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EDITORIAL.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our members a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

As agreed at the Leeds Meeting, the subscription for 1973 will remain unchanged at 65 p. A renewal form is enclosed with this Issue, and members are asked to assist the Secretary by returning the form as soon as possible.

LEEDS MEETING - Saturday, 25th November, 1972.

We were pleased to welcome 30 members at the meeting, which opened with the usual business discussion. We have 122 members at present, of which 12 have joined since January. The current financial position continues to be satisfactory, and the 1973 subscription will therefore remain at 65 p. A discussion also took place about past and future Tours, following which [redacted] began his show, which covered Road Passenger Transport of all ages and types, and was much enjoyed by all present.

Our thanks are due to Bob for giving up his Saturday evening to entertain us, and again to the Company for allowing us to use the Cafe.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

H.C.V.C.- YORKSHIRE BRANCH.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Wednesday, 10th January, at 7-30 p.m. in the Leeds City Transport Social Club, Concordia Street, Leeds, at which [redacted], will give a film show including steam trams and Rally shots.

P.S.V.CIRCLE, SOCIAL MEETING.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 4th January, from 7-00 p.m., in the Bradford City Transport Staff Canteen, Forster Square, Bradford.

W.Y.I.S. members will be welcome at both the above meetings.

PRESS DAY for the January Issue will be on Saturday, 6th January, 1973, and all members are asked to send items to arrive on or before (preferably before) that date to [redacted].

Information regarding stored vehicles would be welcome for use in the 1st January Allocation.

The January Issue may be slightly later than usual for several reasons, not least the probably size of the Issue, but as always, it will be published as soon as possible.

1. FLEET CHANGES.

NEW VEHICLES.

1117.	TYG 886 L	Ford Transit	BC05/ML/63158	Strachan DP16F.	?
1371.	TWX 193 L	Bristol RELL6G	3/1830	ECW 19111 B53F.	7-10-3.
1372.	TWX 194 L	Bristol RELL6G	3/1835	ECW 19112 B53F.	7-10-3.
1373.	TWX 195 L	Bristol RELL6G	3/1836	ECW 19113 B53F.	7-10-3.
1374.	TWX 196 L	Bristol RELL6G	3/1837	ECW 19114 B53F.	7-10-3.
1375.	TWX 197 L	Bristol RELL6G	3/1838	ECW 19115 B53F.	7-10-3.
1376.	TWX 198 L	Bristol RELL6G	3/1839	ECW 19116 B53F.	7-10-3.
1377.	TWX 199 L	Bristol RELL6G	3/1840	ECW 19117 B53F.	7-10-3.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

This month's new vehicles were all delivered during November to Grove Park, 1372/4/5 on November 17th. All the RELL's were delivered in the new livery, without fleet numbers, which were added at Works. They appear to have light grey bands instead of white, however. Their delivery completes the 1971 orders although more RELL's are to come, presumably from the 1972 order, which was never announced.

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

The third Chauffeur Coach is both surprising and interesting. Unlike the earlier two, this has a Strachan body, and is in a dark blue livery, with "16-seat Strachan's Demonstrator" on the side. Like the others, it is on hire from the Ford Motor Company. It carries the first Strachan body in the fleet since those fitted to the 1944/5 K6A's, 707-11.

Can any member supply the unladen weight of this vehicle, please ?

A small crumb of information gleaned recently is that the Ford Escort vans, 4041/2, are of 6 cwt., capacity.

ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS.

