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## New RTD Valley division opens

Southern California Rapid Transit District bus service expansion in the San Fernando Valley is supported by new RTD division 15 which formally opened Sunday, December 22, 1974.

The first bus to roll out of the facility at 4:14 a.m. that day was the Line 39 driven by operator Donald Rabjohn. Line 39 operates from Glenoaks and Burbank Boulevards to 11th and Main Streets in downtown Los Angeles.

On hand for pre-dawn refreshments and the ribbon-cutting ceremony were several members of RTD's Transportation and Maintenance departments. Operator Rabjohn cut the ribbon which officially opened the operating division, located at 11409 Penrose Street.

The new division will ultimately serve as a "home port" for 220 buses serving the San Fernando Valley lines.

"The opening of this operating division stands as perhaps the most graphic evidence of the expanded bus service being planned for Valley

residents," said Thomas G. Neusom, RTD president. "Early next year, the District will initiate service on the San Fernando Valley Grid System. New lines will blend with established services to cross-hatch the Valley on major north-south and east-west streets approximately one-half mile apart."



A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY preceded the departure of the first bus out of RTD's new division 15. Present were (left to right) L. Edmondson, E. Graquinto, D. Rabjohn, L. Medlock, J. Walsh, W. Packard and E. Anderson.

According to Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager, the division will eventually become the base of operations for over 300 drivers and 60 maintenance personnel. "Division 15 will make our transit services in the Valley much more efficient and less costly," he explained. "Each day, we will be able to operate with a



ON HAND TO GIVE AN early morning coffee toast to the opening of division 15, in the San Fernando Valley, were L. Medlock, G. Powell, A. Kaminsky, E. Anderson, W. Packard, E. Graquinto, R. Nicholas, D. Rabjohn, L. Edmondson, and J. Walsh.

greatly reduced 'deadhead' factor — that is the time a bus has to travel from the division yard to the starting point of a line to pick up fare-paying passengers. With the added capacity of the new facility, we will be able to assign to Division 15 most of the buses necessary to implement the Valley Grid System."

Manager of the new division is Luther "Ed" Edmondson, who has been with the District for 28 years. "The maintenance department has literally built these offices around us," he said. "There's one thing about opening up a new division . . . it doesn't happen too often. There are always things you have to do without, a lot of supplies you don't have, and a lot of forms that you'd forgotten existed."

Most of the drivers at division 15 are transfers from divisions 8 and 10. Many of them elected to come to the Valley division because it was more convenient to their homes. Mechanics and utility men transferred to the new division for similar reasons.

According to C.B. "Tex" Lawson, division 15 maintenance supervisor, the new division covers about 13 acres. It presently houses 107 buses, (continued on page five)



AN ANNUAL HOLIDAY VISIT to operating divisions gave management and division employees an opportunity to exchange wishes for a prosperous new year at RTD. Taking part in the cheerful exchange were (left to right) G. Heinle, A. Pouliot, E. Lewis, L. Morris, J. Ross, J. Godinez, W. Hilman, H. Davis, R. Moyer, G. Wells, J. Johnston, T. Dorsey, and F. Barnes.

## RTD management pays annual holiday visit to the divisions



MANAGEMENT VISITED the maintenance department to extend holiday greetings. Participants at division 1 were (left to right) F. Barnes, H. Hoegeman, F. Lyman, E. Edwards, J. Villegas, J. Johnston, G. Powell, G. Wells, D. Rodriguez, M. Szathmary, D. Brown, F. Sanders, E. Dowler, N. Buswell, A. Smith, and G. Heinle.

"For the past three years, several members of RTD management and I go around to the divisions just before the Christmas holidays," said George W. Heinle, manager of operations. "It's just a casual thing. We go around, shake employees' hands and wish them a good holiday. We just want them to know we appreciate the hard work that they do for the District and that we haven't forgotten them."

This past holiday season was no different. Heinle, along with "Johnnie" Johnston, superintendent of transportation, Frank Barnes, deputy administrator for operations, George Powell, general superintendent of maintenance and equipment, and George Wells, deputy administrator for equipment, extended cordial wishes for a happy holiday and prosperous new year to employees at RTD's operating divisions.

Heinle stated that the visit also gave the employees a chance to pass on suggestions to the District policymakers.

