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Transportation Night Oct. 5

The Magic Kingdom, better known as Disneyland, will come to life from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 5, as employees of the Rapid Transit District get together to enjoy the rides and each other's company.

Tickets are on sale on a first-come-first-serve basis because only 1,000 tickets will be sold at the Cashier's Office, Room 722, 1060 S. Broadway, between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. No tickets will be sold after Sept. 21.

The cost is \$4.75 per person and children two years and under will be admitted free.

Transportation night is sponsored by the Traffic and Transportation Clubs of Southern California.

RTD Softball Team Members Recruited

Baseball is man's favorite sport, or at least it is for 27 District employees who like the sport and each other so much that they would like to start company division softball teams and play against other divisions.

Employees interested in forming teams, and possibly a league, should contact Superintendent Ed J. Fox, on ext. 205.

The project not only needs players, but also someone who would be willing to coordinate the sign-ups and game schedule.

Those already indicating an interest in joining are Donald R. Martin, Ernest G. Heggins, James E. Gatewood, Carl Smith, Richard Sloan, Robert L. Stewart, Louis Walker, Wiley Goins, Eddie Fentroy, Kenry Antoine, Cleave Paul and Warren J. Knox.

Others are Robert L. Dunbar, Charley Triplett, Stenson Hutcherson, Theodore Powell, William L. Hancock and Fletcher Earles. Also interested are Irving Wesson, Roy Perry, Evelio Calvo, Orié Batiste, Elisha Price, Charles Russell, Michael Walker, Daniel Spillers and James Manier.

SEE THE GLORIES OF LOS ANGELES

Visitors in town? No time to help out-of-town relatives touring Southern California? Maybe the District's public information department can be of assistance.

By calling ext. 431 you can request a copy (ies) of the handy booklet, "21 Vest Pocket Tours," which tells how to see such sites as quaint Ports o' Call Village, entertaining Marineland of the Pacific and many, many others.



HEART-WARMING GIFT—Thirty-two years of service were rewarded to Operator Mel Wolfenbarger when 14 women passengers crocheted an afghan blanket for him as a retirement present. The ladies presented the gift to Mel (center front) as his wife, Ruby (at his right), Chuck Harmon (left) and Union Representative Bill Haag (right) watch.

Director Sold on Service

The world's best salesman is always yourself, so new District Director Hugh C. Carter has found.

After being appointed to the District Board of Directors he wanted to find out for himself how comfortable and efficient the service was, so on July 10th he traveled via bus from East Long Beach to downtown Los Angeles and back.

He was so impressed with the fast and punctual rides that he sat down and wrote the following letter as soon as he returned to his office:

Dear Jack:

I found my bus ride Tuesday, July 10th to the RTD meeting to be a most pleasant one. I telephoned the central office Friday and was given very accurate information by a telephone operator #58. She gave me all the information in order to get from East Long Beach (Naples) to 11th and Broadway, in three minutes. She was cordial, courteous, and well informed. I have a running log of my travel this morning which was interesting to me in that the schedules are so accurate.

Here is the way it went:

- 7:45 A.M. At bus stop
- 7:52 Long Beach Public Transportation #13 goes by.
- 7:54 It looks like #59 is exactly on time. I board bus which was lacking a number. In conversation with the driver I learned that I was on the wrong bus. He gave me very concise instructions on how to get on #59. (The bus was an older bus, #2039).
- 8:00 Get off bus at 2nd and Park.

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Kenneth Ingram Ends Assignment With RTD

Ken Ingram's term as chairman of the City of Carson's Environmental Commission came to an end July 31st, but that date also marked the end of his term as a consultant to the District.

Ken, fully Kenneth R. Ingram, has been on loan to the District for six months as a consultant associate transportation planner to review and coordinate the consultant's corridor system studies and recommendations incorporated into the newly-introduced rapid transit plan.

He is an urban planner for the State of California Transportation Agency, Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, District Seven.

