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Johnston Retires As Gen'l. Superintendent of Transportation

When John T. "Johnny" Johnston retired as RTD's superintendent of transportation on July 18th, he was one of the most widely known people at the District. During his 38 years with RTD, he earned genuine respect and wide popularity among both District operators and non-contract employees.

Johnston, from Bluff, Miss., was 23 when he went to work for the Memphis Street Railway (MSR), following his father's footsteps. He recalls that he was one of the first "city bred" boys to be hired to work at MSR, since the railway preferred to hire boys who had been reared in the country because, says Johnston "they were used to getting up early and working hard."

He later came west, armed with a letter of recommendation to the Los Angeles Motor Coach Company, but it was in the heart of the depression, and someone suggested that he apply for a job with Pacific Electric. He did, and was first assigned to the West Hollywood Division. He worked at every division in the system.

In his spare time and on his days off, Johnston learned every phase of the transportation business and became qualified as a division dispatcher, a motorman on interurban service, freight brakeman, freight conductor, freight engineer and single track dispatcher.

In 1941 he joined the instruction department as an instructor on railcars and buses and became chief instructor. With the creation of Metropolitan Coach Lines, he

became chief safety supervisor and in 1954 became a staff assistant at the Sontaus St. office. He later served as a special events supervisor, relief division superintendent and division manager. In 1973 he became general superintendent of transportation.

While Johnston was superintendent of transportation, RTD expanded rapidly, adding both new operators, new equipment, and new maintenance and transportation facilities. The South Central L.A. and the San Fernando Valley grid systems were also added. Johnston attributes his success to "desire, dedication and challenge -- a desire to do things in the most efficient manner possible."

He explains, "the better transportation the RTD offers, the more opportunities public transportation will offer the District, and the District, in turn, will grow."

To RTD's operators, he says: "I want to extend my appreciation to you for unselfishly cooperating with me and the department, and I encourage you to continue in that same spirit of cooperation with Mr. Walsh and, above all, to maintain a good individual record so that you will be in a position to take advantage of the advancement opportunities that will be made available to you."

"I'll still drop around to the Divisions and say 'Hello.' -- If I don't see the operators before I hope to, I want to be able to say 'hello' to them at the next District shake-up," Johnston promised.



John T. Johnston, in his office during his last week as District general superintendent of transportation. Johnston's office -- and telephone -- was always open to any employee who had a problem, needed a special favor, or wanted to discuss District policy.

Operator Burley Chosen KNX "Citizen of the Week"



Division 3 Operator Raymond Burley

Division 3 operator Raymond Burley was recently chosen as a "KNX CITIZEN OF THE WEEK" for his "thoughtfulness and concern for passengers and others."

One day last month, an elderly lady with two crutches was boarding Burley's bus when the crutches slipped from her grip. One crutch slid through the bus door into the street and down a sewer. Burley stopped the bus, got off and lifted the manhole cover to retrieve the crutch. A passenger on the bus reported the incident to Station KNX. Burley was later interviewed by a reporter, and the interview was aired on Station KNX as a "Citizen of the Week

Salute."

Originally from Cleveland, Burley joined RTD last December. He finds that "Dealing with the public is a challenge. An operator gets something different everyday." Burley enjoys the challenge: "I'm happiest when I've got a full busload of people. A standing room crowd keeps you alert."

Burley says he also tries to be kind and courteous to each passenger. "The bus driver is often the first public figure that a passenger will deal with during the day, and how he acts towards them can often set the tone for the rest of their day," he adds.

The Transit District Employees Federal Credit Union has reported its best growth ever for a six-month period.

According to Ruth Collins, credit union manager, credit union assets increased by more than \$399,000 over the six-month period from January 1, to June 30. In addition, 491 new members joined the credit union during that time, bringing membership to an all-time high of 4,320.

The credit union has total assets of \$3.8 million with member shares worth \$3,111,630.

Organized in 1938, the credit union has \$3,214,955 in outstanding loans to 2,558 credit union members.

Mrs. Collins says each employee account is now insured for up to \$40,000 by the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. The credit union, located on the 6th floor at 1060 So. Broadway, is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for the first business day of each month when it is closed for bookkeeping purposes.

Reyes Honored For Community Work

Al Reyes, community relations representative and head of RTD's regional office in the San Gabriel Valley, was recently honored for his community work in education at a special luncheon sponsored by Committee "H" of the Parent Advisory Council of the Los Angeles Unified School District. Reyes has been active in northeast Los Angeles schools as a member of his area Parent Advisory Council.

Attending the luncheon were RTD Director Adelina Gregory and Leo Lopez, director of migrant education for the California Department of Education. Reyes was also presented with plaques from the Office of Urban Affairs, the Los Angeles Boy's Club, and the District Advisory Council.

Reyes came to RTD eight years ago as a mail clerk, and joined the community relations department in 1972.



Reyes and his wife Pauline are the parents of three children: Anthony, 8; Sebastian, 7; and Loretta, 10.

Division 8: Home Of The Freeway Flyers

This is the third in a series of articles profiling major RTD operating units. A major unit will be described in each forthcoming issue of Headway to inform readers of the interdependence among parts of RTD's total operation.

Set in the heart of the San Fernando Valley, Division 8 is the home of the well-known RTD Freeway Flyers. Along with Division 15, Division 8 is an important part of the RTD Valley Grid System, providing transportation both within the Valley and into downtown Los Angeles for the 1.25 million residents of the Valley.

Division 8 serves the northwest part of the Valley, going as far north as San Fernando, Lakeside Terrace to the east; Canoga Park to the west and south to the heart of downtown L.A. The far-flung routes that operate out of the division cover Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, Tarzana, Northridge, Chatsworth, San Fernando, Sun Valley, Pacoima, Panorama City, Burbank, Studio City and Canoga Park. Parts of Westwood, West L.A. and L.A.X. are also served.

Four freeway flyer lines operate seven days a week, with 20-minute headways during the day, and hourly service after 7 p.m. On a typical operating day, the flyers whisk Valley residents along the Hollywood, San Diego and Golden State Freeways. During a.m. and p.m. peak hours, freeway flyer "trippers" are dispatched at five-minute frequencies. Several of these lines also offer "limited" service during peak hours.

