



# HEADWAY



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## Holen to work on funding support and efficiency

At its first meeting in March, the Board of Directors unanimously elected Marvin Holen as president. The 47-year-old attorney admits that his new position will make his life somewhat different during the next year.

"When I was appointed to the Board in 1975 by Supervisor Ed Edelman," he said, "I found myself spending about a quarter of my time on District matters. Now," he admits good-naturedly, "I expect that time to increase substantially!" But Holen acknowledges that the time is worthy of the challenge. "The RTD is a public agency and provides a vital community service. I want it to provide the best possible transit services, and that means first rate service in routes and schedules, in equipment and, of great importance, in courtesy."

Holen was born and raised in Los Angeles. After serving in the Marine Corps he attended law school and is now a partner in the law firm of Van Petten and Holen specializing in financial matters. His presidency comes at a time when the District is facing a deficit of \$12-\$16 million. Holen accepts the fact that a large part of the Board's energy will be devoted to seeking funds to meet next year's deficit and establishing new long-range funding sources.

"My responsibility," he says, "is to get for the District all reasonable financial support, and with that I

also have the responsibility to see that District funds are used in the most efficient manner possible.

"Every penny wasted," he added, "means less employment, less wages and less service. None of us, the Board, management or employees, can allow for any waste!"

In his new role as president, Holen, as well as the entire Board, will also be working closely with the new Los Angeles County Transportation Commission, the County and City of Los Angeles and the many other cities that make up the District.

"Establishing good working relationships with our sister public agencies is vitally important," he said. "The District must be very sensitive to local needs and desires and yet at the same time protect the regional nature of transit that is required in this vast, sprawling community of ours."

"Without the cooperation and consensus support of our political leadership, we cannot carry on efficient and effective transit operations."

As for the Board itself, Holen would like to see extensive committee activity. "I'm hoping that the Board committees will become more deeply involved in reviewing District activities so as to be better informed and thereby be in a better position to set District policy."

On a personal level, Holen says, "I plan to spend much of my time

not only in Washington, Sacramento and at District headquarters, but in visiting divisions and meeting employees to get a general sense of how employees feel about the District, and how we all can provide better transit.

"RTD is a partnership of the Board, management and employees. We are all responsible for delivering the best possible service. I believe the employees all have a contribution to make, and I want to hear their suggestions and ideas for improvements."

Holen succeeds Byron Cook, who remains on the Board as a director. Cook, also an attorney, is a Burbank City Council member who served as RTD president for two years.

George Brewster, was elected vice-president of the Board, also by unanimous vote. Brewster is a Torrance City Councilman and was elected to the Board by the League of Cities in 1973. He is President of Advisors General Management Corp. of Torrance, a firm engaged in farming, property, and business management. The company includes a subsidiary, Universal Heritage Investment Corp., a stock brokerage.

Brewster succeeds Thomas Neusom, a lawyer who was vice president the past two years and president of the Board prior to that time. Neusom remains on the Board and is chairman of the Rapid Transit Committee.



New Board President Marvin L. Holen

## District employees win even if Dodgers don't



MAY'S FIRST WINNER, Division 1 mechanic Richard Au, receives his box seat tickets from Bill Weimer of Employee Relations. Au, and 26 other employees and their guests, will watch the Dodgers play at home in the coming month. The random drawings will continue each month during the baseball season.

The Los Angeles Dodgers have now made it possible for every RTD employee to be involved with the new Win With the Dodgers in '77 program. The Dodgers have made available a number of free items for District employees.

Beginning early in May, individual wallet-size Dodgers season schedules will be distributed to all work locations for District personnel. The Dodgers have also provided RTD with copies of "Line Drives," the official publication of the Los Angeles Dodgers. Copies will be posted on the recreation bulletin boards in May.

The Dodgers also invite all RTD employees and their families to attend one of their baseball clinics.

Next month's clinics will be held Saturday, May 7, at San Gabriel High School, 801 Ramona Ave. in San Gabriel, and at Tewinkle Park, 970 Arlington Dr., Costa Mesa. Three Dodgers and a member of the Dodger coaching staff will appear from noon to 2 p.m.

Later in the season, discount tickets will be sold through the RTD Employee Relations Department for the two RTD Employee Days at Dodger Stadium. Details will be posted on the Dodger bulletin board displays.

Two Bat Boy/Girl of the Day contests will also be held in connection with the two employee days. Ballots will be printed in Headway and employees will be able to nominate a child for the random drawing of the two winners.

A block of 200 tickets will be given away at the employee picnic August 28, along with free Dodger souvenirs.

A total of 27 employees will continue to be drawn at random each month during the baseball season to win two box seat tickets to the Dodger home games. The winners are posted on the Dodger bulletin board displays.

If a work assignment conflicts with the date or time of a game, winning employees can contact other employees on the list to arrange a ticket swap.

The drawing has been weighted to give everyone in the District an equal chance of winning. The number of winners per work location is based upon its relative employee population compared to the other work locations in the District. Because of this per capita weighting, all employees have an equal opportunity to win.

Details on each element of the program will be posted on the Dodger bulletin boards.



George Powell (left) escorts Director Takei through South Park

## Maintenance chief George Powell retires after 34 years of service

The District lost one of its most respected employees to retirement this month when George Powell, general superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment, left his post after 34 years of service to the RTD and its predecessor agencies.

Powell began his career in 1945 as Assistant Superintendent of Auto Equipment for the Los Angeles Transit Lines. He held several maintenance posts with LATL and the Metropolitan Coach Lines until his promotion to General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment for the RTD in 1967.

