

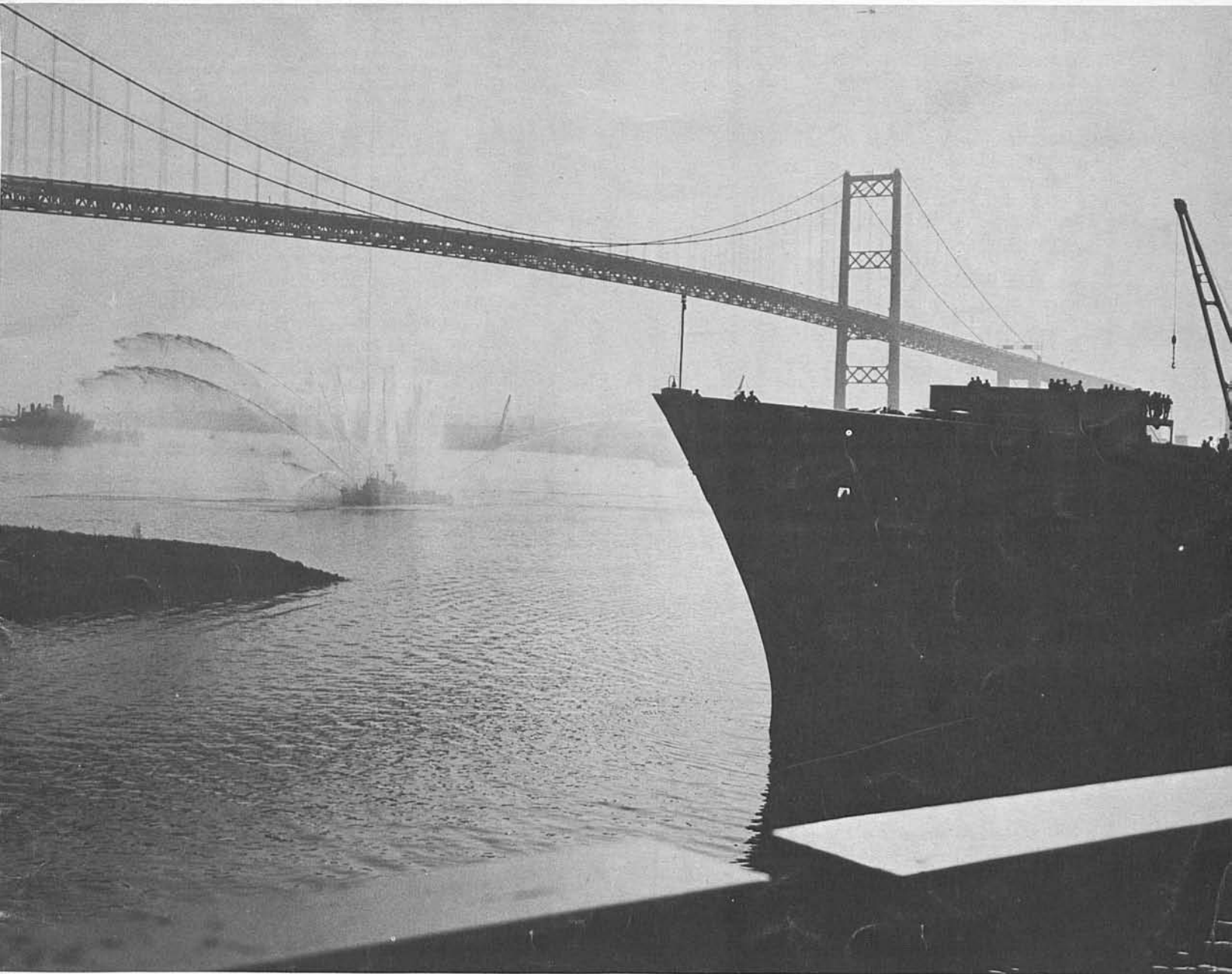
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OUR COVER

KEEP COOL by looking at this summer morning picture of the British SS *Oriana* coming in to dock beside Pier 93 at Los Angeles Harbor (see shipside MTA ticket story on page 6). The fireboat, with all hoses sending out streams of water that glistened in the morning sunlight, had escorted the ship all the way up the channel, and is continuing on under the Terminal Island Bridge while the ship turns west into its slip. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of expectant sightseers and prospective hosts lined the pier watching the majestic liner come in. The helicopter (over bridge pier) also watched.

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TRANSFER CEREMONY — Executive Director C. M. Gilliss, second from left, hands deed to old Plaza Substation (background), near Olvera St., Los Angeles, to Robert L. Swanson, Assistant Chief Land Agent for the State, and John Anson Ford (right), former Los Angeles County Supervisor and now Vice-President, El Pueblo de Los Angeles, while Mario Valdez, left, Managing Director, El Pueblo, smiles approval.

Old Plaza Substation Goes to State

OWNERSHIP of the former Plaza Substation, now empty of electrical equipment and no longer needed since buses replaced streetcars in Los Angeles, was transferred to the State Sept. 1 as a step in the historical restoration program under way in the Civic Center. The building is close to Olvera St.

Sale of the facility to the State had been authorized by the MTA Board. Hence, Executive Director C. M. Gilliss met State, City, and El Pueblo de Los Angeles (citizens' agency spearheading restoration planning) officials at the substation on Sept. 1 to make ceremonial transfer of title to the old building, erected in 1903.

Participating with Mr. Gilliss were El Pueblo de Los Angeles Vice-Presidents John Anson Ford (former Los Angeles County Supervisor), and Robert Shillito, Assistant Managing Director, California Retailers Association; Mario Valadez, El Pueblo's Managing Director; Wendell Davis, Los Angeles Area Coordinator, State Division of Beaches and Parks; Robert L. Swanson, Assistant Chief Land Agent for the State; and David Leach, Plaza Area Coordinator, Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department.

MTA, SCRTD Boards to Be Honored At Civic Luncheon Oct. 8

HONORING present and past members of the MTA Board, as well as members of the new SCRTD Board, a "Salute to Transit" luncheon will be held under the auspices of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce at Cocoanut Grove on Thursday, Oct. 8.

Governor Edmund G. Brown tops a list of important guests — leaders in government, business, and civic affairs — who have been invited to attend.

The importance of a balanced transportation complex to Southern California will be pointed out by featured speaker Robert Jenney, industrialist who has won national recognition for his advocacy of the need for all forms of transportation to complement each other in the community. Mr. Jenney heads a chain of 800 New England filling stations.

