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On The District's Future

THE GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

By Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager
Southern California Rapid Transit District

Most of you have seen stories in the press recently referring to the creation of a new transportation commission in Los Angeles County. There have been other stories discussing the budgetary problems the District is facing.

Undoubtedly, many of you are asking questions such as: "What do these developments mean to the RTD? To my job?"

Basically, I can assure you that your agency will continue its role of providing bus service in Los Angeles County and adjacent counties. And should a County rapid transit system be developed, the District will operate it. This is stated specifically in the legislation.

But in candor I must add that for all of us involved in Los Angeles public transportation — RTD personnel, the new commission, the Board of Supervisors, the cities within the county, the state legislature — there are difficult times ahead.

A combination of inflation and higher compensation to employees has added up to an expected \$20 million gap between revenue and expenses for the fiscal year the District goes into July 1 of 1977.

This obviously necessitates a series of economy moves, involving a reduction of service, already underway, and perhaps belt-tightening in other areas.

It also means that we need to get "back to the basics" — each of us needs to perform our job to the best of our ability to serve the public who supports us. Our already good record needs to be bettered in terms of on-time performance, cleanliness of buses, proper scheduling, courtesy to passengers, improved information literature.

As to the new commission, Governor Brown has signed into law a bill that will create four new transportation commissions in Southern California. In addition to the one in Los Angeles County, as of January 1 similar agencies will be functioning in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties.

The RTD will continue, however. Many of you will recall that in 1964 the legislature changed what had been the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority (LAMTA) into the RTD. This time no change of name is involved; the commission is a new, separate organization.

We anticipate close coordination with the new commission. Indeed, District officials worked closely with Assemblyman Walter Ingalls of Riverside, the author of the measure, while it was being considered in Sacramento. We offered suggestions on how to strengthen the bill to best serve the region, many of which were incorporated in the final version.

In brief, the new commission in Los Angeles County will be authorized to make plans and allocate federal and state tax funds available to public transit. It also will be empowered to program and budget state highway improvements.

In creating a Los Angeles County organization to deal with Los Angeles County problems, the new law is doing a great service. Under the present system, there have been ongoing problems in that our transit funds have had to be funneled through a six-county organization — a process that in many instances has not worked to the benefit of Los Angeles County citizens, who by far comprise the majority of the population in the six counties.

Another great strength of the commission, if the opportunity is taken by the elected officials involved, is that it will serve as a forum for the principal officeholders in the county — a setting for them to get together on a regular basis to make the hard decisions that will result in a rapid transit system and improved bus system.

The legislation calls for an 11-member board of directors consisting of the following:

- five appointed by Los Angeles County Supervisors
- one appointed by the mayor of Los Angeles
- two others appointed by the mayor of Los Angeles with the concurrence of the city council
- one appointed by the mayor of Long Beach
- two appointed by the other independent cities in the county.

If the commission seats are actually filled by elected officials, then the new commission will have its best chances for success. I am encouraged by reports that already some of the supervisors and at least one Los Angeles city councilman have expressed their interest in serving.

As has been the case with the RTD, the new commission will have one major problem — the lack of new funding sources. In order to raise money for transit projects, one option the commission has is to go to the legislature for new tax assistance. Or it can go to the people for an increase in the sales tax; an approach the voters have rejected three times in the last eight years.

Assemblyman Ingalls has stated that he expects the new organization will require only a very small staff. Funds for staffing will be diverted from sales tax revenues coming into the county allocated for transit purposes.

We at the District are looking forward to working with the new commission. With local elected officials working directly on local transit concerns, we are encouraged that Sacramento will be responsive to the District's funding problem and other related matters.

Charles Storing New Board Director



RTD General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap, right, confers with Assemblyman Walter Ingalls, author of Assembly Bill 1246.



Charles H. Storing

Storing, a member of the La Puente City Council, has twice served as that city's mayor since first being elected a councilman in 1960.

He is a graduate of Whittier College and for 22 years, was associated with Weber Performance Products in Santa Ana, a manufacturer of auto racing equipment. He was general manager at the time of his recent retirement.