1130.	from ILKLEY	to SKIPTON	4.11.72.
1217.	" SKIPTON	" ILKLEY	"
1084.	" BRADFORD	" SKIPTON	20.11.72.
1099.	" LEEDS	" KEIGHLEY	"
1117.	(New)	" HARROGATE	27.11.72.
1152.	from GRASSINGTON	(Delicensed)	30.11.72.
1185.	" YORK	"	"
1646.	" LEEDS	"	"
1666/7.	" HARROGATE	"	"
1697/9.	" BRADFORD	"	"
1807.	" BRADFORD	"	"
1011/9/20/6/7/74/5/80/1.	(Delicensed)	to BRADFORD	1.12.72.
1021/2/68/73/9.	"	" LEEDS.	"
1066.	"	" ILKLEY	"
1067.	"	" WETHERBY	"
1069.	"	" OTLEY	"
1071/2.	"	" KEIGHLEY	"
1076/7/8/86/7/8.	"	" HARROGATE	"
1151.	"	" GRASSINGTON	"
1241.	"	" BRADFORD	"
1371/2.	(New)	" YORK	"
1373/4.	"	" SKIPTON	"
1375.	"	" HARROGATE	"
1376.	"	" BRADFORD	"
1377.	"	" LEEDS	"
1213.	from WETHERBY	" HARROGATE	"
1242.	" SKIPTON	" BRADFORD	"
1266/7.	" YORK	" LEEDS	"
1761.	" LEEDS	" YORK	"
1806.	" LEEDS.	" HARROGATE	"

- Notes.
1. All vehicles are relicensed at their former Depots, except 1066 (Ex.Skipton).
 2. These are the first moves since new for 1288 and 1806.
 3. The transfer of ex-Eastern National LS.1084 to Skipton is notable.
 4. York, which for a short time had no main fleet double-deckers, now has three, (1683 & 1760/1.)
 5. The number of LD type Lodekkas is reduced still further, and a start has been made on the first FS's delivered new to the main fleet. It is of interest to recall that DX.97/8 bore evidence of having been DX.89/90 when new.

STORED VEHICLES.

SKIPTON. The new RELL's for Skipton, 1373/4, were at Skipton for storage quite soon after delivery.

YORK. The contents of the field remain as shown last month.

HELD IN RESERVE.

30th. November, 1972 :- 1197, 1678 & 1697. The "Held in Reserve" category now consists of these three, with 1147-50 (Total 7). Presumably 1678 retains an engine, to warrant inclusion in this category (see last month). The withdrawal of 1197 marks the end of a unique vehicle, as this was the only Bristol SUL ever fitted with a Perkins engine.

1. FLEET CHANGES, (cont.)

WITHDRAWALS.

30th. November, 1972 :- 1646/51/9/66/7. Of these, 1651/9 were formerly in the "Held in Reserve" category, and the remainder are withdrawn direct from service. The "Held awaiting Disposal" category now consists of 2181-4, 2639/40/70, 1644/6/9/51/1652/5-62/5/6/7/79/82, (Total 25.)

	W.Y.	K.W.Y.	Y.W.	FLEET TOTAL.	1.12.72.	1.12.71.
Licensed :-	384	52	77.		513	516.
Delicensed :-	13	-	3.		16	31.
	<u>397</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>80.</u>		<u>529</u> *	<u>547.</u>

* The Fleet Total excludes 1197, 1646/66/7/78/97 (see above.)

2. VEHICLE NOTES.

OVERHAULS AND HEAVY DOCKS.

November, 1972 :- 1008/9/70, 1151, 1241 & 2735/9.

REPAINTS AND TUV'S.

November, 1972 :- 1019/20/1/6/78, 1163, 3103, 3171, 1218/66/86/7, 1705/22, 1724/45, 3932/56 & 1935 (see under "Advertisement News".)

CERTIFICATES OF FITNESS.

1215 - 26/9/78; 1001 - 15/4/77 (last one expired 15/4/71); 1198 - 21/3/77; & 1335 - 26/1/78.

LIVERY CHANGES.

The new red is officially termed "Poppy Red". Other fleets now repainting into this colour include Yorkshire Traction, Yorkshire Woollen and West Riding, the last having previously been green. Only one "CRL" remains in the cream/maroon livery, this being 1033, and at present this is still running in this livery.

Old Red Livery :- 1163, 3103, 3171, 1266/86/7, 1722, 3932/56 & 1924.

New Red Livery :- 1151, 1218/44, 1705, 2735/9, 1945.

Dual Purpose Livery :- 1008/9/70/8.

National Livery :- 1019/20/1/6.

