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Rap Sessions Start Again

The second round of rap sessions for operations personnel at the Divisions began recently with an opening rap session at Division 3-10.

The session began with opening remarks by Manager of Operations George W. Heinle, who gave a brief resume of District projects and future plans.

The meeting was then opened to Division 3-10 operators and maintenance personnel who spent the next two hours asking questions of the staff members present, including James Oliver, Deputy Administrator, Operational Systems; John

Walsh, General Superintendent of Transportation; Ed Edmondson, Transportation Manager at Division 3-10; Jack Gerhardt, Project Development Administrator; George Powell, General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; and Bob Clenard, Maintenance Manager at Division 3-10.

Future meetings will be scheduled twice a month. Operators are urged to watch the bulletin boards at their work locations for the announcement of when the rap session will be held at their Division, and to have their questions ready.



Division 3-10 operators and maintenance personnel hear answers from management at the employee rap session.

Legislation Vital To RTD Pending In Sacramento

At its regular meeting March 17, the RTD Board of Directors received a progress report from the General Manager on legislation pending in Sacramento that could affect the District in the months to come. Mr. Gilstrap pointed particularly to two Assembly bills of immediate interest to employees of the District.

AB 1246, authored by Assemblyman Walter Ingalls from Riverside, proposes to create county transportation committees in Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles counties to exercise broad authority over transportation activities in their regions. The District supported many of the concepts in this legislature but strongly opposed certain provisions which would reduce the funds available to RTD for operations. One such provision would allocate 1 3/4% of the funds available from sales tax revenue for transportation to planning activities by those commissions. More importantly to the District, the bill would guarantee a minimum allocation from the sales tax revenue for municipal transportation operations other than SCR-TD operations. This will have the effect of

limiting the money available from the fund to the District to a maximum percentage instead of an allocation based on miles driven. It is estimated that this bill could result in the loss to the District of approximately \$5 million in the next year, equivalent to a reduction of 100 buses and 200 operating and maintenance jobs.

Even though this bill was opposed by the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, the SCR-TD Board of Directors, and the League of California Cities, it has been cleared by a key committee and is considered likely for passage, perhaps in a matter of days.

AB 2770 to put Supervisor Baxter Ward's rapid transit program on the ballot has encountered delays and has now been held in committee. Many observers doubt that this bill will be acted upon in time to be effective for a ballot in June. However, at publication time the SCR-TD Board is considering a June election on rapid transit based upon its present authority. This approach would not depend upon additional legislation.

Santa Monica Preferential Bus Lane Project Begins

On March 15, District buses were seen for the first time traveling down an exclusive lane on the Santa Monica freeway as part of the Santa Monica Freeway Diamond Lane Express project.

The project, administered by the California Department of Transportation and funded by a grant from the federal government reserves the inside or fast lane for use of high-occupancy vehicles including buses, carpools and vans.

The inside lane will be reserved from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday in both directions over the 12-mile stretch between Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica and the Harbor Freeway in downtown Los Angeles.

"This project, which is the first of its kind in the nation, is designed to increase the people-moving capacity of the freeway by creating incentives for high-occupancy vehicle use," said Robert J. Datel, director of CALTRANS' Los Angeles area operation. "Carrying more people in fewer cars means less energy consumption and improved air quality as well as reduced traffic congestion for the many freeway users who cannot carpool or take a bus." The bus lane is another in a series of projects by CALTRANS' to favor high-occupancy vehicles on L.A. County freeways.

Datel said the project includes special onramp metering; priority onramp treatment for buses and carpools; and a comprehensive network of feeder and express bus routes serving commuters who travel between the Westside and Los Angeles.