The Newport Beach native is a member of the RTD City Selection Committee of the League of California Cities and serves on the executive board of the California Contract Cities Association. He also serves on the executive board of the Area One Poverty Council, the agency involved with the disbursement of federal anti-poverty funds.

In La Puente, Storing is a member of the Optimist Club and was a charter member of the La Puente Jaycees. He also serves on the Community Relations Commission; the Board of Directors of the Celhaven Community Center, and is a member of the Sunset Wesleyan Church.

The Storing family, including his wife and three children, has lived in La Puente since 1954.

Charles H. Storing of La Puente was sworn in as the newest member of the Southern California Rapid Transit District Board of Directors. Storing was chosen by the League of California Cities to represent the San Gabriel Valley corridor on the 11-member RTD Board. He succeeds Mrs. Adelina Gregory of Baldwin Park.

A HOLIDAY THOUGHT
 THE HOLIDAYS BRING JOY AND CHEER
 TO SHARE WITH THOSE TO US MOST DEAR
 A TIME FOR FAMILY AND FOR FRIENDS
 TO SHARE OUR LOVE AS THE YEAR ENDS
 A TIME TO GIVE A GIFT, A SMILE
 A TIME TO PAUSE, TO THINK A WHILE
 A TIME FOR GIVING THANKS AND PRAISE
 FOR THESE, THE HAPPIEST OF DAYS

FROM HEADWAY

Operator Pogue Chosen "Mr. Fleet Safety"

Clyde Pogue, a veteran RTD operator from Division 10, was named "Mr. Fleet Safety" for 1976 by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council and was presented with his award at the Chapter's Annual Fleet Safety Awards Banquet.

Pogue, who has been with the District and its predecessor agencies since 1943, is a native of Missouri, and before coming to California, drove cross country for Continental Trailways.

At the banquet, Pogue was commended by the Council for his "safe driving achievements which included 33 years of driving a bus nearly five million miles without a preventable accident,

and during this period, he safely transported nearly 2-1/2 million passengers over every type of traffic condition." Pogue has held a valid drivers license for over 49 years and was also presented a 31 year safe driver's award from the National Safety Council's awards program earlier this year in January.

Pogue and his wife, Margaret, reside in Pasadena with their daughter, Janice, 14. Off-duty Pogue enjoys working wood working in his shop and refinishing furniture. He says of his award, "I've had a lot of luck. It takes a bit of luck but then I've always liked my job and I always think 'safety'".



Division 10 operator Clyde Pogue, chosen "Mr. Fleet Safety of 1976" by the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the National Safety Council, gets congratulated on his achievement by RTD General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap, left, and RTD President Byron E. Cook at a board meeting. With Pogue is his wife, Margaret.

Six RTD divisions were also honored at the Awards Banquet. Divisions 9 and 13 won first place for safely operating accident free miles in the category of driving 350,000 miles and more per month. Division 15 and 12 placed second

and third place respectively in that category.

First place for safe operation in the 250,000-300,000 miles per month category went to Division 11, while Division 3 took second place and Division 5 won third.



The Divisions were awarded with handsome plaques which were accepted for the divisions by (first row l. to r.): Roland Krafft, Superintendent of Divisions; Jack Greasby, Division 9 manager; Robert Hayes, Division 1-11 instructor; James J. McCollough, Division 4-5 manager; Ralph Costello, Division 12 manager; Ben Lynum, acting manager, Division 3-10; and Clyde Pogue, Division 10 operator and "Mr. Fleet Safety, 1976", and Mrs. Pogue.

Also attending the awards banquet were (in the second row, l. to r.): John Brewer, safety supervisor; Jeff Diehl, Superintendent of Transportation Services; Frank Larson, safety supervisor; Marlene Allen, insurance representative; George Heinle, Manager of Operations, (partially hidden), and Jim Parker, news manager of radio station KFI, who presented Operator Pogue with his award; and John Walsh, General Superintendent of Transportation.

Employees Earn Red Cross Certificates

Seven employees recently earned Red Cross certificates by successfully completing the American Red Cross "Standard First Aid and Personal Safety Course."

