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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Please note the new address of our Publications Officer, which is now as shown above.

EDITORIAL.

The end of the Postal Strike has meant an influx of reports this month, particularly of Operating Notes, and in order to keep this issue down to the usual size, it has been necessary to omit parts of some reports. This is regretted, but unavoidable, and the more unusual Operating Notes have still been included. We hope to be back to normal next month. Any member who has not now received either the January or February issues should notify the Secretary, who will supply replacements. We are grateful to all those members who kindly assisted with the distribution of the February Issue.

(T.M.L.)

PERSONAL.

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to ██████████, Traffic Manager of the Company since 1964, on his recent appointment as Traffic Manager of London Country Bus Services, Ltd., and we thank him for the assistance he has given to the "Service" during his time with West Yorkshire.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

H.C.V.C. YORKSHIRE SECTION.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20th., at 7-30 p.m., in the L.C.T. Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds, 1, at which all are welcome.

P.S.V. CIRCLE.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 6th., from 7-00 p.m., in the Bradford City Transport Staff Canteen, Forster Square, at which all W.Y.I.S. members are again welcome.

PRESS DAY for the May Issue will be on Saturday, the 1st. May, all items for which should be sent, to arrive on or before that date, to ██████████

1. FLEET CHANGES.

NEW VEHICLES.

SRG.118.	FWW 343 J.	Bristol REL6G.	3/	ECW 18626 B53F.	?
SRG.141.	HWU 663 J.	Bristol REL6G.	3/1444.	ECW 19081 DP50F.	7-14-1.
SRG.142.	HWU 664 J.	Bristol REL6G.	3/1445.	ECW 19082 DP50F.	7-14-1.

We would be glad to receive the chassis number and unladen weight of SRG.1419.

REBUILT VEHICLE.

EUG.91 (LYG 716) was fitted with a Gardner 5 HCW engine before sale (thus making it an LS5G). All of CUG.8/9/15, & EUG.90-94 were therefore altered to LS5G after delicensing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

SRG.141/2 were delivered, it is believed, early in March, to Grove Park. (These may be the last two to come with this style of body), and SRG.118 followed later in March.

The unladen weight of 1037 since the fitting of a crane, is now 8-14-1 (ex.6-18-1). Obviously a good deal of ballast has also been added, making the vehicle only 1 qtr., less than YVR.50-7, the heaviest buses in the fleet.

In response to a member's request, DX.C.2-8/78-81/3 & 97-9, were fitted with fluorescent lighting in 4/60, 5/60, 7/60, 11/60, 5/60, 7/62, 3/60, 7/63, 11/62, 9/62, 12/62, 6/63, 9/63, 5/64 & 4/64 respectively.

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1. FLEET CHANGES - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, (cont.)

It is presumed that DX.82 (456 LHN) was delivered with ordinary lighting, and converted later. EUG.81-9 may have been the first single deckers in the country to be fitted from new with fluorescent lighting - does anyone know of any earlier vehicles so fitted ?

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS.

ERG. 6.	from LEEDS	(Delicensed)	28.2.71.
LH. 18.	" HARROGATE	"	20.3.71.
SUG. 61.	" HARROGATE	"	"
SUG. 62/75.	" LEEDS	"	"
SRG. 24.	(Delicensed)	To LEEDS	"
VR. 40.	"	" BRADFORD	"
SRG. 141.	(New)	" LEEDS	"
SRG. 142.	"	" HARROGATE	"
SRG. 18.	from LEEDS	" ILKLEY	"
SRG. 43/7.	" YORK	" LEEDS	"
SRG. 48/59.	" ILKLEY	" LEEDS	"
SRG. 77/90.	" HARROGATE	" LEEDS	"
SRG. 85.	" BRADFORD	" LEEDS	"
SRG. 113.	" KEIGHLEY	" ILKLEY	"
DX. 160/1.	" LEEDS	" YORK	"
DX. 199.	" LEEDS	" KEIGHLEY	"
DX. 200/2.	" LEEDS	" HARROGATE	"
VR. 38.	" LEEDS	" HARROGATE	"
SUG. 67.	" HARROGATE	(Delicensed)	31.3.71.
SUG. 78.	" BRADFORD	"	"
DX. 124.	" BRADFORD	"	"
DX. 212.	" KEIGHLEY	"	"
ERG. 2/3.	(Delicensed)	To LEEDS	1.4.71.
ERG. 7/10.	"	" HARROGATE	"
CUG. 21/2/6/7/32.	"	" LEEDS	"
CUG. 24.	"	" YORK	"
CUG. 28/31.	"	" KEIGHLEY.	"
CUG. 29.	"	" WETHERBY	"
CUG. 30/4/5/40/1/4/5.	"	" BRADFORD	"
CUG. 33.	"	" SKIPTON	"
CUG. 36/7/9/46/7/8.	"	" HARROGATE	"
CUG. 38.	"	" OTLEY	"
CRG. 1.	"	" YORK	"
CRG. 2.	"	" HARROGATE	"
CRG. 4/6/7/13/4.	"	" BRADFORD	"
CRG. 5.	"	" KEIGHLEY	"
CRG. 8/9.	"	" LEEDS	"
DX. 27/151.	"	" BRADFORD	"
DX. 103.	"	" KEIGHLEY	"
SRG. 118.	(New).	" HARROGATE	"

- Notes :-
1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former Depots, except CUG.28 (Ex.York), CUG.29 (Ex.Otley), CUG.31 (Ex.Ilkley), CUG.33/8 (Ex.Keighley) & CUG.44 (Ex.Harrogate), & DX.103 (ex.Bradford).
 2. These are the first moves since new for SRG.59/77/85/113 & VR.38.
 3. The only LS's still running are SUG.64-6/8 & CUG.44/5 (total 6).
 4. The only coaches not licensed are CUG.42/3, which are unlikely to return to traffic.
 5. Main fleet double-deckers return to York, after an absence of less than 3 weeks.