CALTRANS will establish and maintain the preferential freeway lane. The Califor-

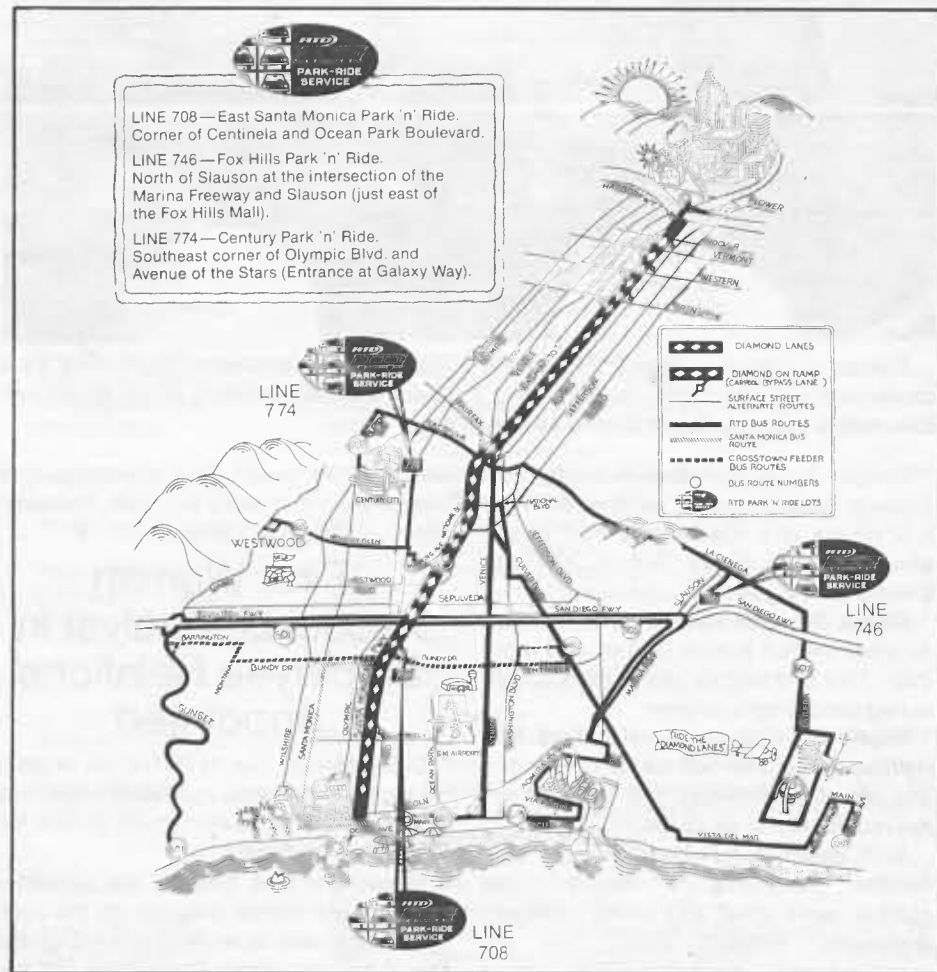
nia Highway Patrol will enforce use of the special bus-carpool lane and assure safe operation of the rest of the freeway. Other agencies participating in the project are Commuter Computer and Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines.

Carpools with two or more passengers will be able to utilize priority onramps at several locations along the freeway to bypass the single-occupant vehicles lined up at ramp meters. The westbound priority onramps include Hoover Street, Vermont Avenue, Western Avenue, Crenshaw Boulevard and Fairfax Avenue. Eastbound priority ramps include Cloverfield Boulevard, Bundy Drive, Manning Avenue, Venice Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, Western Avenue and Vermont. The Flower Street onramp to the northbound Harbor Freeway near Adams which leads directly into the westbound Diamond lane has been reopened, but only carpools and buses will use it.

As part of the Santa Monica Project, three RTD park/ride lots have been established. Santa Monica Park/Ride, Line 708, will operate out of a parking lot on the corner of Centinela Avenue and Ocean Park Boulevard.

Fox Hills Park/Ride Line 746, will operate out of a parking lot on the south side of Slauson Avenue just east of the end of the Marina Freeway.

Century City Park/Ride, Line 774, will operate out of a parking lot on the corner of Avenue of the Stars and Galaxy Way just one block south of Olympic Boulevard. Mid-day service will also be provided every hour in both directions between the



park/ride lot and downtown Los Angeles on Line 774.

RTD has also added 7 new lines for Freeway Express bus service. The new services means an increase of 50 buses, which will operate out of Divisions 4, 6 and 7.