Line 35F leaves from Reseda Blvd. in Northridge and goes down Ventura Blvd. through Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City and onto the Hollywood Freeway to downtown L.A., using the exclusive bus stops at Western, Vermont and Alvarado Streets.

Line 93, which serves the central part of the Valley, leaves from Veterans Administration Hospital in Sepulveda, travels through Panorama City, Van Nuys, North Hollywood, down Santa Monica Blvd. to Western, and onto the Hollywood Freeway into downtown L.A. Line 93 also offers freeway flyer service during morning and afternoon rush hours along Van Nuys Blvd., the Ventura Freeway, and the Hollywood Freeway to Los Angeles.

The Golden State Freeway Flyer, Line 86, leaves from Sherman Place and

Woodlake Avenue, goes through Canoga Park, Reseda, Van Nuys, North Hollywood and onto the Hollywood, Ventura and Golden State Freeways exiting into downtown L.A. at Olive and 9th Streets.

Three other lines offer peak-hour-only freeway flyer service to downtown L.A. Line 122, which leaves from Van Nuys and Sherman Way through North Hollywood and Burbank to L.A. makes both inbound and outbound trips at morning and afternoon rush hours. Lines 121 and 144, which leave from Sherman Way and Sepulveda, and Sherman Way and Reseda, are inbound in the morning and outbound in the afternoon.

Express service to Westwood is provided by Line 88, which travels from Van Nuys to Ventura Blvd. and onto the San Diego Freeway to Westwood, points in West Los Angeles and to the end of the line at L.A. International Airport. Line 88, however, is not part of the grid system and offers no Sunday service.

Division 8 was known as the Van Nuys Division when it was part of the Pacific Electric Railway. It housed the streetcars until 1953, but became an all-bus division in 1958. The present facilities at the division were built in 1960 and enlarged in 1970.

Originally built to accommodate 190 men, the division expanded greatly when the Valley grid system was implemented, and it is now the working home of 349 men.

For many of the men in Division 8, this location is near their homes, and they enjoy both living and working in the Valley. However, a good number of the men at Division 8 live outside the Valley, but enjoy working out of the Division because of the type of lines. Division 8 was the fourth division to close during the last system shake up, and 60 percent of the men who work at the Division have two or more years seniority.

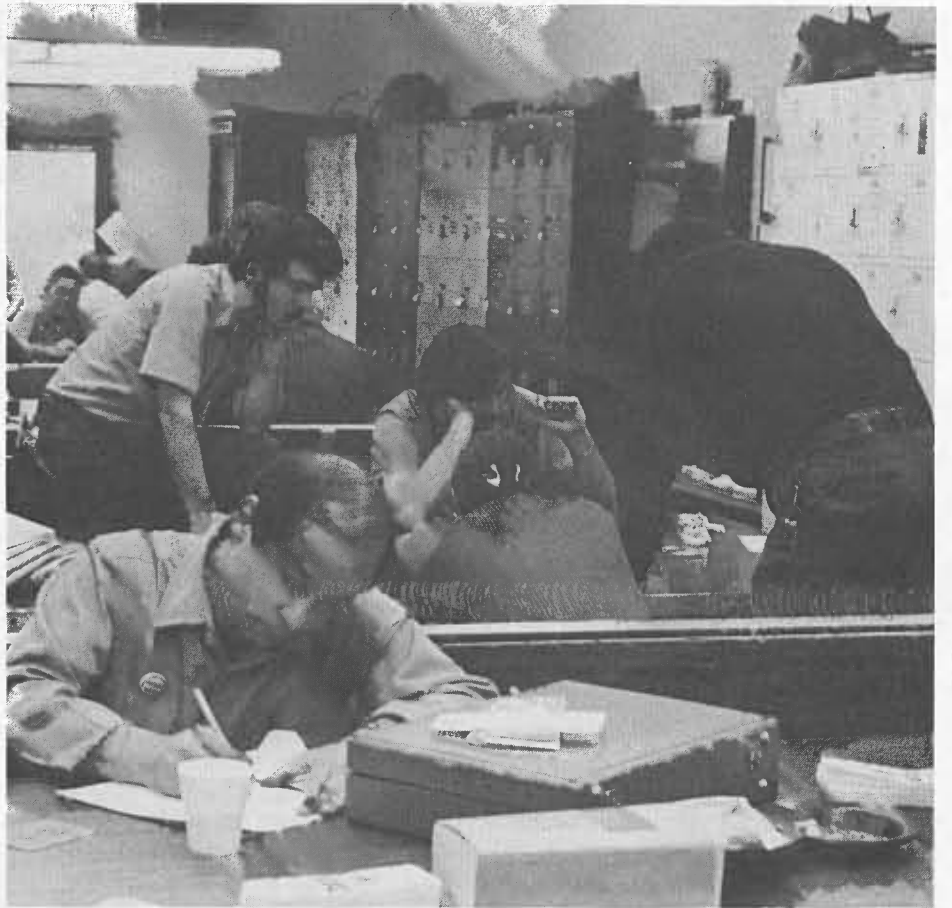
The Division also offers several commuter services: two park and ride services—Line 716 from Canoga Park and 721 from Van Nuys—and five subscription service buses which leave from various points in the Valley and end their routes at Arco Plaza and Prudential Square. During the summer, Division 8 buses go to the Hollywood Bowl from Van Nuys (Line 551) and Northridge (Line 553).

When the Valley grid system of criss-crossing north-south and east-west lines was implemented, several routes served by Division 8 buses were re-arranged and transferred to Div. 15, and six new lines began operating out of Division 8 to achieve 20-minute grid service on all the major Valley streets, including Ventura, Sherman Way, Van Nuys, Woodley, Balboa, Reseda, Topanga Canyon, Chatsworth, Devonshire and De Soto Streets. The buses go to all the shopping plazas and through the centers of all cities within the Valley.

A good example is Line 81. Buses on this line travel from Woodland Hills down Ventura Blvd. onto the Hollywood Freeway, making several stops in Hollywood and Burbank before coming to the end of the line at the Hollywood-Burbank Airport.

The senior man at the Division is Nick Bayerle, who came to RTD in 1935 and has been at the Division since June, 1962.

The manager of Division 8 is Ken E. Parker, a 29-year veteran with RTD who says: "The operators at this Division are putting out a maximum effort to make the grid system work."