STORED VEHICLES.

BRADFORD. In Hammerton Street on the 15th March was CUG.16 in Sale livery. SRG.138/9 arrived here during February, not January, as inadvertently stated last month.

HARROGATE. Still behind Grove Park on the 28th March were 5 DX's, SUG.29, SMG.52 & CUG.17. On the spare land behind Myrtle Road were DX.6/22/47 & SRG.20, and these have now been joined by CUG.43 (ex.York). On the 14th March, DX.101 had also been on the spare land. The chassis of SRG.78, although it left Grove Park during February, later returned, and was still there in late March.

1. FLEET CHANGES, - STORED VEHICLES, (cont.)

LEEDS. Inside on the 31st.March were SRG.28, ERG.2/3, CRG.8/9 & CUG.21/2/6/7/9/32. On the 7th.April SUG.75 was being steam cleaned, and ERG.4 was inside. SUG.62 however, was not in evidence.

YORK. The situation here is similar to last month: CUG.43 has gone to Harrogate, two of the LS coaches in the field appear to have gone (possibly EUG.93/4), and two DX's have arrived.

WITHDRAWALS.

31st.March,1971 : SMG.6.

FLEET TOTAL.

	<u>G.</u>	<u>S.D.</u>	<u>D.D.</u>	<u>1.4.71.</u>	<u>1.4.70.</u>
Licensed :-	48	223	257.	528	508.
Delicensed :-	2	32	10.	44	64.
	<u>50</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>267.</u>	<u>572</u> ≠	<u>572.</u>

≠ The fleet total excludes SMG.6.

ALLOCATION AS AT 1ST.JANUARY,1971.

The only correction concerning allocation to come to light is that SMG.37 is at York, not Harrogate, as shown.

2. VEHICLE NOTES.

OVERHAULS AND HEAVY DOCKS.

February,1971 :- KDX.135, & ERG.2/3.

March, 1971 :- SRG.24, ERG.4/5, DX.103, KDX.143 & YDX.217.

REPAINTS.

January, 1971 :- ERG.7 & CRG.7.

February,1971 :- ERG.10/1 & CRG.2/4/6.

March, 1971 :- CUG.21, SRG.45, LH.11, DX.99/110/2, LH.4, YVR.30, YDX.128, Y.1052, DX.177 & VR.18.

PAINT DATES.

SRG.137 - Williamsons, 2/71; ERG.8 - P.4/66.

GENERAL NEWS.

KVR.25 was fitted up for one-man operation in late February, the first double-decker with the Company to be so treated. We understand that VR.40 (B) has now been fitted with a periscope.

Another "first" is the fitting of a three-piece rear engine cover for VR.40; the old cover from VR.40 is now carried by VR.17.

A further vehicle fitted with a 3-piece cover is VR.19.

SRG.77 lost its advert.panels on transfer to Leeds, probably to SRG.40, which now carries some.

SRG.45 now has its indicators blanked off at top and bottom; the ERG's recently overhauled (1-5) have not, of course, had their indicators blanked off, as this would have precluded the use of "Blackpool/Fleetwood", "Leeds/Bradford", etc.

ERG.1 (L) has now been refitted with front wheel trims, and the ERG's are evidently going to retain these.

DX.80 (B) is a further vehicle with a silver radiator grille; although a change from the normal red, black grilles on Lokkass would no doubt, look much more attractive.

DX.112, on repaint, regained an offside fleetname, which it had lost on panel replacement.

Recently fitted with change-giving machines were SMG.35/6, LH.1/4/5/6, LH.11/2/3/4, SRG.53/4 & SRG.24, the first of the early SRG's (except 23), to be so fitted; it received a new type of driver's door and change machine. SRG.53/4 were the last two new SRG's to be equipped. The current situation is that all new type SRG's, all SMG's (MW type), and all LH's (except 15, and not YLH's) are fitted, whilst LH.15, the YLH's, YSMA's and the remaining old type SRG's are to be equipped in due course.

The April 1st., fleet disposition still shows the allocation disc colour code, although few vehicles still carry coloured discs. The same list shows that DX.37 is classed as a "Lorry" (1); this vehicle of course, now runs on a "Private" Road Fund licence. It has had its side "Drivers and Conductors wanted" adverts. removed, and carries a notice in the cab that "This vehicle must not exceed 40 m.p.h.

2. VEHICLE NOTES, (cont.) ADVERTISEMENT NEWS.

YVR.57 has an offside side advert. for Challis Nurseries.
Several more rear roof dome adverts. have appeared at York on YLH/SRG's., including one for "Challis" on SRG.87, and for "Fiat" (Leedhams of Haxby) on LH.13.