The employees, who volunteered their

time for the 12-hour course taught by Division 8 operator Mario Richards, a certified Red Cross instructor, are now qualified to serve as floor monitors available to be called upon for first aid emergency treatment.



Holding their certificates are clockwise in the front row: Rose Cendejas, telephone information supervisor, Ginger Perez, secretary II, and Marlene Allen, insurance representative.

In the back row, from left to right are Fred Thomas, personnel analyst; Doug Anderson, telephone information supervisor, and Janet Kapsin, safety secretary.

At far left is Joann Bowman, training director and at far right is Bill Weaver, safety director.

New Logo For Credit Union

Employees who belong to the District's credit union are now seeing a new logo on the upper left hand corner on the credit union's new checks.

The logo is the work of John Brewer, safety supervisor, who created the design from an idea contributed by Mrs. Ruth Collins, retired credit union manager, during a contest held by the credit union for a logo idea.

The new logo will also soon be appearing on all the credit union's stationery.

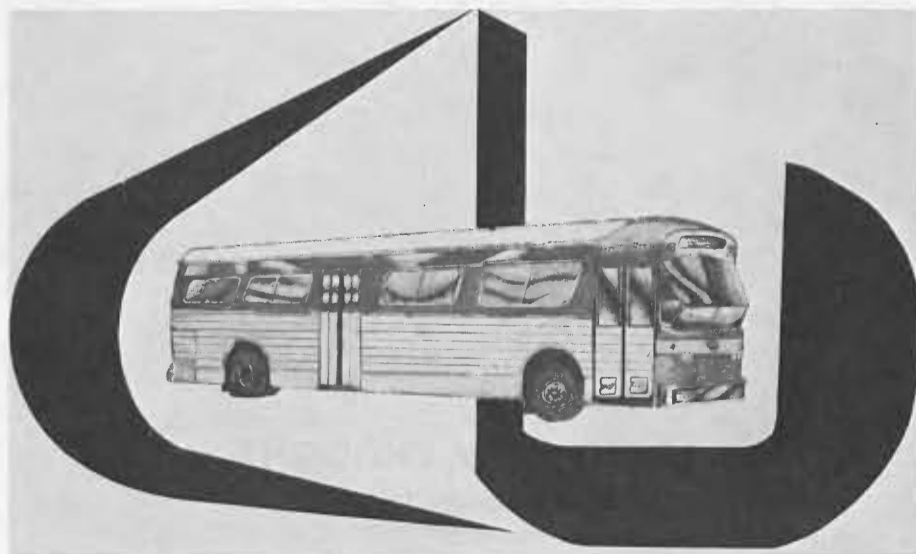
John started with the District in 1962 as an operator out of Division 3-10 before becoming an instructor in 1974 and then a safety supervisor.

John, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, studied art for three years at the Federal School of Art in Indianapolis. In addition, John is a member of the board of directors of the credit union, is vice president of the credit union and serves as chairman of the credit committee which meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays to consider new loans.

John and his wife, Helen, reside in Carson.




John Brewer



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Divisions 4-5, 6 & 7 Receive Service Award Pins



Division 4-5 operators who received service award pins from Division 4-5 transportation manager J. J. McCollough, second from left were, clockwise from McCollough's Left: Harry Standberry, 15 years; F. F. Foye, 15 years; C. L. Harvey, 15 years; C. J. Smith, division dispatcher, 30 years; and operator E. L. Jackson, 10 years. At far left is James Bernard, instructor, who received 15 year pin.



Division 7 operators C. W. Wisner, left and M. B. Stewart, center, received 35 year pins from transportation manager Bernie Geist. Below, 10 year pins were awarded to operators Carl Motley, J. H. Coleman, Ralph Washington and John F. Hardgrow.



Maintenance personnel from Division 4-5 who received service award pins were, (front row, left to right): Maintenance manager William Boyette, 30 years; Granvel Childs, 10 years; Fred Hardemion, 15 years; Luther Price, 20 years; L. D. Bradford, 30 years; Henry Rhodes, 20 years; Alex Rocio, 15 years; and Carl Smith, 10 years.

