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TYPISTS REQUIRED !

The Service is urgently in need of typists, preferably with their own machine; will anyone who is willing to offer his services please contact the Hon. Chairman as soon as possible.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 2nd March - P.S.V. Circle meeting at Briton's Protection Hotel, Lower Mosley Street, Manchester, at 7.30 p.m.
- Friday 18th March - Light Railway Transport League meeting in the Mechanics Institute, Bradford, at 7.30 p.m. (Talk by [REDACTED] on "Keighley Corporation Transport").
- Wednesday 23rd March - Omnibus Society (N.W. & Yorks Branch) visit to Sheffield United Tours.

NOTES FOR THE BULLETIN

There has been a considerable falling off lately in the supply of notes for inclusion in the Bulletin, and a special appeal is being made to members in the hope that this will be put to right. You are reminded that the Bulletin is produced for your benefit, at your request; but your contributions are needed if we are to publish a Bulletin which appeals to all.

PRESS DAY FOR THE MARCH ISSUE - TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY

1. FLEET CHANGES

Allocations & Transfers

SGL 10	from	GRASSINGTON	to	SKIPTON	8/1/60 (amendment)
SGL 8	"	SKIPTON	"	(delicensed)	31/1/60
SEW 23	"	HARROGATE	"	"	"
SEW 24	"	YORK	"	"	"
SUG 7	"	PATELEY BRIDGE	"	"	"
SUG 31	"	BRADFORD	"	"	"
KDG 19	"	KEIGHLEY	"	"	"
DG 30	"	BRADFORD	"	"	"
DE 7,9	"	BRADFORD	"	"	"
YDB 74	"	YORK	"	"	"
DGW 3	"	LEEDS	"	"	"
DX 62	"	LEEDS	"	"	"
SG 119		(delicensed)	to	HARROGATE	1/2/60
YSG 127		"	"	YORK	"
SEW 25		"	"	YORK	"
SUG 14		"	"	BRADFORD	"
SUG 37		"	"	LEEDS	"
EB 4		"	"	BRADFORD	"
DB 44,59		"	"	LEEDS	"
KDB 57		"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
DX 35		"	"	SKIPTON	"
DX 58		"	"	YORK	"
SG 111	from	WETHERBY	"	LEEDS	"
SGW 5	"	YORK	"	HARROGATE	"
SUG 6	"	HARROGATE	"	PATELEY BRIDGE	"
DB 22,50	"	LEEDS	"	BRADFORD	"
DBW 14	"	HARROGATE	"	KEIGHLEY	"
DGW 4	"	LEEDS	"	WETHERBY	"
DGW 5	"	KEIGHLEY	"	LEEDS	"
DX 2	"	YORK	"	BRADFORD	"
DX 44	"	SKIPTON	"	LEEDS	"
DX 56	"	LEEDS	"	HARROGATE	"

+ For notes see overleaf +

1. FLEET CHANGES (Contd)

Allocations & Transfers (Contd)

Notes:

- (a) All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots.
 (b) Revised allocations are announced for GRASSINGTON and WETHERBY; they are -
- | | | C | SD | DD |
|-------------|----------------------------|---|----|----|
| GRASSINGTON | - SG 103, JGL 9, SUG 5/17. | - | 4 | - |
| WETHERBY | - SGW 2/3, SUG 11/12, | | | |
| | DDW 33, DDW 2/4/7, DX 25. | - | 4 | 5 |

Temporary Loans

For Loadmeter Checking -

DX 54 (H)	KEIGHLEY	3/1/60	to	30/1/60
DX 55 (B)	KEIGHLEY	3/1/60	to	30/1/60
DX 56 (L)	KEIGHLEY	3/1/60	to	9/1/60
	ILKLEY	10/1/60	to	16/1/60
DX 57 (H)	KEIGHLEY	3/1/60	to	9/1/60
	ILKLEY	10/1/60	to	16/1/60
	BRADFORD	17/1/60	to	30/1/60
DX 60 (L)	ILKLEY	3/1/60	to	16/1/60
DX 61 (H)	ILKLEY	3/1/60	to	16/1/60
	LEEDS	17/1/60	to	30/1/60

	<u>Fleet Total</u>				
	<u>C</u>	<u>SD</u>	<u>DD</u>	<u>1/2/60</u>	<u>1/2/59</u>
Licensed :	6	153	268	427	427
Unlicensed :	30	57	12	99	99
	<u>36</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>526</u>

2. VEHICLE NOTES

Overhauls

January 1960 : YSG 127, DE 44, DE 59, KDB 57, DX 58
 February 1960 : SG 112, SGW 1, SGW 7, KDG 19, DE 21, DEW 1.

Rebuilding

SG 119 (overhauled 12/59) has NOT been rebuilt with metal body sides, as have other vehicles of this batch. The side indicator has been sheeted over.