District Awarded Grant To Buy Articulated Buses

The District has received a multi-million dollar grant from the federal government to help purchase 30 articulated buses. The \$5,277,200 grant was awarded RTD by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

All the buses to be purchased under this grant will contain the presently available package of amenities to facilitate use by the elderly and handicapped persons. These include entranceway grab rails and stanchions, lighted stepwells and non-skid flooring.

The grant will also be used for the acquisition of land, the construction of a new transportation building, improvement of maintenance facilities and employee parking at Division 5.

"By assisting the cities to provide public transportation systems, the federal government is able to contribute to the mobility of all our cities' citizens," said William Coleman, Jr., Secretary of Department of Transportation. "Improving urban mass transportation is a top priority for the federal government."

Division 15 Remodeled

Division 15 is busier than usual these days. In addition to the normal activity of keeping a fleet of 163 buses rolling, several refurbishing projects are underway to put the finishing touches on the District's second newest division.

At the transportation building, the trainroom is being expanded and enlarged,

and out in the yard, a drain pipe is being installed. The Division yard is also being reasphalted. The two yard projects are being done by the District's own building and grounds section.

All this activity was very evident when Headway's roving reporter visited the division recently.



Division 15 operator Frederick Ostrowski looks out at what will be the new operators trainroom next to the manager's office, which will also be expanded. At right is Division 15 manager Bernard Geist.

Two Operators Represent District Drivers In Career Day



Division 2 operators Bessie English and Roberto Franco discussed bus driving as a career with a group of youngsters during a Career Day held recently at the Miramonte Elementary School in South Central Los Angeles.

Division 2 operators Bessie English and Roberto Franco recently represented RTD bus drivers at a Career Day held at the Miramonte Elementary School in South Central Los Angeles.

Career Day was sponsored by the Los Angeles Unified School District, and more than 120 professions were represented during the day-long session.

Bessie and Roberto met with about 120 children during their half-day at the school. The operators explained their jobs and answered questions about the RTD.

Both Bessie and Roberto enjoyed their session. According to Bessie, "The children were smart and asked intelligent questions." Roberto added that the questions were "interesting". The children asked how operators handled difficult situations and vandalism aboard buses, and were aware of some of the problems of drivers. They also asked about how much money operators make.

The children also wanted to know why Bessie became a bus driver. She explained that she first became an operator about a year ago "out of the necessity to get a job," but says that, "Now, my job has become a challenge. I learned a lot of patience and tolerance during this past year. It's been a rewarding job both financially and personally."

Both Bessie and Roberto are parents. Bessie, who lives in the Crenshaw District of Los Angeles, has two children and Roberto, a resident of La Puente, has four children.

Roberto said that he thinks its a great

idea to have career days in schools and Bessie added, "I really love kids, because when you talk they'll listen to you." •

First Woman Associate Analyst In Employee Relations Appointed

Diane Moran, one of RTD's six original management trainees, has become the first woman associate administrative analyst for Employee Relations.

Diane, who had been in the District's management trainee program for the past 18 months, also recently graduated at the top of her class from Pepperdine University's master degree program in public administration. She earned her degree under the RTD's Tuition Reimbursement Program.

In her new position, Diane will be responsible for researching, analyzing and formulating management studies in the labor relations area. Previously, as a management trainee, Diane participated in the training programs in six departments within the District including the Administration, Maintenance and Equipment, and Transportation Departments, learning many phases of RTD operations.

Diane, a native of California, attended Compton Senior High School and holds a dual bachelor's degree in business administration and education from Cal State L.A. She resides in the Wilshire District of Los Angeles. •



Ron Foss, (left), Henry Crossland, (center), and Jose Gomez, (right), all maintainers "A's", work as a team to cut a trench for a water culvert in the Division 15 yard.



Walter Brown, a laborer "A", keeps a watchful eye on the asphalt process from a flat bed compressor truck.

Bills And Buses: What It's All About

By Francene Avanzino
Secretary II, Administration

Bills, laws and codes: without such legislation and regulations, RTD would find it hard to function. As a mass transit agency serving over 900,000,000 passengers annually, the District is intensely involved with any legislation that effects its passengers and operators. With this year's legislative session in full swing since January 5, RTD is keeping a close watch over any transit-related bills up for vote in Sacramento.