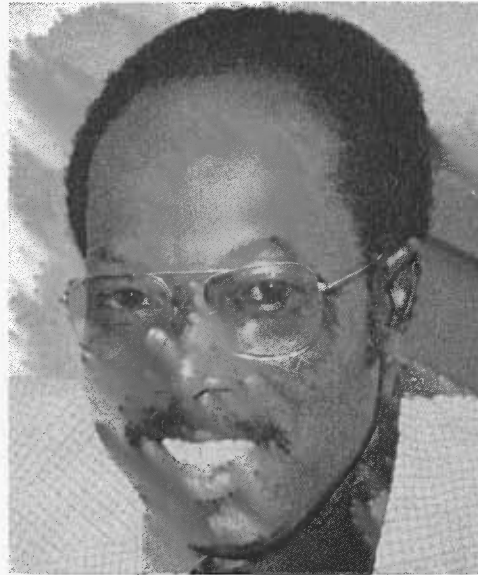
Among his tasks at the District during his brief stay was estimating urban public trans-

portation revenue forecasts and costs.

The transportation expert has been a member of the City of Carson's Environmental Commission for four years.

He expects to remain in the Los Angeles area for at least several weeks and then to be reassigned to Sacramento.

Ken and his wife, Helen, live in Compton



KENNETH R. INGRAM

with their children: Iris, 18 years; Brenda, 16; and Karen, 15. Mrs. Ingram is a counselor in the Compton Unified School District.

Sunday Mini-Tours Top Bargain List

Inflation is eating up the American dollar, but summer Sundays at Griffith Park mean one of the best bargains in town.

Twenty-five cent mini-tour passes good throughout the day of purchase on the District's picturesque Mini-buses will be in operation throughout September.

Passengers can get off and on the Mini-buses at any point of the one-hour, 13 mile trip boarding solely with the passes purchased on the same day. Merely park your car at the Zoo parking lot and board a Mini-Tour bus or regular District ExtraCAR which stops at all major park attractions.

Major events scheduled for the park include the Antique and Classic Car Exhibit, September 23.

The District is conducting the Mini-Tour program as part of the expanded service approach launched this year.

Seven Managers Move

Seven managers moved from one division to another, while two managers remained in their current divisions.

The transfers are: Jack W. Greasby, Division 9 to Divisions 1/11/21; George C. Michaels, Division 8 to Division 3/10; Jim J. McCullough, Divisions 3/10 to Divisions 4/5; and Lloyd H. Brugmann, from Divisions 4/5 to Division 6.

Other transfers are: Wesley D. McCarns, Division 6 to Division 7; Kenneth E. Parker, Division 7 to Division 8; and Frank J. Matzner, Divisions 1/11/21 to Division 9.

Remaining at their existing assignments are Ralph E. Costello, manager at Division 12; and Verle A. Wetmore, manager at Division 2.

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Retired Pacific Electric, RTD and Southern Pacific employees welcome to join the **Hemet Retirees Club** which meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month at Sir George's Restaurant in Hemet. Luncheon is sold a la cafeteria style.

More Than 200 See Johnny Off

More than 200 employees, retirees and friends gathered July 1st at South Park Shops to wish a happy retirement to Supervising Clerk Johnny C. Boyce following 38 years loyal District service.

Johnny started on November 26, 1934, as a conductor at Division 1, where he later served as a clerk and extra clerk/cash receiver. He also worked at Division 2 as an operator, at Department 18 as a dispatcher and at Department 20 (formerly Division 4 which was at the site of the Convention Center) as senior clerk.

At South Park Shops, he has served as shop clerk, chief clerk to the superintendent and finally as supervising clerk.

The supervisor has been very active in District and community activities. He once headed the District Credit Union.

Johnny was born in Chidress, Texas, on June 4, 1911.

The following is the retirement speech as presented by Fred Harrington, of South Park Shops:

"Honored retiree, supervision and fellow employees,

"When I was asked if I would speak on behalf of the Body Shop employees I said it would be an honor and a privilege. It is my small token of thanks for the many services this man has done for others. With your indulgence I will tell you some of the things I found out about John.