The aim of the above headings will be to list all the vehicles shown above under the "Overhauls" and "Repaints" sections, to show what livery each has received. The "Dual Purpose Livery" is virtually the pre-War single-deck livery, but without lining, i.e., white above the waist, and red (in this case Poppy Red) below. The policy regarding the repainting of vehicles for the subsidiary Companies has changed, and the two Keighley vehicles shown above have been repainted in poppy red/white, but with old style gold fleetname, in the new forward position! The resultant effect is pleasing (better than huge white lettering); possibly the York vehicles will be similarly treated, although none have yet been done. The new livery of 1070 includes a fleetname below the windows, whilst 1008 carries it on the roof. Both have a "double N" on the roof at the rear, and a 5" "West Yorkshire" across the boot lid.

GENERAL NEWS.

With so many different liveries at present, it is inevitable that the odd mixture will occur, and the first example noted is of 1800, which sports a grey wheel on the nearside rear.

1352 (B) now has a painted front number plate.

It has previously been reported that the REEL's have a parcel rack on the offside only; all RELL's since 2328 appear to have this feature, those up to 1320 having racks on both sides.

1646 (L) returned to service with one cream band, and a mixture downstairs of LTE/new style seat moquette. It was also well endowed with three N.B.C. adverts. outside.

1917 (L) is a further vehicle with a three-piece engine cover.

1716 (L) has received a new radiator grille, which retains aluminium edges and a Bristol script, but does not have chrome strips at the top.

This month's new RELL's have the fog lamps in the moulding at the front, instead of below, and the front is higher off the road.

Further vehicles to have windscreen washers fitted include 4033/7, whilst 1319/20/47/60/1/2 have all received strips for advert panels at the nearside.

2. VEHICLE NOTES, (cont.)

ADVERTISEMENT NEWS.

1935 (L) is the first vehicle in the Leeds Area to carry an all-over advertising livery. The advertiser concerned is the Status Discount Store on Armley Road, Leeds, (not on a West Yorkshire stage route!), and the background colour is primrose, with various multi-coloured patterns and wording on this. The lower deck is wallpapered in a log cabin effect, and the upper deck in pastel shades, including the seat backs. The background colour was painted in Works, but a firm of signwriters in Harrogate painted the rest. The fleet number is carried on the front, and on the nearside rear corner. The unladen weight, legal owner and seating capacity are carried on the nearside, as is a fleetname above the door. There is no offside fleetname. A three-piece engine cover has been fitted. The contract is apparently for a year. The resulting effect is pleasing, especially when compared with the bizarre efforts of some Companies, but it will no doubt cause consternation to many intending passengers!

A further N.B.C. interior advert. reads "The National Bus Company was formed when 54 Bus Companies all over Britain joined together", and a poster in at least Harrogate Bus Station lists the 54 Companies, which excludes Keighley and York. The 1-year contract for painted lower rear adverts. at Leeds for "Wallace Arnold Sales & Service" has now ended, and the adverts. have been painted over. The paper "Trust Motors" lower rear advert. continues, (Trust Motors are a Wallace Arnold Group Company.)

2823 (K) carries a "Lookers of Keighley" upper rear painted advert.

1367 (L) is a second vehicle to carry a painted lower rear advert. for "Tuckers Plastics".

The latest "Racing at Wetherby" target advert. is for "26 & 27 December".

A new paper side advert. is for "London Week-end£ 8.95."

At least one DX.(1707) carries an illuminated advert. for "We are proud to be part of the N.B.C."

The Ford Consul advert. situation has now changed at Leeds. 1916/7/8 have Tate cars side adverts., and pictures of cars on the side, whilst 1923/4 have lost Consul adverts.

3. SERVICE CHANGES.

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

SPACE CARRIAGE.

S.160. - K.14/A. - KEIGHLEY - BINGLEY.

Saturdays only, to route the 13.42 Birley - Keighley via Morton Lane and Swine Lane.

S.161. - 61. - BRADFORD - SHIPLEY GLEN, (Lucy Hall Drive).

Monday-Friday: To retime the 16.12 from Lucy Hall Drive to 16.05, and operate to Belmont Avenue only.
To withdraw the 15.35 Bradford - Lucy Hall Drive (see below.)

S.162. - X.67. - BRADFORD - KEIGHLEY.