In announcing Powell's retirement, George Heinle, manager of operations, said, "I am sure we are all aware of the key role Mr. Powell has played in the maintenance of the District's bus fleet according to the high standards for

which we are known throughout the industry."

Powell's colorful career ended on a rather abrupt note. He thought he was born in 1912, RTD records showed 1913, and he had no birth certificate. A records search was conducted in Georgia where he was born, and it turns out that Powell had been celebrating his birthday on the wrong day for years.

He was born October 9 instead of October 7, in 1911 instead of 1913. That meant that Powell had already reached the mandatory retirement age of 65 in October of 1975 rather than his anticipated October of 1977, or the RTD record date of October 1978.

Powell will be replaced on an interim basis by George Wells, deputy administrator for equipment, until the position is filled through the normal recruitment and selection procedures.

## All District employees urged to conserve energy at home

It takes relatively little time and money to conserve energy, but the return is invaluable.

In the past several weeks, many District employees learned why energy conservation is important and how it's done as the Southern California Gas Co. conducted four energy conservation presentations and provided a special Home Energy Conservation Center exhibit at Division 9, El Monte Station, and at the headquarters building.

Betty Fletcher, gas company consumer information specialist, conducted several meetings for employees on the subject, "Conservation Today, Energy Tomorrow." She described the deepening energy crisis, outlined

what the gas company is doing to bring more gas to California, and explained ways homemakers can save existing supplies of gas until new ones become available in the 1980s.

The utility's plans for securing additional gas supplies include bringing gas here in liquid form from South Alaska and Indonesia. The fuel—called liquefied natural gas or LNG—will be chilled into a liquid so that it can be shipped in large ships to terminals along the Southern California coast. There it will be regasified and put into the existing pipeline system.

The gas company is also involved in a plan to build a trans-

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## Recreation News

# Activities 'Spring' ahead

The tempo of recreational activities around RTD has increased tremendously during the past few weeks and many family-pleasing events are scheduled for the summer.

We just completed the April golf tournament that saw 72 golfers, including 4 women, compete for many fine prizes at the beautiful Ontario National Golf Course. Men's low gross went to Bob Meeks with Mary Lou Echternach picking up the honors for the women.

### Championship Flight

(men)

- 1st Tommy Fujiaka
- 2nd John King
- 3rd Abel Garcia/Frank Larson (tie)

(women)

- 1st Paula Salido
- 2nd Marvey Chapman
- 3rd Marlene Allen

### A-Flight

- 1st Frank Cole
- 2nd W. D. Williams
- 3rd Bobby Hairston

### B-Flight

- 1st J. O. Johnson
- 2nd Ben Weathersby
- 3rd John Sampson

### C-Flight

- 1st Jim Wagner
- 2nd Chuck Reed
- 3rd Pat Kelly

Longest Drive went to Bob Meeks and Mary Lou Echternach. Closest to the pin were Marvey Chapman, #3, #7, #13; Marlene Allen, #16; Robert Lewis, #3; Laverne Shepherd, #7; Mathew Mattered, #13; and Roger Flynn, #16.

Two bus loads of RTD employees invaded Las Vegas the weekend of April 1-3, bent on increasing their bank rolls. From all indications, Las Vegas was still able to operate after they departed. Our next assault on that city is scheduled for September 16-18. Watch out, Las Vegas!

On Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 a.m., we hope to see dozens of RTD families boarding the Amtrak train at Union Station for San Diego and Sea World. The \$18 for adults and \$9 for children includes round trip train fare, bus from train to Sea World, and Sea World admission. Just in case you didn't know, this is one heck of a bargain.

Don't forget the Summer Olympics in July at Cal State LA and even though it's only April, it's not too early to start getting ready. This

year we want a large turnout of females to participate.

The first free Dodger tickets went out to twenty-seven lucky employees and each month throughout the baseball season twenty-seven winners will be announced. So watch your mail box for your free tickets.



The really big event for 1977 is the Annual RTD Picnic scheduled for August 28. Before you scoff at reading about an August picnic in April, read on! This year's picnic will be held at Calamigos Picnic Ranch in the Malibu Mountains. Calamigos is a rustic old ranch that specializes in providing just about the best picnic you have ever attended. In addition to a giant chuck wagon buffet that includes barbecue beef and chicken, baked beans, salads, fruit and of course, pickles, celery and that kind of stuff, there will be plenty of soft drinks, popcorn and ice cream for everyone. You can even have seconds and thirds if you want. When it comes to activity, you won't run out of something to do. There will be games and prizes, rides for the kids, ponies, hayride, swimming, fishing, horse shoes, ball games and just to make things more interesting, we are going to give away 200 Dodger tickets.

Bus service is going to be provided from each division for those who would rather not drive, and all this for only \$2 per person for employees and their family members over 10 years of age. This also includes retirees, and singles with their guests. Because your Recreation Department is subsidizing a substantial portion of the cost of the picnic (\$2 just doesn't buy much these days), we must exclude friends and neighbors.

Don't forget to support your division basketball team by attending as many games as possible. Not only would you enjoy watching, the teams would enjoy being watched.



Gas Co.'s Bobbie Dangcil describes exhibit to General Manager Gilstrap

# Div. 15 employees throw a party for themselves



Division 15 held a most successful dinner dance at the Sun Valley division on Friday, March 18. Over 200 operators, spouses and children enjoyed a delicious pot-luck meal served by some of the division's lady operators and operator's wives.

After a short square dance to settle their digestive systems, a miniature talent show was held. It was won by Christine O'Neil's nephews, called the Jet Streams.