"One consistent request that came out of every division was that we resume the 'rap sessions'," he said.

The 'rap sessions' which began early last year, were designed to promote a healthy exchange between the District's executives and the employees. During the sessions management officials 'rapped' with employees about anything concerning District-employee relations. RTD would supply coffee and the employees would supply the questions.

"The response to the sessions has been so positive, that we have decided to start them again in the very, near future," said Heinle. "I really look forward to these visits. Something valuable always comes out of them."

## 'Fairfax Connection'

An RTD transit innovation will soon have many Los Angeles residents riding the "Fairfax Connection."

The Southern California Rapid Transit District began an experimental "saturation service" on Monday, January 6, in the heart of its Line 89 on Fairfax Avenue. Bus service will be doubled on Fairfax between Wilshire and Hollywood Boulevards to make more buses available along the busy thoroughfare, and cut waiting and transfer times to the many east-west lines in the area.

"The Fairfax line has been one of the major north-south cross-town routes in L.A. public transportation," said Thomas G. Neusom, RTD president. "With the high population density in the area and the corresponding traffic congestion, we expect to attract many new riders to the line."

In its entirety, Line 89 runs up Fairfax from Adams Boulevard into Hollywood, via Sunset, Vine, Franklin, and Western. Monday through Saturday, service from Wilshire to Hollywood Boulevard will be improved from 12 to six minutes and from 15 to 7½ minutes on Sundays.

"With just one transfer, passengers can utilize the saturation service to connect with any of the 10 intersecting east-west lines and travel all over the metropolitan area," said Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager. "We hope to see an increase in patronage on Line 89 commensurate with the increased level of service."

The first phase of the experiment will be evaluated after 13 weeks, Gilstrap said. Passenger (continued on page five)



# RTD trainees up early for District tour



MANAGEMENT TRAINEES (left to right) Michael Leahy, Diane Moran, Paul Sun, Massaud Javadizah, Barbara Osborne listen intently to Harry MacGuire (center) of the transportation department. MacGuire was host to the trainees during their early morning trek through the halls of the District.



TRAINEES ARE SEEN framed through one of the maintenance department's intricate machines. Shown answering their question is (center) general superintendent of maintenance and equipment, George Powell.

It is four-thirty on the morning of Friday, December 20. The cold wind whips under the coats and jackets of the Southern California Rapid Transit District's six management trainees. Teeth chatter, hungry stomachs rumble, and weary eyes long to give into sleep. Almost dramatically, a new RTD bus rolls up to the curb, offering warm shelter to the group assembled.



POWELL POINTS OUT the interesting features of RTD's newly acquired double deck bus to the trainees.

This early morning gathering was the beginning of a tour of RTD facilities provided for RTD's management trainees. The tour was designed to familiarize them with major operating components in the District.

Trainees were treated to a first-hand view of RTD drivers being scheduled for their various bus routes, the cash counting room, the dispatch center, as well as the division 2 maintenance shops which currently house the double-deck bus.

"I thought the tour gave better insight into what RTD is all about, beyond the downtown office," said trainee Diane Moran, of the person-

nel department. "We had a chance to know just how an operator feels going to work in the middle of the night, while many of us are still asleep."

After four hours of intense observation and education, the trainees were treated to a leisurely, much-appreciated breakfast, prepared by the maintenance department.



A JOKE IS SHARED WITH trainees during their tour in the District's dispatch center. Dispatcher "Rocky" Stone (standing) laughs along with the group.

From division 2, the trainees were transported to the South Park shops, and were taken on the "grand tour" of the facilities by George Powell, general superintendent of maintenance and equipment, and Harry MacGuire of the transportation department. "Mr. Powell and Mr. MacGuire were wonderful," said advanced training train-

ee Barbara Osborne. "We all appreciated their enthusiastic effort to teach us the interworkings of the District."

Still another fascinating tour, according to the trainees, was yet to come . . . one of RTD's most successful innovations . . . the El Monte Busway. The trainees reached the Busway via the recently installed Spring Street contraflow lane.

"The Busway has a good-looking, modern design, which seems to lend to its efficiency," said Paul Sun from the purchasing and stores department. "However, I would like to see RTD getting the maximum use out of it. It is a facility that is desperately needed and I am proud that we were the first to come up with it."