With the delicensing of DX.47, only DX.46 (W) now carries a "P.S.B" waistband advert.

The mid-month transfers to Leeds result in some interesting adverts, for a time. SRG.48/59 carried "T.Holmes, Keighley" painted upper rear adverts, SRG.47 a Leedhams' offside advert. above the windows, Unwin's lower rear and Exhaust Supplies upper rear (all except the latter painted out later), and SRG.77 a Tunstall and Glencross upper rear advert. Most of these "foreign" adverts. were soon removed.

A new VR lower rear paper advert. at Leeds, carried by at least VR.18/24/36 is for William Barracough, of Pudsey, Casting manufacturers.

New side adverts. during March are for "Park Drive Tipped, with Gifts", South West Clipper (new style), and "Tetley Bittermen - You Can't Beat 'em." The latter replaces the previous "Tetley Bitter" advert.

SRG.133, which carried a Minster Shandy target advert. from new, gained a "Forsellius" lower rear advert. in early March. but both were removed later in March, and the appearance of the cream SRG's is evidently to remain unspoiled. SRG.133 was the only vehicle of this type to carry adverts.

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

The following applications have been made to the Traffic Commissioners :-

STAGE CARRIAGE.

S.938. - 48. - LEEDS - ABERFORD.

To withdraw the 16.20 Leeds - Scholes, Monday-Friday.

S.939. - 84. - SCARBOROUGH - HARROGATE.

To amend route to delete Flaxby.

S.940. - 94. - MALTON - HOVINGHAM.

On Saturdays to introduce a 10-40 Malton - Hovingham, and return at 11-09.

S.941. - 52. - BINGLEY - DUCKWORTH LANE, IRADFORD.

On Sundays to retain the 13-15 Bingley - Cottingley.

S.942. - 10. - HARROGATE - PENNY POT LA E, (HARROGATE LOCAL).

To re-time the 07.30 ex. Harrogate, Mondays-Fridays, to 07.25.

S.943. - 51. - IRADFORD HARROGATE.

To re-time the 07.10 ex. Bradford to 07.05, and operate via Rigton.

S.944. - 41/42. - LEEDS - WETHERBY/TADCASTER.

To revise routes.

S.945. - 34A. - LEEDS - ARTHINGTON.

To re-time the 07.43 ex. Arthington to 07.38.

S.946. - K.10. - KEIGHLEY - SKIPTON.

To introduce additional journeys :-

Keighley - Airedale Hospital: Monday-Friday.	07.15	19.45	
	Saturdays	13.40	15.45 19.40.
	Sundays	13.45	15.45 19.40.
Airedale Hospital - Keighley: Monday-Friday.	17.25	18.30	
	Saturdays	16.00	18.30.
	Sundays	14.00	16.00 18.30.

(These were introduced on the 6th. February, and included in February Bulletin).

S.947. - K.8. - SILSDEN - SKIPTON.

To re-time the 17.50 ex. Silsden to 18.15.

S.948. - 95. - MALTON - WINTRINGHAM.

To withdraw the 08.25 Malton - Wintringham, and return.

S.949. - 43. - SCARBOROUGH - YORK.

On Saturdays to re-time the 09.10 ex. Scarborough to 09.05, and operate via Wintringham.

S.950. - 31. - LEEDS - KEIGHLEY.

On Mondays-Fridays to withdraw the 06.00 Leeds - Keighley.

3. SERVICE CHANGES, (cont.) STAGE CARRIAGE.

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S.951. - 16. - KNARESBOROUGH - HARROGATE.

To withdraw the 22.45 ex.Harrogate (Saturdays only) and the 22.50 ex.Knaresborough (Not Saturdays), and to operate the 23.05 ex.Knaresborough Mondays-Saturdays.

S.952. - 79A. - YORK - WETHERDY.

On Mondays-Fridays to withdraw the 07.30 Dickerton Village - Wetherby.

S.953. - 22. - HARROGATE - BLUDDERHOUSES.

On Mondays-Saturdays to re-time the 07.50 ex.Forest Moor to 07.47, and operate via Birstwith.

S.954. - 82/14D - YORK - FOSTON.

Mondays-Fridays to withdraw the 07.45 York - Claxton, and the 08.10 Claxton - York, and divert the 07.30 Foston - York via Claxton & Sand Hutton.

S.955. - 18. - KNARESBOROUGH - GREAT OUSEBURN.

To introduce a timing point at Flaxby.

To withdraw the 07.25 Knaresborough - Great Ouseburn, and return.

To operate the 09.25 ex.Knaresborough and return on Saturdays as well as Wednesdays.

S.956. - 10. - HARROGATE - PENNY POT LANE, (HARROGATE LOCAL).

On Mondays-Thursdays to re-time the 16.20 ex.Penny Pot Lane to 16.35.

S.957. - 6/6A. - DUS STATION - ROSSETT GREEN. (HARROGATE LOCAL).

To withdraw all journeys between Dus Station and Rossett Green on Mondays-Saturdays.

S.958. - 68/68A. - BRADFORD - ELLIWICK.