"The man we are honoring today is a Texan. His bigness is the service he has so generously given to others. His employment with the Los Angeles Railway and, subsequently, with the Rapid Transit District began November 26, 1934.

"Most of us remember Hank Mann. He and John started as motorman and conductor just two days apart. This was in Division 1 in the street car days.

"From 1942 to 1945 John Boyce was in the Navy. From seaman second class he became chief petty officer as a parachute rigger.

"Upon his return to civilian life and his former employer his capacity to accept new assignments started to unfold. He became a traffician, checker, extra clerk and stenographer.

"He was mechanical dispatcher, then shop clerk at Division 2. He then bid in as shop clerk at South Park in June 1948. John later became chief clerk and is retiring with the title of supervising clerk.

"All work and no play could make John a dull boy. But his avocations are as varied as his vocations. They include lapidary and rock hound and trailering with the International Association as a charter member since 1955.

"As a delegate for four years, this took him to rallies of over 400 trailers throughout the U.S.A. He is president of the Harbor area. John has been a shop steward and union president representing over 500 employees.

"His credit union work he calls a hobby.

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Magic Kingdom Honors Disney

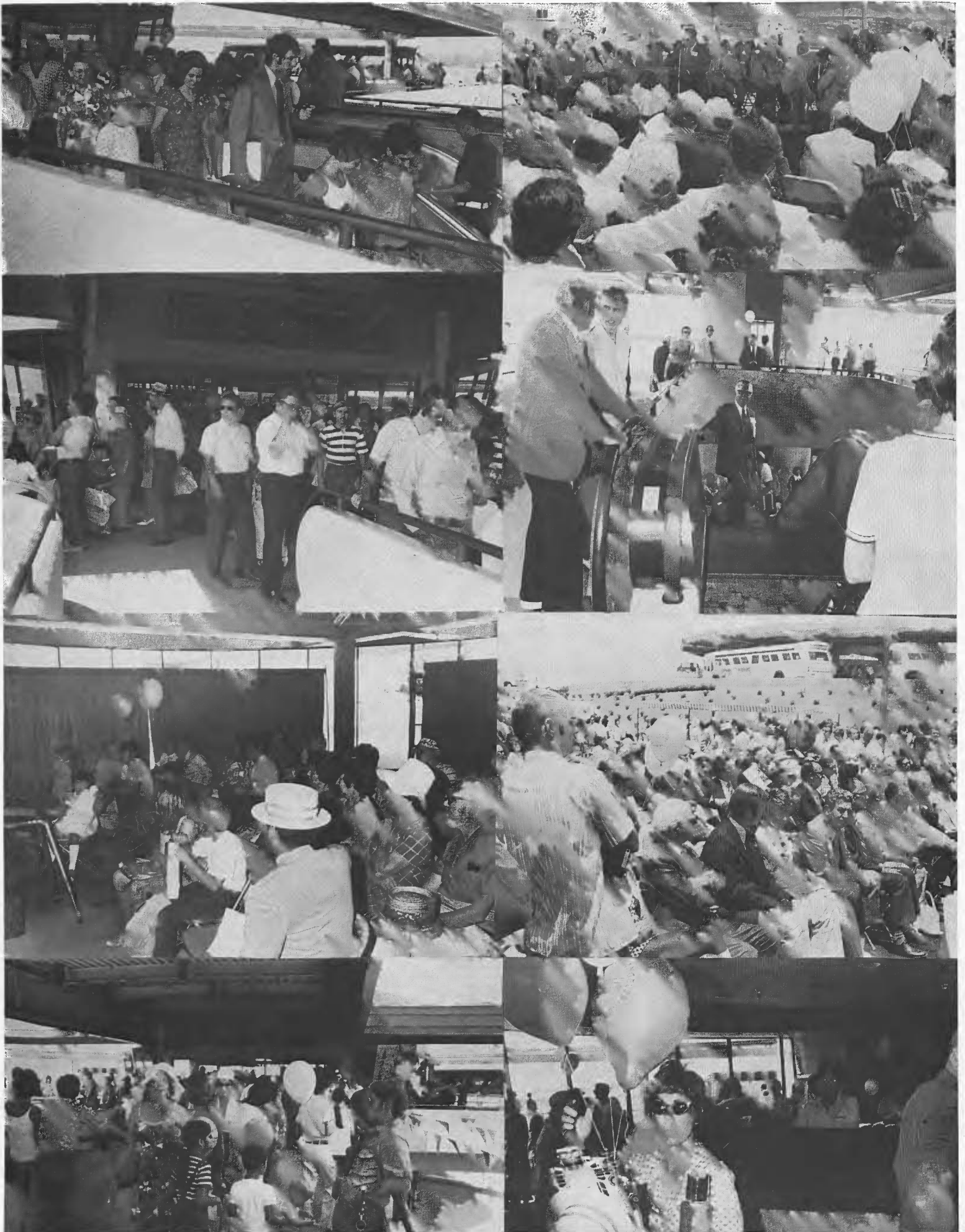
Spectacular shows, special events and dazzling parades and concerts will highlight Disneyland's Summer '73 celebration honoring the 50th anniversary of Walt Disney Productions.