The other contestants were RTD's strongman John Halyak, Mrs. Phillip Sundling who gave a beautiful rendition of Hello Dolly, George Coatsworth strummed his magic guitar, Wanda Thomas' two delightful dancers, James Hartman and his puppets, and the fantastic Theodore Benedict with his African Drums.

Richard Winstead, was the talented Master of Ceremonies and Square Dance Caller.



Richard Winstead interviews James Hartman's puppets



OFF-ROADERS (left to right) Lonnie Anders of Division 1, and Jerry Champagne, Steve Sarak, and Jim Braddus of Division 11 extend an open invitation for any RTD operators or other employees to join their Off Road club and compete in events of the California Racing Club.

## RTD operators drive off the road

On Sunday, March 27 at the Bandido Off Road Rally held at California City, two RTD entries claimed 1st and 2nd place. Driver Jerry Champagne, an operator from Division 11, and navigator Lonnie Anders, Division 1 operator, claimed top honors. The course was 65 miles in length across the desert, which included one loop 30 miles long and the other 35 miles in length. Champagne and Anders were operating a Bronco against dune buggies, baja bugs, pickups, and sand rails.

Steve Sarak, a Division 11 operator, drove a Toyota and Jim Braddus, Division 11 operator who

served as navigator, took second place honors. First prize was a trophy and a baja buster (a specially constructed bumper for off road racing). Second placers won a trophy and a set of high powered off road lights.

All members of RTD Off Roaders are eligible to enter events of the California Racing Club. If you are interested in joining the RTD Off Roaders, contact either Jerry Champagne or Lonnie Anders, or Bill Weimer's office, Ext. 6580.

A future CRC event will be held in Las Vegas on Memorial Day weekend.

### THE NATIONAL DISASTER SURVIVAL TEST

A Warren V. Bush Production in cooperation with the National Safety Council

#### OFFICIAL TEST FORM

##### I. JUDGMENT

1. a b c d
2. a b c d
3. a b c d

Score \_\_\_\_\_

##### II. KNOWLEDGE

1. T F 5. T F 8. T F
2. T F 6. T F 9. T F
3. T F 7. T F 10. T F
4. T F

Score \_\_\_\_\_

##### III. ALERTNESS

1. Yes No
2. List the number of potential dangers: \_\_\_\_\_

Score \_\_\_\_\_

##### IV. STRESS

1. Yes No 9. Yes No
2. Yes No 10. Yes No
3. Yes No 11. Yes No
4. Yes No 12. Yes No
5. Yes No 13. Yes No
6. Yes No 14. Yes No
7. Yes No 15. Yes No
8. Yes No

Score \_\_\_\_\_

##### V. LEADERSHIP

1. a b c d
2. a b c d

Score \_\_\_\_\_

PRELIMINARY SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

VI. SPECIAL SCORING

YOUR FINAL SCORE \_\_\_\_\_

Use this test form to indicate your answers, to total your score, and to compare your score with your family, friends, and other groups.

Members of the National Safety Council may obtain additional information on disaster survival by contacting Council headquarters, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60611.



## A test that can save your life

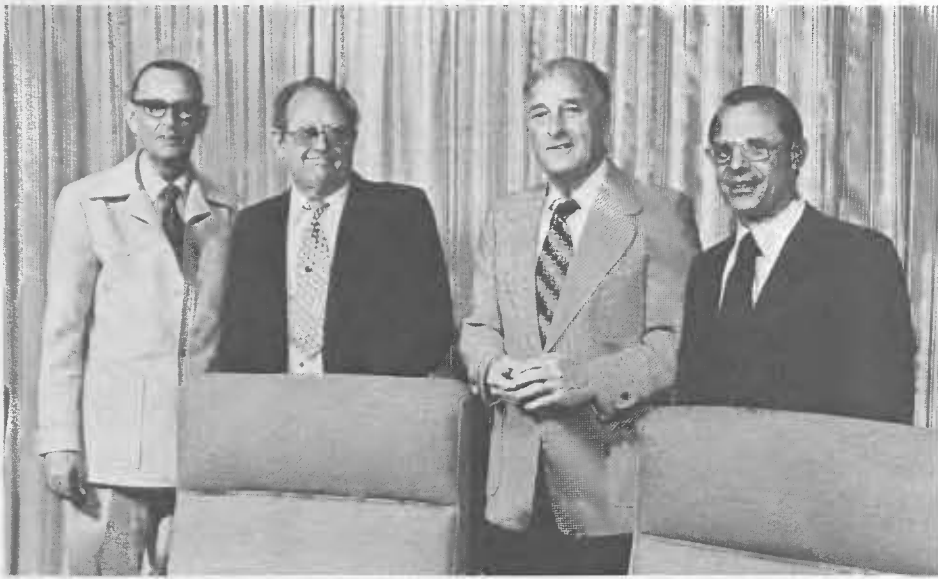
The District is proud to participate in the National Safety Council's television program, "National Disaster Survival Test," scheduled to be broadcast Sunday, May 1, at 8 p.m. on NBC, Ch. 4.

More than 200 NBC stations across the nation will carry the program to dramatize and communicate information on how to survive a disaster. The emphasis will be placed on the prevention of accidents that occur within disasters.

I hope that you and your family will make a point to watch the "National Disaster Survival Test," and complete the test form printed in this issue of Headway.

While most major disasters just "seem to happen," most of the accidents within disasters are preventable, provided that people know how to cope with them. This program should help you and your family learn how to do just that.