To withdraw all journeys to and from Dick Hudson's.

S.959. - K.21. - STOCKRIDGE - IRACKEN BANK CRESCENT. (KEIGHLEY LOCAL).

On Saturdays, to introduce additional journeys from Keighley to Harewood Road at 10.30, 12.00, 13.15 & 16.15, returning at 10.45, 12.15, 13.30 & 16.30.

S.960. - 17. - HARLOW HILL - KNARESBOROUGH.

To withdraw the 08.22 Mondays-Saturdays Harlow Hill - Dus Station.

S.961. - 38. - LEEDS - KNARESBOROUGH.

48. - LEEDS - ALDERFORD.

47. - LEEDS - COROMATON TREE.

To amend routes.

S.962. - Y.6. - STOCKTON LANE - DRINGHOUSES, (YORK LOCAL).

Mondays-Fridays to introduce an additional journey at 07.20 Railway Station - Viking Road.

The Licence for 99 (Harrogate - Thirsk) has been surrendered.

EXPRESS CARRIAGE.

E.102. - SKIPTON SCARBOROUGH.

Application is made for the above new Licence to operate via Harrogate, York, Dridlington & Filey, and if granted Skipton - Scarborough and Skipton - Filey Licenses will be surrendered.

E.103. - KEIGHLEY - DRIDLINGTON.

Application is made for the above new Licence to operate via Yeadon, Wetherby, York, Malton, Scarborough & Filey, and if granted the existing Keighley - Scarborough Licence will be amended to start from Bradford, and the Yeadon - Otley Feeder Licence will be surrendered.

E.104. X.87. - LEEDS - KESWICK, (Joint with Ribble).

To alter refreshment halt from Austwick to Settle, and introduce additional request stop at Clapham, (Harden Dridge Hospital).

E.105. X.88. - LEEDS - MORECAMBE, (Joint with Ribble).

To alter refreshment halt from Austwick to Skipton Dus Station, and to re-time the 13.50 ex.Morecambe to 14.10 and the 19.10 ex.Morecambe to 18.40.

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/. SERVICE CHANGES, (cont.)

EXCURSIONS & TOURS.

T.61. From WETHERBY.

To introduce the following Excursions :-

- 25. Hornsea & Potteries (Day).
- 26. Belle Vue, Manchester (Day).
- 27. Five Yorkshire Dales (Day).
- 28. Chatsworth House (Day).
- 29. Thoresby Hall, (Half-day).
- 30. Richmond. (Half-day).
- 31. Aysgarth Falls. (Half-day).
- 32. Bolton Abbey and Thruscross Reservoir. (Half-day or Evening).
- 33. Leeds (Elland Road) (Football).

To amend Title of 20 to Haworth Bronte Country & Worth Valley Railway.

The reason for the mid-month transfer of so many new type SRG's to Leeds was the introduction of one-man operation on routes 36 (Leeds duties), 47, 48 & 49 from the 21st/22nd March. Services 47/8/8A were revised from Sunday, the 21st March, as follows :- 47 - Scholes Circular (out via Seacroft, back via Stanks); 47A - Scholes Circular (out via Stanks, back via Seacroft); 47B - Leeds - Scholes via Stanks (operates during the evening, Mondays to Saturdays, and all day Sundays, replacing 47 & 47A), and 48 - Leeds - Darwick - Aberford, (revised timetable, with all journeys to Darwick and Aberford operating via Stanks and Coronation Tree).

On Sundays, after the 14th March, all Sunday services were withdrawn on Service 49. Other alterations to this route are on Mondays-Fridays after the 19th March, the 08.10 Farsley - Leeds was withdrawn, and, as stated above, one-man operation commenced on the 22nd March.

On Service 36A from the 22nd March on Mondays-Fridays, the 17.23 Red Hall Lane - Leeds was re-timed to 17.08.

A leaflet was issued recently to advertise the Wike - Leeds (36D) service, as follows :- "Do you realise you have a "Shopping Bus" into Leeds every Thursday. This bus leaves Wike (Town Street) at 09.40, returning from Leeds at 15.00. From Wike the route is along Wighton Lane and past the High Ash Estate."