In the back row, left to right, are James Manuel, 10 years; Steve Hearn, 20 years; and Roland Mellon, 15 years.



Receiving service award pins from Division 6 transportation manager George C. Michaels, far left, were operators and maintenance personnel Willie Thompson, 25 years; Tom Labaya, 10 years; Charlie Snyder, 20 years. Fifth from left is A. C. Howard, Division 6 maintenance manager. On his left, clockwise are John Pantera, 30 years; Gurson Levitt, 30 years; Ed Trujillo, 15 years; Thomas Vaughn, 15 years; Pat Keck, stenographer, 10 years; James Stevens, 15 years, and James White, division dispatcher, 15 years.

Receiving service award pins from Division 7 maintenance department from maintenance manager R. R. Johnston, far right, are, from left to right: Gene F. Hardemion, Emmet E. Grayson, Rodney E. Shadle, and Sheila Selvy, all 15 year pins; and Harold Nelson, a 30 year pin.

Headquarters And Radio Dispatchers Also Receive Service Award Pins



Headquarters personnel who received pins for 30 years of service are, front row from left to right: William Adkinson, schedule maker; Earl Zwiebel, Assistant to General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; George Powell, General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; James Oliver, deputy administrator, operation systems; Whitey Knollmiller, chief clerk, transportation department; Frank Blumenthal, chief radio dispatcher; Andy Anderson, asst. chief instructor; Roland Krafft, asst. to General Superintendent of Transportation; Mike Reyes, supervisor of stations; Otha Patton, mech. road instructor; Frank Lonning, stops and zones representative; Russ Derifield, schedule checker; and James Thompson, supervisor of schedule checkers.

Second row, left to right: Richard Venable, senior mileage clerk; Joe Englert, schedule maker; Jack Beggerly, senior internal auditor, Mark Drumright, asst. division manager; Earl Stanley, Director of Purchasing; Pat Kelley, senior buyer; Richard Weaver, supervisor of schedule checkers; Philip Podrasky, asst. supervisor, print shop; Jack Gerhardt, project development administrator; Manager of Operations George Heinle; Jim Holzer, senior surface planner; and William Wolf, schedule checker; and Manager of Employee Relations John Wilkens.



Radio dispatchers receiving pins from Jeff Diehl, far right, superintendent of transportation services, were, from left to right: Frank Blumenthal, 30 years; Lawrence Allen, 35 years; John Gallagher, 30 years; Ray Bacchus, 30 years.

Below, radio dispatchers Irvy Gibbons and Fred Sweeney received 10 year pins, while Stan Bennett, Daniel Ortiz and R. T. Miller got 15 year pins.



A Send Off For Sam



Sam Galatioto's many friends at the District turned out recently for his retirement party of November 2, when Sam retired as building engineer.

Sam, a native of Detroit, Michigan, started at the District as an operator in 1957 and then became asst. building engineer. He became building engineer in 1975.

The party, held in the employee cafeteria, brought out more than 200 people who came to give Sam their best wishes for a happy retirement.

Also attending the party was Sam's wife, Phyllis. The Galatioto's reside in La Habra, and their retirement plans include moving in the near future to Crescent City, near the California-Oregon border, where Sam can devote his time to his favorite hobby — fishing.

Above, Sam and his wife, Phyllis, third from right, pose with some of Sam's co-workers. From left to right: Cher McLaughlin, print shop clerk-typist; Ruth Kelley, senior matron; Janet Clark, Building Services secretary III; Sam; Phyllis; Doris Brown, messenger clerk; and Bertha Wooley of the janitorial staff.

Operator Frank Thompson Retires



Frank E. Thompson, who retired as an operator after 24 years, was honored by his friends and co-workers at Division 7 on the day of his retirement. From left to right is dispatcher Paul Mahoney; Thompson; operators S. A. McMahon; Earl Frustaci; Pete Willis; S. M. Bowers; Rod Bowen; division manager Gus Lopez; and George Anderson.