General News

SUG 8 and CBW 10 have had their external fleet number plates removed and replaced by transfers. DX 63 now has transfers at the rear, but retains a plate on the off side.

SERVICE ALTERATIONS

Stage Carriage Routes

A recent report in the local press states that the Company have told the Baildon U.D.C. that they would not at present be justified in running a service to the Belmont area of Baildon.

YORK LOCAL SERVICES

The application referred to in Issue 107 has been granted on a short-term license. The alterations took effect from Sunday, 24th January 1960.

3 Chapel Fields - Hull Road

11 Askham Lane - Osbaldwick

These routes have been linked and now operate as four one-way-only routes, as follows:-

3 Chapel Fields to Hull Road

3A Hull Road to Askham Lane

11 Askham Lane to Osbaldwick

11A Osbaldwick to Chapel Fields.

They run on a basic frequency of 20 mins., as compared with a frequency of 15 mins. on the old '3', and 20 mins. on the old '11'.

9 Tang Hall Lane (Constantine Avenue) - Clifton (Reighton Avenue)

Increased frequencies were introduced and terminal points amended. Alternate journeys now operate as follows:-

Tang Hall Lane (Constantine Avenue) - Clifton (Malton Way)

Tang Hall Lane (Hadrian Avenue) - Clifton (Eastholme Drive).

Eastholme Drive is an extension beyond the previous terminus, while Malton Way is two stops short of the same. At the other terminus, Hadrian Avenue is two stops short of Constantine Avenue.

The frequencies are increased, as follows:-

Monday to Friday,	up to 7.30 p.m.	Every 10 mins., formerly every 12 ;
	after " "	" 15 " , " " 20 ;
Saturday,	up to " "	" 7½ " , " " 8/9.

In addition, the following new service was introduced:-

5B Station - Dringhouses (Moor Lane)

This new service is intended to provide peak-time and shopping facilities for residents in Moor Lane and Chalons Road. The journey time is 12 minutes in each direction.

On Mondays to Fridays departures from the Station are at 8.20, 11.30 a.m., 3.20, 4.30, & 5.42 p.m., returning from Moor Lane at 8.32, 8.53 a.m., 1.20, 4.43, & 5.55 p.m. There are seven journeys on Saturdays and none on Sundays.

Express Services

Bradford - Whitby

(Joint United-West Yorkshire)

The conditions attached to the period of operation have been amended so that only passengers who have been carried on the outward journeys up to and including the mid-Saturday in September shall be carried on the inward journeys on the last two Saturdays in September.

Yorkshire Services

('Pool' Companies)

An application to re-route the feeder services from Harrogate and Keighley to Doncaster, and the Leeds to Birmingham service, so as to take in Pontefract Bus Station, has been granted.

West Hartlepool - Leeds & Bradford Airport, Yeadon

(United)

The United Automobile Services Ltd recently applied to operate a

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Express Services (Cont.)

service between these two points. It will run on Sundays Only from June to September for the benefit of passengers with pre-booked tickets for Silver City Airways, and will pick up and set down only at the airport. The application has since been granted.

Yorkshire - Blackbushe Airport

The 'Pool' Companies' application, referred to in Issue 107, has been refused.

4. OPERATING DETAILS

Loadmeter Checking

<u>Week Commencing</u>	<u>Depot</u>	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>No.</u>
January 3rd	KEIGHLEY	DX 54,55,56	Ilkley-Haworth	K12
" "	ILKLEY	DX 57,60,61	"	"
January 10th	KEIGHLEY	DX 54,55,60	"	"
" "	ILKLEY	DX 56,57,61	Ilkley-Bradford	63
January 17th & 24th	KEIGHLEY	DX 54,55	{ Keighley-Leeds Leeds-Bradford	31
" "	LEEDS	DX 56,60,61		30
" "	BRADFORD	DX 57		

Depot Reports

Bradford: As a result of the Checking at Keighley a number of vehicle swaps have taken place. Two of the Loadmeter DX's at Keighley and Ilkley were changed over from Harrogate via Bradford. This meant that Bradford loaned Harrogate DX 18 & 46 (B). DX 46 was noted on '36 (Leeds-Harrogate), but both spent most time on the Bradford routes (51/53). DX 18 was still at Harrogate on 29th January. In turn, Bradford were loaned DX 14 & 28 (K). DBW 4 (K) - in exchange for DX 55 (B) - was also loaned to Bradford, where it worked on almost every appropriate service, from about January 4th to at least the 30th. In addition, KDB 30 was seen working a '58' special in Bradford on January 14th, while, later, DGW 8 and DX 20 (K) were observed on '67' for Bradford on February 2nd & 4th, respectively.

Subsequent to Checking on '30/31' DX 57 must have stayed at Bradford for at least a further week as it worked the Bradford duty on service 57 (Bradford-Denholme-Keighley) on January 29th.