Operators Victor G. Baffoni (with sideburns and mustache), Robert M. Waxman (seated), and Arthur Lloyd (standing with back to camera), play a game of dominos in Division 8's trainroom.

Lloyd has been with RTD since 1966 and at Division 8 since 1969. Baffoni and Waxman have been at RTD since 1974.

In the foreground, Bienvenido Suarez completes a report.

The coaches at Division 8 are maintained by a crew of 56 mechanics and utility men headed by Thomas G. Tegtmeyer, maintenance manager, and a 26-year veteran of RTD.

According to Tegtmeyer, the 211 coaches are used for long hauls, and "are out all day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m." A total of 855,545 miles was officially logged by the buses for the month of April, as an example.

To meet the expanded needs of the grid service, the maintenance staff at Division 8 was increased 33 percent this year, as was the bus fleet. In addition to the increased workload at Division 8, Division 15, which has no cleaning facilities, brings in its equipment to be cleaned.

Tegtmeyer says, "The increased workload created by the implementation of the grid system has been a big challenge to the employees and they have performed outstandingly in meeting this challenge. The men are making a great effort to keep the high quality of maintenance that has always existed in this division."

The men at Division 8 are a close-knit group and combine their various hobbies into group activities. Some of the men have formed a flying club and fly out of nearby Van Nuys Airport on their splits. There is also an intra-division group of operators from Divisions 8 and 6 who go camping in their trailers. A recent event was a golf tournament and a spaghetti lunch cooked and served at the Division by operator Joe Pistone, a 23-year veteran at RTD who has been at Division 8 since 1969.

Robert Ricco, a nine-year veteran at RTD has been at Division 8 four years and says "the guys are a nice, friendly bunch, and there is a sense of trust among us."

The operators also mention janitor Dave McDonald, and call him a "fantastic guy who keeps the place spotless, and always has a smile."

Richard F. O'Neill, who has been with RTD six years and at Division 8 for one year says, "There are a lot of nice people working here. They're friendly and outgoing. It's an enjoyable division."



Division 8 operator Joe Pistone, who drives Line 88, prepares to begin his run. Pistone has been with RTD and at Division 8 since 1969.



Division 8 operator, (from left) Felix A. Suma, Homera F. Salvadore and Roy J. Smith, relax between splits in the Division 8 lot. Suma and Salvadore have been with RTD since 1974, Smith has been with the District since 1971.