Magic Kingdom Club members and their families can enjoy the park for 10 hours a day, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

Summer visitors will be among the nation's first to view Disneyland's newest attraction, "The Walt Disney Story," a dramatic tribute to the lives and accomplishments of Walt and Roy Disney.

For discount cards please contact Deputy Administrator for Employee Welfare Programs Mary Sacre in the personnel department on ext. 296.

Walt Disney World							MAGIC KINGDOM OPERATING CALENDAR
							SEPTEMBER 1973
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
						1 OPEN 9-1	
2 OPEN 9-7	3 OPEN 9-7 Labor Day	4 OPEN 9-7	5 OPEN 9-7	6 OPEN 9-7	7 OPEN 9-7	8 OPEN 9-7	
9 OPEN 9-7	10 OPEN 9-7	11 OPEN 9-7	12 OPEN 9-7	13 OPEN 9-7	14 OPEN 9-7	15 OPEN 9-7	
16 OPEN 9-7	17 OPEN 9-7	18 OPEN 9-7	19 OPEN 9-7	20 OPEN 9-7	21 OPEN 9-7	22 OPEN 9-7	
23 OPEN 9-7	24 OPEN 9-7	25 OPEN 9-7	26 OPEN 9-7	27 OPEN 9-7	28 OPEN 9-7	29 OPEN 9-7	
30 OPEN 9-7							



PARTY TIME—Everyone celebrated as the District inaugurated full-service on the new El Monte-Los Angeles Busway July 14-15 with ceremonies and entertainment. More than 5,000 persons viewed the new El Monte Terminal during the two-day event.



MIXED EMOTIONS — Almost 39 years of service ended as Chief Instructor Marv Storer delivered his retirement speech before more than 100 District employees and his family and friends. Marv began his transportation career on November 27, 1934, as a motor man.

Director Sold

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- 8:10 #59 arrives. Board bus #5600 and ride to 1st and Locust.
 8:15 Embark at 1st and Locust practically falling into the movies. A corner of 1st and Locust is occupied with the filming of a police chase. The normal bus was filled with cameras, electrical generators and the intersection was lined with police cars, prop men, grips, actors and stand-ins. (Bus riding in Long Beach can be fun).
 8:26 Ocean and Locust. Well-placed sign clearly indicates proper place to board bus #36. Others waiting but I go into ticket counter to check. Courteous and well-informed woman gives me instructions on the bus departure time and where to board it. Buses are also announced by speaker outside — nice touch. I hear two loud shots — the cameras must be rolling.
 8:30 More shots and other buses leaving for other destinations.
 8:43 #36F arrives right on time. P.A. announces it is ready for boarding and two more loud shots are heard as I board bus #5504.
 8:45 We're away with 12 passengers. There are periodic pickups along Long Beach Boulevard. The last passenger to board prior to the freeway boards at Market Street at 9:07. He pays lesser rate of 70¢ for the ride to the city.
 9:18 Skimming along the freeway.
 9:29 7th and Central.
 9:36 Pull into RTD station right on time on the money. Get information from the information counter relative to taking a bus back to the office and taking two short bus rides to 11th and Broadway.