4. OPERATING DETAILS.

BRADFORD. On the 10th March, SRG.1 was on 60/66A all day, whilst on the 15th March, LH.4 arrived in Shipley at 16.55, and departed soon after, probably duplicating the 17.00 Bradford (66). On the 17th March, SRG..04 worked the 12.15 Ilkley - Bradford (63); and on the following day SRG.138 worked the 06.45 Bradford - Ilkley (63A Dupl.), and on the 19th March, LH.4 was on a duplicate to the 17.00 Shipley - Bradford (66). On the 20th March, LH.17 was passing Dusby's at 17.18, probably on the 17.10 Bradford - Otley (53). SUG.76 worked the 23.00 Otley - Bradford (53A) on the 24th March. KSRG.100 worked the 06.45 Ilkley - Bradford (63) on the 24th - 27th March. On the 26th March, SRG.9 was on the 19.35 Bradford - Leeds (55), and on the following day SUG.78 was on a duplicate to the 10.40 Leeds - Blackpool (J.2), with EUG.89 following, probably as the service car. Also on the 27th March, VR.23 was on the 13.05 Bradford - Leeds (55) with a Bradford crew, and SUG.76 was passing Charlestown at 13.25 showing "White Cross/63", but went straight into High Royds Hospital grounds. On the 29th March, DX.202 worked the 06.20 Harrogate - Bradford (53), and on the day following, DX.150 was on the 16.25 Bradford - Harrogate (53), usually SRG worked. On the 9th March, SRG.2 (B.loan H) worked the 15.55 Bradford - Harrogate (53) and SRG.139 (B) the 08.00 Ilkley - Bradford (X.63). LH.4 (M) has been seen in Bradford recently, on the 15th March it was showing "Blank/66"; on the 16th it was in the Bus Station, and on the 19th, it was seen in Shipley at 17.00, working a 66 duplicate to Bradford. On the 15th March, Timpons' A.E.C coach NMX 584 E was in Hammerton Street. On the following day VR.44 (I.loan B) worked the 08.10 Den Rhydding - Bradford (63A), and DX.105 (K.loan B) was on the 10.30 Bradford - Belmont Avenue (59), and was still on loan on April 1st., working on route 67 with a Bradford crew. On the 17th March, DX.98 (L.loan B) was on the 16.15 Bradford - Belmont Avenue (58). Noted on the 19th March, SRG.6 (B) was on the 10.55 Bradford - Leeds, usually DX worked, DX.56 (H) on the 10.55 Bradford - Harrogate (53), and DX.120 (H) on the 11.40 Harrogate - Bradford (53). On the 27th & 28th March, SMG.18 (B) was on Bradford - Ilkley (63). During the week ending the 27th March, SUG.62 (L) & SUG.75 (L) worked on loan to Bradford all week on various morning and tea-time saloon duplicate cars and Service 65.

4. OPERATING DETAILS, (cont.)

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BRADFORD, (cont.) On the 29th.March,KSRG.100 (K.loan I) was on the 08.55 Bradford-Keighley (57). On the following day,SRG.32 (I) was on the 16.45 Bradford-Leeds (30),with SRG.2 (B) working Bradford's car on route 30 during the evening,with an unidentified Leeds Depot SRG working their car. Also on the 30th.March,SRG.5 (H.loan B) was on the 08.55 Bradford-Harrogate (53), SRG.104 (B) on the 09.25 Bradford-Keighley (67),and DX.201 (B) on the 16.40 Bradford-Westfield (50),an OMO duty. On the 3rd.February,SRG.37 was in Harrogate Bus Station,showing "Bradford/53". On the 1st.April,DX.167/07 (both D) were on Leeds-Bradford (55) in place of the usual VR's.

HARROGATE. SRG.142 has been mostly used on Local services during March, but on the 4th.April was on X.99. On the 16th.January,VR.46/7 (O.loan H) were both on Harrogate-Knaresborough (16). SMA.14 (Sk.) was noted on Service 14 on the 19th.January,and on the same day ERG.3 (L) was on learner duties here. On the 9th.March,SUG.60 (L) was also on learner duties in Harrogate, whilst YVR.27 was on Services 84 & 4. On the 27th.March,SRG.55 was on Pateley Bridge (23A), whilst VR.30 worked on 16 towards the end of March. On March 14th.,Hebble 406 was in Harrogate Bus Station,whilst on the 28th.March,SRG.102 (B),YDX.197, DX.2 (on route 1),DX.62 (on route 12),DX.64 (on route 12A),VR.38/48 and possibly YDX.197 were on route 16, also in Harrogate Bus Station. SRG.113 (K),working for either Ilkley or Skipton was on Harrogate-Skipton (76) on March 17th.

ILKLEY. Noted in Ilkley on the 26th.March were SUG.69 on Ilkley-Harrogate (76), SMG.18 on Ilkley-Bradford (63),and SMG.25 on Ilkley-Hebers Ghyll (72A-) and return.