In spite of the broadened knowledge which filled the heads of the six observers, a pause for lunch did much to relieve the gnawing of empty stomachs.

"We still had a lot more to see. We were yet to discover some of the interesting operations that were going on inside of the RTD office building," said Massaud Javadizadeh, who is currently training in the operations department. "The data processing department is the one that interests me. Considering the extensive amount of work to be done at RTD, the existing computers are inadequate." Javadizadeh continues. "The new computer that we are getting will be a great asset. A lot of the operations that are now performed manually will become computerized under the new system."

Rick Wilson, who is presently working in the Administrative offices, insists that the "room where they count the money" is the most fascinating. "It's amazing to think how many coins pass through our fare boxes each day, and even more amazing to think that a handful of people get it all counted," he said. "The cash-counting room works like a machine and it was fascinating to watch it in action."

All of the trainees agreed that the tour was impressive. However, transportation trainee Michael Leahy points out that there was nothing unusual about the early morning hours.

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## Improved Line 149

Travelers from as far west as the Arlanza area will be able to reach March Air Force Base and the University of California-Riverside on a single bus when the Southern California Rapid Transit District's extended Line 149 goes into effect on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Improved service on Line 149 features buses on 30-minute headways (at half-hour intervals) to the University of California-Riverside from approximately 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 60 minute headways to the air base from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday service will be provided at hourly intervals to these locations from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be no Sunday or holiday service.

Referring to the Line 149 change and to improved east-west service on RTD Line 62, also to begin on Jan. 5, RTD General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap said "the two line improvements represent major advances in Riverside public transportation."

Service along Magnolia Avenue between Tyler Street and Van Buren Boulevard will be provided by Line 62.

The eastward extension of Line 149, from its former terminal at the RTD Riverside Station, goes along University Avenue to West Campus and Canyon Crest Drives and follows Central Avenue to the Escondido Freeway. The extended route will follow the freeway to Allesandro Road, turn south on Graham Street and end at Dekay and Eschscholtzia Avenues at March Air Force Base.

## South Central grid begins



Nine new bus lines began service in South-Central Los Angeles on January 19, and according to the Southern California Rapid Transit District, they are only a forerunner of things to come.

Together with established lines already serving the community, the new routes form the first phase of a comprehensive grid pattern of bus lines running on every major north-south and east-west street in the area. The new program is known as RTD's "Streetway System 321."

When the second phase is completed in March, residents will be able to walk to a bus line within three blocks of their home, and within 20 minutes board a bus,

purchase one transfer (if necessary) and travel anywhere in their neighborhood without a schedule.

"As a first step, we are implementing service on these nine new lines," said Thomas G. Neusom, RTD president. "This improved level of public bus service will greatly aid the travel of local residents and bring many employment and educational opportunities within their grasp."

According to Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD's general manager, the new line operate every 20 minutes from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. "Thanks to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, RTD will be able to greatly improve the level of service to the community under the terms of the 25-cent flat fare subsidy," he said. "These service improvements are long overdue, yet this is the first time we have had the funding to support such a program." Gilstrap noted, however, that the program is funded by the County for 90 days only on an experimental basis.

The nine new lines include:

- \* Santa Barbara-Vernon Avenue Line 352
- \* Vermont Avenue Line 353
- \* 54th Street Line 354
- \* Avalon Boulevard Line 355
- \* Gage Avenue Line 356
- \* Central Avenue Line 357
- \* 79th Street-Nadeau Street Line 358
- \* 92nd Street Line 360
- \* 108th Street Line 362







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# Please Corps

(Editor's Note: During the length of the Please Corps courtesy program, Headway will continue to publish names of Blue Chip Stamp certificate recipients. Pictured below are current Districtwide winners.)