# 400 employees hono



**40-YEARS OF SERVICE** Lewis "Bud" Booth and Jack Carmichael, flanked by Director Charles Storing (left) and General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap (right).



**40-YEARS OF SERVICE** Lawrence Allen



**35-YEARS OF SERVICE** Marvin Howe

Nearly 400 RTD received a little pin, a shake, and even more. The District thanked them for their outstanding behavior on behalf of the millions they have served during the year. The 1977 Service Awards ceremonies were made in the room, with a reception and proceedings in the cafeteria.

Four employees received 40 years of service. There were 13 35-year awards, 38 25-year awards, 51 15-year awards, and 135 10-year awards.



**30-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Bob Falvey, James Dixon, Harold Reinink, Robert Hayes, William Cummings, Detroit Wallace, Edward Hughes, Norman Radi, D.F. Chisholm and Fred Bader.



**30-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Kenneth Bage, Nicholas Davis, Franklin Knott, Dayton Collins, Fred Bader, Arthur Garcia, John Schonborn, Naseeb Sleem, Oliver Price, Jose Paz, Kenneth Webster, Joseph Wharton, William Southard, William Harrison, William Weimer, Art Rogg, Dorothy Langlois, Joseph May, J.D. Anderson, James Deem, W. Whitehurst, and Lloyd Levingston.



**20-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Leon Marcelin, Jr. (partially hidden); Jonah Zackery, Ignaz De La Torre, Albert Sampson, Albert Toussant, Tony Calorino, Oscar Gibson, Arthur Howard (partially hidden); R.D. Randall, Jr., Ernest McCarns, Clifford Querl, Robert Burks, Jr., Robert Still, James Stevens, R.D. Seelbinder, Arthur Robinson, Joseph Hiram, Donald Fox, Eugene Lee, T.N. Fujioka, Jesse Venable, Alex Rocio, Procolo Barone, Epifanio Ramirez, Thomas Tezak, Pedro Lujan, Mario Rojas, and Gilbert Moncivias.



**20-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) J.W. Blakey, Leon Lewis, Victor Miranda, Benjamin Cooper, Willie Goodman, B.P. Holliday, Frank Perez, Fuller Glover, R.W. Vaughn, Jr., B.J. Mouton, Jr., Louis Hubert, John Kimbel, Issac Thomas.



**10-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Victor Ortiz, Wallace Rayford, Jr., Konstantine Lucas, Frank Zanotti, Helen Bolen, David Schinler, Frank Scott, Walter Carmier, Wayne Murphy, Z.D. Rutherford, Joe Benard, Emory Greene, Jr., Lowell Lewis, Raymond Hawkins, Edmund Pemberton, Thomas King, Harvey Parnell, Floyd Smith and Lamar Ball.



**10-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Kathy Hooper, Bertha Wooley, Albert Bailey, Sr., Eugene Hamilton, Alvin Harris, Arnett Cooper, Feodie Powers, Jr., Melvin Harrison, Joseph Browning, Earnest Heggins, Santiago Lopez, R. Greathouse, Evon Lyons, Stanley Inouye, Nathaniel Anderson, Floyd Gross, Leo Knox, Lyle Owen, Nathaniel Smith, Carl Maring, Lloyd Vandant.

# Honored for service

RTD employees re-  
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-year awards, 69 20-  
51 15-year awards,  
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**35-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) L.J. Lampshire, Frank Harris, E.L. Cross, Whitney Knollmiller, C.W. Bauman, Jack Beggerly, Earl Stanley.



**30-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Jules Gauthier, W.C. Glover, (partially hidden), Lawrence Greenberg, Carl Clottone, Frank Payrow, Gerald Ferguson, Albert McKnight, George Gray, James Wendruck, Horace Norie, James Homar, Sam Atchison, Frank Brune, Jason Feller, Frank Gordon, Jack Walker, Henry Warnock, Farrell Web, and William Bright.



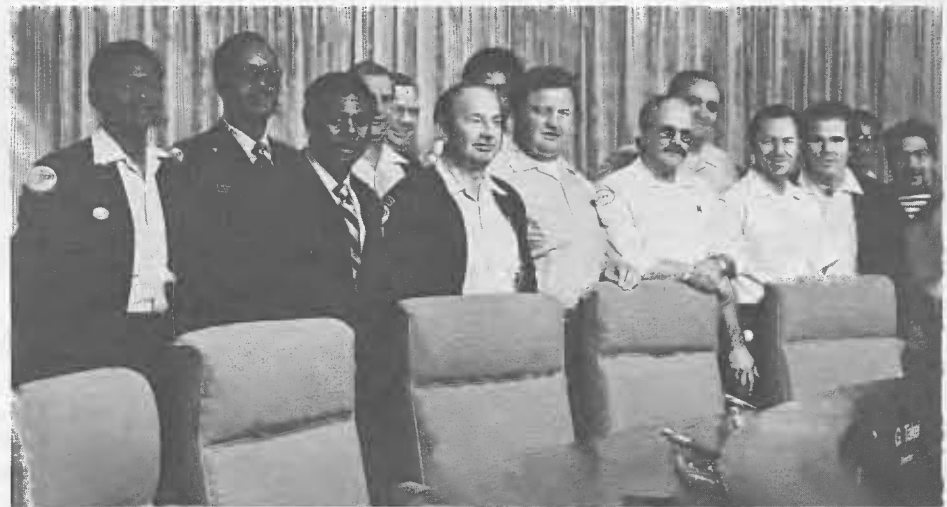
**25-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) H.L. Griffin, Frank Mauldin, James Waseloff, A.A. Davison, Jr., Richard Mouton, William Graham, William Bright, Charles Warfield, Alphonse Brown, Louie Castro, Bill Sherrell, Dorcas Bauer, Robert Wade, Dale Hamilton, Hal Gibson, Grace Thompson, R. Chavers, Ethel Richemont, Luther Price, Annie Tassandori, Alice Sahlin.



