

# RTD TO HIRE UNEMPLOYED FROM AREAS WHERE RATE IS OVER 6%

## Federal Government To Provide Most Of The Funds For New Program

Jobless persons living in certain high unemployment areas of Los Angeles County will be recruited for positions with RTD.

Under the terms of a program concurred in by the Board of Supervisors, the District will hire 35 unemployed individuals as bus operators, mechanics, clerks and telephone information employees, utilizing federal Employee Emergency Act funds.

Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager, said the District will undertake the effort at minimal cost to the District, the federal government paying for salaries and other major expenses.

The availability of the additional employees, Gilstrap added, will aid the District in its efforts to improve bus service.

In accordance with federal regulations, the additional personnel will be sought from designated areas experiencing an unemployment rate in excess of 6 per cent. The program is being funded for one year.

A telephone information clerk position will be filled by an unemployed resident of Cudahy.

Three bus operator positions will be filled by unemployed residents of Beverly Hills.

Two bus operator positions and one clerk typist position will be filled by unemployed residents of Carson.

Five positions as bus operators and one position as mechanic will be filled by unemployed residents of East Los Angeles.

Three positions as bus operators will be filled by unemployed residents of the Florence area.

One position as mechanic and five positions as bus operators will be filled by unemployed residents of Maywood.

Six positions of bus operators and one position as mechanic will be filled by residents of West Hollywood.

Six positions as bus operators will be filled by unemployed residents of South Gate.

"The availability of the federal assistance," Gilstrap said, "will enable the RTD to provide new job opportunities for the unemployed, including young people, veterans, minority group members and others. At the same time we will be aided in our efforts to improve bus service."

All positions will be filled from within specified census tracts and persons wishing to apply for the positions should

contact the District's personnel office to verify job and residential requirements.

## New Service For South L.A., Airport & Watts

Responding to the needs of the community, the District has announced a new connecting service to join South Broadway Line 7 with the El Segundo Boulevard Line 123.

Beginning Monday, November 29, a special line (7A) was initiated to carry passengers between the terminal of the present Line 7 (Broadway and 116th Street) and Line 123 on El Segundo Boulevard at Broadway.

Passengers wishing to continue their trip from Line 7 to 7A, who do not wish to transfer on Line 123, may do so by requesting a continuation pass (free) from the Line 7 operator. Persons wishing to transfer from Line 7-7A to Line 123 will pay the regular 5¢ charge for an ordinary transfer. This service will be offered Monday through Saturday.

A permanent extension of Line 7 from its present terminal at 116th Street and Broadway to El Segundo Boulevard will take effect Monday, December 27, on a Monday through Saturday basis. The extension from 116th Street will afford South Central Los Angeles commuters an opportunity to transfer between Line 7 and El Segundo Boulevard Line 123. Line 123 offers convenient travel to Watts, Willowbrook and other south central points as well as the industrial complex around International Airport.



**MORE PEOPLE USING MINI-BUS SERVICE EVERY WEEK**—Mini-buses offer quick, convenient and inexpensive transportation to the people who in the course of their business have to leave their office to transact business outside their building—and, they are especially convenient for shoppers.

## Over 22,000 People Riding Mini-buses Weekly As Mini's Go Into Seventh Week Of Operation

Nineteen Mini-Buses in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday are moving over 22,000 people a week and the figure is constantly rising. Since the Mini's went into operation October 18 over 110,000 people have paid 10¢ to ride part or all of the Mini's 6.9 mile route.

With Christmas only 30 days away (as the RTD Flyer goes to press) the Operations Department is expecting a big increase in daily fares. According to George Goehler, manager of operations, the Mini-Buses are

just what the Christmas shopper ordered for transportation while shopping during the holidays.

"They not only offer frequent service (every four minutes)," Goehler noted, "but the seats are arranged in such a manner as to afford easy access and a wide, easy to negotiate aisle area—and, there's lots of space under the seat for those Christmas packages. All this convenient easy movement for only a dime—the Mini's are really a shoppers present during Christmas time."