Harold Moberly, division 15



Louis Cappello, division 2



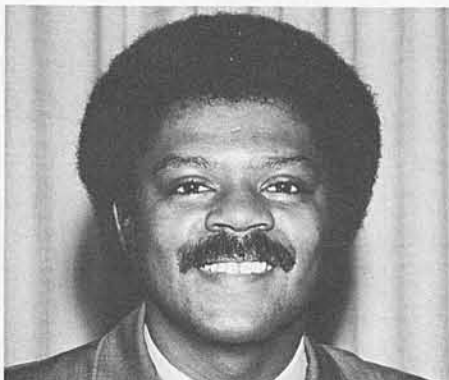
Charles Russell, division 5



Edith Miller, information clerk



Robert Miller, division 9



Raymond Hawkins, division 7



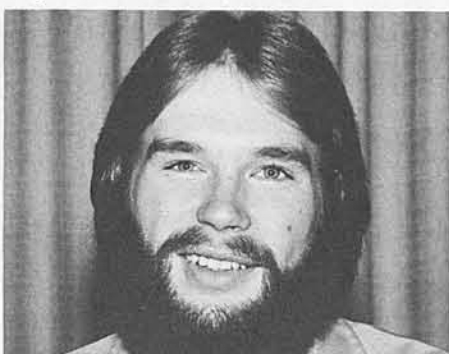
Clemard Harvey, division 4



James Baker, division 11



Isabelle Baca, ticket clerk



Adolph Saenz, division 1



Jeffrey Rowland, division 6



J. B. Anderson, division 12

(Winners not shown: W. T. Williams, div. 3; Albert Smith, div. 15; Bill Wiley, div. 10)

## Retired

Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Wilson, Jr., Otis L.	Former Operator	3210	1-16-34	5-23-74
Battelle, George I.	Former Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 5-1-74	3208	4-10-41	6-4-74
Hepp, William F.	Operator	3204	7-8-46	6-4-74
Varney, Albert C.	Mechanic "A"	3303	11-14-53	6-5-75
Shields, Sam S.	Utility "A"	3303	12-6-45	6-7-74
Endicott, Earl R.	Former Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 1-23-74	3209	11-15-43	6-12-74
Smith, Leo H.	Former Road Janitor Trans. to Ind. Leave 1-15-74	3800	5-29-35	6-12-74
Hemenway, DeVere F.	Operator	3206	11-27-65	6-15-74
Hanna, Robert L.	Operator	3209	6-14-48	6-16-74
Drucker, Raymond C.	Service Director	3216	11-26-43	6-17-74
Derra, Rodney T.	Former Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 1-14-74	3801	9-8-62	6-19-74
Johnson, Raymond C.	Operator	3204	6-1-45	6-23-74
Smith, Emerson T.	Former Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 12-6-72	3208	4-2-59	6-23-74
Price, Elisha M.	Utility "A"	3305	6-26-46	6-29-74
Smith, Orvil H.	Operator	3208	1-8-37	7-4-74
Shier, Harold D.	Schedule Maker I	3270	10-8-36	7-6-74
White, Albert L.	Dispatcher	3299	11-15-40	7-7-74
Ross, Avery F.	Operator	3210	11-29-35	7-4-74
Coulter, Robert F.	Operator	3213	7-14-41	7-16-74
Bowles, Edwin H.	Operator	3210	10-11-35	7-14-74
Burden, Clyde F.	Equipment Foreman I	3309	2-21-36	7-22-74
McBain, Walter G.	Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 3-20-74	3801	4-18-46	7-17-74
Huemerich, Theodore	Equipment Foreman I	3312	7-11-39	7-29-74
Nelson, Elmer A.	Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 2-14-74	3210	7-18-45	8-2-74
Matzner, Frank J.	Division Manager	3209	5-20-36	8-8-74
McAllister, Edwin W.	Operator	3203	7-8-46	8-15-74
Kalis, Herman	Operator	3210	11-1-45	8-17-74
Benchener, George J.	Former Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 11-22-72	3212	4-21-58	8-25-74
Boos, George H.	Asst. Chief Supervisor and Dispatcher	3299	8-16-40	8-29-74
Herrera, Jose	Mechanic "A"	3309	3-4-47	9-7-74
Ortega, Oliver A.	Operator	3206	10-22-45	9-14-74
Aguirre, Jose P.	Mechanic "A"	3334	11-18-46	9-16-74
Blackburn, Robert L.	Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 5-6-74	3209	7-25-52	9-20-74
Hanson, Kenneth	Operator	3209	7-11-47	9-13-74
Brezniak, Peter S.	Operator	3209	11-6-34	9-27-74
Sterling, Clarence F.	Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 3-20-74	3209	10-30-57	10-1-74
Webb, William H.	Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 7-20-74	3207	6-30-47	10-1-74
Hardy, Richard B.	Division Dispatcher	3209	12-4-45	10-2-74
Rochford, Max C.	Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 7-30-74	3209	11-28-50	10-2-74
Arballo, Jesse	Mechanic "A"	3314	5-39-50	9-3-74
Anderson, Arthur P.	Operator	3209	11-1-34	10-16-74
Moss, Moanna	Janitor	3100	10-17-55	10-19-74
Whitaker, Glenn L.	Operator	3210	5-11-37	10-22-74
Logan, Bernard T.	Mechanic "A"	3305	6-20-44	10-26-74
Hutchison, Leonard F.	Operator Trans. to Ind. Leave 4-2-74	3203	4-6-46	11-1-74
Valdez, Cruz P.	Mechanic "A" Trans. to Ind. Leave 2-11-74	3302	4-10-40	11-3-74
Waggoner, Alfred C.	Operator	3204	10-21-36	11-4-74
Lipford, Albert T.	Operator	3209	12-4-45	11-8-74
Palazzolo, Angelina E.	Utility "B"	3301	11-10-42	11-10-74
Warehime, Don E.	Operator	3210	1-17-53	11-14-74
Auffart, Elwin R.	Division Dispatcher	3202	11-8-38	11-13-74
Sulton, Carroll O.	Mechanic "A"	3312	11-5-46	11-16-74
Busse, Frederick H.	Chief Supv. & Dispatcher	3299	10-19-36	11-19-74