**25-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Harold Mouton, F.N. Churchill, Willie Moore, Raymond Waldon, Lawrence Wills



**15-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Marlene Allen, Philmore Crawford, Ira Luttrell, Kenneth Farris, Early Gentry, Jr., Donald Brown, Theodore Benedict, Everett Harden, Robert Coble, Edward Chavez, Carl Smith, William Beal, Jr., Bryan Jobgen, Robert Lewis, Clyde Dickerson, and Able Garcia.



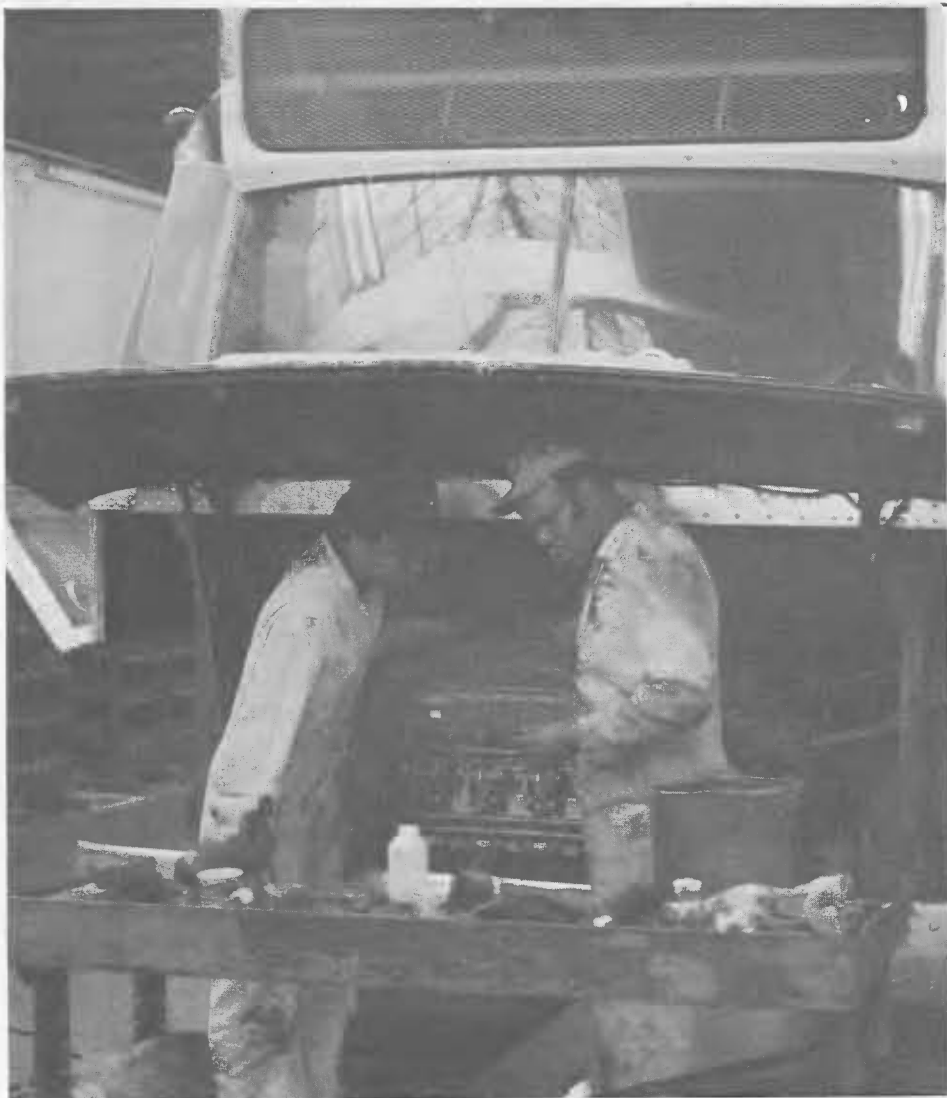
**15-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Lawrence Moss, Benjamin Brooks, John Coleman, Robert Royal, Jr., Charles Wolf, Alma Dain, Lawrence Long, Edward Messner, Morris Jackson, David Robinson, Nicholas Tumolo, Joseph Purnell, Manuel Chavez, and Jose Mercado.



**10-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) Charles Wilt, Jr., Carlos Castaneda, Welton King, Jesse Davis, Marvin Woodie, Louis De La Cruz, Jarrett Dean, J.E. Teffeteller, Robert Buchanan, C.W. Sterling, W.B. Richards, Jr., Lenard Wilkes, Ned Daniels, James Grandy, Charles Sugarman and Robert Riccio.



**10-YEARS OF SERVICE** (from left) James Abernethy, Alan Weeks, Barbara Caronna, Frank Thompson, Leroy Carter, Emory "Red" Hess, Robert Kennie, Ollis Hampton, Earl Hogan, Robert Moore, Claude Brown, Robert Marquardt, Gladys Hudson, Julian Villigran, Robert McMorris, Calvin Johnson, John Adams, and William Lindsey.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON may be just an old saying, but at Division 4-5 it is proving to be true. Steve Hearn, Jr. (right) instructs his son, Steve III (left), on how to install an engine blower during the last three weeks of his Mechanic's training. Father Steve strictly believes in proficiency, and is determined to make a good mechanic out of his son by not showing any leniency or favoritism. The younger Hearn is a participant in the Mechanic "C" training program, which has produced 71 graduates.