Ray Harris, state liaison in the Administration Department, and Chuck Olsen, legislative advocate in Sacramento, have the job of keeping a constant flow of up-to-date information between the State Capitol and the District. Ray and Chuck present RTD's position relating to many key issues to committees at both the State Assembly and Senate level in Sacramento.

How does a bill become a law?

According to Ray, "Mass-transit legislation is, sometimes, initiated right here at the RTD. It's a team effort with a lot of interdepartmental cooperation."

In composing the bill's language, many departments work together.

After the language is approved by the General Manager, the goal is to get the bill onto the Senate or Assembly floor. To do this, the District must find an author (Senator or Assemblyman) who will support the bill and carry it through the legislative process.

The bill is presented by the author to the clerk of the Assembly or Senate. The bill receives a number and is then assigned to a committee. The committee may postpone, amend, reject or pass the bill. Passage at this level, however, is only the first step in the entire legislative go-round. Ray explains, "Second and third readings are initiated, amendments are adopted and reprinted bills are circulated. Final vote is taken by roll call, and it takes a majority vote of 41 in the Assembly and 21 in the Senate before a bill will even be considered for signature by the Governor."

An example of a successfully passed bill is Assembly Bill 1078 which was signed into law last year. The bill permits buses to be equipped with a system of flashing, hidden alarm lights. Harris explains that, "the operator presses a hidden switch to activate the system if he senses immediate or pending danger. The flashing light can be seen only outside the bus. We feel that in introducing this concept of flasher lights, the District stands out as a leader in the move to protect both passengers and operators."

One bill that has already passed into law this year is Assembly Bill 2361, authored by Assemblyman Frank Vicencia. AB 2361 is primarily concerned with RTD's most transit-dependent riders: the elderly and handicapped. The bill allows for an extension of the current 40-foot bus length by providing for an energy absorbing bumper and an extended door for the installation of a mechanical wheelchair platform. This bill passed committees at both the Senate and Assembly levels and was enrolled to the Governor on February 3, 1976. According to Ray, "The operations Department was instrumental in effecting the bill by furnishing information and vital statistics regarding practical bus operations."



Diane Moran

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District Blood Drive Set

On Monday, March 29, a Red Cross Bloodmobile will be set up on the fourth floor of Headquarters Building at 425 So. Main from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and employees are urged to take this opportunity to contribute to the Drive by donating a pint of their blood.

The demand for blood by District employees and their families continues. A large portion of the increased demand is due to use of sophisticated surgical procedures such as open heart surgery, and for treatment of leukemia and hemophiliac patients. A single incident could require 20 to 40 pints of whole blood. However, donors are reminded that they and their immediate families

have an unlimited source of free blood through the use of the District's blood bank.

The District sincerely appreciates those 128 employees who participated in the blood drive last August and those employees who will be donating later this month. Remember, your gift could be the gift of life for a fellow employee or a member of his immediate family.

Department coordinators have been appointed to assist in processing donor appointments on the drive date, and minimal transportation may be available from outlying locations to Headquarters by contacting Bill Kendall, Personnel (Ext. 6412).●

Recreation Advisory Council Holds First Meeting



The members of the Recreation Advisory Council listen intently to the opening remarks from Mike Pearce, recreation program coordinator, and Bill Weimer, special projects manager, at the first Advisory Council Meeting held last month at the Headquarters building. The Council then discussed its role and upcoming projects and events.



A FOND FAREWELL—During their last days in the old transit building at 1060 So. Broadway, the Department of Customer Relations and the Telephone Information Department gave a "farewell" party to the old transit headquarters before moving into their new quarters at 425 So. Main.

For the celebration, the members of the Telephone Information Department chipped in for an informal potluck luncheon buffet, which was held in the employee lounge on the 7th floor. The poster on the wall was created by information operator Ricki Fehr.