Promotions and Transfers

Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective	Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Adkinson, William D.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3204	7/17/45	5/8/75	Fink, Harold	From: Jr. Invoice Clerk To: Sr. Invoice Clerk	7300	4/29/63	5/1/75
Agee, W.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3500	7/15/67	7/21/75	Flores, Jerrohimo P.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	3201	7/28/72	7/28/75
Aiken, Joseph	To: Schedule Checker From: Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	3297	12/5/70	6/29/75	Flournoy, Clayton Jr.	From: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher	3298	2/27/65	6/15/75
Alcindor, E.	To: Instructor of V.O. From: Operator	3202	4/21/72	6/7/75	Foss, Ronald J.	To: Radio Dispatcher From: Property Maintainer A To: Property Maintainer "A" Leadman	3334	12/12/74	7/27/75
Alvarez, Agapito	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker				Francey, John	From: Operator	3215	8/24/73	6/22/75
Amos, Alan R.	From: Property Maintainer "A" To: Property "A" Leadman	3334	11/15/60	7/27/75	Fulbright, Metters C.	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker			
Andersen, Richard F.	From: Payroll Clerk To: Cash Clerk- Payroll Clerk	7100	12/14/70	5/25/75	Fuller, James H.	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O.	3296	7/20/68	6/15/75
Andrus, David C.	From: Operator	6200	3/22/74	5/18/75	Gainey, Arnold T.	To: Supervisor of V.O. From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O.	3296	4/24/56	6/15/75
Arguelles, Heriberto A.	To: Management Trainee From: Truck Driver Clerk To: Junior Stock Clerk	7300	1/6/75	6/9/75	Galland, R.N.	To: Supervisor of V.O. From: Ticket Clerk (Rel.) To: Ticket Clerk	3246	6/2/72	6/8/75
Au, Richard We Lai	From: Mopper-Waxer To: Utility "A"	3303	12/4/73	7/6/75	Gallaughar, John	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3500	7/28/72	7/1/75
Baber, John S.	From: Management Trainee To: Mechanic "B"	3301	3/26/74	7/28/75	Gamboa, Oscar	To: Schedule Checker From: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher	3298	1/7/46	6/15/75
Baker, John C.	From: Operator	3215	5/29/71	7/27/75	Garcia, Raul Alfred	To: Radio Dispatcher From: Truck Driver Clerk To: Shipping Clerk	7300	10/30/70	5/26/75
Barrett, George	To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher				Garcia, Raul Alfred	From: Information Clerk To: Assistant Writer	4400	1/10/74	5/25/75
Beil, Justin E.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3500	4/21/72	5/31/75	Gibson Jr., Lawless	From: Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	3297	10/28/67	6/29/75
Bennett, James L.	To: Information Clk. From: Field Representative	6200	6/17/74	5/25/75	Gibson, Lawrence C.	To: Instructor of V.O. From: Operator	3206	8/8/70	6/4/75
Bennett, Jimmie L.	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Analyst				Glassbrook, Max A.	To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher			
Bennett, Mark L.	From: Operator	3205	8/31/73	6/22/75	Godin, Barbara A.	From: Messenger Clerk To: Accounts Clerk	7100	2/3/75	7/13/75
Bennett, William R.	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker				Gonzalez, Javier C.	From: Assistant Passenger Service Representative	5000	8/3/66	7/13/75
Bierce, Donald F.	From: Trans. Planning Analyst II	4200	3/11/75	5/5/75	Greene Jr., Emory	To: Passenger Service Representative			
Blaauw, Eddy	To: Asst. Surface Planner From: Schedule Maker	3099	10/26/59	5/1/75	Hagan, Clarence	From: Equip. Foreman I To: Equip. Foreman II	3318	7/8/52	5/4/75
Boehr, Bob E.	To: Operations Analyst From: Operator	3210	6/20/70	3/1/75	Hale, L.D.	From: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher	3298	4/9/66	6/15/75
Bohler, T.	To: Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.				Hall, Fred	To: Radio Dispatcher From: Operator	3215	8/4/72	6/7/75
Boles, John	To: Laborer "A" From: Junior Stock Clerk	3334	12/11/72	5/19/75	Hall, Warren	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker			
Bouliden, James D.	To: Stock Clerk From: Operator	7300	12/31/74	6/9/75	Handa, Frances N.	From: Assitant Cashier	3500	8/3/59	6/30/75
Brewer, John W.	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker				Harris, Clincy L.	To: Administrative Asst. From: Shipping Clerk	7300	8/27/68	5/5/75
Brown, Walter	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker				Harrison, Alton F.	To: Storekeeper From: Operator	3900	6/1/73	6/15/75
Bukowski, Joseph J.	From: Operator	3201	9/29/72	6/7/75	Hatfield, Orville	To: Patrolman From: Operator	3203	2/23/63	7/2/75
Caballero, Emilio	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker				Hayden, Glen	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker			
Castaneda, Carlos	From: Mechanic "B" Leadman To: Mechanic "A" Leadman	3306	7/19/72	6/15/75	Hearn, Steve	From: Stock Clerk To: Junior Stock Clerk	7300	7/24/73	6/1/75
Casteel, Juan L.	From: Instructor of V.O. To: Safety Supervisor	6300	10/20/62	6/22/75	Heffler, William L.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3305	9/11/53	7/27/75
Castro, L.	From: Utility "A" To: Laborer "A"	3334	6/9/67	6/1/75	Henderson, Mildred J.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Electrician	3302	7/29/74	7/13/75
Catalano, Joseph G.	From: Division Dispatcher To: Assistant Division Trans. Manager	3207	4/8/55	2/23/75	Hernandez, Bill E.	From: Customer Information Representative	9000	3/17/69	6/2/75
Cenderelli, James F.	To: Mechanic "B" From: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher	3301	12/7/71	5/18/75	Hernandez, Drucila	To: Community Rep. I From: Truck Driver Clerk	4400	11/1/74	6/15/75
Casteel, Juan L.	To: Mechanic "A" From: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher	3298	9/10/66	6/15/75	Hick, Brenda Faye	To: Asst. Customer Information Rep. From: Ticket Clerk (Rel.) To: Ticket Clerk	3290-6	5/9/73	7/6/75
Castro, L.	To: Radio Dispatcher From: Keypunch Operator	7200	5/20/68	6/25/75	Hill, Bobbie D.	From: Information Clerk To: Assistant Customer Information Rep.	4400	5/20/74	6/8/75
Catalano, Joseph G.	To: Tabulator Operator From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3500	6/23/72	7/22/75	Hill, Samuel	To: Mechanic "AA" To: Maint. & Equip. Specialist	3399	3/11/64	5/4/75
Cenderelli, James F.	To: Schedule Checker From: Patrolman	3900	4/4/73	6/17/75	Hirashima, Amy M.	From: Operator	3202	11/25/67	7/17/75
Chattin, Pamela L.	To: Assistant Special Agent				Hollis, Harold	To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher			
Cintron, Wilfredo	From: Division Dispatcher Extra Asst. Division Trans. Manager	3299	7/11/60	6/15/75	Holman, Alvin T.	From: Assistant Surface Planner	4200	8/5/74	6/29/75
Cobb Jr., Eugene	To: Rel. Asst. Division Trans. Manager				Hook, James D.	To: Associate Surface Planner			
Coen, Pat L.	From: Temp. Div. Steno To: Div. Stenographer	3297	6/23/75	7/13/75	Howard Jr., John	From: Operator	9000	7/22/74	6/1/75
Coen, Pat L.	From: Operator	3202	5/11/73	7/17/75	Hughes, Thomas S.	To: Community Rep. I From: Junior Stock Clerk	7300	6/5/75	6/10/75
Coleman, Roy	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker				Huihui, H.	To: Truck Driver Clerk From: Information Clerk	7099	3/18/75	6/22/75
Collins, Adolph B.	From: Shipping Clerk To: Traveling Storekeeper	7300	6/3/47	5/26/75	Hustava, Theodore C.	To: Administrative Assistant			
Coomes, Jarl H.	From: Cash Clerk To: Utility "A"	3312	9/1/71	5/25/75	Jackson, Willie J.	From: Operator	3208	8/28/73	7/17/75
Craig, William B.	To: Cash Clerk From: Cash Clerk	3315	9/1/71	5/25/75	Jacobs, Lucillious	To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker			
Cubie, Clarence	To: Utility "A" From: Storekeeper	7300	5/20/57	5/5/75	Jernigan, James M.	From: Mechanic "A" Leadman To: Relief Equipment Foreman I	3334	1/12/61	5/18/75
Daglion, Leon	To: Receiving Dock Storekeeper				Johnson, Albert	To: Property Maintainer "B" From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3308	9/13/66	5/18/75
Davis, Donald L.	From: Operator	3202	3/18/67	7/26/75	Johnson, Charles A.	From: Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher	3296	9/24/60	6/1/75
Davis, Keith E.	To: Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.				Johnson, Douglas M.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3500	4/30/66	6/29/75
Diaz, Eusebio M.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3302	4/5/74	7/27/75	Johnson, Jon M.	To: Schedule Checker From: Operator-Extra Special Agent	3900	3/2/63	6/15/75
Duke, Dewitt	From: Operator	3215	2/28/70	6/3/75	Kantor, Jacques L.	To: Special Agent From: Temp. Payroll Clerk	7100	5/13/75	7/7/75
Duncan, Herbert L.	To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher				Kelley, Alonzo	To: Payroll Clerk From: Patrolman	3900	9/2/73	6/17/75
Eich, Jack J.	From: Mopper-Waxer To: Utility "A"	3312	6/25/74	6/1/75	Kelly, Alonzo	To: Assistant Special Agent			
Ellis, Joe	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O.	3296	5/15/71	6/15/75	Kelly, Alonzo	From: Info. Clerk To: Asst. Customer Info. Rep.	4400	3/4/74	5/25/75
Everett, Walter B.	To: Supervisor of V.O. From: Patrolman	3900	8/7/73	6/17/75	Kelly, Alonzo	From: Operator	3201	9/7/73	6/22/75
Feickert, Paul R.	To: Assistant Special Agent					To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker			
Ferguson, Kenneth W.	From: Special Agent Mopper-Waxer	3318	3/20/75	7/14/75					