THIRTY-ONE Accounting employees participated in sending Control Accounting Supervisor Meg Peterson a giant get well card during her recent hospitalization. Each crocheted square has the name of one of the people who helped put the Afghan together in Accounting. From left are Yemmie Nishimura, payroll clerk, Rachael Reyes, payroll clerk, and Amy Hirashima, assistant cashier. Meg reports she is feeling better all the time, and is looking forward to coming back to work.



JOHN BURTON THANKS his fellow Scheduling employees at his retirement party last month. From left are Burton; wife Virginia; master of ceremonies Art Issoglio, supervisor of layout; Bob Holland, assistant supervisor of schedules; and Kenny Webster, superintendent of schedules.



PHOTOS OF RTD EMPLOYEES appear in the windows of the buses, and pictures of the Burton family look from the front windows of their house in Lake Elizabeth in the display presented to John Burton at his retirement party. The windows along the side of the house are covered with curtains made from \$2 bills, and cash also forms the roof of the house, the wheels of the buses, and many other areas on the display.



ANOTHER RTD GRAND PRIX is being planned for early summer, due largely to the success of last year's recreation event. Division 9 operator Albert Cacho-Sousa is shown with his winning Malibu Grand Prix racer. Details on the 1977 event will be reported in future issues of Headway.



**SURFER SPECIALS** would be a suitable alias for the seven lines which have been approved for transporting surfboards. The District will now permit surfboards on Lines 175, 829, 846, 869, 870 and 873. Surfers can bring boards 4½ feet in length or shorter aboard, and they are asked to store the boards in the rear of the bus to help ensure the comfort of other passengers.

## RTD's vital statistics

### Moving up

Name	Div/Dept.	Classification	Date
Baca, Michael G.	6918	Truck Driver Clerk To Junior Stock Clerk	3/7/77
Bennett, Jimmie L.	3353	Op. Ex. Sch. Checker To Schedule Checker	2/27/77
Bohler, Timothy M.	3034	Op. Ex. Sch. Checker To Schedule Checker	2/27/77
Broughton, George	3241	Op. Ex. Sch. Checker To Schedule Checker	2/27/77
Chambers, Desmond B.	0764	Temp. Mopper-Waxer To Operator	2/27/77
Cluck, Billy J.	5531	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	1/23/77
Gonzalez, Ruben	6728	Mechanic "A" To Equip. Maint. Suprv. 1	3/6/77
Huizar, Alfredo	2635	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	1/23/77
Johnson, Allen	6108	Mechanic "A" To Equip. Maint. Suprv. 1	3/6/77
Lujan, Joe A.	5185	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	1/23/77
Marks, Lonnie B.	5469	Mechanic "A" Leadman To Equip. Maint. Suprv. 1	3/6/77
Manley, Caldwell	6068	Mechanic "A" To Mechanic "A" Leadman	3/13/77
Oschoa Jr., Nicholas	5005	Mopper-Waxer To Vault Truck Driver	1/17/77
Orr, Patrick L.	5049	Mechanic "A" Leadman To Equip. Maint. Suprv. 1	3/6/77
Pisciotta, Giacomo	6696	Mechanic "A" To Equip. Maint. Suprv. 1	3/6/77
Roden, Burl M.	5126	Mechanic "A" To Equip. Maint. Suprv. 1	3/6/77
Rubin, Myron L.	5649	Mechanic "A" Leadman To Equip. Maint. Suprv. 1	3/6/77
Solomon, Oscar	3246	Op. Ex. Sch. Checker To Schedule Checker	2/27/77
Smith, Nathaniel	5127	Mechanic "C" To Mechanic "B"	4/3/77

### Retired

Name	Div./Dept.	Classification	Began	Retired
Biggs, John Charles	3031	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 8-7-75	8-17-63	3-18-77
Bradley, James	0238	Operator	1-25-51	4-1-77
Brannen, Robert David	0246	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 6-30-76	9-11-56	3-11-77
Burton, John S.	7064	Schedule Analyst	4-8-47	3-22-77
Calhoun, Watson Cobb	0337	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 1-16-77	3-28-51	4-2-77
Heaton, Robert L.	1015	Operator	11-15-40	4-1-77
Holman, Arthur Lee	5332	Former Utility "A" Transferred to Ind. Leave 1-6-77	5-2-52	3-18-77
Howell Jr., Walter	1103	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 11-23-76	7-31-45	3-1-77
Loewing, Robert	1397	Operator	12-29-44	4-2-77
Nelson, Harold T.	5537	Mechanic "A"	3-1-46	3-2-77
Powell, George Hilburn	5592	Gen. Supt. of Maintenance & Equipment	8-1-45	4-2-77
Pamirez, Henry Manuel	5602	Mechanic "A"	10-25-45	4-1-77
Reger, John Willard	2046	Operator	5-19-39	3-1-77
Rzathmary, Murray Herbert	5730	Mechanic "A"	7-31-44	3-12-77

### In memoriam

Name	Div. Dept.	Classification	Deceased
Howell Jr., Walter	2751	Former Operator Retired 3-1-77	3-12-77
Liams, Gladys P.	6745	Former Chief Tel. Opr. Retired 9-1-46	3-3-77
Little, Constance Henrietta	5340	Former Utility "B" Transferred to Ind. Leave 1-13-77	2-25-77
Mosqueda, Jesus L.	1257	Utility "A" Retired 4-15-63	3-23-77
Smith, Richard E.	2742	Former Operator Retired 2-8-77	4-2-77
Vacher, Marshall E.	2163	Former Operator Retired 3-1-72	2-8-77
Venturelli, Oreste	1393	Former Operator Retired 6-1-62	2-18-77
Weiss, Norma	1481	Former Supervising Key punch Operator Retired 4-1-65	2-17-77

## Rapid Transit's Paul Taylor wins top job in Surface Planning Dept.

Paul C. Taylor has been named the District's Director of Surface Planning. He will direct a 29-member staff reporting to Manager of Planning and Marketing George McDonald, engaged in near-term and long-range bus planning activities.