SCRTD Act Became Law Aug. 22

**New District Now Exists with County Officials as Officers;
SCRTD Board Expected to Meet in Late September or Early October
To Organize and Set Merger Date When You Become an SCRTD Employee**

THE ACT creating a new Southern California Rapid Transit District with locally controlled Board became law Aug. 22, the 91st day after adjournment of the 1964 special session of the State Legislature.

The new law set in motion on that date a legal time clock specifying how and when the SCRTD is to become an operating entity which is to merge with the existing transit system, run it, and plan a new rapid transit system.

7 OF 11 BOARD MEMBERS CHOSEN

The first step — namely, the selection of the governing board of 11 members — is already partially completed, inasmuch as seven members have been nominated and the appointment of five of them confirmed. Four others have yet to be named.

On Monday, Aug. 24, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors confirmed the appointment of Howard P. Allen, Vice-President, Southern California Edison Co.; Mark Boyar, member of the present MTA Board and realty developer; Gordon R. Hahn, former State Assemblyman and former Los Angeles City Councilman; Don C. McMillan, retired Pasadena City Manager; and Douglas A. Newcomb, member of the present MTA Board and retired Superintendent of Schools, Long Beach.

The Los Angeles City Council confirmed Sept. 14 the appointment of two Board members selected by the Mayor of Los Angeles. Nominated by Mayor Yorty were Martin Pollard, member of the present MTA Board and prominent San Fernando Valley automobile dealer; and Dr. Norman Topping, President, University of Southern California.

The four members to be chosen by the City Selection Committee for the cities (excluding Los Angeles, Palmdale, and Avalon) in Los Angeles County will, it is expected, be nominated and their appointments confirmed at the same time on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

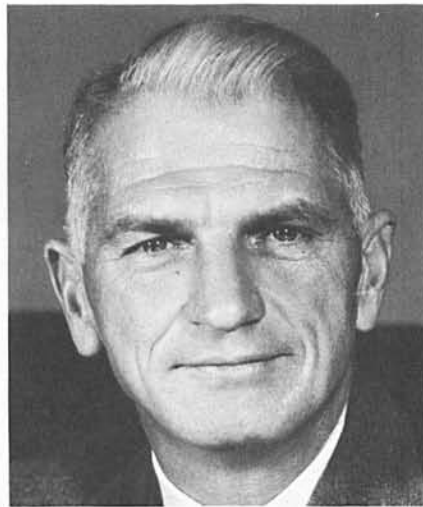
The League of California Cities (Los Angeles County Division) has requested the California Secretary of

State, charged by the SCRTD Act with the responsibility for keeping the time clock going, to convene the City Selection Committee on this date.

ORGANIZATION MEETING

The schedule calls for the Secretary of State to call (and preside over) the first meeting of the new Board sometime in late September or early October.

At this meeting the Board may select,



L. S. HOLLINGER
Chief Administrative Officer
Los Angeles County
Ex officio
Interim General Manager
SCRTD

from among its members, a President and a Vice-President, and may appoint, on a full-time basis, a Secretary, a General Counsel, a Treasurer, an Auditor, and a General Manager.

Under terms of the Act, this meeting will be held even if the City Selection Committee at its Sept. 23 meeting should fail to agree on its four Board members; for the seven members already chosen constitute a quorum.

The City Selection Committee has grouped the cities it represents into four corridors, with one Board member to be selected for each corridor. Each member of the City Selection Committee has one vote for every \$10,000,000 of assessed valuation in the city he represents (each Committeeman represents one city).

MERGER DATE IMPORTANT

The new Board's second regular meeting will be of great importance because, by the terms of the Act, this is the "merger date" — or date when the LAMTA will be merged into the SCRTD. "Upon such merger," reads Sec. 31000 of the Act, "the separate existence of the authority ceases, and the district shall succeed ipso facto and by operation of law and without other transfer, to all the rights and property of the authority, and shall be subject to all legally enforceable debts and liabilities of the authority, in the same manner as if the district had itself incurred them."

On the merger date, all employees of MTA become employees of the SCRTD, "with all the same rights, privileges and compensation they had as employees of the authority" (Sec. 31003 of the Act).

It should be pointed out, in the interest of clarity, that the SCRTD, although now (since Aug. 22) in existence, is entirely separate from the LAMTA, and has its own set of interim officers designated by Sec. 31004 of the Act to serve until the merger date — now expected to be set by the new Board for some time in middle or late October. These interim SCRTD officers are as follows:

General Manager: L. S. Hollinger, Chief Administrative Officer of Los Angeles County.

General Counsel: Harold Kennedy, Los Angeles County Counsel.

Treasurer: Harold J. Ostly, Los Angeles County Treasurer.

Auditor: Roscoe Hollinger, Los Angeles County Auditor.

Secretary: Gordon T. Nesvig, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County.

Meanwhile the present MTA Board, headed by Chairman A. J. Eyraud, and the present Executive Staff, headed by Executive Director and General Manager C. M. Gilliss, continue to direct MTA operations throughout the four counties we now serve.

SCRTD Board Members Chosen to Date:

**7 of the 11, All Locally Appointed;
League of Cities Members Not Yet Confirmed**

HOWARD P. ALLEN, Vice-President, Southern California Edison Co., and formerly a member of the Citizens' Rapid Transit Action Committee of Los Angeles, was named by Supervisor Frank G. Bonelli, with the approval of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. A graduate of Pomona College (where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa) and of Stanford University Law School, he served Stanford as Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant Dean of the Law School before joining Edison. With Edison he was Special Assistant, Vice-Presidential Assistant, and Special Counsel before becoming Vice-President.



MARK BOYAR, present member of the MTA Board, was named by Supervisor Ernest E. Debs, with the approval of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. President of the Metropolitan Development Corporation, Mr. Boyar helped create many Southern California communities, including Lakewood. His public service has included memberships on the Governor's Advisory Board, the California State Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and the Sixth Agricultural District. He is a director of the Equitable Savings and Loan Association, Long Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association, and the Commonwealth Bank.



GORDON R. HAHN, who has had more than 17 years of experience in public service at State and local levels, was named by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, with the approval of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. A graduate of Los Angeles area public schools and Pepperdine College, he was elected four times to the State Legislature and thrice to the Los Angeles City Council. On the latter he has held the chairmanship of several important committees. Choosing not to run for re-election in 1963, he entered private business as a real estate broker.