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Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective	Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Kennington, Jean Gretchen	From: Typist Clerk To: Pension & Insurance Clerk	6200	2/14/74	7/29/75	Scoggins, Donald T.	From: Instructor of V.O. To: Stops & Zone Representative	3299	9/21/59	6/15/75
Keys, Brady	From: Operator To: Utility "A"	3307	10/28/61	6/1/75	Segletes, Hugo G.	From: Tvlg. Storekeeper To: Buyer	7300	8/24/54	5/16/75
Kovach, Richard J.	From: Utility "A" To: Laborer "A"	3334	8/14/71	5/19/75	Segura, Denise M.	From: Rel. Ticket Clerk To: Ticket Clerk	3246	11/19/73	7/6/75
Kovach, William A.	From: Stock Clerk To: Timetables Stock Clk.	7300	11/27/71	5/5/75	Siedenburg, William F.	From: Operator-Extra To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	4/27/68	6/15/75
Lavelle, Nathan	From: Personnel Analyst To: Employment Supervisor	6200	2/24/56	7/14/75	Sigurdson, Stephen W.	From: Watchman To: Computer Programmer	7200	5/27/71	6/30/75
Little, Donald E.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	3203	3/30/73	6/10/75	Singer Jr., Samuel J.	From: Equipment Foreman I To: Equipment Foreman II	3399	6/5/46	7/13/75
Link, Wayne	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3209	6/12/65	5/22/75	Small, Willie M.	From: Secretary III To: Assistant Customer Information Representative	4400	1/17/72	6/4/75
Lussier, Richard H.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	3202	5/1/71	6/6/75	Smith, Alvin L.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	3211	11/20/58	2/28/75
Luster, James E.	From: Utility "A" To: Utility "A" Leadman	3318	1/14/70	6/29/75	Smith, J.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3210	9/21/68	6/2/75
Lyle, Joseph	From: Assistant Surface Planner To: Associate Surface Planner	4200	12/15/58	6/29/75	Smith, Nathaniel	From: Operator-Extra To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	1/10/70	6/15/75
Lynum, Benjamin T.	From: Division Dispatcher Extra Asst. Division Trans. Manager To: Assistant Division Trans. Manager	3202	6/16/47	6/15/75	Smith, Ronald H.	From: Operator To: Utility "A"	3306	6/13/74	6/15/75
Markles, John F.	From: Utility "A" To: Laborer "A"	3334	6/5/71	5/19/75	Smith, Scott	From: Assistant Customer Information Rep. To: Customer Info. Rep.	4400	10/6/71	6/22/75
Martin, John	From: Assistant Customer Information Rep. To: Customer Information Representative	4400	8/17/59	6/22/75	Starks, Roy L.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	3205	8/12/67	6/1/75
Maul, Rudolph E.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Instructor of V.O.	3215	3/23/59	7/24/75	Stasinis, Nick C.	From: Payroll Clerk To: Cash Clerk	7100	11/18/74	6/30/75
McCargo, Ivan A.	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	9/11/71	6/15/75	Steenbock, Orville L.	From: Relief Mopper-Waxer To: Utility "A"	3301	7/12/74	6/1/75
McDonald, C.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3202	1/15/74	5/1/75	Sterling, Sharon S.	From: Ticket Clerk (Rel.) To: Ticket Clerk	3216	7/13/73	6/29/75
McKay, M.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Schedule Checker	3500	6/1/67	7/24/75	Stevens, Peggy A.	From: Secretary II To: Secretary III	2100	4/10/75	7/14/75
McLean, Clyde A.	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	9/26/70	6/15/75	Stevenson, Leon	From: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher To: Radio Dispatcher	3298	7/22/67	6/15/75
Mendoza, Harvey R.	From: Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O. Extra-Radio Dispatcher	3296	6/20/70	6/3/75	Stewart, Sharon J.	From: Typist Clerk To: Revenue Clerk	7100	4/21/75	6/30/75
Merriweather, M.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3204	5/11/73	6/22/75	Suarez, Manuel T.	From: Mopper-Waxer To: Utility "A"	3302	4/26/74	6/1/75
Miller, Edith M.	From: Assistant Customer Information Rep. To: Customer Info. Rep.	4400	9/11/72	6/22/75	Sullivan, D.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3210	6/7/69	6/3/75
Miller, R.T.	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	8/29/60	6/15/75	Tervalon, K.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3207	8/22/70	6/5/75
Monroe, James E.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Schedule Checker	3500	10/19/59	6/28/75	Thill, James E.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	7/3/71	6/15/75
Moody, Joe W.	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	3/22/69	6/15/75	Thomas, Issac F.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3204	12/19/56	2/27/75
Morris, Lawrence G.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3318	5/18/72	7/27/75	Thomas, K.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Schedule Checker	3500	8/14/73	7/20/75
Newell, Dorothy E.	From: Temp. Payroll Clerk To: Payroll Clerk	7100	5/7/75	6/30/75	Thomas, Luther	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3202	6/16/72	6/7/75
Nott, Franklin	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3210	10/6/46	5/18/75	Thompson, Edmund B.	From: Ticket Clerk To: Service Director	3219	5/11/63	6/8/75
Ornoff, Marian L.	From: Info. Clerk To: Staff Assistant I	9000	11/18/74	5/19/75	Tirado, Antonio	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3202	12/22/72	6/5/75
Ortega, Cruz J.	From: Print Shop Clk. To: Multilith Operator	3100	7/27/73	5/25/75	Vanderhule, Randi S.	From: Typist Clerk To: Shop Clerk	3315	6/17/74	7/14/75
Patterson, Barbara A.	From: Secretary II To: Management Trainee	6200	6/20/73	5/12/75	Vanegas, David	From: Operator To: Utility "A"	3315	4/1/74	5/27/75
Pearson, Stanley W.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	3202	10/30/71	6/6/75	Van Gundy, Albert Riley	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3308	3/10/69	5/19/75
Penner, Martin	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3201	10/26/73	6/26/75	Vest, Gertrude N.	From: Passenger Service Representative To: Passenger Agent	3299	8/4/47	6/30/75
Perez, Manuel F.	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	9/11/71	6/15/75	Villalobos, Ray J.	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	4/25/70	6/15/75
Petteway, J.C.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3218	9/21/73	6/26/75	Wahl, Margaret A.	From: Temporary Ticket Clerk (Rel.) To: Ticket Clerk	3290-5	11/19/73	6/8/75
Pinela, Joaquin	From: Prop. Maint. "B" To: Prop. Maint. "A"	3334	12/10/59	5/25/75	Wallace, Rebecca A.	From: Relief Ticket Clerk To: Ticket Clerk	3290-2	5/9/73	6/1/75
Pollock, William M.	From: Utility "A" To: Property Maintainer "B"	3334	12/27/74	6/1/75	Walsh, John H.	From: Director of Safety To: General Supt. of Transportation	3299	6/18/73	6/8/75
Reiley, Gloria A.	From: Info. Clerk To: Asst. Customer Info. Rep.	4400	9/11/72	5/25/75	Watson, William R.	From: Schedule Checker To: Supervisor of Schedule Checker	3500	9/23/54	4/28/75
Rendon, L.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3202	1/14/72	6/7/75	Weirich, James A.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3305	11/2/72	5/18/75
Repps, Chantal A.	From: Information Clerk To: Extra Supervisor Information Clerk	5000	11/18/74	6/29/75	Wert, Michael	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Schedule Checker	3500	4/27/73	7/2/75
Robinson, Larry E.	From: Customer Info. Rep. To: Personnel Analyst	6200	9/14/73	5/6/75	Westfall, Barry	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Schedule Checker	3500	2/10/68	6/30/75
Rodriguez, A.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3208	10/5/73	6/26/75	Wheeler, George A.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3308	8/1/70	6/29/75
Rodriguez, Manuel S.	From: Laborer "A" To: Utility "A"	3302	11/23/70	5/18/75	Wilk, Julius R.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3308	5/30/72	5/19/75
Rose Jr., Russell K.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3306	10/28/72	6/15/75	Williams, Bobby L.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3202	4/12/69	5/14/75
Ross, Henry R.	From: Assistant Customer Information Rep. To: Customer Information Representative	4400	3/12/66	6/22/75	Williams, J.N.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3211	11/20/73	6/26/75
Sampson, Russell	From: Utility "A" To: Laborer "A"	3334	10/13/58	6/1/75	Wilson, Emmanuel L.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O.	3212	3/19/66	3/20/75
Samuel, Gardner	From: Operator-Extra Supervisor of V.O. To: Supervisor of V.O.	3296	5/29/71	6/15/75	Wilson, Fred	From: Mechanic "C" To: Mechanic "B"	3301	11/6/68	4/6/75
Sanders, Frederick A.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3301	5/13/71	5/18/75	Wilson, Kenneth E.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	3215	4/13/73	6/11/75
Santos, Encarnacion V.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Trafficman	3221	12/18/53	6/1/75	Wilson, Willie	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3305	11/24/67	5/18/75
Schneider, Marion L.	From: Pension & Ins. Clerk To: Personnel Technician	6200	9/1/44	7/14/75	Winstead, Richard R.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	3203	2/2/73	6/9/75
Schulte, David K.	From: Mechanic "B" To: Mechanic "A"	3313	1/28/74	6/29/75	Wolf, D.	From: Operator To: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	3208	8/3/73	6/22/75
					Woodie, Brenda J.	From: Schedule Typist To: Keypunch Operator	3500	8/5/74	4/28/75
					Yamada, Donna L.	From: Computer Programmer To: Systems Analyst	7200	3/17/75	7/21/75
					Young, R.	From: Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To: Schedule Checker	3500	12/22/72	4/6/75
					Zevely, James A.	From: Mechanic "A" To: Mechanic "A" Leadman	3312	7/24/70	6/1/75



