BUS GROUP GETS DATA ON COST OF CITY LINES

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he added, "and I am a merchant myself."

$13,000 Annual Profit

In commenting upon savings of municipally-operated bus lines over privately-owned transportation systems, Plumer pointed out that savings on property taxes alone, from which the municipality is exempt, amounts to $270 per bus. To this saving should be added cost of social security taxes, corporation taxes and other taxes, all of which are eliminated by municipal ownership, he explained.

The experiences of the city of Montebello have been quite different than at Santa Monica, John Cole, manager of the Montebello city bus lines, commented, as he began an outline of the bus system operated by his municipality.

While Santa Monica found it profitable to utilize large heavy buses, Montebello found that it lost $40,000 the first five years it used large buses. Then it reduced the fare from 10 cents to five cents and substituted small 17 passenger buses and in the past eight years earned a profit of $20,000 besides accumulating a surplus of $40,000 and paying for equipment, Cole stated. Last year, Montebello's bus line had a gross income of $42,000 and a net profit of $13,000, he added.

Cost Is 9 Cents Per Mile

When the municipal bus system was inaugurated, Montebello had a population of 5,500. Now it has approximately 8,500 residents Cole stated.

Operation costs of the lighter buses average nine cents per mile, including depreciation and insurance, and each unit costs between $2,300 and $2,500. Bus bodies are purchased separately and each three years a new motor and chassis is purchased, Cole said.

While members of the Torrance-Gardena committee asked many questions, the meeting adjourned without action being taken. Representing Torrance at the meeting were: Councilmen McGuire and Murray, L. J. Gilmeister and Grover C. Whyte. Gardena was represented by Councilmen Jacobs, Pursche, O'Haver and Powers, R. C. Robinson, chamber of commerce president, and Pat MacDonnell, secretary, and Lewis Guild, Jr. Louis Charleston and Gregory Cruz of the Vermont-Manchester Association of business men were also interested guests.

May Extend L. A. System

No action was taken, following discussion, but several of those present expressed doubt that any satisfactory basis for a joint municipal ownership of a bus system could be worked out between Torrance and Gardena; altho it was generally agreed that there was need for better transportation facilities.

Meanwhile, it is unofficially reported that the Los Angeles Motor Bus Company is contemplating the establishment of 30-minute service between Los Angeles and Torrance, as soon as the result of the Pacific Electric Railway hearing before the State Railroad Commission on May 17 is known.

It is reported that should the recommendation of the railroad commission be followed, that the Pacific Electric will suspend all passenger traffic between Torrance and Los Angeles; and the L. A. Motor Bus company, which now operates a 15-minute schedule to Figueroa and Manchester, will run every other bus thru to Torrance.

People

what they're doing

Miss Lenora Dillard and her brother Paul of Eugene, Oregon, visited last week at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Dillard** on Sepulveda boulevard. On their trip down they enjoyed two days at the San Francisco World's Fair and were much impressed with what they saw in the limited time they were able to stay. They report conditions as being very dry in Oregon, and many forest fires in the vicinity of Portland and Seattle, due to the lack of rain, none having fallen in the last six weeks.

Mrs. Al Kerber, 1728 Cabrillo avenue, is entertaining her sister Mrs. Leonard Rush and daughter Mary Linnis, of St. Joseph, Missouri. They expect to remain about four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Mendenhall of 218th street, with Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bryant of Hollywood and Mrs. Peterson of San Fernando, spent a week-end recently with friends in Barstow. They visited the old mining town of Calico and drove through Odessa canyon, known locally as the "miniature Grand Canyon."

Mrs. C. G. Subke, of Tacoma, Washington, who spent several weeks visiting her daughters **Mrs. C. M. Matthews** and **Mrs. Katherine McCue,** has returned home.

Dr. and Mrs. Adolph Selby of Los Angeles were Sunday guests at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Matthews.**

Stanley Abbott and family of Bell spent the past week-end visiting Mr. Abbott's father, **W. D. Abbott,** 1960 Carson street.