DON C. McMILLAN, for 15 years City Manager of Pasadena, was named by Supervisor Warren M. Dorn, with the approval of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. A civil engineer with degree from Colorado College, he served the Colorado Division of Highways in that capacity, and has also been City Manager at Alameda and Ventura. He has been a member of the California State Water Pollution Control Board, the California State Disaster Council, the Los Angeles County and Cities Defense Planning Board, and other civil defense agencies.



DOUGLAS A. NEWCOMB, present MTA Board member and recently retired Superintendent of Schools for the Long Beach Unified School District, was named by Supervisor Burton W. Chace, with the approval of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. While rising from teacher to superintendent in Long Beach, Mr. Newcomb served in a number of varied professional and service organizations. He has been President of the Long Beach Rotary Club, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Memorial Hospital of Long Beach, and is Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Long Beach Public Transportation Co.



MARTIN POLLARD, present MTA Board member and an automobile dealer in the San Fernando Valley, was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, the appointment having been confirmed on Sept. 14 by the City Council. Mr. Pollard has been a pioneer in advancing the cause of rapid transit in Southern California. He was a member of the first MTA established in 1951, and has served the MTA as Chairman and Treasurer. Long a civic leader, he has held key positions in chambers of commerce, and has served as a member of the Airport Commission. He is also President of the Lincoln Bank. Many charitable organizations have benefited by his leadership in fund-raising drives.



DR. NORMAN TOPPING, President of the University of Southern California, was appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty, the appointment having been confirmed on Sept. 14 by the City Council. Dr. Topping was Chairman of a special six-man committee of Los Angeles County leaders appointed by Gov. Edmund G. Brown in 1963 to study ways and means of financing rapid transit for the County. Active in many professional, civic and business organizations, President Topping is also a director of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. He came to USC from a position as Vice-President for Medical Affairs, University of Pennsylvania.

“MTA Ahoy!”



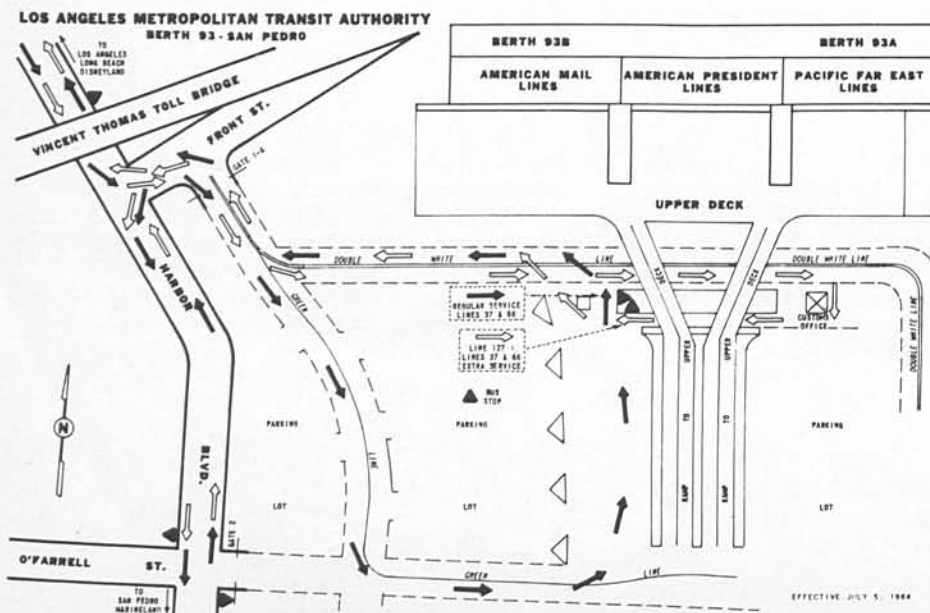
How MTA Tickets Are Sold at Shipside

WHEN THE P&O steamship *Oriana*, on her majestic way back to London from Australia, moved (above) up the Main Channel of Los Angeles Harbor with the aid of tugs, and docked (left) at new Pier 93, with 1465 passengers in transit, on a sunny Saturday morning, July 11, about 9 o'clock, MTA Operators on Lines 37, 66, and 127 had been alerted to new diversions of routes (see map below) as an established new procedure.

Coaches on regular schedules in the vicinity of the pier a short time after the boat had docked were diverted from the regular route along Harbor Blvd. into and out of the pier area by way of Gate 1, near the Vincent Thomas Toll Bridge, from San Pedro to Terminal Island. Some extra service was also directed in this fashion.

Stopping at a loading island under the ramps bringing ship's passengers down from the upper level, the buses picked up some 300 people who had bought MTA tickets from Long Beach Agent Willard J. Doll.

Mr. Doll, assisted by his wife, Ann, and another Ticket Clerk, Mrs. Lydia Shelton, had set up a ticket and information booth inside the upper level of the large building into which all disembarking passengers must pass from the ship. They also set up a special table near the foot of the stairway at





ABOVE — Going ashore across the covered gangplank.

TOP RIGHT — MTA ticket counter, close to the rush of voyagers going ashore. Behind the counter at left is Mrs. Lydia Shelton; at right is Mrs. Ann Doll, wife of MTA's Long Beach Agent. Crowd was just starting.

AT RIGHT — Crowd begins to thicken around counter.

LOWER RIGHT — After the first rush, Mrs. Doll went downstairs and sold tickets at a table near the buses. K. E. Funk, Supervisor of Stations and Agencies, right, helped her by preparing tickets as she made change.

LOWER LEFT — Long Beach Agent Willard J. Doll, left, checks with Mrs. Doll and Mr. Funk on the number and kinds of tickets sold, after the crowds have gone.



ground level.

On this day they sold 111 round trip tickets to Disneyland, 49 round trips to Marineland, 117 one-way tickets to Los Angeles, 35 one-way to Long Beach, and three one-way to Disneyland.