June's Operator of the Month Award went to Ben F. Cooper, Jr. of Division 11. Cooper drives line 9. A 28 year RTD veteran, Cooper recently received his 23 year safety award. He was also an operator of the month in 1968.

Cooper lives in the Crenshaw area and during his spare time works with neighborhood youth groups, mainly with football and baseball teams.

Cooper received his award and a check from RTD Director George W. Brewster at a recent Board meeting, while Jack Greasby, Division 11 manager, looked on proudly.



Sue Wilbur, who works at the RTD Information area at the Greyhound Bus Terminal at 6th and Los Angeles Streets in downtown L.A., was chosen as June's Information Operator of the Month. Mrs. Wilbur was commended for providing "Fast, accurate information in a courteous manner which has never caused a single complaint."

Mrs. Wilbur, who lives in El Monte, has been an information operator with the District since 1963. She received a certificate of merit and a savings bond from Director George W. Brewster, right, at the July 16th Board meeting. Robert G. Williams, manager of customer relations, looks on.



EAST MEETS WEST — RTD recently provided a bus to take a group of Vietnamese refugees on a visit to the Los Angeles Zoo. The refugees were brought to the United States of America by the National Broadcasting Company, and while in Los Angeles, are staying at the homes of NBC personnel. The group in the picture above includes 6-month-old Ha Do and a grandmother, Mrs. Dang Khoc Hoang.



Bess Seaman, information operator for 28 years, retired on June 30, and was honored by a retirement party given by the telephone information and P.A.X. department.

Mrs. Seaman, right, holds a card presented to her by Barbara Hagen, left, chief of Telephone Operations, who also presented a check to Mrs. Seaman.

In addition to her many friends at RTD, also on hand to celebrate the occasion were Mrs. Seaman's two daughters and four grandchildren, ages one to 10 years.

Mrs. Seaman's retirement plans include devoting time to her family and her hobbies, knitting and crocheting.

District Employees Thanked For Life-Saving Donation

RTD's employees recently took part in a life and death drama when they donated 30 pints of blood to 25-year old James F. Abernethy, son of community relations coordinator, James T. Abernethy.

In 1974, James F. Abernethy, was diagnosed as having acute lymphatic leukemia. He was hospitalized intermittently during the next month, and then became an out-patient for eight more months. Doctors decided to fight the leukemia with chemotherapy, but after three sessions they determined that one more dose would be fatal. The only thing remaining was a bone marrow transplant, and when doctors found out that James' brother Steve, was a suitable donor, the transplant was performed.

James F., is now out of the hospital and a partner in a Cambria architectural consulting firm. In July, he passed the crucial test of the first 100 days after the operation.

