothy McKeon, president of the Bouquet Canyon Merchant's Association.

The new route extends from Urbandale Avenue in Bouquet Canyon, past the Bouquet Canyon Shopping Center and on San Fernando Road into Downtown Newhall. The new service, designated Line 180, supplements existing Line 183.

Expanded routing now is available on Line 183, which departs from Seco Canyon Road and Pamplico Drive, traveling to Downtown Newhall by way of Valencia Boulevard and the Golden State Freeway. This line serves two colleges enroute.

Other celebrants at the dedication included Bouquet Canyon merchants and tract home residents of both Bouquet and Seco Canyons.



ROLL 'EM—Practice runs on the first phase of the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway are set to begin this month, with regular service originating east of El Monte to begin in December. The entire system, including three passenger stations, is scheduled for completion in spring 1974.



SUNNY SMILE—Carlos C. Villarreal (c), administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the federal Department of Transportation, was presented with a plaque-mounted calcutta horn during a visit to inspect the Mini-bus fleet. The horn, identical to those on Mini-buses, was presented by RTD Director Herbert H. Krauch (l) and General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap (r).

Overwhelming Success Enjoyed by Infant Consumer Bureau; Open Valley Location

Phenomenal success has been enjoyed by the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Consumer Affairs since its founding seven months ago, causing the opening of a new office in the San Fernando Valley.

The Bureau has saved consumers an estimated \$360,000 in cash and services in the form of merchandise fair market value, services, contracts revoked or money refunded.

More than 6,500 complaints were filed at the City Hall office, in Room 848, by the end of October, of which nearly 3,900, approximately 60%, were finalized by investigators.

The Valley office received over 300 inquiries in the first month of operation since its opening Sept. 25 in the Municipal Building, located at 14410 Sylvan St., Van Nuys.

There are one million residents in the San Fernando Valley.

According to Bureau General Manager Mrs. Fern Jellison, "The cumulative number of contracts since April passed the 50,000 mark during October . . . We expect further increases as the Bureau opens additional branch offices in Watts, East Los Angeles, San Pedro and West Los Angeles."

Among the complaints the Bureau has handled was the case of a man who had a short circuit in his television repaired and at that time the repairman replaced two tubes. Later the customer replaced the new tubes

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Park-Ride Plan Meets With Warm Reception

Fashionable travel has arrived in the Los Angeles Civic Center.

Not long after the Southern California Rapid Transit District introduced its well-accepted Mini-bus system, a plan to further relieve the congestion was developed involving utilization of the Los Angeles Convention Center parking facilities, Mini-buses, regular buses and—now—a new Midi-bus.

Well, actually the Midi-bus isn't new, but the look is. The 29-passenger Midi-bus is an older converted District vehicle which has been remodeled and painted to resemble the 20-passenger Mini-buses.

The Midi-bus joins the regular bus fleet during the day to transport Civic Center employees and visitors while the Mini-buses, which operate on the Mini-bus Loop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., assist in early morning and late afternoon and evening rush hours.

Patrons may ride and park from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Convention Center, at Pico Boulevard and Sentous Street, for \$20 a month, which also provides a monthly single-zone Bus Pass.

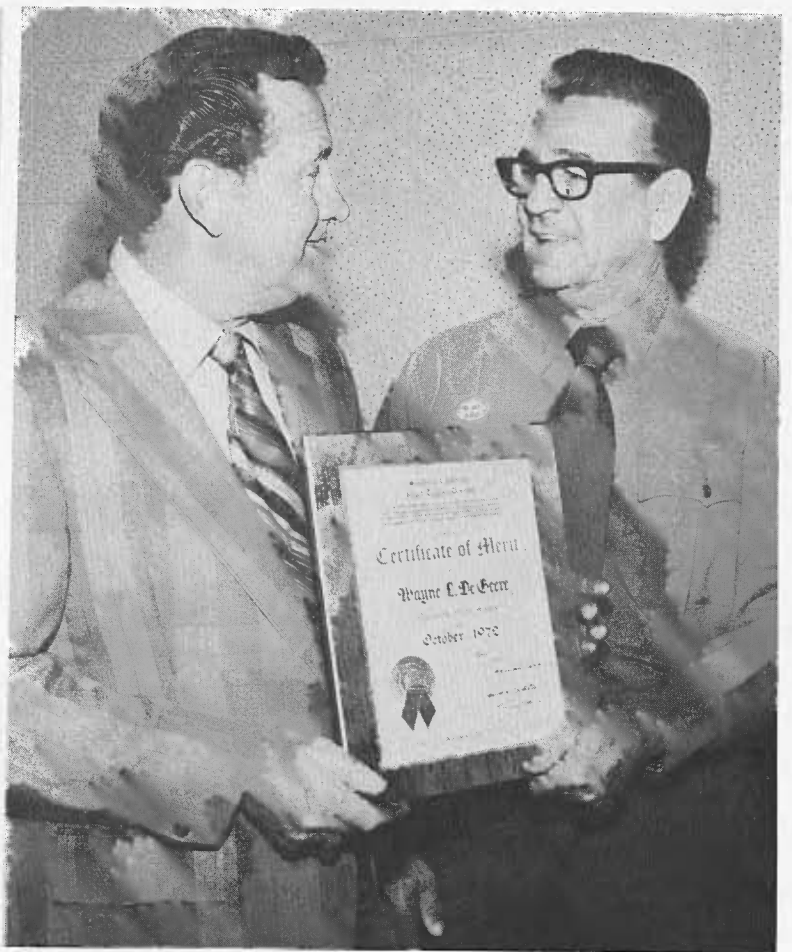
Passengers accompanying drivers may avail themselves of a \$12 monthly Bus Pass or buy daily round-trip tickets for 60 cents each.