Thompson started his transportation career in 1952 after spending 10 years on the high seas, first in the Army Transport Service, and then as purser for the American President Lines.

At the farewell celebration, Division 7 manager Gus Lopez praised Thompson for having been an excellent operator with only five missouts in his career, the last one being 10 years ago. Thompson has also worked out of Divisions 3, 2, 6, 4 and 7.

Thompson, who resides in Hollywood, has no definite plans for retirement. No doubt, however, he'll be devoting much more time to his life-long hobby: collecting steamship artifacts especially from old ocean liners.

During his career at sea, Thompson traveled to China, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Spain as well as Western Europe. At his retirement party, Thompson smilingly explained why he started working in transportation at the age of 40: "I thought it was time to get a steady job."

Four Employees Honored



OUTSTANDING — The four employees recently honored for their work at the District hold the awards and checks which were presented to them by RTD Director George Takei, second from left. Standing clockwise, starting third from left, are information operator Paul Baca, Barbara Hagen, chief telephone operator, who accepted the award for Dorothy Hoccum who was unable to attend; Division 10 asst. manager Ben Lynum; Division 10 operator Robert Harter; Division 12 manager Ralph Costello; and Division 12 operator Isabelle Gaul. At far left is Robert G. Williams, Manager of Customer Relations.

Four employees were honored by the RTD Board of Directors recently for their outstanding work at the District in a joint awards presentation ceremony.

Robert Harter and Isabelle Gaul, of Divisions 10 and 12 respectively, were named as operators of the month for the past two months, and Dorothy Hoccum and Paul Baca were chosen as the information operators for the same period.

Dorothy Hoccum, who came to the District in August, 1975, enjoys her job. "I like the people I work with, and I like the people I talk to over the phone," she explains.

"I try to give out correct information, and I think of the callers as people and treat them the way I would like to be treated. I have a lot of pride in my work, and I feel very responsible about giving the customer the right information." Dorothy, also has a son, Larry, an engineering technician at the District who started as an information operator in 1971.

Dorothy resides in Alhambra, and has six children. Off-duty she bowls in the District bowling league, enjoys singing and likes all kinds of sports.

Isabelle Gaul, who has been an operator since 1950, originally started working because, she says, "I needed a job at that time. But I liked the job and I stuck with it." Now, she adds "I'm going to hate to quit when I retire in June."

Isabelle's philosophy is "to treat the people the way I would like to be treated, and to realize that passengers have their bad days too. I believe it takes two to make an argument." She adds: "I don't know of any other job that I'd rather do. I've never had any problems on the buses."

Isabel resides in Garden Grove with her husband, Ted, a transportation planning analyst at the District. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Isabel adds that though she worked for 27 years

as an operator, "I never gave up raising my children, and the management at the District was very understanding about that."

When not working, Isabel works with the senior high group at her church.

Harter, an operator out of Division 10, was cited for maintaining an outstanding performance as a bus operator with an excellent safety record. Harter started his career in 1945 and worked as a conductor, motorman and bus operator. Harter believes in giving his "all" to the job, and says, "You have to give strict attention to the duties at hand, to keep your mind on your work and to be careful at all times." He says his award "is the biggest surprise to me. I never thought I'd be chosen as operator of the month."

Harter resides in Highland Park with his wife of 34 years, Daveina. They have a married daughter, Carol Jean, and a grandson. When not working, Harter enjoys deep sea fishing and tries to get in some golf.

Paul Baca has been a District information operator since 1975, and sees his job as an interesting one "because I work with people and try to help them and become a guide for them." He adds: "It's a challenge to try to put ideas across over the phone and to try to instill confidence in people riding the buses." Paul always tries to mention several transfer points so that riders won't get lost if they miss their stop. "I don't want the riders to get confused and get turned off to buses."

Paul has several relatives working for the District. His mother, Mrs. Isabel Baca, is a ticket clerk at the Greyhound Station, and his brother, Michael is a stock clerk at South Park Shops. A cousin, Josie Abeyta, is a ticket agent at the Convention Center.