Taylor has been at the District for two years serving as Advance Planner - Rapid Transit. His major responsibility has been managing District and consultant personnel in completing the UMTA-required "alternatives analysis" of potential transit projects in the Los Angeles area. This analysis resulted in Washington authorizing engineering and environmental work to proceed on an extensive four-part regional transportation improvement program, including a proposed downtown people mover and a possible rapid transit starter line along the Wilshire corridor.

Prior to joining the RTD, Taylor was employed for four years by the

transportation consulting firm of Alan M. Voorhees & Associates. As manager of the Los Angeles regional office, he directed work on the adopted master transit plans of both Los Angeles and Orange Counties.

He has also participated in planning and implementation of transit improvement projects in Cincinnati and Boston.

The 30-year-old Oklahoma native holds both a B.S. and an M.S. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and served as a staff member of the Harvard/M.I.T. Joint Center for Urban Studies. He has served as a guest lecturer at several California universities.

He is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and has authored technical articles in engineering publications.

Taylor, his wife Diane, and son Nicholas, reside in Culver City.

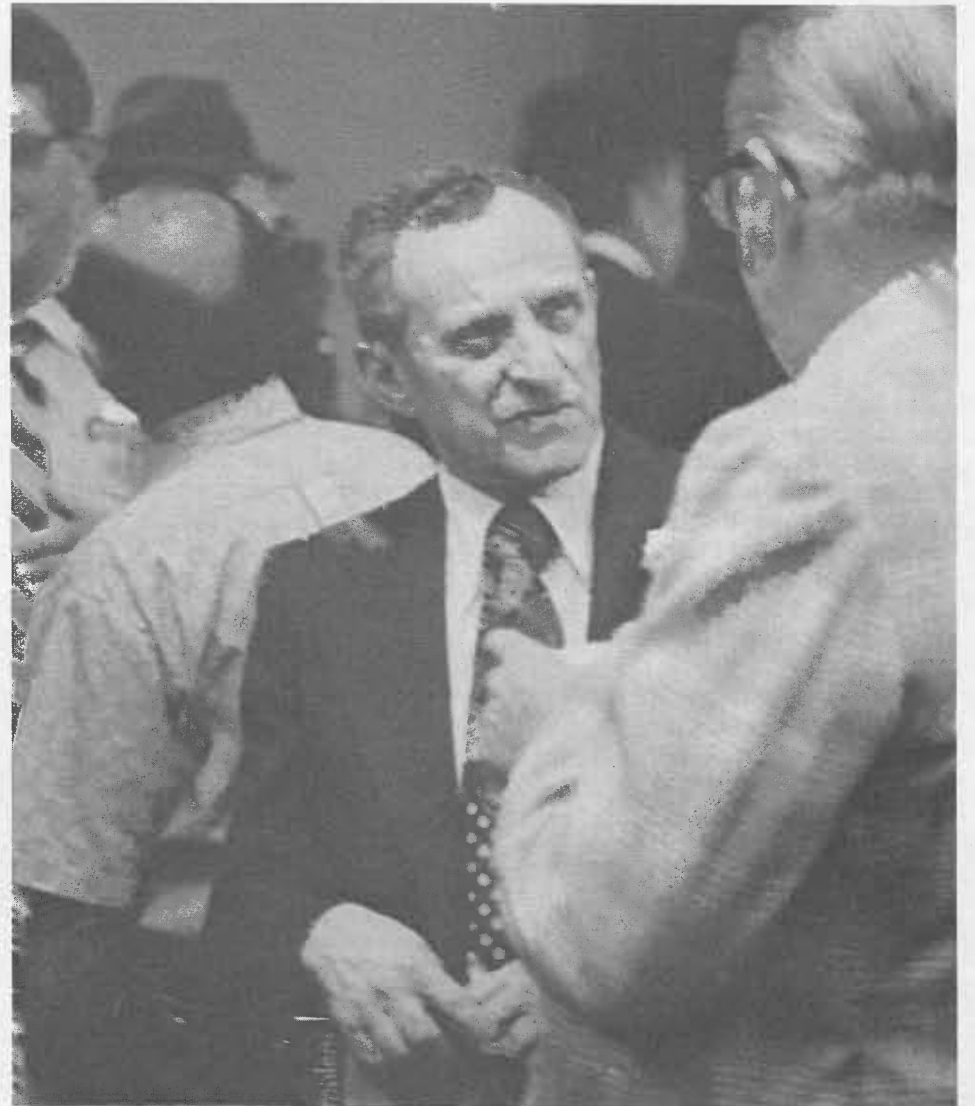
## All-Valley golf tourney a big hit

The fourth annual "All Valley" Golf Tournament was held March 27 at Knollwood Golf course in Granada Hills. For the first time in four years the weather cooperated. It was coolish, but sunny. First place, individual, was won by Nate Hubbard, Division 8 operator, with a net 72. Second place went to Richard Alvarado, Division 7 operator, and third place was won by Pappy Griggs, retired Division 8 operator.