Drivers also may park at the Convention Center and ride for a total daily rate of \$1.25. Space is reserved on a first come-first serve basis.

The Park-Ride service leads to Wilshire Boulevard and Figueroa Street, Sixth and Flower Streets and Fifth and Figueroa.



KEY SITUATION—Better transportation is being provided by the District's new Pomona Service, following the Oct. 1 acquisition of that city's municipal bus system. Pomona Mayor Richard C. Brownell (l) hands RTD Northeast Corridor Director Leonard S. Gleckman the keys to the five lines, which include additional service to California Institution for Men at Chino and California State Polytechnic University.



PASSENGERS' PETS—District Vice President Thomas G. Neusom (l) presents (second from l) Tony Panzariello with the September "Operator of the Month" award in recognition of his courtesy and consideration, especially for the blind, on the 90-W Hollywood line. In addition,

he has maintained a distinguished safety record. Tourists appreciate (r) Wayne DeGeere, shown accepting the October "Operator of the Month" plaque from District Director Byron E. Cook, vice mayor of Burbank. DeGeere, too, has accumulated a commendable safety record.

Huntington Library Starts Mini-Talks

The District operates Mini-Buses, girls wear mini skirts and now the Huntington Library, at 1151 Oxford Road in San Marino, has launched mini-talks.

Library staff member Ronald Tank will present a mini-talk at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, as he displays the care, preservation and repair of paper and vellum manuscripts.

In keeping with the holiday spirit of December, the Madrigal Singers of Pasadena City College, under the direction of Robert Heckman, will perform at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in three short English carol and madrigal programs.

French Visitors Tour Busway, Two Divisions

The District was visited last month by more than 100 French transit executives representing the Syndicate of the Transports Routiers of the Rhone Valley.

The group toured the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway, South Park and Division 2.

- Javier C. Gonzalez
- Tony Owens
- Michael E. Phelan
- Winifred A. McDonnell
- David G. Gonzales
- Lucious Jacobs
- David Keith Schulte
- Caldwell Manley
- Peter Paul Ondas
- Edwin Carroll Slagle
- John Ernest McBryan
- Frank Albert Haffner
- Barbara Ann Godin
- Walter Lee Jordan
- William A. Reason
- Andrew J. Mayes, III
- Ronald White
- Luchus Paul Smith
- Alfonso Buddy Lewis
- Lenward Hawkins
- Virgil R. Owens, Jr.
- William Howard Stohr

PROMOTIONS

	<u>Div.</u>	<u>Effective</u>
From: Mechanic AA To: Mechanic A Leadman	3301	11/5
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	3314	11/5
From: Operator To: Revenue Clerk	3210	10/25
From: Revenue Clerk To: Payroll Clerk	7000	10/23
From: Payroll Clerk To: Cash Clerk	7000	10/23
From: Mechanic C To: Mechanic B	3308	10/22
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	3313	10/22
From: Mechanic C To: Mechanic B	3302	10/22
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	3303	10/22
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	3308	10/22
From: Mechanic C To: Mechanic B	3314	10/22
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	3306	10/22
From: Information Clerk & Temp. Supervisor To: Supervisor	3100	10/12
From: Janitor To: Utility A	3100	10/11
From: House Organ Editor To: Community Rels. Rep.	3301 4400	10/9
From: Janitor To: Utility A	3312	10/8
From: Travelling Janitor To: Utility A	3302	10/8
From: Mechanic A To: Mechanic A Leadman	3306	10/8
From: Mechanic C To: Mechanic B	3302	9/24
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic B	3303	9/24
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	3308	9/24
From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	3309	9/24

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ACME Lends Hand to AID During Drive

The District's 4,400 employees are being recruited during November as donors to the 16 major charities assisted by Associated Charities, Management-Employees (ACME) through AID-United Givers.

Through AID employees donate to such programs as the Arthritis Foundation, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Crippled Children's Society, Mental Health Association and the City of Hope.

If a donor wishes to specify one or more cause (AID-United charity or other, such as Sickle Cell Anemia), rather than to give to all 16 charities, he may do so at the time of signing an ACME Application for Membership and Payroll Deduction Order. He also may designate how much of his contribution is to apply to each chosen charity.

This is the only program through which donors may select specific charitable organizations to donate to through payroll deductions.