DID YOU KNOW

- You can catch a bus, one of 2,350, at any of 28,000 stops in the RTD four-county service area.
- You can then travel to 185 communities on the District's 3,800 one-way route miles.
- One million people board an RTD bus daily; or 300,000,000 times over the course of a year.
- RTD's 4,300 bus drivers are backed by 1,000 mechanics, 500 clerks, and 800 administrative personnel.
- The RTD information switchboard, except for Pacific Telephone, is the largest in Los Angeles and answers questions from more than 10,000 callers each day.

Moving Up

Name	Div/Dept.	From/To	Date
Adams, George H.	3209	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/28/76
Adams, John I.	3299	Rel. Division Dispatcher To Div. Dispatcher Extra Asst. Div. Trans. Manager	2/29/76
Amos, Alan R.	7100	Cash Clerk/Payroll Clerk To Cash Clerk	2/22/76
Bables Jr., Walter	3205	Division Dispatcher To Division Dispatcher Extra Asst. Division Trans. Manager	2/29/76
Bierce, Donald F.	3297	Operator-Extra Instructor of Vehicle Operations To Instructor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Contarino, A. J.	3500	Schedule Checker To Schedule Analyst	2/16/76
Crawford, Philmore	3201	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/22/76
Criss, Lee R.	3296	Operator-Extra Supervisor of Vehicle Operations To Supervisor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Davis, Howard R.	3215	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/21/76
Davis, Laverne	5000	Mail and Duplicating Clerk To Information Clerk	2/29/76
DeForest, Ronald G.	3312	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	2/29/76
Dellosa, William N.	3309	Relief Mopper/Waxer To Mopper/Waxer	2/24/76
Delfin, Peter P.	3306	Utility "B" To Mechanic "C"	2/23/76
Diaz, Jesse J.	3297	Operator-Extra Instructor of Vehicle Operations To Instructor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Dorsett, Lee A.	3296	Operator-Extra Supervisor of Vehicle Operations To Supervisor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Douglas, Leslie F.	3296	Operator-Extra Supervisor of Vehicle Operations To Supervisor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Enright, Ronald D.	3215	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/29/76
Farley, Jack P.	3299	Rel. Division Dispatcher To Relief Assistant Div. Trans. Manager	2/29/76
Grady Jr., Robert	3205	Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher To Division Dispatcher	2/29/76
Greer, Robert L.	3204	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/20/76
Hamilton, Vanessa J.	7100	Temporary Payroll Clerk To Cash Clerk	2/22/76
Harris Jr., Lon	3203	Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher To Division Dispatcher	2/29/76
Harrison, William	3212	Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher To Division Dispatcher	2/29/76
Hillmer, John A.	3500	Operator To Schedule Analyst	2/15/76
Hulbert, Warren E.	3334	Property Maintainer "B" To Property Maintainer "A"	2/22/76
Imhof, Karen L.	3500	Temporary Schedule Typist To Schedule Typist	2/29/76
Johnson, Laurence L.	3209	Div. Dispatcher/Extra Asst. Division Trans. Manager To Assistant Division Trans. Manager	2/29/76
Larson, Gary B.	3306	Mechanic "B" Relief Leadman To Mechanic "A" Leadman	2/29/76
Lozano, Daniel B.	9500	Mopper-Waxer To Drafting Technician Aide	3/1/76
Lucas, Konstantine M.	3202	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/23/76
Martin, Donald R.	3312	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	2/29/76
Markles, John F.	3334	Laborer "A" To Property Maintainer "B"	2/29/76
McDonald, Charles J.	3202	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	3/1/76
Merkle, Dan J.	3500	Operator To Schedule Analyst	2/15/76
Mladinich, Philip C.	3218	Operator To Operator-Extra Special Agent	3/1/76
Mitchell, Warren L.	3203	Operator To Operator-Extra Special Agent	3/1/76
Modell, Irving	3208	Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher To Division Dispatcher	2/29/76
Moran, Diane E.	6100	Management Trainee To Assoc. Administrative Analyst	3/1/76
Mueller, Karl H.	3207	Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher To Division Dispatcher	2/29/76
Pelaez, Richard	3209	Operator To Operator-Extra Special Agent	3/1/76
Peterson Jr., Harold E.	3312	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	2/29/76
Richemont, Ethel H.	5000	Information Clerk To Mail and Duplicating Clerk	2/29/76
Romo, Jose G.	3297	Operator-Extra Instructor of Vehicle Operations To Instructor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Sauls Jr., Henry	3202	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/27/76
Shaw, Floyd D.	3215	Operator To Operator-Extra Special Agent	3/1/76
Smith, Alvin L.	3297	Operator-Extra Instructor of Vehicle Operations To Instructor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Storey, Jack E.	3203	Relief Assistant Div. Trans. Manager To Assistant Division Trans. Manager	2/29/76
Swann, Thomas F.	6100	Admin. Analyst To Associate Admin. Analyst	3/1/76
Thomas, Isaac F.	3297	Operator-Extra Instructor of Vehicle Operations To Instructor of Vehicle Operations	2/29/76
Wert, Michael	3209	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/26/76
Woodard, Herbert B.	3204	Operator To Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher	2/25/76