Monday-Friday: To introduce an additional picking-up point at Emm Lane on the 16.25 Bradford - Keighley.

S.163. - 59. - BRADFORD - SHIPLEY GLEN (Lucy Hall Drive).

Monday-Friday: To introduce an additional journey at 17.35 Bradford - Lucy Hall Drive.
The 12.00 Lucy Hall Drive - Belmont Avenue journey to operate School Terms only.

S.164. - 41. - LEEDS - WETHERBY.

Sundays: To retime the 21.50 Leeds - Boston Spa to 21.20, and extend through to Wetherby, and start the 22.45 Boston Spa - Leeds journey from Wetherby at 22.30, (see also over - Traffic Notice 90/72.)

S.165. - 38. - LEEDS - RED HALL VALE.

Monday-Friday: To withdraw the 22.00 Leeds - Red Hall Vale.

S.166. - 76/76A. - HARROGATE - ILLKLEY.

Monday-Saturday: To retime the 07.10 Harrogate - Ilkley to 07.05.

S.167. - 1/1A. - BACHELOR GARDENS - KNARESBOROUGH (Carmires Avenue).

Sundays: To introduce journeys from Knareborough (Bus Station) to Carmires Avenue at 11.50, 14.20 & 19.20, returning at 11.55, 14.25 & 19.25.

S.168. - 39/40. - LEEDS - KNARESBOROUGH.

Monday-Saturday: To revise evening timetable. (See over - Traffic Notice 89/72.)

3. SERVICE CHANGES, (cont.) - STAGE CARRIAGE, (cont.)S.169. - 63B. - BRADFORD - ILKLEY.

To advance time point at Ben Rhydding by 4 minutes on all through journeys from Bradford to Ilkley.

S.170. - 34A. - LEEDS - ARTHINGTON.

Monday-Friday: To retime the 17-25 Leeds-Arthington to 17-35.

S.171. - 34B. - OTLEY - ARTHINGTON.

Monday-Friday: To retime the 18.01 Arthington-Otley to 18.12.

S.172. - 75. - OTLEY - WESTON CIRCULAR.

Sunday: To revise timetable.

Monday-Saturday: To retime the 19-05 Otley-Weston to 18-57, and introduce an additional journey at 19-35 Otley-Weston.

S.173. - 75A. - OTLEY - NEWALL CIRCULAR.

To revise timetable.

S.174. - Y.9. - CLIFTON - TANGHALL LANE, (York Local.)

Monday-Saturday: To retime the 06-57 Clifton-Tang Hall Lane to 06-52.

S.175. - K.9. - KEIGHLEY - COLNE, (Joint with Burnley, Colne & Nelson).

To introduce an amended timetable.

S.176. - 39/40. - LEEDS - KNARESBOROUGH.

Monday-Friday: The 15-30 Kirk Deighton-Leeds to operate via Bardsey School during School Terms.

S.177. - 41. - WETHERBY - LEEDS.Sundays: To introduce additional journeys at 12-50 & 14-50 Leeds-Wetherby and 13-55 & 15-55 Wetherby-Leeds.
To withdraw the 16-25 Thorne-Leeds.S.178. - 76/76A. - HARROGATE - ILKLEY.

Monday-Saturday: To retime the 16-15 Harrogate-Ilkley to 16-10, and to operate via Rigton.

Monday-Friday: To withdraw the 16-15 Harrogate-Rigton. See below (Traffic Notice 88/72.)

S.179. - 57/57A. - BRADFORD - KEIGHLEY/HAWORTH.

Monday-Friday: To introduce additional journeys at 16-12 Keighley-Denholme, and 22-40 Bradford-Denholme.

S.180. - 16A. - HARROGATE - ALDBOROUGH.

Sundays: To withdraw the 08-40, 10-40 & 20-40 Harrogate-Aldborough, and return journeys, (see over).

S.181. - 1/2. - HARROGATE - KNARESBOROUGH.

Sundays: To introduce an additional journey at 08-40 Harrogate-Knaresborough.

S.182. - 56/56A. - BRADFORD - BINGLEY.

To introduce an amended timetable.

S.183. - 78. - HARROGATE - TADCASTER.