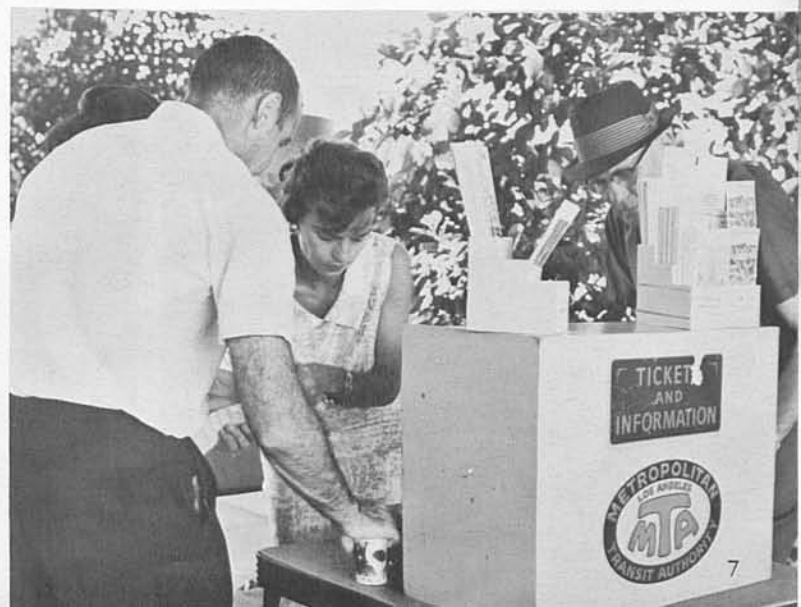
"One of the best days we've had in a long time," said Mr. Doll, who keeps informed long in advance of the arri-

val of passenger vessels and makes it his business to be on hand with tickets, timetables, and information when they arrive at the harbor.

MTA service is also coordinated with the ship's departure schedule, so that passengers who will continue their voyages may return across the gangplank at the appointed time. In the case of the *Oriana*, anchor was to be

weighed at 7:30 p.m. of the same day the ship arrived.

Passengers from the ship were noteworthy for their British and Australian accents and for their patience at the ticket and information counter. Each courteously awaited his or her turn. Few, if any, attempted to interrupt the Ticket Clerks when the latter were engaged with others.



"MTA Ahoy!"

AT RIGHT — Three views of ship's passengers boarding MTA buses. Top picture shows Line 66 bus; two lower photos show Line 127 buses, one to Disneyland, the other (lower) to Marineland. Operator in lower photo (man next to right) is S. E. Burch.

BELOW — Some of MTA supervisory forces watch the new operation into the pier. From left are D. D. Canning, Senior Transportation Engineer; Jack Stewart, Assistant General Superintendent of Transportation; C. E. Carlson, Chief Supervisor and Dispatcher; R. W. Krafft, Division 12 Superintendent; M. J. Storer, Chief Instructor. Mr. Carlson also appears in top (at extreme right) and bottom (at left, with back turned) photos shown at right.

LOWER LEFT — Pier 93 guard lets automobile go out as docked ship is photographed from Gate 1 exit from parking lot. Note how ship towers above station at dock.



Commendations . . .

Operators Honored For Courtesy in July & Aug.

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

July:

G. N. Alexander, Division 4; E. L. Amundson, 10; C. E. Andrews, 4; Louis Baca, 7; Samuel Bagsby, Jr., 7; L. E. Bailey, 10; Eugene Barbee, 7; Earl Barr, 1; E. J. Beatty, 7; T. F. Benedict, 7; M. E. Bently, 7; F. T. Berken, 7; J. W. Brennan, 4; J. W. Bressman, 4; K. C. Brooks, 2; Perry Brown, 2; T. H. Brown, 7; Robert Burks, Jr., 7; H. B. Burnette, 9; J. D. Burns, 9; C. T. Burris, 7.

J. T. Chams, 4; F. T. Clancy, 8; Benjamin Cooper, 7; R. F. Creel, 2; W. L. Creel, 9; R. A. Creer, 8; Marvin Crook, Jr., 4; L. E. Cutright, 8; F. V. Daniel, 7; D. W. Daniels, 4; W. C. Daniels, 4; W. R. Davis, 7; A. A. Davison, 5; V. E. Delmar, 6; Aaron Dorsey, Jr., 7; L. F. Douglas, 8; P. A. Drennan, 7; D. F. Duffy, 5; B. J. Evans, 2.

L. R. Finders, 3; W. C. Fisher, 7; Esequiel Flores, 3; A. C. Fouroux, 5; J. H. Fuller, 7; A. M. Garcia, 9; J. L. Gilmore, 9; W. D. Gleason, 4; O. D. Golden, 2; D. C. Grayson, 12; E. C. Green, 5; F. W. Green, 1; C. F. Greenfield, 6; O. G. Hatfield, 2; W. J. Hawkesworth, 2; O. H. Hedge, 9; W. T. Henderson, 4; Ezra Hill, 7; R. L. Hinton, 2; E. B. Hughes, 8.

L. E. Jepsen, 8; J. R. Jenkins, 7; C. A. Johnson, 5; O. F. Johnson, 9; William Johnson, Jr., 7; J. E. Kierz, 8; J. W. Kipp, 9; J. J. LaFond, 12; L. R. Lanham, 1; Y. C. Lester, 7; C. C. Lockwood, 10; A. K. Lopez, 5; H. R. Manning, 7; J. H. Mathews, 3; F. T. McClendon, 9; Willie McCoy, 6; T. R. McLemore, 2; T. P. McLendon, 1; Ralph Menchaca, Jr., 1.

B. M. Parsley, 6; E. L. Paternoster, 3; C. W. Pederson, 3; R. J. Rainey, 2; V. J. Ramsey, 7; Alfred Rappaport, 3; C. A. Ravens, 8; B. T. Ray, 2; S. B. Ray, 3; Creighton Rinderknecht, 4; Jackie Roberts, 4; R. C. Rodriguez, 3; Bob Root, 2; P. D. Schmidt, 4; D. L. Sly, 10; G. A. Smith, 7; J. W. Stevens, 6; R. D. Taylor, 7; F. V. Thomas, 10; Micheal Troff, 4.

Letter of Commendation Includes Poem For Operator J. W. Menzies, Division 7

"... I am a student at UCLA ... am an older woman and the mother of three children. ...

"It so moved me to observe the extreme patience and kindness of one of your drivers that I was inspired to write the enclosed poem. ...

MRS. BARBARA KAPLAN

"To John (2764) Line 83, Wilshire Blvd.

"AN ASTUTE SCHOLAR OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SCHOOL: LIFE!

"What is all knowledge sought for?
To better know the race,
And treat with tender dignity
Each young or aged face.

