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Pastel Blue Buses Due On Local Routes

A recommendation that six new 33-passenger buses be pastel blue on the exterior and have seats of monarch blue and turquoise will be received March 19 by the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District.

A committee selected those colors Wednesday in a two-hour meeting at the DeLaveaga Clubhouse.

Other items discussed centered around possible programs of publicizing new routes and buses, which are expected to arrive this summer.

The buses will be purchased with the assistance of a \$280,000 matching grant which the U.S. Department of Transportation approved last summer. The fed-

eral government issued a grant for two-thirds of that amount, and the district is responsible for the balance.

Robert Scott, secretary for the district, was enthusiastic that the district will be expanding its routes April 1, and getting its buses in a time when a movement has been made to have people ride on mass transit systems.

The committee felt that having bus route cards that could be more easily understood, and posting signs stating when buses will be stopping at places such as mobile home parks, were good ideas to let area residents become more familiar with service offered by the district.

The district board last week voted unanimously to expand April 1 the Hospital route to include Soquel, and the Capitola route to serve Pleasure Point and the 38th Avenue sector.

With the new routes, directors noted bus service will be at the corner of 41st Avenue and Capitola Road every half hour, instead of hourly.

Valley Players Slate Auditions

The Valley Players will hold auditions Saturday and Sunday from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at Boulder Creek Recreation Pavilion for roles in a planned production of "Inherit the Wind," a courtroom drama based on the Scopes "Monkey Trial."

Persons wanting additional information are asked to telephone 338-6398 or 338-6439.

Toastmasters' Best Speaker

Dennis Kehoe was named best speaker at the recent meeting of Downtown Toastmasters 1803. John Wallace was best evaluator and guest John Peirson was best at table topics.

"Should we do away with cemetery burials" will be the topic of the speeches Thursday at 7 a.m. at Sambo's Restaurant on Ocean Street.