All in all I found riding the bus to be a very pleasant and relaxing experience. The drivers all maintained good control of their vehicles and the stops and starts were very smooth. Riding the RTD Freeway Flyer is the most trouble-free and relaxing freeway travel I have experienced in years. I wonder if there are any studies to show the added years of life to a person as a result of eliminating "freeway strain."

Commendations Please Everyone

Operator David B. White, who retired from District 10 on July 7th, was cited in The Record-Ledger newspaper in Tujunga by columnist Richard Stewart.

His column said:

"Last Monday I decided to travel to work in downtown Los Angeles via the 'Extracar' as my automobile was being repaired. The last time that I rode a bus was in 1955 and I was rather hesitant as to what awaited me after an 18-year absence.

"Although I didn't have to be at the office until 8:30 a.m., I left the house rather early to give myself plenty of traveling time. After a good brisk walk of about 10 minutes I arrived at the bus stop on Foothill Boulevard across the street from Sunland Park.

"I had no sooner gotten there when the bus arrived at 5:40 a.m. and greeted me with that old familiar staccato hissing sound of air brakes.

"The driver, a mustached man in his mid forties, waved me on up the steps with early morning friendliness and enthusiasm and informed me that the cost to downtown 5th and Spring was 94 cents and that my transfer to 5th and Flower was only an additional nickel.

"As I seated myself in the front right sec-

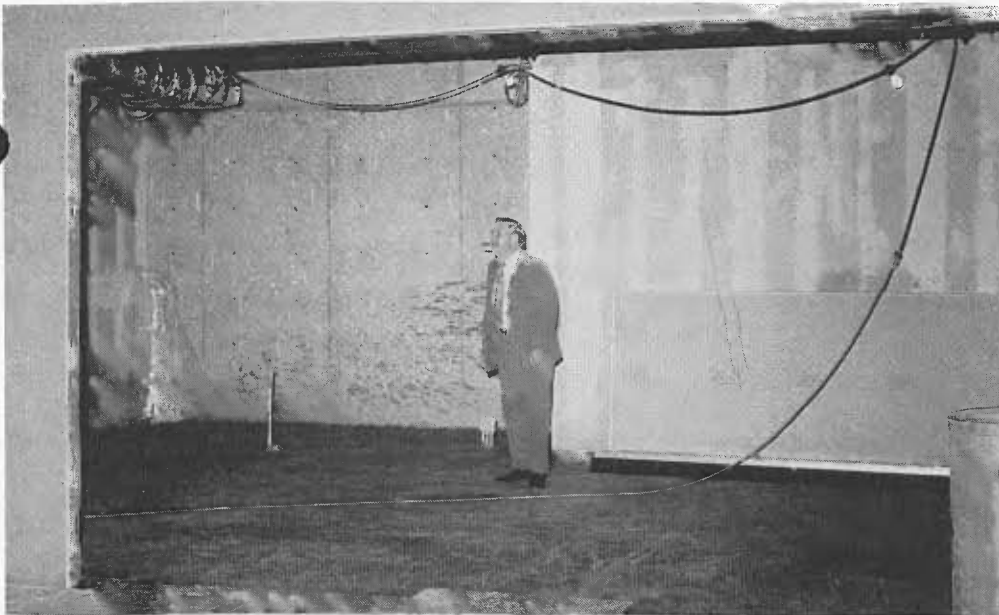
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Systematic Way

Interstate System is the commonly used term for the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, which is comprised of 42,500 miles of limited access highways.



RETIRING YEARS — Store Keeper Hayes L. Archer (right) and his wife, Louise, kiss after they accepted a 31-year service certificate from Director of Purchasing and Stores Earl Stanley as employees hosted a retirement party at South Park.



MOVING UP—Charlie Haudenschild, planning and real estate manager, inspects the ARCO Plaza Ticket Office in construction.