To amend timetable. (See over.)

John Dobson, of Keighley, recently applied for two Works services, LEEMING (Sykes Mill) to INGROW (Haggas' Mill), and KEIGHLEY (Parson Street) to INGROW (Haggas' Mill), and both these are being opposed by West Yorkshire.

TRAFFIC NOTICES.86/72 :- Service 39, Kirk Deighton - Leeds, Monday-Friday (School Terms only).

From 6/11/72 the 15-30 Kirk Deighton - Leeds was diverted via Woodcave Lane and Church Lane, instead of Bardsey Bank Top.

88/72 :- Service 76/76A, Harrogate - North Rigton - Ilkley, Monday-Friday:

From 13/11/72, the 16-15 Harrogate - Rigton Village was withdrawn.

Monday-Saturday: From 13/11/72, the 16-15 Harrogate - Ilkley was retimed to depart Harrogate at 16-10, and is diverted to Rigton Village, depart 16-26. Departure times beyond Weeton are unaltered.

89/72 :- From 4/12/72, a revised evening service was introduced on Leeds -

Wetherby - Knaresborough (39/40) on Monday-Saturday.

90/72 :- From 3/12/72, a revised Sunday service was introduced on Leeds -

Boston Spa - Wetherby (41) on Sundays only.

92/72 :- From 4/12/72 on Monday-Saturday, the 20-15 Wetherby - Boston Spa - Leeds (41) was retimed to 20-25.

During resurfacing work in connection with the Leeds Inner Ring Road, stage 2A, the route from Vicar Lane to York Road on Sunday, 3rd. December, was via Regent Street, Skinner Lane, Nippet Lane & Lupton Avenue, an area not normally visited by West Yorkshire vehicles.

According to the "Yorkshire Evening Press" for 10th. November, a marketing survey of York's bus services is being made to see whether the present cross-City routes are meeting passengers' requirements, and if not, what alterations are needed.

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3. SERVICE CHANGES, (cont.)

Christmas Excursions from Low Harrogate will consist of a Shopping Excursion to London (12th.,16th.December), Traditional Christmas Lunch at the Rose and Crown, Bainbridge, on 17th.December; Bernard Manning at Wakefield Theatro Club (21st.Dec.) Christmas Dance at the Old Mill,Wetherby (23rd.Dec.),and Charlie Williams at Batley Variety Club,(27th.December).

Revised timetables were introduced from 3rd.December on routes 78 (Harrogate - Tadcaster), 9/9A (Harrogate - Otlands - Woodlands - Harrogate Circular), and 16A (Harrogate - Boroughbridge). The last route, on Sundays only, has the following journeys withdrawn -08.40, 10.40, 20.40 Harrogate - Boroughbridge, and 09.29, 11.29 & 21.29 Boroughbridge -Harrogate.

New services introduced from 11th.December answer our query in Issue 258. In Issue 254, Application S.110 was for a new route from Leeds to Yeadon. Service 54 is now Leeds -West Park -Yeadon (Hawthorn Road),the number 54 last being used for the Bradford -Cookridge service. The route for this service is via route 55 to Layton Lane, then via Town Street,Larkfield Road,Canada Road,Harrogate Road,High Street,Hawthorn Road, returning via Hawthorn Road,Cemetery Road,Harper Lane Bus Stand,High Street, then outward route reversed. In addition,service 54A is Leeds - West Park -Rawdon,and is the old Leeds -Rawdon 33 route re-introduced. The new services give twice as many buses on Leeds -West Park -Horsforth -Rawdon route, and an hourly service for the Canada Road area of Rawdon and the Hawthorn Road area of Yeadon. With the introduction of service 54, the spasmodic service,35A, Leeds -Rawdon -Yeadon,is withdrawn. The use of service numbers in the Bradford series for Leeds operated routes is notable,but understandable. According to the leaflet issued for the service, the new routes commenced on Sunday,10th.December, but the leaflet also states that there is "No Sunday Service"!

4. OPERATING NOTES.

BRADFORD. On 6/12, 1269 (B) was noted on 62.