"What more could books reveal to you
Who know the worth of man,
Who treat with gentle kindness
All members of the clan.

"The surly and the bitter,
The simple and the lost,
With patient careful handling,
In spite of pain or cost.

"Your face tells more the story,
Your words are chosen, few.
Your heart is truly on your sleeve,
As with those simple two.

"To you bouquets and orchids,
And blessings for all time.
And may your wisdom lessons
Be learned by all (riders) your line."

Jack Vaughn, Jr., 7; W. A. Wadlington, 5; R. M. Walton, 3; J. A. Warren, 8; E. V. Watford, 7; W. H. Webb, 7; R. L. Webster, 6; R. L. Wheeler, 6; J. J. Whelan, 6; D. P. Whittingslow, 10; J. C. Williams, 1; J. K. Williams, 7; J. F. Wilson, 2; J. R. Wilson, 7; V. D. Wolven, 8; M. R. Wright, 7.

August:

R. J. Alexander, Division 2; L. C. Ammons, 12; W. R. Anderson, 2; J. T. Ball, 7; E. J. Beatty, 7; T. F. Benedict, 7; J. E. Bernard, 4; F. C. Bradford, 2; A. R. Brown, 7; R. A. Brown, 2; R. J. Buda, 2; C. T. Burris, 7; J. H. Calwell, 2; O. H. Cambron, 2; Frankie Contreras, 3; C. V. Crosby, 10.

F. E. Dahlstrom, 10; F. P. Danna, 1; H. R. Davis, 2; Lloyd De Gregorio, 10; Betty Dixon, 7; Aaron Dorsey, Jr., 7; G. W. Engel, 10; E. A. Evans, 7; J. P. Farley, 7; W. C. Fisher, 7; R. L. Fleming, 9; L. C. Gambol, 3; W. J. Greene, 4; C. F. Greenfield, 6; A. S. Guskos, 7; J. A. Gwin, 5.

J. E. Haller, 10; Orvil Hazelton, 3; W. H. Hicks, 4; James Hunter, 2; P. L. Jessup, 6; W. B. Jones, 4; D. V. Kern, 2; J. E. King, 2; M. E. Kittinger, 12; Odd Kristoffersen, 5; L. R. Lanham, 2; L. W. Long, 7; Sally A.

Macklin, 1; H. R. Manning, 7; C. E. Merriweather, 8; W. H. Miller, 11; Roosevelt Mills, 2; Charles Mims, 4; J. A. Moody, 2; L. L. Murdock, 4.

George Nagra, 1; H. A. Naughton, 8; E. B. Nelms, 2; H. C. Nields, 10; R. G. Ogle, 2; R. A. Osborne, 12; S. O. Parker, 2; J. L. Patterson, 9; H. E. Phillips, 7; J. C. Porras, 6; V. D. Powell, 7; P. D. Proud, 7; R. J. Rainey, 2; Alfred Rappaport, 3; S. B. Ray, 3; Jackson Ridge, 6; Donald Rose, 7.

T. A. Scanlon, 10; F. R. Seddio, 2; J. E. Sherfey, 4; Ruben Siegel, 8; R. L. Small, 2; A. L. Smith, 7; G. A. Smith, 7; W. L. Smith, 12; N. B. Smock, 6; Elroy Spinks, 6; W. C. Stephens, 2; C. F. Sterling, 9; J. W. Stevens, 6; R. W. Stillwell, 10; Allen Stinson, Jr., 2; P. W. Stringer, 7; T. L. Sykes, 7.

R. D. Taylor, 7; Walter Thomas, Jr., 4; A. E. Tooley, 3; S. S. Townsend, 1; G. F. Usher, 8; C. R. Van Lee, 5; K. H. Varney, 1; J. E. Walker, 2; Mildred C. Ward, 4; D. E. Warehime, 10; P. J. Wargo, 10; R. L. Webster, 6; Earl Williams, 7; J. C. Williams, 1; J. F. Wilson, 2; L. M. Wimberly, 7; J. W. Winston, 5; P. L. Wolken, 5; Earnest Wright, 2.

Good Fellowship, Food, Fun Enjoyed by MTA Masonic Club

GOOD FELLOWSHIP, good food, and good entertainment are prime attractions of meetings of the MTA Masonic Club held quarterly, three meetings being for dinner, the fourth an out-of-town trip to confer degrees. Pictured on these two pages are scenes of a meeting held on June 26 at the usual place, Glassell Park Masonic Lodge, Ave. 35 and Eagle Rock Blvd.

According to President L. S. ("Cap") Hendricks (whose official capacity is Representative of the Stops and Zones Department), nearly 300 active or retired MTA employees who are Masons are members of the club.

"At our meetings, nobody outranks anybody; titles are left outside the door," said Cap.

For many years, the preparation of the dinners has been the special prerogative of Mrs. Ernest A. Abbott, wife of the Division 3 Operator. She spends an entire day at the Lodge preparing food for the more than 100 people who attend. Various club members assist her as they arrive at the lodge after their tour of MTA duty for the day (see pictures). Dinners are always served by Job's Daughters from one of the Bethels in nearby cities. At

the June 26 meeting, it was Bethel No. 23, of Glassell Park.

In addition to enjoying dinner meetings, the MTA Masonic Club also has a degree team which travels to various lodges conferring degrees on lodge members who may or may not be MTA employees. On Oct. 10, a team will travel to the Palm Springs lodge to confer a third degree on Sid Dupree, of the MTA Instruction Department. Many Masonic Club members are planning to go along as spectators, according to President Hendricks.

Four third degrees have been conferred thus far in 1964, and eight were conferred in 1963.

Officers of the Masonic Club, in addition to Cap, include Henry Monroe, Field Representative of the Personnel Department, Vice-President; Clarence A. Miller, Division 3 Instructor Secretary; and Franklin Lonning, Supervisor, Transportation Department, Treasurer. They hold office for one year — till next Jan. 1.

The next dinner meeting will be held some time in January — the exact date has not yet been set, according to the President. A special feature of the meeting will be election of new officers for 1965.