## Deceased

Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Robeson, John C.	Former Operator Retired 1-24-47	3205	3-13-12	5-14-74
Shennep, Harold D.	Former Service Director-Retired 7-1-65	3216	7-26-29	5-28-74
Boswell, Gilbert M.	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 6-1-65	3314	10-3-21	5-28-74
Wheeler, Chester A.	Former Operator Retired 9-1-56	3207	4-21-44	5-30-74
Morrow, Milton R.	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 6-1-63	3314	6-26-44	6-3-74
Beggan, Joseph	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 6-1-62	3314	8-10-43	6-9-74
Adams, Joseph K.	Former Motorman Retired 11-22-46	—	5-20-13	6-20-74
Wilson, John K.	Former Clerk Retired 6-1-54	7000	4-7-30	6-21-74
Schmidt, Louis L.	Former Dispatcher Retired 6-1-62	3334	7-24-22	7-11-74
Brewster, John D.	Former Operator Retired 6-15-44	3203	9-15-19	7-14-74
Eller, Nicholas J.	Former Operator Retired 12-1-70	3209	5-1-34	7-22-74
Travers, William H.	Former Mechanic "B" Retired 6-1-65	3303	10-26-33	7-30-74
Holt, James	Former Operator Retired 6-1-53	3203	1-2-25	1-24-63
Allison, Parker R.	Former Operator Retired 7-1-62	3211	9-22-22	7-25-74
Matzner, Frank J.	Former Div. Trans. Mgr. Retired 8-8-74	3209	5-20-36	8-11-74
Sweet, Herman L.	Former Operator — Trans. to Ind. Leave 4-2-74	3204	8-8-60	8-13-74
Smock, Noel Bernard	Former Operator — Trans. to Ind. Leave 3-17-74	3801	6-1-46	11-28-74
Koll, Harry A.	Former Shop Clerk Retired 6-1-66	3305	1-18-34	8-22-74
Good, Charley E.	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 6-24-54	3308	12-15-24	8-24-74
Chandler, James C.	Former Operator Retired 12-1-68	3203	6-19-41	8-27-74
Williams, Sam	Former Operator Retired 7-7-72	3202	11-26-56	9-6-74
Cain, William	Former Maintenance Man Retired 6-1-62	3100	1-6-44	8-29-74
Moore, Arthur C.	Former Operator Retired 10-1-62	3211	9-22-30	9-8-74
Borden, James C.	Operator	3207	11-20-73	8-20-74
Bliss, Duane J.	Operator	3208	11-8-69	8-28-74
Ruse, James S.	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 5-19-55	3301	5-16-21	9-12-74
Douglass, James W.	Mechanic "A"	3314	4-20-46	9-15-74
Piper, James E.	Former Operator Retired 1-31-66	3204	7-20-43	10-5-74
Cliff, Bernard W.	Operator	3209	1-6-43	9-19-74
Dunn, John H.	Former Operator Retired 2-2-73	3205	7-5-52	10-14-74
Mouldin, Shepperd	Operator	3205	8-30-69	10-15-74
Cooper, Stephen T.	Former Div. Clerk Retired 6-1-55	3204	6-20-19	11-5-74
Hall, Gorman W.	Former Operator Retired 6-2-74	3210	2-3-44	11-9-74
Avers, Lawrence	News Bureau Manager	4400	2-8-60	11-7-74
Geleta, Harry W.	Operator	3209	1-31-57	11-15-74
McKee, Thomas J.	Former Operator Retired 12-19-58	3211	4-26-20	11-9-74
Smock, Noel B.	Former Trafficman Retired 9-24-74	3221	6-1-46	11-28-74
Bixler, Rush G.	Former Operator Retired 10-1-67	3210	1-4-44	11-20-74