HARROGATE. On 9/11, 1666 (H) reached Boston Spa on 78, whilst on Harrogate - Tadcaster (78) have been 1714 (H) on 11/11, 1135 (H,loan P.B) on 15/11, 1308 (L loan W) on 17 & 18/11, 1250 (L,loan W) on 21/11, 1667 (H) on 22/11, 1707 (H) on 24/11, and 1207 (L,loan W) on 25/11. 1065 (W) worked Harrogate - Thorp Arch (W.78) on 1/11. The unusual happening of the month was the appearance of two United FSF6B's on Leeds -Ripon (36). The two vehicles have been 270 (2070 HN) on the 24/5/77th.November, and 274 (2074 HN). Unfortunately,270 came to grief on 36 on 1/12, and was still on Grove Park forecourt on 2/12 with accident damage to the cab area, but 274 may still be in use. Some years ago,United PLF's used to reach Harrogate on 36 (then United 126),but whilst United have been working through to Leeds,their Ripon allocation has been all single deck,with RELL 4187 the regular vehicle on 36, and the appearance of a United double-decker in Leeds is very rare indeed, and possibly unique. 1092 (H) worked on Pateley Bridge (24). On 10,17 & 21/11, 1700 was on Learner duties, as was 1664 on the 13th. The Harrogate contractor using SBO 495 (see last month) also has SBO 255. On 12/11, 1312 & 1318 were on hire to British Rail on Harrogate -Leeds,as was 1226 (H) on 26/11. On 2/12, 1806 (L,loan H) was on service 1.

ILKLEY. In early November Ilkley were using 1914 (K) & 1704 (K) on 32/33/35. On 28/11,Ilkley was using 1813 (O) on 33. Several SMG's have worked on 32/33 during November,mainly 1142 (15,20,22,24 & 30/11),and 1121 (on 23/11),with 1140 (O) also being noted. On Ilkley -Leeds (34M) on 6/11 was 2329. 2300 worked Ilkley - Bradford (63B) on 13/11, and 2280 (16/11) & 2330 (20/11) were also noted on this route. On 10/11, 1218, newly repainted,was on the 16-30 Ilkley -Keighley (K.5) and on 13/11 on Ilkley -Leeds (34M) at 15-35. whilst on 10/11 at 16-30, 1712 (W,loan L) was working on Ilkley -Leeds (33). On 7/12, 1804 (K,loan I) worked the 10-58 Otley -Leeds (32), and the 11-55 Leeds -Ilkley (33). After appearing regularly with 1305 on 76 for some considerable time, 1306 has now appeared on Leeds -Skipton (34).

The new Strachan-bodied Ford "Chauffeur-Coach" (see page 1) appeared in Ilkley about 09-00 on Sunday, 10/12.

LEEDS. Old type SRG's continue to appear on 32/33/35 fairly often. 1646 had a reasonably busy month. On 7/11,it was on Leeds -Horsforth (55) at 08-25; on the following day it was on Leeds (55) at 08-15, followed by a School Special, probably to Benton Park. On 16/11 it was in Leeds Depot at lunch-time showing "Leeds/31" and the same afternoon was on 32M. On 21/11 it managed a full rota on 48, being on Leeds -Darwick (48) at 12-45, and on the 23rd.,was noted on 30. On 8/11 an unidentified DX was noted on Learner duties in the Headrow. 1353 (L) worked the 12-35 Leeds -Scarborough (43) turn on 17/11,a Malton or York duty. On the same day,1133 (H,loan L) was on Wetherby -Leeds (41). An unusual visitor to Leeds on 28/11 was 4033 (K),which was later noted towing 1945 (I) in Keighley direction.

4. OPERATING NOTES, (cont.)

LEEDS, (cont.) On 9/11, 1282 (W.loan L) was on Leeds - Tadcaster (42). 1252 (M) was in Vicar Lane on 13/11, showing "Blank/40". 1062 (L) was at Wetherby Bus Station on Friday evening, 3/11. On 27/11, 1095 (L) was working to Leeds (55) at 08-15. 1935 was first noted in Leeds in its overall advertising livery on 28/11, when it went up Armley Road, presumably to Status. On 29/11 it was on 55, on 1/12 on 32M/33/35, on 2/12 on 55, and on 4/12 on 55. In Leeds Depot Yard on 16/11 was Lincolnshire DP bodied RELL 1.39, (PFE 716 K).