The following is a letter from James F. thanking all RTD employees for their truly life-saving donation:

RTD BLOOD DONORS:

My names is James F. Abernethy. I was the ninth leukemic to undergo a bone marrow transplant at UCLA Medical Center. This particular procedure is still defined as experimental and only one out of four people is a suitable donor.

Besides involving me, the patient, my transplant treatments have involved my entire family. My brother Steve, the donor, gave me 100cc of his bone marrow and white cells, which required 2½ hours on a blood separating machine daily for fourteen days. My brother Mark had to go to the Red Cross Headquarters to give me some of the platelets I needed.

Another aspect to all this was the amount of blood used above-and-beyond the amount that any family could supply. Besides all that my family could give, I needed an additional 130 units of blood to stay alive. Your donations in my name have shown me that there is a basic good within the human spirit and I graciously thank each of you.

The gift of blood is a gift of life for someone else. It can be broken down into life-supporting elements that will sustain a human being for another day, as it did for me.

James F. Abernethy

Whittier Station Scene of Dramatic Capture

Leads to Conclusion of Kidnap Case

RTD ticket clerk Josephine Aveyta's sharp eyes and quick thinking recently led to the dramatic conclusion of a widely publicized kidnapping case.

It was Josephine, a ticket clerk at the Whittier Station, who spotted the alleged abductress of 18-month old Michael Bollinger of Redondo Beach at the station and quickly notified police. The teenager had been wanted by FBI agents.

Josephine, who has been with the District five years, explains what happened:

"The girl had been here on a Saturday, asking about buying a Greyhound ticket for a bus to Monterey, but I didn't know then that she was wanted by the FBI.

"The following Wednesday, FBI agents came to the station, showed me a picture of the girl and wanted to know if she had been here. I told them she had, and that

she was planning to go to Monterey to see her boyfriend.

"The very next day, I had just come back from lunch and was sitting by the window, when I spotted her at the lockers before she went into the ladies room. I followed her into the restroom to get a closer look. She was dumping some baby clothes in the trash can, and her suitcases were scattered around her. She asked me when the next bus to Monterey was. I told her I didn't know, but I'd find out. I went back out and told John Horse, the other ticket clerk, to call the police.

"Then I went back into the restroom and started talking to her, trying to stall her. The police came 15 minutes later. At first she pretended she was someone else, then she became angry, but finally she broke down crying."

For her quick thinking, Josephine received a letter of thanks from the Whittier Police.

Retired

Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Armes, Rawleigh D.	Operator	3209	5/13/47	7/5/75
Bishop, Derial Dorris	Operator	3209	11/17/37	6/3/75
Brooks, Kerman Calvin	Service Director	3219	2/28/46	6/7/75
Buettner, Edward Alfred	Operator	3206	1/4/55	6/1/75
Capek, Elmer Edwin	Operator	3209	10/5/53	7/20/75
Chappell, Ray Irvin	Former Operator	6201	3/30/59	7/1/75
	Trans. to Ind. Leave			
	12/22/74			
Hicks, William Orbin	Former Operator	6201	11/21/50	6/25/75
	Trans. to Ind. Leave			
	4/22/75			
Johnston, John Thomas	General Superintendent of Transportation	3299	5/21/37	7/18/75
	Mechanic "A"	3314	3/1/51	5/31/75
Lara, Joe Sanchez	Operator	3218	9/11/71	7/8/75
Miles, Alton (NMN)	Cabinet Maker	3314	3/16/37	7/1/75
Miller, Berton Kenneth	Former Mechanic "A"	6201	3/12/47	6/12/75
Riley, Jack Joseph	Leadman			
	Trans. to Ind. Leave			
	6/6/74			
Rose, Vernon Robert	Division Maintenance Manager	3306	3/3/42	7/12/75
Rozelle, Hollace Orlando	Operator	3205	6/4/46	7/14/75
Seaman, Bess Miller	Information Clerk	5000	5/12/49	6/30/75
Smith, Albert J.	Operator	3215	9/26/46	6/28/75
Stowe, Elmer B.	Instructor of Vehicle Operations	3297	1/10/37	7/18/75
Taylor, Martin Adair	Operator	3209	9/15/53	7/1/75
Welch, Richard Azro	Operator	3210	8/24/44	6/7/75
Westmore, Verle Allen	Division Transportation Manager	3202	5/18/36	7/25/75
Williams, Herbert Kyle	Operator	3209	8/4/41	6/28/75

Deceased

Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Bates, Leon Howard	Operator	3218	11/19/40	6/7/75
Chaney, William Henry	Employment Supervisor	6200	12/14/59	6/17/75
Gough, John Charles	Operator	3203	1/9/57	6/30/75
Hammond, Henry E.	Former Mechanic "B"	3312	3/5/23	5/24/75
	Retired 2/12/60			
Koehler, Arnold	Former Operator	3206	9/30/42	12/19/74
	Retired 1/10/56			
Jackson, Dozier	Former Laborer "A"	3303	5/14/24	7/6/75
	Retired 6/1/53			
Littlebear, Tom (NMN)	Operator	3212	9/11/71	6/4/75
Loy, Elmo D.	Former Operator	3207	7/29/43	7/5/75
	Retired 9/3/72			
Martinez, Crecensio	Former Laborer "B"	3334	4/1/18	6/22/75
	Retired 6/1/63			
Robinet, Arthur H.	Former Operator	3212	11/15/35	6/7/75
	Retired 2/7/74			
Rochford, Max C.	Former Operator	3209	11/28/50	7/23/75
	Retired 10/2/74			
Snyder, Maynard "H"	Former Operator	3205	5/26/20	5/28/75
	Retired 2/2/48			

Employees Urged to Contribute During Upcoming Blood Drive

The District's annual blood drive will be held this year on Wednesday, August 27, at the new District headquarters at 425 So. Main Street.

The blood drive is being held with the cooperation of the American Red Cross, which is providing the Bloodmobile and the trained medical personnel.

According to Bill Kendall, personnel analyst and chairman of the RTD blood bank, the District's Blood Bank has a current deficit of 88 pints. 74 pints were donated by RTD personnel during the last 11 months, while a total of 162 pints was

withdrawn by District personnel.