Paul and his wife, Rosa, live in Monterey Park with their three children: Annette, 4; Lisa, 2; and Anthony, 5 mos. Paul's favorite hobby is archery.

New Number for the HOTLINE

The District's employee HOTLINE now has a new number 972-6683, and employees can call the HOTLINE to communicate their suggestions, comments, questions and concerns to management.

The HOTLINE will be open 24 hours a day seven days a week. When the number is dialed, a recorded voice will announce that the caller is connected to the HOTLINE and will ask the caller to leave his message.

According to Byron Lewis, Personnel Director, "Every call will be treated confidentially, and an employee need not identify themselves. Every message will receive the same careful consideration whether the employees identify themselves or not."

Lewis adds that "This HOTLINE is an added convenience and is not intended to

replace any of several other methods of communication presently available to employees. Inquiries and concerns that cannot be resolved through the regular supervisory channels may be directed to the HOTLINE."

Lewis explains that the HOTLINE will serve employees who feel their subject matter requires immediate attention, who prefer to remain anonymous because of the delicacy of the subject, or who just feel more comfortable and spontaneous using the telephone rather than putting their ideas into a memo.

Adds Lewis: "We hope that the restoration of the HOTLINE program will provide a valuable tool to forge stronger links of understanding between employees and management."

EMPLOYEES' DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

By Mel Marquardt, RTD Pension Investment Administrator

During December of each year enrollment is open into the Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan. For current plan participants, this month also provides the opportunity to increase or decrease the deferred amounts and to change the way in which the funds are invested.

The Employees' Deferred Compensation Plan is designed to permit District employees to set aside a portion of their wages now and not pay taxes on that money, or earnings thereon, until it is received later during retirement when taxes should be lower. Additionally, your gross wages are reduced by the deferred amount for withholding tax purposes. The minimum amount that can be deferred is \$15 per pay period with the maximum not to exceed 90% of your pay. The plan has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

The deferred funds will be paid to plan participants upon retirement or termination from District service. If the sum accumulated is of significant size the District will purchase an annuity for you which spreads out the payment over time. Taxes are payable only on amounts received during each calendar year. In the event of a participant's death, payment will be made to a designated

beneficiary(ies). Withdrawals from the plan are not permitted unless a severe financial hardship is proven. You may, however, discontinue to contribute to the plan at any time, with previously deferred amounts remaining in the plan until your retirement or termination from District employment.

Deferred wage amounts may be invested into your choice of the following investment options:

1. Short-term investment which includes bank certificates of deposit and Federal government securities which have the direct support of the U.S. government or one of its agencies.
2. An annuity with a large national life insurance company.
3. A no-load bond fund.
4. A no-load mutual stock fund.

The plan is supervised by the District Treasurer, with individual employee accounts maintained by an outside firm specializing in the deferred compensation field. An administrative charge of 40 cents per pay period is deducted from the amount deferred.

Additional literature and enrollment information will be distributed to all employees late in November.

Farewell Fete for Frenchie

Clement L. Dupre, fondly known as "Frenchie" to everyone at the District, retired recently after 42 years of service and was honored by his many friends with a retirement party.

Frenchie, who came to RTD from Eastern City Lines, got his nickname from the days (1933-36) when he boxed in the welterweight class, first at the Pico Arena and then at the Hollywood Legion.

Frenchie, a native of Los Angeles,

resides in Monterey Park and plans to leave immediately for Tahiti, and then go to Mexico and Costa Rica to visit friends. After that, he says, "I'll play it by ear."

Frenchie, who was presented with a retirement gift, a stack of newly-minted silver dollars, says of his 42 years: "It doesn't seem that long, but time sure does fly. I can still remember my first day as an operator."



Helping Frenchie, third from left, celebrate his last day with the District were, from left to right: Nadeem Tahir, associate advance planner; Pat Conway, asst. advance planner; Pat Van Matre, transportation planning analyst II; David Brewer, assistant advance planner; Dave McCullough, senior advance planner; Martha Curtis, secretary II; and Dan Miller, associate advance planner.