LEEDS. One-man operation on the 22nd.March found SRG.48 on the 12.30 Leeds-Wetherby (39), SRG.90 on Leeds-Farsley (49), SRG.47 on Leeds-Ripon (36), carrying a "Ripon" board, SRG.43 on Farsley-Leeds (49),and then Leeds-Abnford (48), SRG.85 on Leeds-Scholes (47),and SRG.15 on Leeds-Harrogate (36). SRG.141,newly into service,was on Leeds-Dridlington (44) in the morning,also on the 22nd.March. On the 23rd.March,SRG.47 was on Leeds-Farsley (49), SRG.108 on Leeds-Ripon (36),and SRG.17 on Leeds-Wetherby (39),all OMO. SRG's are now the regular vehicles on 39 in place of the SUG/SMG's used until recently. Also on the 23rd.March,EUG.89 worked the 12.55 Leeds-Thornor (42), and on the 25th.March was on Leeds-Hull (46). On the 26th.March, the same turn on 46 was worked by SUG.70. On the 24th.March, DX.46 (W) worked a School Special showing "Sc.Sp/71". On the same day,SRG.24,newly relicensed,was on the 12.25 Leeds-Scholes (47A),and Lancashire United 314 was in Leeds Depot yard, SRG.77 was on the 12.30 Leeds-Wetherby (39A OMO), SRG.53 on Leeds-Farsley (49), whilst DX.175 (O) was used for the Leeds-High Royds Hospital (32) service showing "Menston/32". On the 25th.March,DX.46 (W),still employed on School Specials,was showing "Sc.Sp/570" at 08.55. EUG.88/9 worked on 34 several times during January/February. In the evening of the 17th.March,YLH.26 and KLX.163 were in Vicar Lane,whilst at 16.10 on the 19th.,SML.4 (M) was on Leeds Ring Road. An unusual vehicle on Leeds-Keighley (31) on the 31st. March was DX.11 (K). SUG.72 worked the 12.10 Leeds-Wetherby (38) on the 30th.March,usually a double-decker or SRG.turn. On the same day DX.176 (L) worked the 12.06 Leeds-Bradford (55),and DX.78 (K) working for Keighley,was on the Leeds turn of the 12.10 Leeds-Keighley (31). On the 28th.March, East Yorkshire Fleetline 855 was seen in Leeds at about 18.30,and on the same day YSRG.90 was on Hull-Leeds (46). On the 17th.March,SUG.73 (W) was on Leeds-Knaresborough (38). On the 30th.March, United 4187 worked the 17.30 Leeds-Ripon (36),and CHL.3 was then put on the stand for the 18.05 Leeds-Harrogate (36),showing "Harrogate". On the 4th.March,SRG.35 (H) was on 36 in Leeds. DX.59 was on learner duties during the week ending the 2nd.April, but on the 2nd,at least,worked a morning School Special before going on to these duties. Both Leeds EUG's,88 & 89 were on Leeds-Hull (46) on the 6th.April, but EUG.88 later worked to Dridlington (44).

YORK. DX.161,since transfer during the month has been seen on the 16.00 York-Heslington (Y.9) on the 19th.March,and on the 08.20 York-Fulford (Y.4/4A) on the 30th.March, whilst DX.160 was at York Station on March 23rd., showing "York Station". On the 19th.March,DX.44 (L) worked the 16.10 Copmanthorpe (Y.15),and on the 25th.March,SMG.21 was on Y.4/4A. On the 30th.March, YSRG.98 was on Y.9/9A at 19.20. SRG.55 (H) was probably the first Harrogate vehicle of that type to work the 09.10 Scarborough (84 OMO),and return on the 21st.March. On the 26th.March,VR.30 (H) worked the 07.10 Harrogate-York (84) with SRG.87 (Yk.loan H?) on the 07.40 journey.

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4. OPERATING DETAILS, (cont.)

YORK (cont.) The 07.10 Harrogate - York (84) on Saturdays is often LH worked, with LH.3 (P.D.Ioan H), being used on the 27th.March. York SRG's are now fairly frequent on 84, with 13/9/52 having been seen recently. On Leeds - York (43) have been SMG.16 on the 2nd.March, SUG.00 (Yk Ioan L) being seen on the 8th. March, and DX.176 (L) on the 20th.March. SUG.73 (W) was noted on the 3rd.March on York - Tadcaster (45), on a turn which may work a School Special from Tadcaster Grammar School to York before returning to Tadcaster. On the 2nd.March, SRG.19 (Yk.) was on Leeds - Dridlington (44), and on the 20th.March, DX.44 (L) & SRG.47 (Yk.) were noted in Tadcaster, heading towards Leeds showing "Private". On the 15th.March, SMG.20 was on Y.1/8 and an unidentified YSRG on Y.9/9A. SMG.17 & EUG.87 were on Y.7 on the 5th.March, and on the same day SML.4 was on Y.14. On the 23rd.February, both SML.3 & 4 were working duplicates on Y.1/8. On the following day, DX.114 was on Y.9/9A and on the 26th.February, SMG.17/37 & LH.6 worked Y.13/13A. On the 8th.March, SMG.20 was on Y.13/13A, and on the following day SRG.52 and another SRG were on Y.9/9A. On the 10th.March, YSRG.98 was on Y.6, whilst on the 12th.March, SRG.67 was on Y.9/9A with SRG.115, and SMG.21 was on Y.4/4A. SRG.50 was on Y.24 on the 15th.March, and on the day following was on Y.13/13A, with SRG.52 on Y.7. On the 17th.March, YSRG.98 was on Y.5/5A/6A, SRG.50 on Y.7 and SRG.43 on Y.13/13A. YSRG.96 was on Y.6 on the 19th.March. On the 25th.March, YLH.23 & EUG.87 were on Y.2, SMG.21 on Y.4/4A, Scarborough - Leeds (43), DX.160 on Y.5/5A/6A and YSRG.97 on SRG.19 on Y.14, and SMA.5 on Y.13/13A. On the 2nd.April, East Yorkshire Fleet line 833 was being steam-cleaned at York Depot; it is understood that steam-cleaning for East Yorkshire is now being undertaken by York Depot when required, as East Yorkshire Motor Services do not have a steam-cleaner. LH.6 was on Y.13/13A on the 8th.March, whilst SRG.52 was on 80. On the 12th.March, SRG.66 (Sc.) was on Y.5/5A/6, whilst two days later, in contrast, it was on 43. On the 15th.March, SMG.35 (L) was on 604 and 45 at about 17.00. On the 17th.March, SRG.76 was on Y.9/9A, and SRG.50 was so noted on the 19th.March. DX.44 (L), at York for steam-cleaning, was used on Y.9A, perhaps for a School Special, between 07.45 & 09.00 on the 19th.March. Also on the 19th, EUG.87 worked the 12.33 Rowtrees to Tang Hall Lane/Hull Road Works Special, a duty it has worked several times since, in preference to appearing on 84, - instead, SRG.45 & DX.161 were both in York Depot on the 29th.March, showing "York/84". On what was probably its first day at York, DX.161 worked on Y.10A, on the 22nd.March. On the 25th.March, SRG.135 (M) was on York (80) at 22.30, whilst on the following day, YSRG.97 (Yk Ioan M) was on 43, a YLH on Y.1 and DX.161 on Tang Hall Lane - Terry's at lunch-time. DX.160 was in York Depot on the 29th.March, showing "York/79". On the 31st.March, SUG.74 (L) was on Leeds - Hull (46). An SRG has appeared on Y.10/20 for most days during the latter half of March. Our suggestion last month that main fleet DX's had been working 84 was not correct - although they doubtless appeared occasionally, they were not the usual vehicles on this route. In addition, the note about YVR's being shared between the remaining routes once Y.2/10/12/20 have received their quota, although correct, should have explained that this is to share the type fairly among the drivers.