Kendall says "Employees are urged to contribute to the Blood Bank during this year's drive to make up the deficit and also to build up the District's reserves. This will insure that all District employees and their families continue to have access to unlimited supplies of blood when the need arises."

Employees should call the Personnel Department, ext. 282, to arrange an appointment for August 27. The Red Cross will provide shuttle service to 425 So. Main from 1060 So. Broadway.

Transportation Night At Disneyland Planned

Transportation Night at Disneyland will be held this year on Friday, October 3. The event, which is being sponsored by the Traffic and Transportation Clubs of Southern California, will be from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m. and will offer District employees an opportunity to meet with their co-workers and with personnel from other transportation industries.

Tickets for the event are \$5.25 per person (children under two years of age are admitted free) and include admission, free parking and unlimited use of all attractions except the shooting galleries. Dancing, entertainment, bands and shows are also free.

Tickets will go on sale August 29, at the Cashier's Office, Room 722, 1060 So. Broadway, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

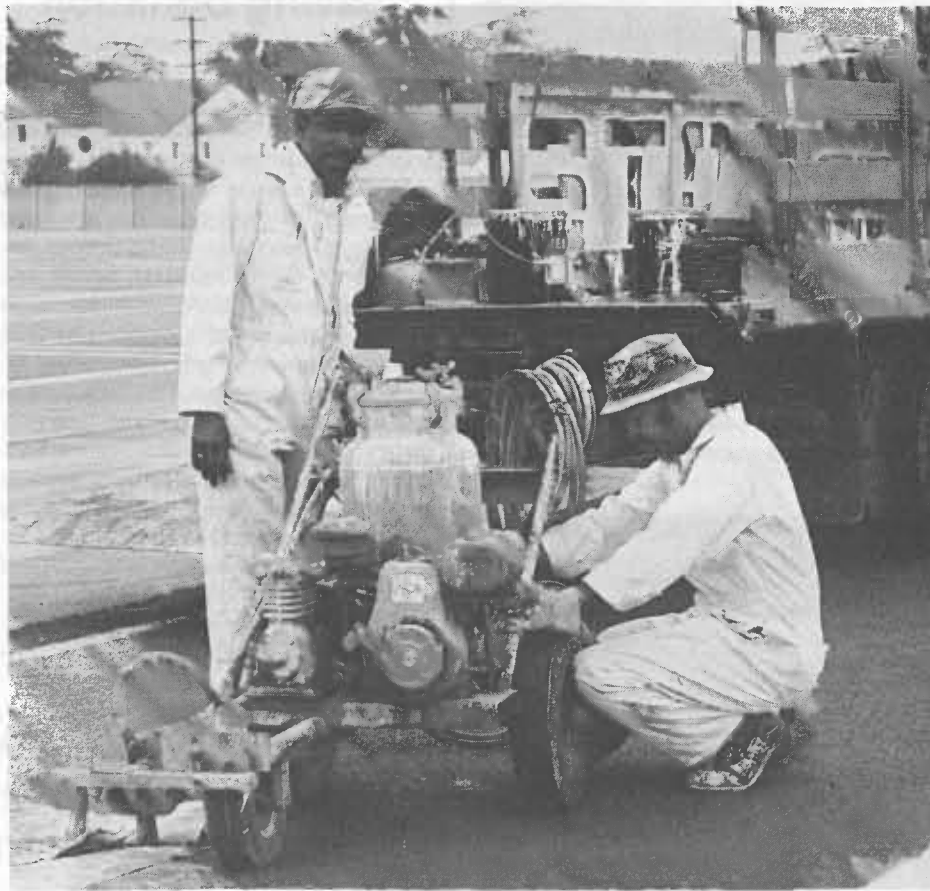
Attention All Employees

Coming Saturday, September 13, a District-wide Open House will be held at the new El Monte Division 9. All employees and their families are invited to attend and inspect RTD's newest operating division.

Petters Celebrate 47th Anniversary

Retired operator Marcellus R. Petter and his wife Lydia celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary by taking a 14-day cruise on the S.S. Monterey to Alaska.

Petter, who resides in Torrance, started his career as an operator in January, 1931. Bon voyage and many happy returns to the Petters!



Laying Down the Lines

Clifton H. Huckaby and Willie E. Russell, both of South Park Shop's roving maintenance crew, prepare their equipment before re-stripping parking lanes at Division 8.

Huckaby started with RTD as a Utility "A" in 1968 and Russell in 1960. Both men joined the property maintenance staff this year.

Beverly Lauck Has A "Champ" in Her Family

Kiki Lantry, 11-year old daughter of Beverly Lauck, a secretary in the Marketing and Communications Department, has won the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) 10/11 year old girls' national championship for the one mile run with a time of 5:09.2. The meet was held Sunday, July 13th, near Pomona.

Kiki has been running since she was eight years old. In 1973 she won the National AAU championship for girls nine and under in the 880. The same year she also set an AAU record for the mile in her age group, 5:33.2, which still stands. Also in that year, Kiki's sister, Virginia, then 14, was a member of the national champion AAU two-mile relay team which set a record, and brother, Jonathan, was the AAU national champion 10/11 year old boys' miler and national silver medalist in the 880. Kiki, Jonathan and Virginia both plan to enter cross-country competition this fall.



Beverly Lauck and Kiki.

Making Headway

Division 12 operator David B. Lawson and his wife, Ann, have become the proud parents of a boy, Peter Jacob, who weighed 6 lbs. and was 19 inches long. The Lawsons also have a daughter, Tawyna, who is two years old.

Two RTD employees were recently awarded master of science degrees at commencement exercises at West Coast University of Los Angeles.

Young K. Jin, staff accountant, and Paul S.C. Sun, management trainee, earned their graduate degrees in financial accounting through evening programs at the University while working full-time.

Jin has been with RTD since 1972 and Sun has been a management trainee since 1974.

Retired RTD Operator O.A. Ortega gave a recital last June at the Santa Monica Senior Citizens Recreation Center.

While at RTD, Ortega was known at the District as the "Singing Bus Driver." He retired from Division 6 last October, after 29 years with the District.

Patricia McCracken, a service analyst in customer relations, always did like to bowl, so about a year-and-a-half ago she sent in a post card to "Bowling for Dollars." She was called and on June 2 finally got her chance.

Patricia got a strike on the first ball and a seven on the second, winning \$50 for herself and her pen pal.

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