Retired

Name	Dept.	Classification	Began Retired
Engel, Vernon C.	3209	Operator	6-25-37 9-25-76
Johnson, Oscar Froysaa	3209	Operator	9-18-36 10-10-76
Maloney, Francis Joseph	3221	Trafficman	12-29-45 10-1-76
Pratt, Harold Warren	3212	Operator	9-25-50 10-4-76
Williams, Grant Cecil	3212	Operator	5-15-39 10-3-76

In Memoriam

Name	Classification	Deceased
Beiriger, Walter F.	Former Division Dispatcher (Ret 11-1-67)	9-16-76
Brenneman, Io Harper	Former Operator (Ret 1-22-58)	9-23-76
Couch, Levi W.	Former Operator (Ret 7-28-62)	9-29-76
Crosby, Holmes D.	Former Supervisor (Ret 11-1-71)	10-3-76
Cumberford, Thomas G.	Former Operator (Ret 6-1-68)	10-2-76
Grossholz, Alton D.	Former Mechanic "A" (Ret 6-1-69)	9-30-76
Lipford Jr., Albert T.	Former Operator (Ret 11-8-74)	10-2-76
Maurer, Walter L.	Former Operator (Ret 4-9-73)	10-5-76
Spendlove, William P.	Former Operator (Ret 7-1-70)	9-30-76
Sutton, Carroll O.	Former Mechanic (Ret 11-16-74)	10-14-76

New Arrivals



Division 15 operator Sal Cardella and his wife, Veronica, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Rosemary, born September 17. The Cardellas, who reside in Tujunga, have two other children, Karen, 15, and Sal Jr., 3½.

Frank Gonzale, a Mechanic "B" at Division 8 and his wife, Tania, announce the birth of a baby girl, Jessica Jennifer, born on September 5. Frank and Tania reside in Mission Hills and have three other daughters: Rochelle, 13, Renee, 12, and Monica, 4.

A "case of brandy" or Brenda Anna, that is, came to the Erlenmeyer household on September 30. The little girl, nicknamed "Brandy" is the first child for Division 15 operator Harvey "Bruce" Erlenmeyer, and his wife, Toby. The family resides in Pasadena.

Marco Sandoval, Utility "A", at Division 3-10 and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of a set of twins, Mark Anthony and Melissa Christina, who were born on September 20.

The Sandovals have another daughter, Monica, 5, and reside in South Pasadena.

Division 10 operator Miguel Armando and his wife, Priscilla, became the proud parents of Miguel, who was born on October 13 weighing 8 lbs. Priscilla thought the new baby was very beautiful, but Daddy's first words were "Boy! He's big!"



25 YEARS — Division 9 operator Richard Miller, and his wife, Edith, customer information representative, recently marked their 25th wedding anniversary on October 11, and were honored with a dinner at Gilhooley's Restaurant in Eagle Rock Plaza by the marketing services department where Edith works. The dinner was attended by Jim Abernethy, Deborah McPherson, Scott Smith, Donna Hockenbury, Sharon Knapp, and David Aranda.

Richard and Edith reside in La Puente, and have seven children, including two daughters who work for the District: Liz Miller, a ticket clerk and Peggy Wahl, a telephone information operator.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE:
New brown velvet sofa and luv seat, \$250. Stereo — Girard, 2 speakers, Psychedelic lite & amplifier, \$200. 1 velvet rocket, limegreen, \$85. Call Nick — 261-7916.



WEDDING BELLS — The Department of Maintenance and Equipment helped celebrate a wedding shower recently for stenographer Jean Boehr. They presented Jean with a Salton Tray food warmer and then had refreshments. The ladies in the front row are (l to r): Geri Walker, general clerk I. Marie Moore, secretary III; Diane Hahn, general clerk II; Jean; Ann Parvin, secretary II; and Kaz Yoshitomi, chief clerk.

Standing in the back row are from left to right: Fred Bader, staff assistant II; Bob Wick, Superintendent of Shops and Auto Equipment; George Powell, General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; Earl Zwiebel, Assistant to the General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; Jack Carmichael, Superintendent of Maintenance Divisions and Jack Walker, Asst. Superintendent of Communications Systems.