LONG DISTANCE.

EUG.85 has worked the Harrogate turn on Middlesbrough (X.99) for the most of March, with EUG.83 or 84 deputising occasionally. The only exception noted to this pattern was on the 30th.March, when United RE.4213 worked the 15.55 ex. Leeds, possibly as a replacement for the EUG. On the 12th.March, EUG.88 (L) worked to Newcastle (X.97) at 08.45, in place of the usual ERG.1. On the 6th.April, ERG.3 was on Leeds - Blackpool (J.2).

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

HYG.973. (Ex.1024, Morris-Beadle, sold Norths, Sherburn-in-Elmet, 11/64.) Still at Sherburn, 1/67, but gone by 6/67. Seen on the 28th.March, in a field at the side of Peckfield Lodge, on the A.1. (This is the home of Mr.R.Kaye, of Norths.)

JWU:877. (Ex.SGL.7, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 11/65.) To Massey, Market Weighton, 1/66.

Noted in January, still with Massey, and still in red/green sale livery. This is the first report of this vehicle for some years. Massey are also now running SHT 345, an LS6G coach ex-Bristol Omnibus Co's. 2094.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS, (cont.)

KWU 388/90. (Ex.SEW.28/30, LWL6B, sold Norths, Sherburn, 4/68 & 6/69.)

Both to Drury, (Contractor), Huddersfield, 9/68 & 9/69.

These vehicles, both with Drury, are used from time to time on the Ring Road, Leeds, work referred to previously, and LTA 794 is also so used.

TRAM BODY.

The tram body at Bramham Cross Roads, referred to in Issue 220, is not from a York tram. We understand that it is the remains of Leeds open-balcony tram 317, which was sold in 1945 as a complete body for use as a caravan, but is now in use as a hen hut.

JWU 886. (Ex.SGL.16, LL5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 1/67.)

To Nitrovit, Thirsk, (Buxted Chickens), 7/67.

Still running for Buxted in York, on March 3rd, 71.

MWY 229. (Ex.SUG.18, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 11/70.)

To Henry Boot, (Contractor), Leeds, 1/71.

Seen at Ferrybridge, heading South, 1/3/71.

LYG 716. (Ex.EUG.91, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 1/71.)

Noted at Tadcaster, heading towards York, on trade plates on March 23rd.

OWX 157. (Ex.SMG.45, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 6/69.)

To C.V.Hadleigh, Middleton St.George, 7/69; (previously shown as unknown Contractor, Darlington.)

RWW 984. (Ex.SMG.59, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 6/69.)

To R.Bowey, Gosforth, 7/69.

To Gosforth Plant Hire, date unknown; (this may be the same firm as Bowey).

UUA 796. (Leyland PSUC.1/1, sold Clayforth, Guiseley, 3/68.)

To Norths, Sherburn, 3/71.

(This was previously given as to Gorman, Dunoon, 11/69.)

LWR 410. (Ex.CUG.5, LS5G, sold Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School, 2/67.)

Still running for this School, it received a top overhaul at York Depot in January, and then made two M.1 trips, one to Dunstable on March 5th/7th., with the School orchestra, and the other to Twickenham for the Rugby Union International on March 25th. Although now 19 years old, the vehicle is still in excellent condition, has given very little trouble, and still returns a fuel consumption of 14/15 m.p.g.

LLU 873. (Leyland 7RT, sold Norths, Sherburn, 1/68.)

To P.V.S., Upminster, 2/68.

To Clyde Coast, Ardrossan, (Frazer, Fairlie), 3/68.

Broken up for spares -/70.

KWU 389. (Ex.SEW.29, LWL6B, sold Reliance, York, 5/68.)

To mobile caravan, York, 6/69, believed to be owned by F.R.Evans, Leeds.

Advertised for sale in the Yorkshire Evening Post, 22/23 March, as

"Bristol single-decker, taxed, M.O.T. Used as Caravan. £ 170.

41, Neville Street, Haxby Road, York."