## Material In RTD Uniform Shirts To Change Old Shirts Still Good

A TD notice, TD-71-207, calls attention to RTD operators, service directors and trafficmen about a change of material for regulation uniform shirts.

The District and the United Transportation Union, according to Max Rise, general superintendent of transportation, have received information from uniform vendors that the Simpson Soulette Poplin material used for District uniform shirts will be available only until the present supplies are exhausted.

A new material for regula-

tion uniform shirts, which is a Klopman Fabric, nickel grey, permanent press with 65% Dacron/35% cotton, will be available in short or long sleeves with a convertible collar or the standard collar.

"It will be approximately 60 to 90 days," added Rise, "before the convertible collar on the long sleeve shirt will be available."

He also noted that the Simpson Soulette Poplin shirts will remain a part of the RTD uniform until they need to be replaced.

## ACME Club Helps Catholic Big Brothers, Inc.

The District has received a letter of appreciation from Robert C. Yeary, president of Catholic Big Brothers, Inc. of Los Angeles.

In the letter Yeary extends his appreciation to District employees for their support of the ACME Club.

"Please accept our appreciation and gratitude for your contribution. By joining the Friends of Catholic Big Brothers," he said, "your annual gift will help up to better serve our fatherless boys."

## State Transportation Board Meets In District's Board Room



The California State Transportation Board met November 4 in the District's Board Room in downtown Los Angeles. Knox Bourne, (center right) Chairman of the Board, conducts the meeting where Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD's general manager, spoke on the District's current and long-range plans. Representing the District's Board of Directors is Director Herbert H. Krauch (far left).

## Tournament Of Roses Parade

New Year's Day bus service to Pasadena for the Tournament of Roses Parade, Victory Park Float Display and the Rose Bowl Football Game are listed below. Special time-tables are available for these special services and have been posted on all the bus lines listed below since November 14.

### LINE PROVIDING SERVICE FROM:

- 31 Hollywood, Los Feliz, Glendale, Eagle Rock and North Allen Ave.—Pasadena.
- 33 Compton, Lynwood and Huntington Park.
- 34 Bellflower, Downey, Bell Gardens and Huntington Park.
- 51 Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, El Segundo, Westchester and Inglewood.
- 53 Pomona, La Verne, San Dimas, Covina, Baldwin Park and El Monte.
- 58 Santa Ana, Orange, Anaheim, Buena Park and Norwalk.
- 60 Colton, San Bernardino, Rialto, Fontana, Etiwanda, Cucamonga, Upland, Claremont, Riverside, Ontario, Pomona, West Covina and El Monte.
- 61 Long Beach, North Long Beach, Lynwood, South Gate, Cudahy, Bell, Maywood, Commerce, East Los Angeles, Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Marino and Pasadena.
- 68 (Route 67) Los Angeles, South Pasadena and San Marino.
- 70 Los Angeles, South Pasadena, Pasadena via Oak Knoll.
- 71 Los Angeles, South Pasadena and Pasadena via Fair Oaks Ave.
- 72 Fullerton, Brea, La Habra, Whittier and Montebello.
- 81 Along Ventura Blvd. in Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, and North Hollywood (Riverside Dr. & Lankershim Blvd.)
- 93 Van Nuys and North Hollywood to Riverside Dr. & Lankershim Blvd.
- 102 Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lawndale, Hawthorne, Lennox and Inglewood.
- 107 North Los Robles Ave.—Pasadena.
- 108 East Foothill Blvd. or Colorado Blvd. to Rosemead—Pasadena.
- 109 North Fair Oaks—North Lake Ave.—Pasadena.
- 110 North Lincoln Ave.—North Hill Ave.—Pasadena.

### VICTORY PARK FLOAT DISPLAY AT SIERRA MADRE BLVD. & WASHINGTON ST.

- 31 Pasadena—Colorado & Raymond Ave.
- 68 (Route 67) Los Angeles, Santa Anita Highlands, or via Line 68 from Los Angeles—Transfer to Line 67 at Huntington Dr. & San Marino Ave.