Retired

Name	Div./Dept.	Classification	Began	Retired
Fulkman, Marie	5000	Information Clerk	8/17/56	2/17/76
Lemmer, William Henry	3209	Operator	10/7/53	2/14/76

In Memoriam

Name	Classification	Deceased
Bland, John Morton	Mechanic "A" 3314 (Ret)	2/17/76
Eamigh, Homer G.	Former Operator 3204 (Ret)	2/14/76
Pont, Ernest W.	Former Operator 3210 (Ret)	3/1/76
Russell, James M.	Former Chief Ticket Clerk 3216 (Ret)	2/24/76
Windsor, William H.	Former MCL Operator (Ret)	2/23/76

Divisions 8 & 15 Plan Golf Tournament

Divisions 8 and 15 will hold their third annual golf tournament on Sunday, April 4, at the Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills.

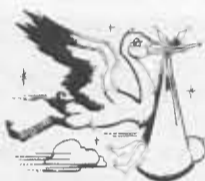
The event is being organized by Division 8 Operators Robert Kiley and Richard Baker, and is open to operators from Divisions 15 and 8.

Wedding Bells



Norma L. Vester, schedule clerk, married Chester Hinrichsen on Saturday, February 14, in an afternoon ceremony in Las Vegas. The newlyweds will reside in Baldwin Park.

New Arrivals



Division 8 operator Dennis D. McCain and wife, Carolyn, announce the birth of David Dwane McCain, born October 27. David weighed 7 lbs., 4 ozs. David's grandfather is Ronnie Neill of Division 15, and David also has a sister, Julie Janeane, 2½ years old. The McCain family lives in Simi Valley.

Division 8 Operator Ray Hubbard and his wife, Connie, have a new addition to their family: Carrie Jean, born January 31 weighing 8 lbs., 9 ozs. Carrie Jean is the second child for the Hubbards: son Jamie is 2½ years old. The Hubbard family makes their home in Canoga Park.

Legislative Update

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A legislative session consists of two full years, with each year encompassing two calendar sessions. At the end of these calendar sessions a bill becomes a law or receives action, either negative or positive. Currently, the District is beginning the first calendar session of the second half of the 1975-76 legislative session. The outcome of this session's legislative activities, its effect upon the District, its passengers and its employees could be seen by the end of June, and definitely by the end of this year.

Happy Anniversary



Division 3 operator James Lenaris and his wife, Gloria, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 13.

Lenaris, who has been with RTD since 1968, and his wife reside in Los Angeles.

Millard R. Shobe and his wife, Golda, celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary on February 9.

Millard, formerly with the L.A. Motor Coach, transferred to the Pacific Electric in 1949 and then became an operator with the Metropolitan Coach lines in 1952. He retired in 1957.

The Shobes, who live in Yucca Valley up in the high desert, send greetings to their old friends.

Division 2 operator James W. Higgins and his wife, Margaret, will celebrate four years of wedded bliss on March 26 and exactly two weeks before that, they will also celebrate the first birthday of James W. Higgins, Jr.

The Higgins reside in Inglewood.

Mervin Hunt, known as "Merv" around Division 9, and his wife, Ina, observed their 5th wedding anniversary on March 9.

Merv also marked 10 years with the company last December and writes, "I will be remembered at Division 2, 10, 3, 7, 4, and 8—in that order."