6. TEN YEARS AGO.

Four new vehicles, YDX.91/2 & KDX.95/6 had entered service on March 25th. 1961, and replaced YDB.68/9 & KDG.27/53 respectively.

The JO5G Information Bureau, 1018, had been on loan to Eastern National, for use as a mobile office at the new Colchester Corporation Bus Station, whilst nearer home, DB.52 had been used at Saville Street, Leeds, over Easter.

Operating Details reported under Keighley, that KDX.95/6 had entered service on Haworth - Silsden - Ilkley (K.12), whilst at York, YDX.91/2 had been on South Bank - Fulford/Broadway (Y.4/4A). Also at York, DX.48 (B) had put in an appearance on the 4th April.

At Wetherby, DG.30/6, DB.41/3/7 (all H) had been on loan to Leeds for working Race Specials on Easter Monday.

7. OTHER INFORMATION.OTHER BUSTOLS.

An interesting visitor in Leeds on the 10th. February, was NFM 73, Ex. Crosville DKB 441, a KSW6B/H6OR, now painted in a psychedelic livery, and owned by the Highfield Caravan Camp, Clacton. (A photograph appeared in "Buses" recently (February Issue, page 80.)

Drury, Huddersfield, run four of the Ex. United Tyne-Tees-Thames LS6B coaches, including UHN 350 (Ex. HUT 14), and this has been in Leeds several times recently, including the 11th. February. Drury also own SHN 718 & UHN 346/7.

Bradford Grammar School Boat Club's LS6G, OTT 90, was in Otley on the 20th. February, painted dark red, and carrying 3 canoes on the roof! (See also Issue 237).

Seen in Leeds on the 1st. March was Ex. Scottish Omnibuses A.3, (LSC 63), an LS6G, the ownership of which is unknown, but is probably a Contractor.

Also in Leeds on the 4th. March, was Tyneside (Ex. South Shields) 342, ECU 202 E, an RESL/ECW, which was showing "Football".

Recently withdrawn and sold to Norths were three LS coaches, LTH 869, TWL 56 & MOD 976, all of which had been run by Business Vehicles, York, and had been seen several times in the Leeds/York areas.

A visitor to Leeds on the 13th. February, was Cumberland 1310 (WAO 289 H), an LH6P/Plaxton Panorama Elite C45F.

Another, rather older, Bristol coach was seen in Leeds on the 29th. March, being VDV 773, Ex. Royal Blue 2210, LS6G/C41F, still in Royal Blue livery, with no visible ownership, but not on Trade Plates, and still in very good condition.

Crosville MW6G coach, CMG 35 (OFM 35 E) was in Leeds on the 5th. April, showing "Private/1". This is one of Crosville's vehicles, which although having the new style ECW coach body, has SUG type indicator, jackknife doors and new type Lodekka grille.

TRADE PLATES.

General Trade Plates "024C", formerly used at York Depot, were seen on the 20th. March carried on a Leyland tractor unit in a yard at East Ardsley, near Wakefield. The reason for the use of these plates, withdrawn from use at the end of 1969, is not known.

KEIGHLEY BLINDS. In answer to our query in the last Issue, we understand that Works Services to both Pitt Street and Brewery Street were shortened services on the Thwaites route, and neither these destinations nor Whitley Road ever appeared on the blinds.

RECENT WITHDRAWALS. In the article on this subject last month, it should, perhaps, have been mentioned that DX.3 was fitted with a supercharged Gardner 5LW engine for a time during 1956, and on at least one occasion was observed to climb Almsford Bank, into Harrogate, in 4th. gear.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

CWT 870 H is a green Hillman Minx (CWT 870 was SG.20.)
 KWU 389 D is a white Triumph 2,000 (KWU 389 was SBW.29.)
 KWU 390 D is a green Austin A.35 Estate (KWU 390 was SBW.30.)
 CWX 663 H is a beige Mini (CWX 663 was YDG.62.)
 HWW 866 J is a silver Ford Escort (HWW 866 was DB.39.)
 GWX 104 J is an Atkinson tractor unit, owned by A.1 Transport, Leeds,
 (GWX 104 was DB.19, which spent all its working life at Leeds Depot!)
 GWX 114 C is a blue Vauxhall Viva (GWX 114 was YDB.67.)
 CWX 662 H is a white Morris Minor Traveller, (CWX 662 was YDG.61.)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

The approximate allocations of Harrogate Depot on 1/1/46 were as follows :-

Dennis Ace :- 609-11.
 Dennis Lancet :- 807/10/2/4/5/8/9/22/7/8/35/7/51/2/4/7/60/80/2-8.
 Bristol J05G :- 927/39/42/3/50/5/6/73/9/94/109.
 Bristol L5G :- 113/8/29/37/9-46/53/9-61/3/4/75/6/9/89/95.
 Bristol G05G :- 332/40.
 Bristol K5G :- 350/86/92.

(Allocations for Leeds Depot will follow.)

TOURS & TRAVEL - Recent advertisement in Telegraph & Argus.

Saturday, 17th. April - 5.30 p.m., Evening Excursion via ISLE OF SKYE, 40 p. !
 West Yorkshire - Excursions from Bradford.

TML/RJ. 12/4/71.