### ROSE BOWL FOOTBALL GAME

- 71 Los Angeles R.T.D. Station.
- 119 Colorado & Raymond, Pasadena.

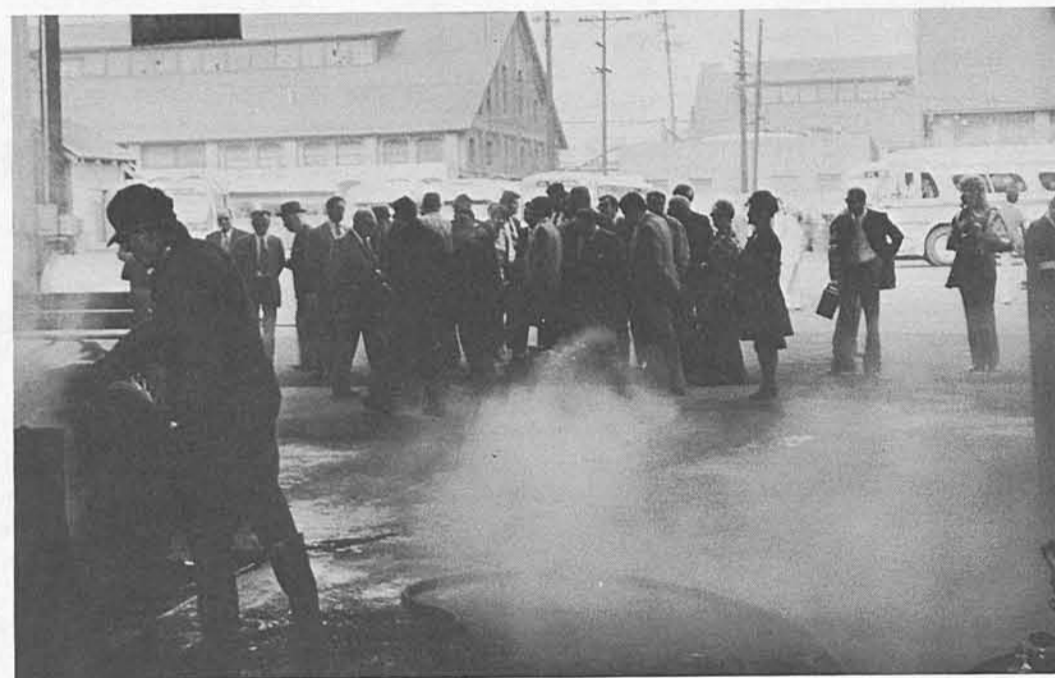
## Ninety-One Frenchmen Tour RTD Facilities



Ninety-one French trucking and public transportation officials were hosted by the District Monday, November 8. Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD's general manager, welcomed the visitors to Los Angeles in the Southern California Gas Company's downtown auditorium.



As members of the "Transportation Syndicate of the Rhone Valley," the French visitors stopped over in Los Angeles as part of their statewide tour of related facilities. Their first stop was at the District's Radio Dispatch Center at Division 2 where they saw the role radio communications played in keeping RTD buses on schedule.



The visitors spent about four hours with RTD—about one hour was spent at South Park. Their tour started with a look at the steam cleaning area where parts are cleaned of dirt and grime before and after repairs.



Inside the shop area George Powell (center), general superintendent of maintenance and equipment, and Gus Gunderson (left), superintendent of South Park, show the visitors how RTD maintains the reputation of having one of the finest bus maintenance facilities in the nation.



Verle Wetmore, manager of Division 2, discusses November's manpower report with James McCullough, assistant division manager.



Division clerks issue runs, assign buses and mark up assignments—as just part of their daily schedule. Here Paul J. Mahoney (left) and Carson Cantrell (right) check out bus assignments. James McCullough, assistant division manager, checks runs.



