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PERSONAL.

We offer congratulations to [REDACTED] on the occasion of his marriage to [REDACTED]. This took place on Saturday, 26th May, at St. Wilfred's Church, Harehills, Leeds; [REDACTED] was best man.

1. FLEET CHANGES.

New Vehicles.

YDX 130	2029 YG	Bristol F8GB	178052	ECW	12746	H33/27RD
EUG 83	7904 WY	Bristol MW5G	184129	ECW	12720	DF4LF
EUG 84	7905 WY	Bristol MW5G	184130	ECW	12721	DF4LF
EUG 85	7906 WY	Bristol MW5G	184131	ECW	12722	DF4LF
EUG 86	7907 WY	Bristol MW5G	184136	ECW	12723	DF4LF
EUG 87	7908 WY	Bristol MW5G	184141	ECW	12724	DF4LF
EUG 88	7909 WY	Bristol MW5G	184142	ECW	12725	DF4LF
EUG 89	7910 WY	Bristol MW5G	184143	ECW	12726	DF4LF

(EUG 83-89 were delivered in November 1961 and stored at Harrogate and Pateley Bridge; YDX 130 was delivered in February and stored at York)

CUG 33-35 have chassis numbers 195009-11, body numbers 12954, 66, unladen weight 7-6-1.

Allocations and Transfers.

DB 6	(delicensed)	to	LEEDS	14/5/62
YDX 130	(new)	"	YORK	14/5/62
SGL 6	from PATELEY BRIDGE		(delicensed)	31/5/62
SBW 17	" ILKLEY		"	"
SMG 9	" HARROGATE		"	"
YDG 55	" YORK		"	"
KDX 40	" ILKLEY		"	"
SBW 29	(delicensed)	to	LEEDS	1/6/62
SMG 8	"	"	HARROGATE	"
SUG 33	"	"	YORK	"
EUG 70, 72-74	"	"	BRADFORD	"
EUG 78, 79	"	"	LEEDS	"
KDG 26	"	"	KEIGHLEY	"
YDG 61	"	"	YORK	"
DB 3, 18, 22	"	"	BRADFORD	"
DB 17, 61	"	"	LEEDS	"
DB 46	"	"	HARROGATE	"
YDB 72	"	"	YORK	"
DBW 6	"	"	LEEDS	"
DX 3	"	"	BRADFORD	"
DX 12	"	"	LEEDS	"
EUG 83-85	(new)	"	HARROGATE	"
EUG 86, 87	(new)	"	BRADFORD	"
EUG 88, 89	(new)	"	LEEDS	"
SGL 11	from HARROGATE	"	PATELEY BRIDGE	"
SBW 1, 2	" LEEDS	"	BRADFORD	"
SBW 15	" LEEDS	"	ILKLEY	"
DB 39	" BRADFORD	"	HARROGATE	"
KDX 70	" KEIGHLEY	"	ILKLEY	"

Note: All vehicles are relicensed at their former depots except EUG 70 (ex Harrogate) and DB 61 (ex Bradford).

Fleet Total.

	C.	SD.	DD.	1/6/62	1/6/61
Licensed:	36	196	290	522	512
Unlicensed:	-	3	2	5	19
	36	199	292	527	531

2. VEHICLE NOTES.

Overhauls.

April 1962 : DB 2
May 1962 : YDG 61, YDB 72.

Livery Changes.

April 1962 : SUG 22, 40 Red and Cream to Red
 CUG 31 Grey to Cream
May 1962 : SUG 33,39,52 Red and Cream to Red.

General Notes.

CUG 33-35 are fitted with the new style E.C.W. coach body, which compared with the previous tasteful design, could perhaps be described as a little "flashy". Interesting features include a wrap-round windscreen and a rather bulbous front below driver's cab level. There is a good deal of chrome on various parts of the body and the fleet name is now carried on the waistband near the front, a position once used on certain SMG's when first converted to bus seating. Information is still required as to whether fluorescent lighting is fitted.

EUG 83-89 are similar to EUG 81,82 being painted in cream and red 'express' livery. They have fluorescent lighting.

DX 17 (L) has now acquired a target advertisement after running for some time without any external advertisements at all, very unusual nowadays!

DB 45 (B) has a front destination indicator blind which was once in one of the roller blind J's, and includes several places no longer served by Bradford depot.

It is interesting to note that YDB 72 has been overhauled when earlier vehicles of the same batch (YDB 64-70) have been sold.

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

Stage Carriage Services.

May 20th saw changes to services in Aireborough and York. The alterations at Aireborough were to serve the new Shaw Estate.

The existing service 55 (BRADFORD-YEADON-LEEDS) has been discontinued and replaced by two routes:-

- 35 LEEDS-RAWDON-YEADON-SHAW ESTATE.
- 55 BRADFORD-SHAW ESTATE-YEADON.

The Shaw Estate has a service to both Leeds and Bradford and the old '55' route is now covered by two separate services.

In connection with these changes service 32 (LEEDS-RAWDON-GUISELEY) has been retimed to give, with the new 35 and Ledgard's Ilkley route, a regular 10 minute service between Leeds and Rawdon.