## Deceased (cont'd)

Name	Classification	Div./ Dept.	Date Employed	Date Effective
Mauna, Juvencio	Former Laborer "A" Retired 6-1-57	3334	10-7-42	11-27-74
Hernandez, Moises C.	Former Mechanic "A" Leadman Retired 9-15-71	3309	4-10-45	12-8-74
Tree, Emerson L.	Former Operator Retired 6-1-52	3205	8-12-74	10-30-74
Brown, Warren F.	Former Mechanic "A" Leadman Retired 6-1-61	3314	7-6-21	12-9-74
Johnson, Ralph E.	Former Operator Retired 6-1-53	3205	10-14-19	6-7-66
Gonzales, Antonio	Former Laborer "B"	3334	8-19-42	4-4-71
Jones, Frank	Former Operator Retired 6-1-53	3204	6-22-20	11-7-72
Conklin, Julian D.	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 6-1-55	3308	7-24-44	12-2-72
Padgett, William B.	Former Mechanic "B" Retired 6-1-52	3310	11-28-22	2-5-73
Pietroforte, Joseph C.	Former Mechanic "C" Retired 6-1-53	3310	8-11-43	11-9-73
Lockerby, David L.	Former Mechanic "A" Retired 6-1-55	3308	9-13-43	12-5-73
Mosqueda, David	Former Laborer "A" Retired 6-1-55	3334	3-16-29	6-16-74



December 20, 1974

To the employees of the Southern California Rapid Transit District

On behalf of the McCarns family, I wish to express my appreciation, and thank you for your concern and sympathetic thoughts and remarks during the passing of our beloved daughter and sister, Angela McCarns.

Sincerely,

*Wesley D. McCarns*

/s/ Wesley D. McCarns



# Three drivers retire from Venice division

## Services Lauded



29 YEARS AT RTD — Oliver A. Ortega (right), better known as the 'singing bus driver,' accepts his retirement certificate from Eugene Schaffer (left).



ALFRED E. BLISS (right) WILL RETIRE after 29 meritorious years at RTD. Bliss is being wished good luck by Division 6 manager Eugene Schaffer (left).



JOHN J. NEAL (right), a recently-retired driver out of the Venice Division, accepts 24-year service certificate from Eugene Schaffer (left), division 6 manager.



A FOND FAREWELL to three retired drivers was held recently at Division 6 in Venice. Gathered around their cakes are the celebrants (left to right) Alfred E. Bliss, Anna Bliss, Oliver A. Ortega, Waneta Neal and John J. Neal.

## Mann honored by Davis, Lempke

In these days of mounting frustrations, security is a major concern for the Southern California Rapid Transit District and similar public agencies.

Bob Mann (Photo below, right), chief of the RTD special agent division, has proven himself to be, not only capable, but well-respected in the field of law enforcement.

In recognition of the long and close relationship between Mann's division and the Los Angeles Police, Mann was recently invited to be the honored guest at the graduation ceremony for the Los Angeles Police Academy. Mann attended the exercises as the guest of Ed Davis, chief of police and E. M. Lempke (photo below, left), deputy chief of police.

In letters written by both Davis and Lempke (far right), Mann is commended for his efforts to strengthen communications between RTD and the Los Angeles Police Department.