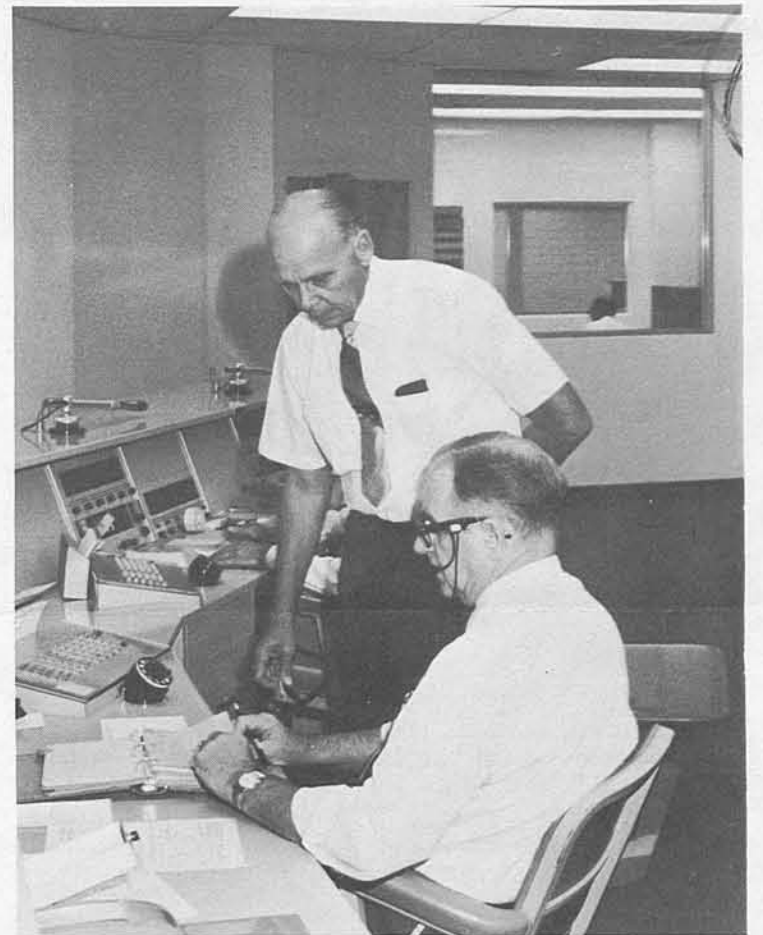
At the end of a day's service, or in between runs, fuel tanks are topped off and the oil checked by Division 2 utilitymen. All part of keeping the "people movers" working.

## Division Two

Division 2, located at 720 E. 15th Street, Los Angeles, is one of 14 operating divisions strategically located throughout the District from which 210 buses presently operate.

Under the management of Verle Wetmore, a 35-year veteran of public transit in Los Angeles, Division 2 maintains local service. As division manager Wetmore is responsible for the operating procedure at his division and 350 employees.

The maintenance department does not come under the division manager, but Frank Abrosion, equipment superintendent of Division 2. It is his job to see that the 210 buses assigned to Division 2 are in top running condition.



Carl E. Carlson, chief supervisor and dispatcher, checks a radio report from one of Division 2's buses with dispatcher Edmund J. Christensen.



A good scrub down by Division 2 utilitymen and another bus gets ready for another day's service.



Between runs the division train room is a place to relax or prepare for that run coming up.



A well-equipped maintenance department is part of Division 2. Here minor repairs are done by some of the finest mechanics in the country.

**PROMOTIONS**

In recognition of their achievement and capabilities the following employees were recently promoted:

- ISABELLE F. BACCA**  
Temporary Ticket Clerk (Vacation Relief) to General and Ticket Clerk
- HELENA M. BATES**  
Assistant Supervisor EDP Accounting to Systems Analyst II and Supervisor, EDP Accounting
- DAN E. BROUGH**  
Junior Stock Clerk to Shop Clerk
- NORMAN L. BROWN**  
Relief Janitor to Janitor
- CHARLES R. COBB**  
Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk
- PATRICIA A. COBLE**  
Accounts Clerk to Accountant
- MANUEL J. DIAZ**  
Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk
- JACK P. FARLEY**  
Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk
- CYRIL L. GAUL**  
Surface Planner I to Transportation Planning Analyst
- DAVID G. CONZALES**  
Clerk to Payroll Clerk
- EUGENE R. HAMILTON, JR.**  
Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk
- GENE F. HARDEMION**  
Mechanic "C" to Mechanic "B"
- EMORY J. HESS**  
General and Ticket Clerk to Ticket Clerk
- LAURA W. HINZE**  
Revenue Clerk to Payroll Clerk
- ALBERT J. MURRELLO**  
Information Clerk to Temporary Vacation Relief Ticket Clerk
- SAMUEL MYERS**  
Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk
- JAMES Y. REYNOLDS**  
Mechanic "B" to Mechanic "A"
- KATHLEEN M. SUTHERLAND**  
Temporary Payroll Clerk to Revenue Clerk
- FOSTER R. THOMPSON**  
Operator to Operator-Extra Division Clerk

**VITAL STATISTICS**

In memorium to employees who have devoted much of their lifetime in a profession designed to move people.

- ANDREW A. JOHNSON**  
Operator  
11-2-71/RETIRED: 6-1-53  
Years of Service: 33
- JOE O. KOONTZ**  
Operator  
10-30-71/RETIRED: 6-1-62  
Years of Service: 20
- GLEN M. MORGENSEN**  
Operator  
11-19-71  
Years of Service: 25
- ERMINDA R. SANCHEZ**  
Car Cleaner MCL  
11-15-71/RETIRED: 6-18-56  
Years of Service: 12
- JOHN E. STURM**  
9-28-71/RETIRED: 6-1-53  
Years of Service: 25

**RTD Directors**

- DR. NORMAN TOPPING, President
- THOMAS G. NEUSOM, Vice President
- Charles E. Compton
- A. J. Eyraud, Jr.
- Leonard S. Gleckman
- David K. Hayward
- Herbert H. Krauch
- Michael E. Macke
- Don. C. McMillan
- Douglas A. Newcomb
- Jay B. Price
- Virginia Rees, Secretary

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- JACK R. GILSTRAP  
General Manager
- GEORGE F. GOEHLER  
Manager of Operations
- ROBERT R. SCHOLL  
Director of Public Information
- WILLIAM A. REASON  
Editor

**RETIREMENTS**

Climaxing many years of work in the field of public transportation, the following District employees recently retired:

- DAVID G. BLACKMER**  
Operator  
Emp. 12-1-44/DISABILITY RETIREMENT: 11-14-71  
Years of Service: 26
- ROBERT L. CARSON**  
Mechanic "A"  
Emp. 11-18-46/RETIRED: 11-17-71  
Years of Service: 25
- ALBERTO GRIJALVA**  
Foreman I  
Emp. 12-18-71/RETIRED: 11-2-71  
Years of Service: 28
- BURREN GRILLETTE**  
Operator  
Emp. 10-3-55/DISABILITY RETIREMENT: 11-9-71  
Years of Service: 16
- JOHN R. HILL**  
Assistant to General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment  
Emp. 7-12-39/RETIRED: 11-3-71  
Years of Service: 32
- JULIUS ISAACSON**  
Janitor  
Emp. 5-14-45/RETIRED: 10-29-71  
Years of Service: 26
- ALBERT M. JACQUES**  
Operator  
Emp. 3-13-41/RETIRED: 11-1-71  
Years of Service: 30
- MINNIE E. KELLOGG**  
Secretary III  
Emp. 6-1-28/RETIRED: 10-31-71  
Years of Service: 43
- HAROLD J. OWENS**  
Operator  
Emp. 10-6-42/RETIRED: 11-23-71  
Years of Service: 29
- ELMO J. ROSE**  
Mechanic "A"  
Emp. 4-26-40/RETIRED: 10-31-71  
Years of Service: 31
- THOMAS J. WATTS**  
Equipment Superintendent I  
Emp. 2-1-29/RETIRED: 10-31-71  
Years of Service: 42

**SCRTD Blood Bank Needs Donors**

Many RTD employees and their families needed blood this year and the blood was available—in the SCRTD Blood Bank.