TOP — Masonic Club officers "harmonize": Standing, from left, are L. S. ("Cap") Hendricks, President; Henry Monroe, Vice-President; Clarence A. Miller, Secretary. Seated at the keyboard is Franklin Lonning, Treasurer. — A likely-looking quartet. **AT RIGHT** — Max Terhune, of radio and television fame, entertained with a program of humor, bird calls, harmonica-playing, magic tricks, ventriloquism, and other fun. **LOWER RIGHT** — President Hendricks, left, and Secretary Miller, right, welcome Mr. Miller's uncle, 81-year-old Horace Miller, retired Motorman and Past Master of his Temple City Lodge. Horace was the oldest guest at the dinner. He retired in 1948. **LOWER LEFT** — Youthful waitresses, all members of Bethel No. 23, Job's Daughters, have an early dinner with their Guardian, Mrs. Lawhorn, left, and Ernest A. Abbott, Division 10 Operator and Junior Past President of the MTA Masonic Club. Left to right are Sheryl Martin, Donnette Meek (daughter of Division 3 Operator L. B. Meek), Debbie Peters, Claudia Kaufman, and Linda Corwin. Girls were introduced and thanked.





GOOD FELLOWSHIP is enjoyed at the Masonic Club dinner (above and right).

Masonic Club Dinner



KITCHEN HELP — Fred H. Busse, left, Assistant Chief Supervisor, Transportation Department, slices the roast beef; Mrs.

E. A. Abbott, center, wife of Division 10 Operator, prepares dinner; C. E. Dennis, Division 10 Operator, makes the coffee.





IN THE SPIRIT OF '76, Division 8 Operator Dakin Boardman, Public Relations Secretary Jean Brenner, and Secretary to Chief Engineer Doris Beane (reading right to left) aid James Marshall, Sergeant, U. S. Army, 1964, but dressed in a Continental uniform, to allure an audience to the Army's Pageant of Flags held at Wrigley Field last July 31. The KLAC Fun Bus — an MTA bus on which, to their surprise, passengers ride free because Radio Station KLAC pays MTA the fares in advertising credits — was used as the backdrop. On the day of the pictures, Operator Boardman was driving it on the Line 35 Freeway Flyer between Reseda and Los Angeles. Sgt. Marshall is displaying a replica of the first American Flag with its circle of 13 stars in blue field.



OPERATOR OF THE MONTH for August was Division 12's William Kelly, Jr., commended by a tourist for, among other things, his helpful information as to places to see around Los Angeles and how to get there, and his "How'd you enjoy it yesterday?" when he saw the passenger on his Line 55 bus the next day. Runner-up was A. K. Lopez (shown at left) of Division 5.



News in Pix

GROUP WINNERS of first place in the June Improv-Ur-Record contest are represented here. In photo at left, some of the Division 3 Operators gather to watch as first-place plaque for Group I is presented by Robert Simmons, Vice-Chairman, Lodge No. 385, on behalf of the BRT to Operator A. R. Peterson, who receives it on behalf of Operators at Division 3. Man at left in dark suit is Division Superintendent, A. C.

Tieman. In photo at right, Local Chairman K. R. Moore, center, presents first place plaque for Group II on behalf of BRT to Division 9 Superintendent W. A. Ullrich, left, and Operator Steve Franich — who receives it on behalf of Operators at Division 9. Other place-winners in Group I were Division 10, second, and Division 4, third; in Group II, Division 6, second. Coffee, cake, and doughnuts were served at all winning divisions.



New Faces

A HEARTY WELCOME to the following new employees who joined MTA between:

July 1 and July 31:

Accounting and Fiscal Division

KEY-PUNCH OPERATOR: Judith A. Woolery.

Equipment Maintenance Department

UTILITY A: Willie D. Brooks, Division 3; Samuel D. Goins, 2; Russell G. Ward, 2.

Purchasing and Stores Department

JUNIOR STOCK CLERK: Warren T. Grismer; Harold "J" Thomason, Jr.

Real Property Management

INFORMATION CLERK: Carol Ann Mills.

Transportation Department

OPERATOR: Norman M. Baker, Division 12; Jack P. Farley, 7; Theodore D. Keeseey, 12; Hershel J. Perry, 7; Hughie F. Sadberry,* 10.

RED CAP PORTER: Jerry N. Prickett.

August 3 and August 31:

Equipment Maintenance Department

MECHANIC B: Garland A. Davis, Douglas C. Powell, Martin J. Waling.

MECHANIC C: Joseph M. Curtis, Rexell M. Long, Brian P. Thompson.

UTILITY A: Bobby N. Bray, James A. Patton.

Real Property Management

INFORMATION CLERK: Stella A. Arce, Lenna J. Day, Rosie H. Serafin.

Special Agents Department

PATROLMAN: Norman V. Koch.

Transportation Department

OPERATOR: Harold L. Alcorn,* Division 5; Guillermo J. Armendariz, #; Milton A. Arnold, #; Robert Barrera, Jr., 8; James E. Fleming, #; Raymond L. Neeley, #; Harold J. Schneider, 12; Larry L. Simons, #; Kenneth S. Skolyan, #; James E. Smith, #; Norman B. Solomon, 8.

*Re-employed

#Unassigned at time of going to press.

On Their Way Up

CONGRATULATIONS to the following employees who have taken a step up the ladder in recent weeks:

Otis Beasley, Jr. from Utility A to Mechanic C, Equipment Maintenance Department, July 26. Employed Aug. 30, 1955.

Roy C. Brede from Mechanics C to Mechanics B, Division 5, Equipment Maintenance Department, Aug. 23. Employed May 25, 1964.

Karen A. Budinger from Secretary II, Transportation Department, to Secretary III, Administrative Department, June 22. Employed Oct. 11, 1962.

Virginia C. Haynes from Secretary I to Secretary III, Personnel Department, July 20. Employed Apr. 4, 1960.

Arthur J. Janks from Mechanic B to

Mechanic A, Division 2, Equipment Maintenance Department, Aug. 23. Employed July 22, 1958.

Ray L. Koons from Operator-Extra Schedule Checker to Schedule Checker, Transportation Department, July 5. Employed Mar. 10, 1955.

Alfonso B. Lewis from Utility A to Utility A Leadman, Equipment Maintenance Department, July 26. Employed Oct. 10, 1958.

Jesse Medeiros from Print Shop Clerk to Junior Multilith Operator, Transportation Department, July 26. Employed Apr. 1, 1946.

Leroy Phillips from Mechanic B to Mechanic A, Division 3, Equipment Maintenance Department, Aug. 9. Employed Jan. 18, 1946.