Mrs. Margaret Williams, 1724 Martina avenue, arrived home last Friday from a three-months visit in Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Bacon and daughter May, of 700 Border avenue, drove to San Juan Capistrano and Lake Elsinore Sunday.

Mrs. Ruby Brown, 2117-C Cabrillo avenue, book-keeper at Levy's, is recovering at home from an operation last week at Torrance hospital. The surgery removed a small piece of bone from the spinal column, injured some years ago in a fall.

Mrs. Roxie E. Sleeth, society editor for The Herald, left Monday night for Brackenridge, Pa., to visit her mother and brother. She will be away about a month.

Saturday evening guests of **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kemp** of 1019 Amapola were Mr. and Mrs. William T. Makepeace and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris of Inglewood.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Parrot, of Kansas City, Mo., visited Mr. Parrot's sister, **Miss Cora B. Parrot,** today. The easterners are spending some time in Long Beach, and are thoroughly enjoying their stay in California.

Jimmy Parks, 1003 Portola, returned yesterday from a five week's cruise to Toapilla, Chile, aboard the Danish tanker Cappalo.

Guests of **Carrie Parks,** 1003 Portola avenue, at dinner Monday evening were Mrs. Jessie Page of Sawtelle and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Raymond of Los Angeles.

OPEN INDEPENDENT MARKET

—Torrance Herald Photo.

JOHNNY PARKER and JACK BROWN
. . . . their smiles anticipate good business

Bright and early and spic and span, this city's newest food market, Parker and Brown's meat, produce and delicatessen enterprise opened this morning at 1328 Sartori avenue, next to the Bank of America. The young owners, their smiles never wider, anticipate record crowds of shoppers during their three-day opening celebration.

Both men are well known to Torrance food purchasers and they have won a wide circle of friends who are wishing them much success in this, their first independent business. Johnny Parker started in the meat business 11 years ago in Akron, Ohio, and worked in a number of eastern states and Florida before coming to Torrance four years ago. Jack Brown has had seven years' experience in the produce field and has been here for five years. He knows his "green stuff" and fruits from the ground up.

Invite Inspection

Parker and Brown's market is a most attractive and well-arranged food center. Representing an investment of about $4,500, it has all new equipment, including Toledo illuminated scales and a complete line of Super-Cold refrigerated cases. Freshly redecorated thruout, the market is enhanced by knotty pine panels on which circular mirrors and old-fashioned lamps are placed.

"We are offering—and will continue to offer—the lowest possible prices on top-grade meats, vegetables and delicious delicatessen products," Johnny Parker declared today. "Our meat department will feature Cudahy's meats and Armour's Star hams, bacon and beef. Jack Brown has access to the best vegetables and fruits. He joins me in inviting all our friends to call and inspect our market."

The store is also stocked with ice cream and bakery goods, making it an all-round shopping center with the exception of groceries.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Haberman and **Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gilbert** motored to San Diego and Ti Juana Sunday, returning by way of San Juan Capistrano where they visited the old mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lewellen of Madrid avenue enjoyed a week-end visit with former Torrance residents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jumper, at Ojai.

Mrs. J. W. McMillan of Post avenue left Sunday to join her husband who is on a business tour in Texas and the East. Their daughter, **Miss Dorothy McMillan,** expects to go east shortly and may join her parents in a visit to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Shaw, 1820 Andreo, with their daughter **Dorothy Lillian** and her fiance **Stanley McKinley** spent the past week-end at Big Bear. This week the Shaws are moving to their just - completed home at 1422 Amapola.

Mrs. Stevenson and daughters Amy, Phyllis and Faith, who have been guests at the **Harry M. Lawver** home, 2212 Gramercy, for a week, have started on their homeward journey to Salt Lake City. They will visit the fair at San Francisco on their way.

Banning Student Observes Hospital

Because he hopes to become a physician and surgeon, Joe Goodall, Banning high school student from Wilmington, donned a smock and spent a busy morning yesterday observing hospital practice at Torrance Memorial hospital. Physicians, nurses and attendants found him most attentive to all information during his stay.

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