Today, this blood reserve is nearly depleted. More blood is needed if the blood bank is to continue its good work.

Anyone interested in giving blood should contact a local American Cross Center or the Los Angeles Regional Blood Center at 1130 South Vermont Avenue.

When donating, tell the Red Cross representative that you are a member of a participating group—the SCRTD Blood Bank, and that blood will be credited to the District's blood bank.

**Discount Tickets**

Discount tickets are currently available in the District's Industrial Relations Office at 1060 S. Broadway on a first come first basis.

Information on the tickets can be obtained by calling 749-6977, ext. 269 or 288.

Regularly available are:

- KNOTTS BERRY FARM**  
Buena Park
- DISNEYLAND 1971**  
Anaheim
- MARINELAND**  
Palos Verdes Estates
- MOVIELAND WAX MUSEUM**
- PALACE OF LIVING ART**  
Buena Park
- MAGIC MOUNTAIN**  
Valencia

**Magic Kingdom Card Good For Movie**

RTD employees who have Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom Club membership cards can, for the first time, use their MKC card to receive special discount prices for a Disney movie.

The movie is "Bedknobs and Broomsticks," which stars Angela Lansbury.

The discount is 50¢ off the theater's price for adults, and 25¢ off the theater's posted price for children.

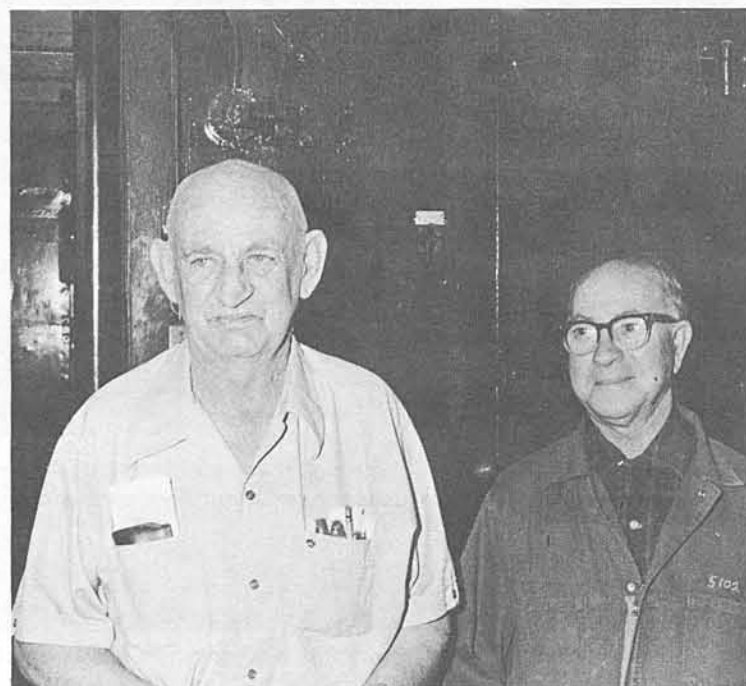
Theaters showing the film are the National Theater, in Westwood, and the Cinedome 21, in Orange.

**Line 23 Change**

The time change affected only one schedule change for the District—Line 23. This is the line that serves the Los Angeles Zoo. Now with no more Daylight Savings Time, the Zoo will close at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

With this change in hours at the Zoo the District has dropped the last bus on the schedule — a bus that operates only when Daylight Savings Time is in effect. By dropping this bus from service the last bus leaving the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Vermont Avenue leaves at 4:30 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. and the final bus from the Zoo leaves at 5:10 p.m. instead of 6:10 p.m.