Paul M. Rodriguez from Utility A to Mechanic C, Equipment Maintenance Department, July 26. Employed Nov. 30, 1959.

Kathleen Root from Stenographer to Secretary II, Transportation Department, June 22. Employed Aug. 17, 1959.

Carl G. Smith from Mechanic C to Mechanic B, Division 5, Equipment Maintenance Department, Aug. 23. Employed Nov. 17, 1961.

Bobby J. Tillman from Operator-Extra Schedule Checker to Schedule Checker, Transportation Department, July 12. Employed Jan. 15, 1959.

Farrell D. Webb from Mechanic A to Mechanic A Leadman, Division 5, Equipment Maintenance Department, Aug. 23. Employed Oct. 3, 1946.

Special Service For L. A. County Fair

SPECIAL SERVICE to the Los Angeles County Fair is again scheduled for the 17 days of the Fair's activities, which begin Sept. 18.

Special Freeway Flyers will leave the Los Angeles temporary Depot direct to the fairgrounds, and shuttle service will operate between Pomona Station and the entrance gates.

A combination ticket, selling for \$4.00, at a saving to the purchaser of 65¢, will be available only at the Los Angeles Station. It includes round trip transportation, admission to the fairgrounds, and admission to the grandstand.

The combination ticket is being advertised in a special take-one brochure

as well as in newspapers and on radio spots. King-size posters advertising the fair are now being carried on MTA buses.

If weather conditions are good — bad weather hurt attendance last season — the County Fair management expects record-breaking throngs this year.

In Memoriam

WITH REGRET, THE EMBLEM reports the death of the following:

Mrs. Beulah Bladel, wife of Mechanic Leadman Alfred N. Bladel, of Division 5; Aug. 25. Survived by her husband, whose service dates from 1941. He resides in Hawthorne.

Mrs. Georgann Blakely, wife of retired Stationmaster William L. Blakely; Aug. 5. Survived by her husband, whose service was from 1920 to 1958. He resides in La Crescenta.

Albert Lee Dellinger, 82, retired Flagman, Transportation Department; July 14; service from 1918 to 1951. Survived by his wife, Rebecca, of Los Angeles.

John C. Gunderloch, 67, retired Flagman, Transportation Department; Aug. 7; service from 1923 to 1961. Survived by his wife, Marion, of Los Angeles.

Earl E. Hall, 57, Trafficman, Transportation Department; Aug. 30; service from 1942. Survived by his wife, Sadie, of Torrance.

John J. Malvey, 71, retired Shipping and Receiving Clerk, Purchasing and Stores Department; Aug. 21; service from 1946 to 1963. Survived by his wife, Agnes, of Montrose.

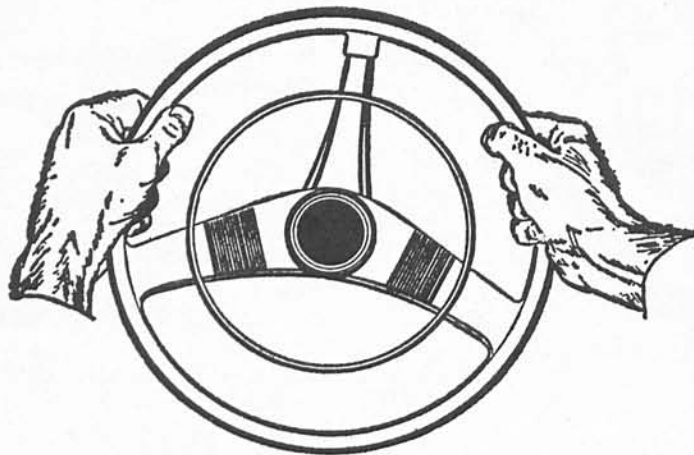
Martin E McCune, 80, retired Foreman, Equipment Maintenance Department; July 30; service from 1921 to 1946. Survived by his wife, Josephine, of Arroyo Grande.

Tom Mellen, 71, retired Operator, Division 6; June 3; service from 1921 to 1958. Survived by his daughter, Mrs. Margaret M. Helms, of Bakersfield.

Paul K. Murray, 56, Trafficman, Transportation Department; Aug. 29; service from 1936. Survived by his wife, Marie, of North Hollywood.

Kenneth S. Stephens, 56, Clerk, Division 9, Transportation Department; Aug. 18; service from 1933. Survived by his wife, Fulvia, of Whittier.

Mrs. Mary J. Warren, wife of Operator Joseph A Warren, of Division 8; Aug. 24. Survived by her husband, whose service dates from 1939. He resides in Van Nuys.



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I'M JUST A WHEEL — A steering wheel. Behind me you're the master of a miracle. You can make me take the kids to school. You can turn me down the sunny road toward town. With me you can guide your goods to the market . . . you can rush the sick to be healed . . . you can go in minutes to places hours away. With me you can do magic.

Yet in the blink of any eye, in the tick of your watch, I can turn deadly killer. I can snuff out the life of a kid still full of life — maybe YOUR KID. I can twist a smile into tears. I can wreck and cripple and destroy. I can deal out death like the plague.

And I'm no respecter of persons. A child, a grandmother, even YOU, my friend . . . it's all the same to me.

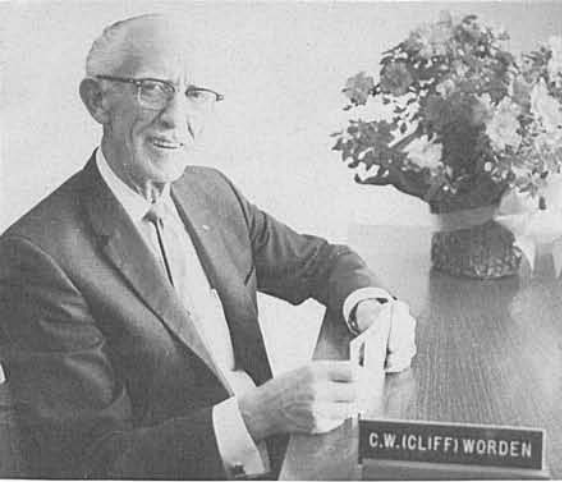
I respond instantly to the hands you give me. Give me calm hands, steady hands, careful hands . . . and I'm your friend. But give me unsteady hands, reckless hands . . . then I'm your enemy, a menace to the life, happiness, the future of every person, every youngster riding, walking, playing.

