

REPORT

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THIEVES VISIT RAILBUS

Walt Hayward, superintendent, reports that persons unknown recently removed some paint from the SMV No. 9 along with the valve cover for the bus' engine.

In the way of progress on the bus it is pleasant to report that it is really looking good sporting a new orange paint job with a silver roof. Some lettering has also been done. Hayward has been doing quite a bit of the work, we might add.

New head bolts for the old bus have donated by member Jon Compton. Looks as though she'll soon be ready for operation.

S.D. ELECTRIC LINE TRUCK DONATED

One of the old street car system's 1927 White line trucks has been recently donated to the SRMA. The truck which is in good condition was given to the museum through the efforts of Tom Sefton. At this time your editor has not been informed as to who actually donated the rare vehicle.

WORK ON BAY BRIDGE PROGRESSES

The beginnings of the San Diego-Coronado bay bridge are now much in evidence. Piers and columns are already being poured near Crosby and Harbor Drive. Newspaper accounts have also noted that piles have been driven in the bay and that soon the structure will begin to rise out of the bay. Want ferry pictures-better hurry 1969 is just around the corner.

WATERFRONT PIONEER DIES

Oakley J. Hall, who started out as a deck hand and went on to become owner of the Star and Crescent operations on the bay, passed away recently at the age of 88.

In his late teens, with the help of his family, Hall began ferry service with a 35 foot motor launch between San Diego and Ft. Rosecrans, on Point Loma, in 1898.

This was the beginning of the "nickel snatchers," which today operate under the name of Star and Crescent Ferry Company. He also operated the water taxi service, harbor excursions, built ships, and had the old Associated Oil franchise on the harbor.

On land Hall was also active, having been part owner of the Spreckels Building, and operating the Yellow Cab Company in the depression years.

Much of the development of the San Diego Harbor as we know it today was because of the may efforts of Oakley J. Hall, "Mr. Waterfront."

We express our sympathy to his family and friends.

STREET CARS MAY RESUME IN LATE '68

A report in the Short Circuit Bulletin of the Electric Railroader's Association is that the international El Paso-Juarez line may begin running once more in 1968.

Tracks on the new bridges being built are now in the process of being laid. It is up to the Mexican Government to built the connecting tracks in Juarez.

At any event the ex-San Diego Electric PCC's won't be running until the re-routing of the present Rio Grande River channel is completed.

WILD BLUE YONDER

While passenger trains dwindle, the airlines keep flying high. In the first half of 1967, domestic air carriers upped their business by more than 15 percent. Are airlines smarter than rail carriers? (from Trainman News)

AIR CUSHION RIDE

In france runs what is called an "Aero-train." It rides on air cushions instead of wheels. In two years of experiments it has travelled 7000 miles and carried 3800 passengers at speeds up to 188 mph. (from Trainman News)