SG 151 & 155 (B) duplicated on Forster Square-Shipley (66) on January 2nd showing "Crag Road, Shipley, Saltaire" on the 'intermediate' - a reminder of the old 66 service from Windhill-Hirst Wood! These blinds, formerly in SGW's, originated in the old 'J' roller boxes. On the 4th & 5th, respectively, of the same month, DB's 25 & 62 were working on service 66 for the first time since their transfer to Bradford. It would appear that DB25 is not held in such high esteem as it was last summer!

SEW's 32 & 16 were seen on services 58 (Forster Square - Shipley) & 66A (West Royd Crescent - Hirst Wood), respectively, on the 7th. & 16th. January. Both routes are SG-strongholds, and an 8-footer on 66A is quite rare.

The sight of the 8.14 a.m. Baildon - Bradford (58) arriving at Bolton Woods still sometimes provides consternation for the potential double-deck load waiting there. SGL7, DG6, SGL10, SGL20, DB38, & DG30 provided the variety in the week commencing January 11th. (see Issue 107).

During a "mad" half-hour of observation in Chester Street Bus Station at Bradford, on Thursday January 7th, one correspondent reports seeing:

DB63 (B)	"	"	"	"	to Leeds (30)	- Leeds Duty.
DX18 (B)	"	"	"	"	Harrogate (53)	- Harrogate Duty.
DX27 (K)	"	"	1.35	"	Keighley (67)	- Bradford Duty.
DBW4 (K)	"	"	1.40	"	Shipley (61/(60))	- Bradford Duty.
DB50 (L)	"	"	1.55	"	Leeds (30)	- Bradford Duty.

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Keighley: Loadmeter activity during January has been responsible for much changing of vehicles between this depot and Bradford, Ilkley & Leeds. On 13th. January DX30 (I), and on 23rd. & 26th. DX5 (I) were noted on service 67 for Keighley. In the first week of January KDX75, 76, & 77, displaced from 'K12', were seen on service 67, and at least one, KDX 76, worked on '50/31'. A further DEW or DGW was displaced on 25th. January when KDX 39 (K) was noted on the same service.

During the snow which fell during the last week of January SBW 13 worked on the Thwaites Brow service (K20) with skid chains.

Leeds: Of the three EUG's at present licensed at Leeds, two are being used on the Leeds - Blackpool - Fleetwood service - one on the 8.30a.m. departure, the other on the 10.30 a.m. journey. The third EUG is 'Spare' and on two or three days during the week operates as a duplicate to the 12.35 p.m. Leeds - Newcastle.

SUG's are now operating on the Leeds - Whitby (91) service (see Issue 106), SUG 51 (L) being so noted on 9th. January. DX 20 (K) was used on the 9.5 a.m. Leeds - Bridlington (44) on the same day.

DB 7 (B) was seen on a Leeds turn on '30/31' on 12th. & 13th. January while DX 21 (B) was noted on the evening of the 21st. working for Leeds, to Keighley (31), on a duty which never touches Bradford! Two days later DX 21 was seen on Leeds - Harrogate (36).

DX 61 (H) displayed a correct intermediate blind while working on '30/31' recently, while DX 56, transferred to Leeds from 1st. January, has been fitted with a wide destination blind at the front, probably out of the older DX 13, which has been noted showing only route numbers.

York: Main item of interest this month is the further revision of local services. The services formed by linking '3' and '11' (see under Service Alterations) require six cars for the normal 20-minute headway. The timings past each hour are:

Depart Chapel Fields	Service	at	11	31	51	mins.past	each hour
Arrive Hull Road	'3'	at	36	56	16	"	"
Depart Hull Road	Service	at	37	57	17	mins.past	each hour
Arrive Askham Lane	'3A'	at	2	22	42	"	"
Depart Askham Lane	Service	at	6	26	46	mins.past	each hour
Arrive Osbaldwick	'11'	at	36	56	16	"	"
Depart Osbaldwick	Service	at	38	58	18	mins.past	each hour
Arrive Chapel Fields	'11A'	at	8	28	48	"	"

On the new service 9, buses continue to show just "Tang Hall Lane", or 'Clifton', despite the alternate destinations at either end.

The new additional service to Dringhouses is interesting in being a "B" route, possibly the Company's first. (The Editor would like to hear from anyone who disputes this!).

These changes mean that only one local service remains a simple 'self-contained' route with no inter-operation with other routes and no short journeys. This is service Y.2 (Bur Dyke Avenue - Cornlands Road).

YDX 72 (YK) worked the 9.30 a.m. Scarborough - Harrogate (74) journey on 21st. January - a rare sight during the winter season.

6. OTHER ITEMS.

Loadmeter Experiments

The loadmeter apparatus, devised by West Yorkshire in 1958, has been modified for use by London Transport Executive and is in operation on one of LTE's famous RT type double deckers on country services.