I was made for pleasure and usefulness. Keep me that way. I'm in your hands. I'm just a steering wheel. But behind me you're the master of a miracle . . . or a tragedy. It's up to you!

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NOW SELLING REAL ESTATE — Clifford W. Worden, Long Beach Operator who took normal retirement June 1 after 20 years of service, shown in the new real estate office he now operates with his daughter at 2206 Lakewood Blvd., Long Beach — the Harrelson Realty Co. During his long career he's been a sailor on the Great Lakes, a farmer, an oil refinery worker, and a service station operator. He maintains an active interest in lodge work, being a Knight Templar, a Shriner, and a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.



MARION CALVIN ("CAL") SONNER, Operator, Division 2, retired June 1 with almost 34 years of service. He had been on indefinite leave for a year. Before his transit career he spent nine years in Los Angeles in the sand and gravel business. He's lived for 15 years in El Monte with his wife, May Estelle, and plans to take life easy "for once in my life." A native of Lincoln County, Missouri, he started his transit service as Motorman out of Division 3.



"BLESS THIS HOUSE" — Weir Strouse, retiring Welder, South Park Shops, points to plaque on the wall of the new wood-paneled rumpus room he has built by remodeling over the past four years a three-car garage at his Long Beach home. There's a recreation room with kitchen and bath, and a covered patio home. There's also a modern kitchen and bath, and a covered patio. He did most of the work himself. Mr. Strouse retired May 29 after 18 years of service with MTA and predecessors and 28 years with railroads in the Midwest. Although he plans a little traveling in his camper with wife Mary, he says his hobby is "standing on the corner watching the girls." — Native of Indiana.

Retirements

BEST WISHES TO:

Lawrence R. Beverage, Trafficman who retired Aug. 10 after 20 years of service dating from Sept. 9, 1944. Placed on normal retirement June 1, 1962, he continued working.

Hosea K. Bradbury, Mechanic A, South Park Shops, who retired July 28 after 22 years of service dating from Apr. 28, 1942. He had been on indefinite leave since last Jan. 31.

Arthur J. Burns, Operator, Division 12, who retired July 29 after 20 years of service dating from July 14, 1944.

George P. Chandler, Operator, Di-

vision 2, who retired Aug. 11 under the Retirement Income Plan after indefinite leave since Oct. 2, 1963. His nearly 23 years of service dated from Sept. 5, 1941.

Roy H. Coburn, Mechanic A, South Park Shops, who was placed on normal retirement June 1 after nearly 20 years of service dating from Sept. 1, 1944. He had been on indefinite leave since Sept. 10, 1963.

John C. Dayen, Mechanic A, Division 7, Equipment Maintenance Department, who retired Aug. 1 after nearly 30 years of service dating from Nov. 24, 1934.

Dewey V. Lewis, Operator, Division

2, who was placed on normal retirement June 1, 1963, but continued working until July 22, 1964, after a short period of indefinite leave. His 20 years of service dated from June 20, 1944.

Raymond W. Riley, Operator, Division 10, who retired Aug. 17 after 19 years of service dating from June 5, 1945.

Seymour Rona, Operator, Division 6, who retired Aug. 17 under the Retirement Income Plan after indefinite leave since Oct. 25, 1963. His 20 years of service dated from Feb. 11, 1944.

In addition to those listed here are the three whose pictures and brief stories are shown on this page.

Service Changes

THE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT reports that:

- Los Angeles-Sunland Line 56 was, on Sept. 13, to be extended to a new shopping center at Sunland and Foothill Blvds. — and to a new layover and turnaround point there. The turnaround route will be along Sunland Blvd. to Fenwick St., right to a layover point on Fenwick, and thence along Fenwick to Foothill.

The old Sunland lot at Sherman Grove Ave. and Fenwick St., now used for layover and turnaround, is to be sold.

- Lines 58, 124, and 127 were to go back to winter schedule on Sept. 13, when Disneyland also resumes its winter schedule, closing at 7 p.m. instead of midnight.

- Lines 9 and 83 were rerouted

Aug. 31 to Hope St. instead of Grand Ave. because of street construction in the vicinity of 7th and Grand. The rerouting is expected to be in effect for from six months to a year.

- A new layover zone on Truman St. between Mission Blvd. and Maclay Ave., San Fernando, went into use Sept. 1 for Lines 15, 24, 74, and 90. The common stopping point makes transferring convenient for passengers.



Benny's in the Chips

—THE TRADING STAMP VARIETY, that is. In the photo above, a group of well-wishers at El Monte Division is gathered around the man and woman with leis around their necks — Assistant Division 9 Superintendent and Mrs. C. J. ("Benny") Kimball. The date is Saturday, Aug. 29.

On the table in the foreground, Operator Bob Miller is pouring somewhere around 260 trading stamp books out of a box. The smiling big fellow in the white shirt is Operator Bill Barham, who has a glass jar (hidden by the box) in his hands. The jar contains \$90.

At left, friends are holding up an out-sized gift card inside which Operator Ken Strobel has painted a lovely picture of Diamond Head, Hawaii (see inset). Around the picture he has inscribed the names of every contributor to the collection of stamps and money.

Acting as master of ceremonies and chief speaker for the division, Operator Barham has just

finished telling the completely astounded Assistant Division Superintendent (whose wife had been told a few days before) that the stamps and money are for a vacation trip for the Kimballs to Hawaii — a pre-retirement gift from many appreciative friends.

The usually loquacious Mr. Kimball, who expects to retire Aug. 1, 1965, was too overwhelmed, for once, to say much. Everybody knew why. He finally uttered a few words of thanks.

He guessed later he might make the trip in February of next year.

The 150 moist-eyed spectators then turned to the refreshment table for coffee and cake made by the ladies (photo at right).

According to Division Superintendent W. A. Ullrich, Operator Barham and Division Clerk P. E. Ashley began planning the gift last April. Division Clerk J. B. Whitehead helped gather in the books of stamps, and Operator Lee Kemble collected the cash contributions.

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... SO THEY BAKED CAKES — From left are Mmes. Ralph V. Evans, Florence Gnagy, Raymond D. Hird, Kenneth G. Strobel, Kenneth C. Steinert, James Ryan, Robert Miller, Lee Kemble, and H. G. ("Smitty") Smith — with cakes they made shown just before demolition. Mrs. Gnagy runs the Koffee Club restaurant near the division. Others are wives of Division 9 men.