OTLEY. On 23/11, the 07-45 Leeds - Otley (35), 07-55 Ilkley (33) and 08-05 Otley (32M) were worked by 1121 (P.B), 1165 & 1140 (all Otley duties). 1140 had worked the same duty on the previous day. On 25/11, 1270 & 1227 (H) were on 32M/35 during the evening.

SKIPTON. On 27/11, 1193 was noted on route 73, whilst 2281 was on route 74 in the afternoon. Shortly afterwards (around 16-00), 1204 & 1217 (both Sk.) were noted in Keighley, the former on K.9, the latter on "School Special/455".

YORK. On 29/11, 3685 was at Leeds for steam cleaning. 3106 (Yk.) worked on York - Tadcaster (43) on 1/11, as did 3837 (Yk.) on 10/11. On Leeds - Scarborough (43) on 16/11 was 1252 (M), & 1353 (L) (L.loan M) on 18/11. Noted on Leeds - York (44) have been 1344 (Yk.) on 2/11, 1124 (Yk.) on 8/11, 3173 (Yk.) on 13/11, and 1098 (Yk.) on 27/11. 3107 (Yk.) was on Leeds - Bridlington (44) on 22/11. East Yorkshire 863 was on Leeds - Bridlington (45) for West Yorkshire Leeds Depot on 2/11. 1341 (L) worked Leeds - Hull (46) on 21/11. 3105 (Yk.) was on York - Wetherby (79) on 11/11; on York - Thirsk (80) on 25/11 was 1344 (Yk.), and on 11/11, 1334 (Yk.) was on Y.16 (York - Murton), a mid-afternoon journey, possibly a fill-in turn. United 4187 (R) worked York - Ripon (143) on 25/11. On 14/11, 1683 was in Harrogate on 84. Three cream SRG's were at York Station at 10 00 p.m., on 3/11, 1333 on a local duplicate to the Acomb area, 1334 on 80 (OMO to Easingwold), and 1337 on 43 to Norton. 1683 has been on Y.20 on 6/11 & 7/11, and on Y.5B on 9/11. On 7/11, 1185 was on Y.5A at teatime to Dringhouses, and on 9/11 it was on Y.16 07-56 ex.York. Instead of a normal MW or LH on Y.9/9A in lieu of double-deckers 3297 appeared on 16/11, with 1185 the following day. For an unknown reason on 7/11, several SRG's & EUG's were at York Station, in Station Square, at 18-30. On 24/11, 1683 appeared on the East Yorkshire 94A (Pocklington) service. An MW was noted on Y.2 on 30/11.

LONG DISTANCE.

In place of the usual "Cream SRG", 1092 (H) worked Leeds - Middlesbrough (X.99) on 20/11. On the following day, 1006 (B) was on London (Y.S) at 09-40. Ribble 1021 (PTF 716 L), a new style ECW bodied RELH in National livery, was in Wellington Street on 22/11, showing "X.17/Southport", and other Ribble vehicles in National livery have appeared in Wellington Street over the past month. On 21/11, Ribble 964 had sustained a broken rear window, and was in Vicar Lane at lunchtime, showing J.1 "Blackpool". On 27/11, 1001 was at Lindley Green on X.97 heading towards Leeds. It is reported that during November, a London Transport A.E.C. Merlin was noted in London, carrying a sticker apparently reading "On Hire to West Yorkshire Road Car Company", and any comments about this would be welcome.

5. SOLD STOCK NEWS.

HWW 883 (Ex.KDB.56, K6B, sold Yorkshire Woollen District, 8/69.)

To permanent Learner bus, 1/70.

Withdrawn by 9/72, and sold to Barnsley scrap dealer 9/72. This vehicle was to have been preserved by the West Riding Wulfrunian Preservation Society.

TWT 115 (Ex.SUG.62, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 9/71.)

To Duncan, (Thistle Coaches), Doncaster, 1/72.