In the team category, first place went to UTU Chairman Earl Clark

and his partner Bashir Mahmud of Division 8, and second place went to Division 8 manager Ken Parker and his partner Bill Villa of Division 8. Third place was won by Assistant Division Manager Jerry Woods and his partner Tony Apolinar.

Closest to the hole trophy went to Tony Apolinar making him a double winner. Duffer of the year honors went to J. D. Woods of Division 8. Prizes were furnished by the UTU and everyone enjoyed free beer and sandwiches.



**CHIEF RADIO DISPATCHER Frank Blumenthal** was given a send-off "Koffee-Klatch" April 1 by the Transportation Department and many of the friends he has worked with for the past 34½ years. He began his career with the Pacific Electric as an operator in 1942, and worked his way up to his most recent position in 1974.

## Making Headway

□ Two recent Schedule Department retirees have adopted quite different approaches to their new life of leisure.

Richard "Buck" Weaver plans to do a little bit of everything. Last year he and his wife Dorothy, took a trip to Arizona and they may now travel to the Midwest in their motor home. Weaver, who retired as Supervisor of Schedule Checkers, lives in Highland Park.

On the other hand, Hoyt Bileyu, who retired as schedule maker, plans to "just relax and do as little as possible." Hoyt and his wife Glory, live in Norwalk.



**EDDIE J. SANCHEZ** of Division 9 proudly announces that his 15-year-old daughter, Victoria Lynn, (above) recently competed in a tournament and earned her Green Belt in karate. She is a student at the Karate School of Oyama, and she is currently working toward her goal for the next season, the Brown Belt.



**DIVISION 4 OPERATOR Harold Anderson** (above) and his wife **Connie** happily, but belatedly, announce the birth of their first child, **Ebony Tenia Maria**, born November 2 weighing in at 5 lbs. 9 ozs. and measuring 18 inches long. Connie reports, "When my father heard of the birth of his first granddaughter, he told his friends that he had got a new president and a new grandbaby all in the same day!"

□ Division 12 operator **Hugh Van Patten** and wife **Joy** celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary April 6 by flying to Miami and taking a Caribbean Cruise. They went on the Norwegian ship *M/S Skyward* for a seven-day, four island vacation-cruise.

□ Division 2 operator **Leonard J. Morris**, the District's No. 1 driver in seniority, retired February 1 amid the lights, camera and action of a television news crew. The news media covered Morris' last day on the job as well as the party thrown in his honor in the Division 2 train room. Morris served Los Angeles public transportation for 42½ years.

### Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** 1974 Chevy Van, ½-ton V-8 with 37,600 miles. Power steering and power brakes. Asking \$3,950 or best offer. Call Madeline at 836-3626

## Energy Conservation

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continental pipeline to bring gas here from the North Slope of Alaska. A gas company affiliate is also proposing to participate in the construction of a plant in New Mexico that would produce synthetic gas from coal.

But until these new supplies of gas become available, aggressive programs to conserve energy are the only way to avoid shortages similar to those that strangled the East and Midwest this winter.

Fletcher described how residents can help save energy by practicing energy conservation at home.

A home energy management program, she said, can begin with turning down furnace thermostats, replacing dirty furnace filters, in-

sulating the attic and weather stripping doors and windows.

Additional energy can be saved by turning down water heater thermostats, installing water flow restrictors, insulating water heater tanks, covering pans while cooking, and washing only full loads in laundry and dishwashing appliances.

Many of the energy saving features outlined in Fletcher's presentation were included in the Home Energy Conservation Center display.

A gas company conservation counselor manned the exhibit to answer questions about home energy management programs and to distribute Home Energy Planning Guides—a collection of material designed to help homemakers plan their own conservation programs.



### First Maintenance Employee of Month honored during March

For the first time ever, the District added a Maintenance Employee of the Month to the Operator and Information Operator of the Month awards ceremonies at a board meeting last month.

The first Maintenance employee to be honored is "Doctor" **Eddie Johnson** of South Park Shops. He was commended for his dedication to duty and pride in workmanship which has served as a glowing example for many of the body repairmen that work in his accident repair section. Johnson is also the first union employee to represent the District at a bus manufacturing plant as a line inspector, a job which he handled admirably.

**Fred Young**, Division 9

operator, was cited for his safety, courtesy, performance, record and attitude. In each of his 20 years on the job, he has received a commendation from his division manager.

**Maria Savage** was honored for her outstanding performance on the information switchboard. Her supervisors credit her for her composure, eagerness to help callers, and for her overall consistent courtesy.

Participating in the presentation are (from left) **Jack Greasby**, manager Division 9; Director **Thomas Neusom**, **Young**, **Savage**, **Robert Williams**, manager of Customer Relations, **Johnson**, and **Bob Falvey**, superintendent of South Park Shops.



### February's Employees of Month

The District recently honored Division 10's **Harley Colberg** and PAX's **Hope Assay** as February's Operator and Information Operator of the Month. On hand for the presentation are (from left) **Byron Cook**, board member; **Assay**; **Colberg**; **Robert Williams**, manager of Customer Relations; and **Ed Edmundson**, manager of Division 3-10.

**Colberg** was cited for his solid credentials, including a 26-year

**Safety Award** and seven commendations from division managers.

**Assay** has received compliments from many callers who comment on her polite and clear delivery, and her particular care in helping to solve a caller's transportation problems.

Both **Colberg** and **Assay** were saluted for their consistently courteous performance on the job.

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