**Two South Park Mechanics Honored**

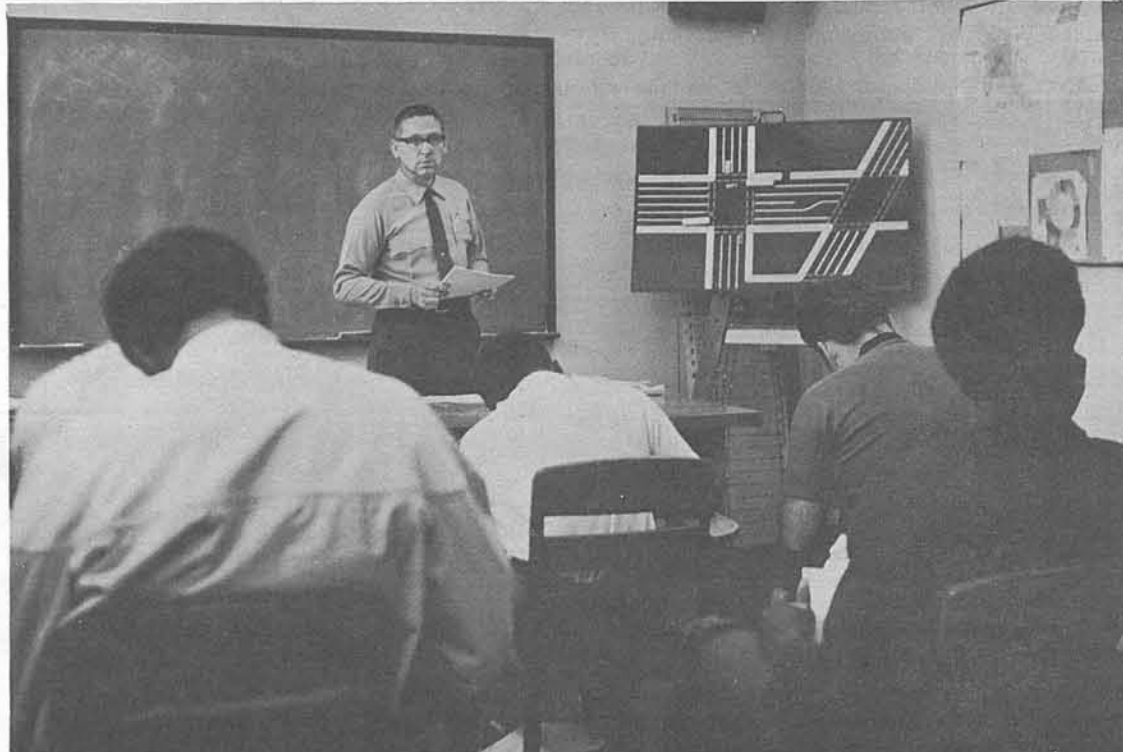


**CAKE AND COFFEE**—Retiree Robert L. Carson (right) and soon-to-retire (December 1) Edward C. Moore, were honored November 12 at South Park by their fellow employees. Carson retired November 17 after 25 years transit service and Moore will have completed 30 years service when he retires. Ed's wife Evelyn provided a large cake decorated with her husband's badge number for the retirement ceremony.

**FAST FACTS\* ON THE RTD**

Established .....	1964
(Succeeding the former Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority, formed in 1958)	
Employees .....	4,000
Total Weekday Passengers .....	625,000
Total Annual Passengers .....	193,000,000
Bus Lines .....	135
Buses .....	1,511
Daily Miles Operated .....	180,000
Annual Miles Operated .....	57,300,000
One-Way Route Miles .....	2,700
Passenger Stops .....	18,000
Cities and Communities Served .....	180

\*As of April 1, 1971



**ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS PROSPECTIVE OPERATORS ARE TAUGHT IS SAFE DRIVING**—Assistant Chief Instructor William L. Packard discusses safe driving practices with prospective operators on their first day of driver instruction with the District. The Instruction Department, headed by Marv Storer, now has 27 former operators working full time as instructors. Among their duties has been the training of about 30 new operators a month. (For behind the scenes action of the Instruction Department see the upcoming January 21 edition of the RTD Flyer.)

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