The total operational cost of AID is approximately five and one-half per cent of all funds collected and distributed, the lowest cost of any comparable plan in the nation.

Consumer Bureau

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with the old tubes and the set worked. The Bureau recovered \$11.95.

For further information or to file a complaint contact the City Hall office at 485-4682 or the Valley location at 785-3125.

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Promotions... (Continued from Page 5)

Donnie Gene Irvin	From: Cash Clerk	7000	9/20
	To: Shop Clerk	3301	
Donald Jerome Cornish	From: Staff Asst. I	2000	9/18
	To: Asst. Board Secretary		
Diana Theresa Annoreno	From: Secretary II	4400	9/
	To: Temp. Secretary III		
Patrick K. Bates	From: Jr. Stock Clerk	3700	9/
	To: Stock Clerk		
Gerald Payne	From: Stock Clerk	3700	9/13
	To: Truck Driver Clerk		
Richard Franco	From: Truck Driver Clerk	3700	9/13
	To: Stock Clerk		
Harold Kelley, Jr.	From: Jr. Stock Clerk	3700	9/13
	To: Stock Clerk		
Rhodona R. Thompson	From: Div Steno	3299	9/10
	To: Secretary II		
Charles Homer Stevenson	From: Mechanic A	3309	9/10
	To: Mechanic A Leadman		
Myron Leslie Rubin	From: Mechanic A	3303	9/10
	To: Mechanic A Leadman		
Richard Kelly Kissick	From: Admin. Asst. & Ins. Mgr.	2000	9/1
	To: District Secretary	5000	
Clarence Merton Beard	From: Mechanic A	3314	8/13
	To: Sheet Metal Worker		

RETIREMENTS

	<u>Div.</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ethel Mae Grush, Information Clerk	7192	10/29/46	11/6
William K. Holsbury, former Operator	3212	10/4/41	11/9
Gilles J. Boucher, former Operator	3208	9/2/58	11/6
Jerome C. Weirich, Operator	3209	7/9/43	10/30
Roscoe H. Howard, Operator	3203	7/30/42	10/28
Sally A. Mackin, former Operator	3208	10/23/50	10/23
John I. Pearson, former Operator	3206	4/30/39	10/12
R. A. Martin, Operator	3204	9/19/57	10/3
Vernon C. Swindall, former Operator	3203	7/23/47	10/3
John N. Ogden, Mechanic A Leadman	3314	6/17/35	10/3
Nora B. Rogers, former Utility B	3305	3/17/43	10/2
Leo B. Rowen, Mechanic A	3314	6/1/36	10/2
Delphia Wiley, Utility A	3305	7/5/46	10/2
Cecil V. Garner, former Operator	3212	4/27/37	10/2
John J. Myers, former Mechanic A	3314	11/24/52	10/2
Sidney E. Dupree, Instructor	3299	12/18/34	10/2
Emil F. Lodahl, former Operator	3211	2/12/47	10/1
Welcher A. Ullrich, Division Manager	3209	7/24/34	10/1
William R. Stosberg, Mechanic A	3306	5/28/36	9/29
George R. Anderson, Mechanic A	3314	6/10/37	9/29
Ronald H. Newton, Operator	3209	5/23/40	9/27
Ralph S. Wildermuth, Operator	3209	1/18/34	9/26
Nathaniel T. Lewis, Supervisor	3299	7/2/47	9/14
Pedro I. Perez, Mechanic B	3202	1/6/44	9/9
Jacob B. Yarnell, Operator	3210	3/1/41	9/7
Leo B. Sheehan, former Operator	3204	10/28/36	9/1
Clifford C. Parker, Mechanic A	3302	9/16/27	7/29

In Memoriam

	<u>Div.</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Passed Away</u>
Lorraine V. Stachura, former Key Punch Operator	7000	8/12/63	11/13
Edward J. Ryan, former Temp. Watchman	—	8/6/45	11/6
Robert H. McBride, Operator	3208	5/23/47	10/30
Fred G. Cook, former Supervisor	3299	6/10/29	10/29
Vernon C. Swindall, former Operator	3203	7/23/47	10/28
Blaine M. Fitzgerald, Operator	3204	8/29/60	10/23
Cecil M. Hall, former Operator	3209	8/22/17	10/21
Vance Jones, Jr., former Operator	3202	7/9/66	10/18
Edward V. Clark, Mechanic A Leadman	3301	8/16/27	10/17
Erwin P. Linkroum, former Operator	3208	9/29/17	10/13
Louis P. McAvoy, former Operator	3204	7/26/27	10/7
Ralph W. Jayne, Operator	3209	11/9/44	9/25
Marie B. McAllister, Revenue Clerk	7000	11/29/43	9/25
George H. Ramsey, former Mechanic C	3334	10/19/32	9/25
Owen Whitaker, former Operator	3209	10/19/26	9/20
Tom W. Grinage, former Utility A	3700	8/3/51	9/10
Arthur J. Rosenblum, former Operator	3206	11/23/43	9/6
Belve L. Bounds, former Operator	3206	10/13/22	9/6

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