At York, the changes already outlined came into force. The following services were discontinued in their existing form:-

- Y.7 LEE MAN ROAD-GALTRES ROAD-STOCKTON.
- Y.7A LEE MAN ROAD-HUNTINGTON.
- Y.10 YORK STATION-HAXBY-WIGGINTON.
- Y.12 BISHOPTHORPE-YORK STATION-STRENSALL.
- Y.14 YORK STATION-WARTHILL.

New services to replace these and to give better facilities to Acomb and Huntington were introduced as follows:-

- Y.7 LEE MAN ROAD-HUNTINGTON.
- Y.10 BISHOPTHORPE-YORK STATION-HAXBY-WIGGINTON.
- Y.12 ACOMB HOTEL-YORK STATION-STRENSALL.
- Y.14 YORK STATION-GALTRES ROAD-STOCKTON-WARTHILL.

All journeys from Leoman Road on weekdays (until 7pm) go through to Huntington giving a 15 minute instead of 30 minute frequency. The Galtres Road and Stockton service reverts to route 14 and is operated at the same hourly frequency as before, but now by a one-man bus.

The Haxby and Wigginton service is unchanged but is extended to Bishopthorpe (half hourly on weekdays) in place of service 12. Buses from Strensall now operate to Acomb Hotel on weekdays until 7pm giving an additional service to Acomb.

On Sundays separate services are run from York Station to Haxby/Wigginton, St. Leonards to Bishopthorpe, the latter by one-man bus, and York Station to Strensall. The Bishopthorpe service is hourly, and the Dringhouses (Horseshoe) terminus is discontinued.

SERVICE CHANGES (Continued)

Stage Carriage Services.

Y. 9A TANG HALL LANE-CLIFTON.

The Clifton terminus has been moved from Southolme Drive to Bowness Drive.

Express Services.

KEIGHLEY-BRADFORD-LEEDS-SKEGNESS (Joint with 'Lincolnshire')

This service has recently been re-routed between Gainsborough and Skogness and no longer calls at Lincoln.

4. OPERATING DETAILS.

Depot Reports.

Bradford. The 2.20pm Harrogate-Bradford (51) journey, on which we reported SMG 9 (H) in the last issue of the bulletin, is a Harrogate depot turn, but is normally a DX.
 Route 66 (Forster Square-Shipley), for long a haunt of the DG's, has seen several types of vehicle since they disappeared from the scene. At first DBW's were used mainly, then DGW 1,8 were seen frequently. In May, however, DBs became the regular vehicles.
 The new service 55 is still linked with 60 (Coach Road) and still requires five vehicles from this depot. All types have been used, and during the first week of the new service DB 7, DB 62, DBW 18, DGW 8 and DX 30 were noted. Bradford depot now provides three cars on Leeds-Calverley-Bradford (30) in the evenings, instead of two. Previously a Bradford car which had worked on 55 all day returned finally to Bradford on the 10.50pm Leeds-Bradford (30).
 On 20th May, SUG 39,40,41 worked the 12.30pm Bradford-Grassington (69). On 2nd June the 9.0am to Fleetwood was operated by SUG 40 (B), SUG 58 (L) with 'Yorkshire Woolen' 818 (AEC Reliance) on hire.
 SG 109 and DGW 1 have been seen on learner duties.

Harrogate. Since relicensing on 1st April DX 109 has been confined to route 1/2 (Bus Station-Starbeck).

Leeds. This depot provides three vehicles for new route 35 (Leeds-Shaw Estate), whereas two sufficed for its duties on the former 55. Only one car is now required for the evening service to Bradford via Calverley (30). DGW 1 (B) was observed on Leeds-Elkley (34) on 14th May.

York. One man operation of the new service Y.14 did not commence until 28th May when SUG 23 took over. SUG 29 was then transferred to the long standing one-man duty which works on various out-district routes. On 21st May SGL 16 was noted on Leaman Road-Huntington (Y7) and YDG 62 was on Bishopthorpe-New Earswick (Y.10) in the evening.
 The races on 15th to 17th May produced the usual variety of vehicles, notable observations including CP 1, CUG 1, 4, EUG 66, 67, SBW 6, 8, 9, 12.
 The City Tour commenced a little earlier this year, on 13th May, CP 1 having been licensed on the 1st for this purpose.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

JWU 893 (ex SB15, Bristol L6B, sold W. Norths (FY) Ltd., 4/62)
Noted in Whimmoor Yard in May.

CWU 968 (ex SG 29, Bristol L5G)
The body of this vehicle was sold to A. Varley, Bradford, 1/56.
The chassis was broken up at Bradford depot.

CWY 873 (ex SG 34, Bristol L5G, sold Norths 10/55)

CWY 976 (ex SG 37, Bristol L5G, sold Norths 10/58)

DWV 576 (ex SG 62, Bristol L5G, sold Norths 10/58)

DWV 602 (ex SG 88, Bristol L5G, sold Norths 10/58)

These four vehicles were scrapped at Norths by 10/61.

GWX 115 (ex YDB 68, Bristol K6B, Sold Fleet Car (Sales)Ltd., 5/61)
Passed to Towler, Brandon by 12/61.

Recent Withdrawals. In the reference to DGs under this heading in Issue No.133, the vehicle fitted with a Bristol MWV engine was 358 (later DG 12) and not 348 (DG 2).