PLAZA, PLEASE — Transportation Planning Analyst Joe Lyle is so busy telling people about the planned District San Fernando Valley Subscription service that he doesn't even notice pretty Ms. Judy Mathews as she looks over time tables. The District now has an office located within ARCO Plaza to offer information and sale of passes and discount cards.

Bicycling Studied at Exposition Museum

The California State Museum of Science and Industry is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission is free.

Included in the current displays are the following:

"PEDAL POWER" Through October 16

For the first time since 1899, bicycles are being manufactured in numbers greater than the automobile. "Pedal Power" takes a look at the world of bicycles from the old original High Wheelers to today's newest and finest.

Highlights include Ed Wynn's piano bicycle, an antique bike shop and photographs of biking in Southern California from the 1880's.

"EVOLUTION OF THE CINEMA"

On extended loan

The Universal Studios Cinema Antique Collection, one of the most comprehensive collections of rare image-in-motion and cinematic apparatus in existence, is on extended loan to the museum. Everything from shadow play puppets to movie cameras are in the display including a number of devices which may be operated by the viewer.

Commendation

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tion, the bus began to accelerate with that old nostalgic roar of the rear engine, and soon a light mist appeared on the front windshield causing the rubber wipers to make a rhythmic swishing sound.

"Above the bus aisle on both sides a small, but colorful Time's Square barrage of billboards — advertised suntan lotion, yellow pages, National Family Planning, a driving school, Equal Housing Opportunities and a race track which all vied for my attention and support.

"As we continued up Foothill Boulevard toward La Crescenta we began picking up passengers. These were not newcomers like myself who got on with hesitation and timidity, but seasoned regulars who hopped on with self-assurance and carried with them a gaiety and esprit de corps towards one another.

"The bus driver's response was affectionate with the increasing number of riders and he would greet them with a fraternal familiarity that would make an Elk's member proud!

"I was witnessing the cross section of America going to work as evidenced by people of all sizes, shapes and colors. There were persons in suits, overalls, levis, white and blue collar workers, construction workers, secretaries and students along with a multitude of jobs and skills that I had no knowledge of.

"The woman on my left was engrossed in a paperback while the lady sitting perpendicular to me was continually yawning. Across the aisle a tackle-sized student was studying a text of some kind for a probable Monday morning quiz.

"As we approached the middle of Glendale the bus was nearly filled and our congenial driver would sing out the on-coming stops much like an aria. We turned left on San Fernando Road and traveled in an easterly direction past the Southern Pacific Freight Yard which so reminds you of Chicago and all that has been written about it.

"Here one can see the railroad homes that appear on the sides of boxcars and gondolas with animal insignias and wordings, such as 'Don't stand me still.' As we continued to our final destination the conversation centered on X-Rated motion pictures, the Watergate Affair and, of course, the proverbial unusual weather we were having!

"We were now on a short span of the Pasadena Freeway, our bus straining against the steepness of the incline and heading towards colorful and mysterious China Town.

"It was hard for me to believe as I arrived at Spring and Fourth that I had traveled some 23 miles in about an hour's time aboard the safety and warmth of a rapid transit system that I had abandoned many years ago."

Washington Buys Trains

Thirty new train units will be featured in the new Washington, D. C., rapid transit system which is under construction.

The system is being manufactured by Rohr Industries, of Chula Vista, for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Johnny Retires

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John has been an ardent and loyal officer. Attending meetings and helping employees, processing business and administering with others in a sound and well-managed credit union (sic).

"Our funeral funds were also dispersed with promptness and care. John seemed never too busy to do one more job for one more person at any time.

"It is said that service to our fellow man is the rent we pay for our room on earth. For John Boyce, his rent is paid long in advance.

"Thank you."

Tropical Fish Lovers May Join L.A. Society

Jim Thomasom, shop clerk at Division 2, extends an invitation to all tropical fish fans to attend the Los Angeles Aquarium Society meetings at 8 p.m. on the second Friday of the month.