**SAFETY TIP** — The quiet residential street may pose new and unexpected problems for drivers with the reopening of school. Your Safety department urges you to be on the lookout for youngsters who may be walking new routes for the first time and who may dart in your path unexpectedly at any time.



TRANSPORTATION SEMINAR PARTICIPANT . . . Marian E. Cumberlander, RTD staff assistant, is welcomed by Malcolm J. Campbell, director of continuing education at Northeastern University in Boston, during the final session of the eleventh Urban Mass Transportation Management Seminar held from November 3-15 at Northeastern University. The Urban Mass Transportation Management Seminar, co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, is designed to develop new ways of meeting increasingly complex problems facing management personnel in the mass transportation field.

## First Please Corps Awards



AMONG THE FIRST TO RECEIVE an award in RTD's Please Corps courtesy program was Dexter Kern (right) who drives the Line 7 out of Division 2. Kern receives a letter of congratulations and 600 blue chip stamp certificates from acting division manager Roland Kraft (left).

### RTD employe courtesy program

The first returns are in on the Employee Courtesy Program and it looks as if Division 7 is leading by a nose with Division 9 breathing down its neck.

What this means is that a lot of operators, ticket clerks, and telephone information people are finding out that courtesy really does work.

Keep in mind, however, that this is a voluntary program whereby the public responds to your courtesy, not your encouragement. Each card should reflect a vote for some act of courtesy or great ride or courteous response to a call.

### Valley division (continued from page one)

172 operators, 18 mechanics and 14 utility men. "The large parking lot can ultimately hold up to 380 coaches, as well as 178 spaces for employee parking," said Lawson.

Is division 15 more different from other operating divisions? One employee gave a practical answer: "It doesn't make a bit of difference in the size or location of a division. Work is work!"

### Fairfax (continued from page one)

totals and boarding-and-alighting counts by the time and location will be taken to help determine any further application of the saturation technique to this and other lines.

Gilstrap noted that passengers who accidentally board a short-line bus on Line 89 will be issued a free continuation transfer to a through-service bus.

## New Line 87

Improved transportation for Boyle Heights and Ramona Gardens residents began on January 19, when RTD's Lines 30 and 87 combined into one.

Boyle Heights riders may now reach the County-USC Medical Center and government offices without transferring. And Ramona Gardens residents can travel as far south as Euclid Avenue and Whittier Boulevard.

### Trainees (continued from page one)

"I wasn't tired one bit after the tour," said Leahy. "I had been getting up regularly at odd hours in the morning and traveling to the various divisions. In fact, immediately following the tour, I went to a division managers' meeting that lasted the rest of the day."

Who ever said a trainee's life was easy?

**JUST RETURNED** from an exhausting trip? Your Safety Department cautions you not to relax normal on the job safeguards against accidents. Don't let vacation excitement carry over to your work and cause momentary lapses which result in injury to yourself and others.



# Making Headway



ROSE ZARAGOSA was given a shower recently by her colleagues in the key punch department. Since the party, Rose has given birth to a little girl, Priscilla Zaragosa. Congratulations to Rose and her husband Manuel.

CYCLING ANYONE? Paul Cole, RTD operator for 18 years, is a member of the Long Beach Sprockets Cycling Club. Paul, who operates out of Division 12, asks any interested RTD employes to contact him. One might add that Paul is 53 years old and rides his bike 100 miles daily to and from work.

Sparky Marcus (his professional name), son of Art Issoglio (of the schedule department), has made two TV movies scheduled to be shown in February. The first is "The Skating Rink," an afterschool children's special showing Wednesday, February 5 at 4 p.m. The second movie is "Coffeeville," which will show as an ABC Movie-of-the-Week on Saturday, February 15.

DIVISION 9's JOHN COCKBURN will receive his A.A. Degree from Los Angeles City College on February 1. Cockburn, an RTD employe for 15 years, plans to attend UCLA as a Speech Communications major.

Mr. and Mrs. David Schindler (David drives Line 72 out of division 9) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 26.

