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EDITORIAL

March News Sheet

Owing to the Secretary sitting important examinations on March 21/22, publication of the March news sheet may be delayed until after this date. The Secretary apologises for any inconvenience caused by this delay.

Membership

The Groups 100th member was enrolled in January. He is Mr. C.D. Lovelock of Hollingbourne near Maidstone, Kent.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

2854	OVX298D	Bristol FLF6G	231.021	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15578	
2855	OPU824D	Bristol FLF6B	231.052	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15579	8.6.1.
2856	OPU825D	Bristol FLF6B	231.053	E.C.W.	LD38/32FD	15580	8.6.1.

Delivery dates: 2855 4.2.66

2856 28.1.66

These vehicles have 1965 chassis and 1966 bodies.

All vehicles delivered this year are 1966 standard models incorporating only one cream band, fixed drivers windscreen, new type flashing indicators, and other minor variations.

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.66	1208(385,WVX 443)	1212(390,WVX 445)	1215(393,YVW 121)
	1209(386,WVX 446)	1213(391,YPU 138)	1220(400,476 BEV)
	1210(387,WVX 447)	1214(392,YPU 139)	2228(1300,MPU 24)
	1211(388,WVX 444)		

1220, previously 400 was fitted with a Commer TS3 engine when new.

1208-15 are now with Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. Ltd., Norwich.

Correction to December news sheet, vehicles withdrawn should read 368-375 inclusive.

Allocations & Transfers

2.66 318-D/L, 327-BD, 337-D/L, 338-D/L, 345-BD, 365-D/L, 367-D/L, 380-BE, 385-D/L, 386-D/L, 1422-D/L, 2012-MN, 2015-MN, 2226-D/L, 2231-CY, 2244-D/L, 2249-D/L, 2333-D/L, 2404-CF, 2407-CF, 2600-D/L, 2601-BN, 2603-BN, 2705-KN, 2727-BD, 2789-HD, 2816-BE, 2852-KN, 2853-BE, 2854-SD, 2856-SD.

Service Revisions

Application has been made to vary services as below.

49 Certain journeys to be diverted via Edinburgh Way, Harlow and renumbered 49A.

75B One journey to run via Peldon (Plough Turn) and be renumbered 75C.

New Express services applied for are:

X2	Norwich (Bus Station)	-	Brixham (Bank Lane)
X3	Southend (Pier Hill)	-	Brixham (Bank Lane)

Both services to be operated jointly with Western and Southern National Omnibus Companies, and service X2 also to be operated with Eastern Counties Omnibus Company.

Fares

An application has been made to increase fares on all services including those within the Southend Co-ordination area. New fares are:

0.7 mile	3d.	1.7 mile	7d.	2.9 mile	11d.
0.9 "	4d.	2.0 "	8d.	3.2 "	1/-d.
1.1 "	5d.	2.3 "	9d.	3.5 "	1/1d.
1.4 "	6d.	2.6 "	10d.	and for each half mile thereafter an additional 1d.	

General

The minibus hired from Hearl of Stanford-le-Hope for a Dunton to Basildon works contract has been replaced by a larger vehicle. Another minibus is now being hired from Victoria Coaches of Leigh to operate a similar service from Canvey to Basildon.

A new style of bus stop is being introduced. It is of concrete construction of a design similar to that used by London Transport.

Future New Vehicles

Vehicles for the Company noted recently at Eastern Coach Works were:
(2857/8) Bristol FLF 231.075/6 15581/2

TILLINGS TRANSPORT LTD.

New Vehicles

T311 OWC181D Bristol MW6G 225.145 E.C.W. C34F 15755
Delivery date 28.1.66

This vehicle has forced air ventilation and larger boot doors for extended tour work. The first new vehicle in the cream and livery it has gold fleet transfers in place of the previous red.

Noted recently at E.C.W. was T312 with chassis no. 225.148 and body 15756.

Fleet Situation Licensed: T.300/3-10, 440, 541-3, 1640-2.
Delicensed: T.301/2/11, 540, 1480/1.

COLCHESTER CORPORATION

The new Leyland Titans were delivered at the end of January. They are numbered 39-44 (OVX139-44D). Full details to follow when available.

IPSWICH CORPORATION

New Vehicles

65	DPV65D	A.E.C. Regent V	2D2RA.1808	East Lancs.	H38/27R
66	DPV66D	A.E.C. Regent V	2D2RA.1809	East Lancs.	H38/27R
67	DPV67D	A.E.C. Regent V	2D2RA.1810	East Lancs.	H38/27R
68	DPV68D	A.E.C. Regent V	2D2RA.1811	East Lancs.	H38/27R

The vehicles were new January - February 1966. 65 was delivered on 10.2.66, the other delivery dates are not known.

No vehicles are to be withdrawn as a result of the arrival of the above, no withdrawals are expected to occur before February 1967, at the earliest.

INDEPENDENTS

Heddingham & District Omnibuses Ltd.

Details of the vehicles taken over from Blackwells of Earls Colne are as below:-

L41	JJD 541	A.E.C. Reliance	Roe	C41C
L42	PYB 240	A.E.C. Regal IV	Harrington	C40C
L43	EUH 961	Leyland PD2/3	Leyland	L27/26R
L44	EUH 973	Leyland PD2/3	Leyland	L27/28R

No other vehicles were retained, and vehicles will appear in Heddingham livery when next repainted.

Acquired Vehicle

476 BEV Bristol LS5G 105.097 E.C.W. B45F 7505 new 1954
Ex. Eastern National O.C., 1220. Presumably this will become L45.

Elm Park Coaches

The coach side of the business has been taken over and is now operated by Safeway Coaches of Hornchurch. Elm Park still continues to operate the stage carriage service and contract services.

Super Coaches (Upminster/Redbridge & District)

During the recent London Transport overtime ban which lead to the withdrawal of route 169B, Upminster & District have operated a service over the section of route withdrawn. It is numbered 22 and operates from Barkingside (High Street) to Hainault (Fowler Road, Industrial Estate) during Monday to Friday peak periods with a running time of 12 minutes. The service is maintained by ex. Eastern National Leyland PD2's.

REGISTRATION NOTES

Latest mark noted in mid February was: Ipswich : DPV750D

Southend C.B.C. Commenced 1966 with GHJ-D.

The position concerning Essex C.C. at the present is somewhat confusing since the County appear to be issuing the marks in the reverse order. Noted in 1966 so far have been: 000-D, OWC-D, OWC-D, (OVW-D?), ONO-D and OPU-D. Explanations would be most welcomed.