The group meets to view films and hear informative speakers discuss the many varieties of tropical fishes and their care.

Join the group at The Alamo, located at Ruby and Avenue 64, in Highland Park.

Do You Give a Hoot?

More and more Southern Californians stumped for an answer in the late night hours are finding it a good bet to dial 466-8695, which spells HOOT OWL, between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. seven nights a week.

During these hours, the Los Angeles Public Library is operating a ready reference service manned by two librarians.

The experimental program is financed through federal funds and is being conducted from San Luis Obispo to San Diego.

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TRANSFERS & PROMOTIONS

		Div.	Effective
Walter Gene Cooley	From: Mechanic A To: Mechanic A Leadman	7**	5/20
Manuel S. Gonzalez	From: Mechanic C To: Mechanic B	2**	5/20
Emory J. Hess	From: General and Ticket Clerk To: Field Representative	Ticket Office Personnel	5/20
Thomas L. Trammell	From: Dispatcher To: Supervising Dispatcher	Transportation	5/20
Daniel R. Ortiz	From: Supervisor To: Supervisor Extra Dispatcher	Transportation	5/20
Foster R. Thompson	From: Operator-Extra Division Clerk To: Division Clerk	9* 5*	5/13
Ralph Wilson	From: Staff Assistant I To: Transportation Administration Analyst	Transportation	5/13
Eddy Blaauw	From: Mopper-Waxer To: Utility A	2**	5/4
Linzy Martin	From: Mopper-Waxer To: Traveling Mopper-Waxer	District Building and Services 2**	5/3
Elmo Tignor Douglass	From: Civil Engineer To: Assistant Engineer	Engineering	4/23
James Gatewood	From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A		4/23
Charles Raymond Hayes	From: Mechanic B To: Mechanic A	9**	4/22
Melvin F. Marquardt	From: Deputy Administrator for Employee Welfare Programs To: Deputy Administrator for Personnel	Personnel	4/18
Pauline L. Kennedy	From: Information Clerk To: Temporary Supervisor and Information Clerk	District Building and Services	4/18
Arthur F. Begg	From: Relief Assistant Division Manager To: Assistant Division Manager	Transportation 7*	4/16
William S. Hawkins	From: Division Clerk-Extra Relief Assistant To: Acting Relief Assistant Division Manager	12* Transportation	4/16
Carolee-Anne C. Okimoto	From: Employee Welfare Technician To: Salary Process Recorder	Personnel	4/8

RETIREMENTS

	Div.	Employed	Effective
Stanton K. Johnson, Operator	4*	10/23/36	5/10
Jeanne A. Day, Secretary III	District Building and Services	11/8/50	5/8
Joseph W. Cartwright, Operator	12*	4/6/48	5/7
Talmage Odom, Mechanic A	1**	9/24/45	5/5
Earl D. Cowell, Equipment Superintendent I	3**	4/19/39	5/2
Lester W. Turner, Mechanic B	8**	10/2/58	4/18
Walter L. Maurer, Operator	9*	1/9/45	4/9
Edwin S. Rastatter, Operator	4*	6/24/47	4/4
Joseph A. Boytim, Operator	10*	2/14/63	4/1

In Memoriam

	Div.	Employed	Passed Away
Paul E. Durbin, former Schedule Maker II, retired 6/1/71	Schedules	4/23/41	5/5
Gordon Howard, former Mechanic B, retired 1/1/68	8**	5/6/47	5/2
Emerson Becker, former Trafficman, retired 6/1/68	Traffic	6/6/39	5/1
Julius Isaacson, former Janitor, retired 10/30/71	3**	5/14/45	5/1
Jess Leroy Channel, Mechanic A	2**	10/22/45	4/28
Emil F. Dietz, former Operator, retired 9/12/65	10*	9/15/22	4/18
Fred Jewett, former File Clerk, retired 6/1/62	Accounting and Fiscal	2/17/29	4/5
Ernest D. Webb, former Assistant Carhouse Foreman, retired 6/1/53	3**	9/10/20	12/30

(*signifies transportation, **mechanical)

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