Our good friend, Fuller Glover, at division 4, needs some help! Fuller, who has worked for the District for 19 years, is known for his volunteer work with the Southside YMCA. This year Fuller needs 200 of his co-workers to sign up as volunteers for this year's YMCA fund-raising drive. After 50 of his colleagues at division 4 had signed up, the list was removed. Fuller will now have to begin the process again. Headway wanted to quicken the pace for Mr. Glover by reaching as many RTD workers as possible. Anyone wishing to sign up can enter their name on any of the sign-up sheets available at divisions 4-5 and 2. They may also volunteer by calling up the YMCA at 751-4101. Fuller Glover hopes to eventually organize RTD volunteers into groups that will go around to various junior high schools and establish a rapport with youngsters who ride along their bus routes.

An orientation session will soon be scheduled for those employes who use the data processing services and facilities. The session is being given in order to determine a more uniform way to request materials or services from the data processing department. Those interested in attending should notify Sophie Bryant, extension 437, Room 906, to be informed of the time and place of the session.

East and west extensions of RTD's Line 62, which went into effect Sunday, January 5, will provide better bus service to key Riverside residential, shopping and recreational areas.

The line extension will link residential area as far west as Meadow Mobile park with the University of California at Riverside and Canyon Crest Heights residences in the east.

Thirty minute headways will be provided from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. All other service will be hourly.

Se habla Espanol? Conversational Spanish classes for RTD employes have begun for the winter quarter at U.C.L.A. Extension-Downtown Center. Beginning Conversational Spanish for Public Transit Employes, X405A, is being offered on Wednesday evenings, beginning Wednesday, January 8, 1975, through March 19, 1975, for a total of 11 meetings. Courses at the UCLA Downtown Center are being offered to RTD employes as an ongoing educational program. All those interested in participating in future classes offered, can notify your supervisor or the Personnel Department for further information.

A BIG WELCOME to the District's latest management trainee, Martha Salis, who has been assigned to the Marketing and Communications department. Martha came to us from Global Marine Inc., an off-shore drilling company, at which she was employed as a cost analyst. It's nice to have you with us, Martha.



DIVISION 5's LEO KNOX is trying to organize a basketball team. Seemingly, many of the operators get together on Monday nights and play a mean game of ball. However, Leo would like to get a lot more support. He feels that if RTD employes demonstrate a constant interest in sports, that perhaps a league team can be formed. Pictured above are some of the men who have come out on Monday nights to play basketball.

## The movie maker returns . . .with friends



PRODUCER DAVIS (foreground) gives a lesson in technique to gangster and his molls, played by (left to right) Pat Moore, Ralph Gilmer, Brenda Davis and Aminah Mahmud.



HEROES OF THE "BLACK CONNECTION" ARE (left to right), Ray Duncan and Clyde Spears.

STILL AT IT is Division 7's Jessie Davis, the RTD movie maker. Jessie is the writer-producer-director-cameraman-actor of three home movies: "Soulfather," "The Black Connection," and "Maniac." Jessie used RTD bus operators and their wives in all of the movies. Headway felt that these employes should be recognized for their talent and hard work. The photographs which accompany this item are scenes from two of Jessie's "hits."



SCENES FROM THE "SOULFATHER" are being reenacted for producer Davis (far-left) by (left to right) Dan Wilson, Aubrey Echols, and Dobie Gillis.



THE CRIMINALS ARE CAUGHT by Davis' camera lens (foreground). Portraying the roles of the bad guys are (left to right) Ken Itakaki and Larry Hale.



LILA FIELDS, RTD information clerk, was recently feted by her colleagues at a baby shower. On January 10, Lila was blessed with a baby boy.



GOOD LUCK TO SHANNON SIMS, former secretary to Jack Stubbs. Shannon, who relocated to Philadelphia, was given a party before her departure. Many, many friends at RTD were on hand to bid her good wishes.

SOON TO TIE THE KNOT are Alvin Kelly and Pamela Payne. Alvin is employed with RTD as a ticket clerk. The wedding is scheduled for Saturday, February 15.

ENGAGED to be married is Glen Lemieux. Glen was recently hired as a messenger clerk for the District. His fiance is Sue Goodlett.

A SMATTERING OF DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS for the month of January: J. Caven, S. Knapp, R. Gueda, B. Goden, E. Wilkerson, and M. Yarnell. Call in and tell us yours.



RETIREE THOMAS CROUCH is living it up in Monticello, Kentucky and invites all of his RTD buddies to come and see him. Thomas' wife, Opal, is seen in the photograph above, in front of their new home.

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