To Paul Sykes (Dealer & Breaker), Blacker Hill, 11/72.

TWT 120 (Ex.SUG.67, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 9/71.)

To Duncan, (Thistle Coaches), Doncaster, 11/71.

P.S.V. Licence not renewed 11/72, but still owned by Thistle Coaches at present.

RWW 977/85 (Ex.SMG.52/60, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 9/71.)

To Laycock, Barnoldswick, Nos.94/5, 10/71.

To Pennine, Gargrave, 8/72. Neither of these vehicles were operated on normal services by Pennine, but were used for the first fortnight or so after the take-over, if required. They are apparently no longer in use by Pennine, but are still owned by them at present.

RWW 980 (Ex.SMG.55, LS5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 5/72.)

To Tarmac (Contractor), 11/72.

WVU 271 (Ex.SUG.73, M/5G, sold Norths, Sherburn, 5/72.)

To Freeway, Golborne, Lancs., 11/72.

6. TEN YEARS AGO.

The December, 1962, Issue was a 2½ page Issue, and recorded the entry into service of YDX.146-9 and DX.154.

Operating details recorded that "York Depot acquired DX.115/20/21 for use on the Leeds and Harrogate to Scarborough routes during the very cold spell in November, as they have better heaters than DX.46, 57 & 58".

"SGL.7, recently returned to Keighley after a 4½-year absence, has been observed on routes it operated before it left in 1958 - K.18 (Oxenhope), K.20, (Thwaites Brow), and K.15/13A (Riddlesden)", and DX.82 (L) was noted on Leeds - York (43) on Sunday, the 2nd. December".

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7. OTHER INFORMATION.

REGISTRATION NUMBERS.

- LWR 416 K is a white Mini Clubman (LWR 416 was DEW.30.)
- JWY 229 J is a dark blue Austin/Morris J4. (JWY 229 was DB.61).
- KWU 362 J is a blue Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow. (KWU 362 was DEW.6).
- KWU 381 J is a white Vauxhall Viva. (KWY 381 was SEW.21).
- CWX 681 H is a pale blue Ford Cortina. (CWX 681 was DG.36.)
- MWY 224 K is a Chrysler 180. (MWY 224 was EUG/SUG.13, SMG.61).
- CWX 161 E is a grey Ford Cortina Estate Car, (CWX 161 was DX.17).
- FWX 820 J is a dark blue Austin Maxi. (FWX 820 is 4032.)
- EWY 423 H is a Bedford lorry, owned by T.Armstrong, Windhill, Shipley, Coal Merchant), EWY 423 was SG.107.)

KEIGHLEY - WEST YORKSHIRE.

Recent examination of a current Keighley - West Yorkshire Fare Table reveals some interesting points :-

1. The cover title reads "Keighley - West Yorkshire Joint Services".
2. Service 5, Keighley - Ilkley. "On the 08-20 Ilkley - Keighley, the following through fares are available :- Ilkley - Ingrow Church, 18 p. Addingham - Ingrow Church, 15 p. The 08-20 ex. Ilkley is always worked by a 'decker', usually a KVR., and obviously continues beyond Keighley as Service 12 to Haworth.
3. Service 12, Haworth - Silsden. Through fares are also available from ~~Mytholmes~~ to Silsden; Services 5 & 12 are both covered by the same Licence (40).
4. Services 7 (Laycock) & 20 (Thwaites Brow), are also covered by the same Licence (36). This is most interesting, as the Laycock - Thwaites Brow through service was split into two separate routes early in the last War.

OTHER BRISTOLS.

Various Bristols from other Companies to appear recently in the West Yorkshire area include :-

- 672 COD, Ex. Western National 620, SUS4A, now with Claxton & Garland, York.
- 673 COD, ex. Western National 601, SUS4A, now with "J. Dixon", (Contractor), seen recently in Leeds.

JML 44, Ex. Southern Vectis 303, LS6G, (the 6th. production LS), now in York, painted green.

LEEDS BUS STOPS.

With the construction of a bus lay-by in the outward direction at Hyde Park, Leeds, a normal old-type West Yorkshire bus stop has re-appeared in place of the Leeds City Transport style previously fitted there.

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