Jean and Bob Boehr, shipping clerk at South Park Shops, were married on September 24 in an afternoon wedding ceremony in El Monte, where Jean and Bob now reside.

People News

Sandie Hill, daughter of RTD Division 9 operator Bill Hill was recently voted Miss Southeast Chapter of the California Credit Union League. Sandie, an executive secretary for Ameron, Inc. in Monterey Park, was also named Miss Ameron Credit Union and will compete this month for the state-wide title when the California Credit Union League holds its annual meeting in Anaheim.

Twenty-two years old, 5 feet 4 inches tall, with dark brown eyes and matching hair, Sandie is a graduate of Monte Vista High School in Whittier and she has been an Ameron employee for three years.

In achieving her second credit union queen election, she was judged not only on her personal grace and charm, but also upon her ability to express, based upon her own experience, "the advantages of saving with and borrowing from your own credit union."

Sandie is the oldest child of four girls and one boy for Bill and his wife, Evelyn, who reside in Whittier.



Theresa

Theresa Howard, daughter of Hyla Howard, credit union clerk, has just started her freshman year USC after graduating from Walnut High School with top honors. Theresa is planning to study biochemistry to prepare for a career in medical research and towards that goal won \$2,700 worth of scholarships along with a collection of awards and honors.

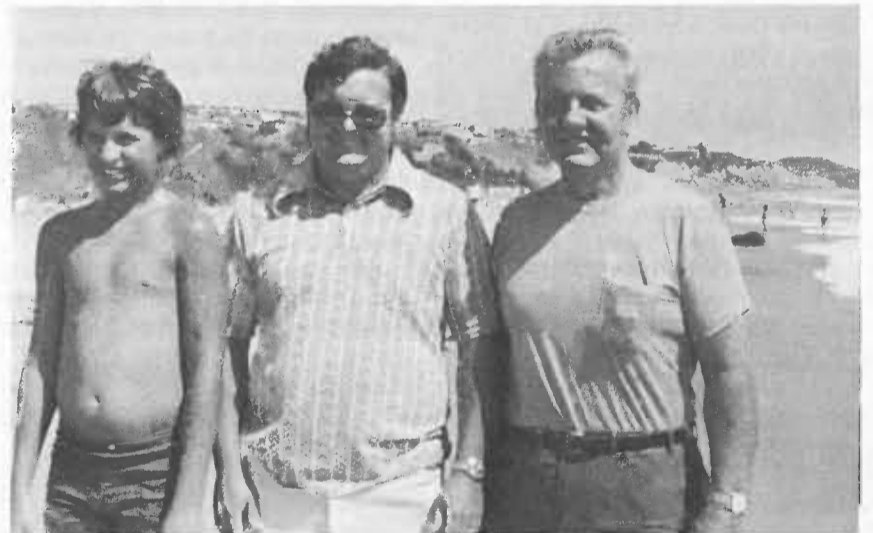
Theresa was finalist in the 1976 National Merit Scholarships competition, one of the most prestigious in the nation. Finalist standing is achieved by only the top one-half of one per cent of all seniors in the U.S.

Theresa is also listed in Who's Who in Among America High School students, was also selected as the Bank of America plaque winner in science and mathematics and won an award from Women in Engineering. She also participated last summer in the National Science Foundation's summer program at San Diego State and spent the summer studying FORTRAN computer programming, linear algebra, linear programming and topology, a form of advanced geometry.

In addition, Theresa shows a flair for art. She designed and illustrated her senior class year book, and was on her high school debate team.



Sandie



THREE GENERATIONS — Division 9 operator Lyndon F. Johnson (no relation to the late president), recently had some very special visitors: his son, Lyndon II who came with his wife Patty, and children, Tanya and Lyndon III, from Muscatine, Iowa.

Since it was the first family reunion since 1964, needless to say it was a very happy occasion!

Pictured above (from left to right) are Lyndon III; Lyndon II; and Lyndon, Sr. Lyndon has been with the District and its predecessor agencies for 23 years. He and his wife, Eula, reside in La Puente.

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