The Hunts recently bought a home in Temple City and Merv says that now they intend to stay put.

Division 9 operator Giovanni J. Agudello and his wife, Maria, celebrated 10 years of marriage on March 5.

The Agudellos reside in Temple City, and Giovanni writes that they have "three beautiful children."

Operator Pippen Installed In Lodge Post

Division 9 operator Emmitt Lee Pippen was recently installed as worshipful master of the Silvermoon Masonic Lodge 105 in Pasadena.

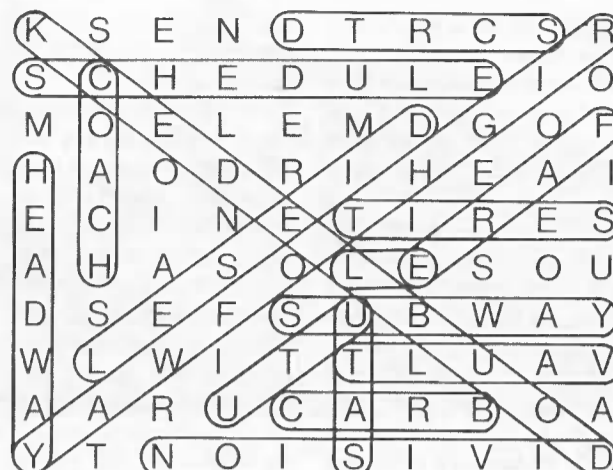
Pippen has been an operator since 1968 and in addition is also associated with the Pomona Valley Board of Realtors.

Pippen and his wife reside in Pomona.

In Service

Pvt. Samuel J. Hess, son of Maria and Emory Hess, has completed Army basic training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey and is now in Transportation Training School. Upon completion of school, he will go to Ft. Benning, Georgia, to Jump School for assignment in the Transportation Arm of the Paratroopers. Emory ("Red") is a ticket clerk at the Convention Center and Maria works in building maintenance.

Answer To RTD Word Puzzle



RTD Day At Busch Gardens Planned

RTD's Employee Recreation Program needs a show of hands for a proposed RTD Day at Busch Gardens to be held this September during the Octoberfest. To make sure that we can reserve the dates, we must know now how many of you plan to attend with your families.

If you and your family are interested in going, please fill out the coupon below and send it in as soon as possible so that we can know how many employees and their families we can expect.

If we can get a total of 1,000 people, Busch Gardens will be reserved exclusively for the District as RTD Day during September 25 and 26 (Saturday and Sunday). Tickets purchased will be good for either day.

The Octoberfest features special music, entertainment, and regular bird shows, boat rides,—and Busch samples.

Send this coupon in today.

To Bill Weimer, 6th Floor, 425 South Main Street

Name _____ Badge No. _____
 Location _____ No. of adults _____
 No of children _____

Note: Do not send money. Tickets will be on sale in July and August at \$3.75 for adults and \$2.75 for children.



THE WHOLE GANG TURNED OUT FOR THIS ONE

Employees from both the Administration and Community/Government Affairs Departments celebrated a double birthday party in honor of Marta Espantman, community relations representative and Arthur Leahy, assistant administrative analyst. The party was held in the employee cafeteria on Friday morning, February 27. It was quite a job just trying to get everyone assembled, but Rona Nassar, secretary II, coordinated the activities and everything went smoothly. A delicious cake was served and presents were opened. Marta received perfume, and Art received a decorative digital thermometer. From left to right the group includes: Evelyn Frizelle, management trainee; Gloria Rivas, secretary II in Community Relations; Marvin Parker, community relations representative; Carol Sprague, associate administrative analyst; Marvey Chapman, community relations representative II; Carol Taylor (in back of Marvey), community relations representative; Rona Nassar, secretary II in Community Relations; Omar Hinkle, grant coordinator, (in back of Rona); the birthday people; Art, Marta (seated), Ray Turpin, staff asst., (next to Omar); Joe Zayas, (in back of Marta), asst. grant coordinator; Pat Coble, staff assistant; Mildred Henderson, community relations representative and Sam Olivito, coordinator and head of the Community Relations Department. (Photo and story by Francene Avanzino.)

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