



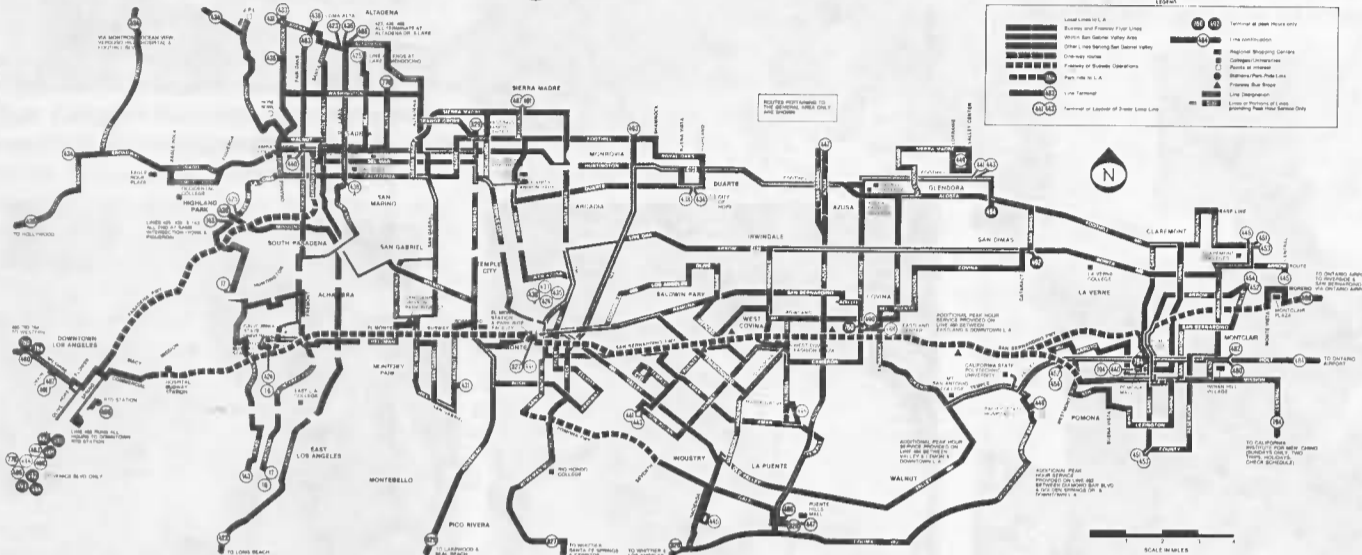
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Southern California Rapid Transit District

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San Gabriel Valley Service Improvement Program Set To Go



Public transportation in the San Gabriel Valley will be dramatically upgraded when the San Gabriel Valley Transportation Improvement Service goes into effect on Sunday, April 11.

The new service will bring a 70 percent increase in RTD service to the area. Fifty buses will be added to bring to 358 the number of buses serving the area and virtually every major street in the 28-city area of the San Gabriel Valley will have bus service. Service will extend north to Altadena and south to Hacienda Heights, east to Montclair/Ontario and west into downtown Los Angeles.

FIRST-TIME SERVICE FOR SEVERAL COMMUNITIES

The service improvement program will bring week-day service in the West San

Gabriel Valley to the level of that of the South-Central and the San Fernando Valley grids, with service generally being provided every 20 minutes.

In the east San Gabriel Valley, there will be service at least every 30 minutes, and all lines will run on Sunday with no greater than 60-minute intervals. In addition, several communities will be getting service for the first time, including Irwindale, portions of Hacienda Heights, Diamond Bar and Claremont.

Among the improvements will be an increase in commuter services. El Monte Busway commuter lines will increase from 9 to 14 and four lines will operate on the Busway all day including two Lines, 480 and 484, which will run from 5:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The new service will also make it easier for residents of the San Gabriel Valley to travel to Los Angeles, Long Beach and Riverside Counties. For example, Line 436 will go from Pasadena to Hollywood; Line 423 will go from Pasadena to Long Beach; and Line 496 from San Bernardino to Los Angeles via Riverside, Ontario Airport and Montclair Plaza.

Service will be improved on the Del Mar Ramp and Line 487 will operate seven days a week between 6 a.m. and midnight. Also, Lines 483 and 485 will use the Long Beach Ramp for the first time, providing access to Cal State L.A. from Alhambra, South Pasadena, Pasadena and Altadena.

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Recreation News

Your Employee Recreation Staff, in cooperation with the new Advisory Council, has many new activities coming up in the next few months, so many in fact, that a calendar seems in order, so we've included one in this issue.

Speaking of your Advisory Council, these men and women are dedicated to helping develop the best recreation program possible, but they need your help. Many of the activities, such as softball teams, need people to direct or manage, while others need participants. Whichever the case, they are willing to work with you if you will work with them.

One of the decisions reached by your Advisory Council was to form a fast pitch softball league as quickly as possible. Even before this issue of Headway reaches you, your local Council member, hopefully, will have recruited a team and a team manager from your division and we will have had our first managers' meeting. The staff will then work with the City of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department or perhaps some independent playing fields to establish a league schedule. When this is complete, the game schedule will be printed in Headway.

You may have noticed a signup sheet at your work location for all persons interested in music. We are anxious to develop an orchestra and a choral group to begin practice as soon as the new music room located in the old Gas Company building at our El Monte complex is complete. If you play an instrument or sing, we need you.

Plan to attend the dominos tournament finals scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 24, in the Cafeteria of the new Headquarters Building. Teams from each division, South Park and the Headquarters Building will be competing for the top trophy. Limited parking will be available in the Headquarters Building garage starting at 9 a.m. •

Reducing Vandalism Goal of 'Operation Ride-Along'

A cooperative effort between the Los Angeles Police Department and the District has helped bring about a reduction in the number of disturbances aboard RTD buses. Dubbed 'Operation Ride-Along,' the program is credited with helping reduce the number of incidents aboard buses.

As part of the program, undercover LAPD officers ride buses at random to monitor conditions on board the bus, and a black and white patrol car trails the bus. If necessary, the plain-clothes officer can radio to the patrol unit to close in for an arrest.

The District recorded 13 incidents aboard its 2,450-bus fleet in January, seven less than occurred in January of 1975. "That reduction is particularly impressive in light of the fact that we operated 1.2 million more miles in January 1976 than we did in 1975," said Byron E. Cook, RTD president. "In January of '76, we ran 8,048,537 miles and in January of '75, we ran 6,718,949 miles. Due to our tremendous expansion program, we have added over 1,000 one-way route miles during this year, bringing the January 1976 total to more than 3,700."

According to General Manager Jack R. Gilstrap, "Security problems occur at *(continued on Page 3)*

Six More Complete Mechanical Training Program



Standing with their certificates of completion in the front row are, from left to right: Floyd Hockless, Division 1; Melvin Levine, Division 9; Ruben R. Nunez, Division 15; Vernon L. Simmons, Division 9; Manuel S. Rodriguez, Division 2 and Gabriel C. Chagoya, Division 1.

In the back row also are, from left to right: Earl Zwieble, Assistant to General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; George W. Heinle, Manager of Operations; Earl Morey, Equipment Foreman I, (Earl was the instructor for the classroom portion of the training program); George Powell, General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment; Dan Collins, ATU Secretary, and Jerry Long, ATU President.

The most recent graduates of RTD's Mechanical Training Program were honored and presented with certificates of achievement at graduation ceremonies held in the 6th floor conference room at the Transit Building.

As part of their training, the men completed a 10-month training program which included 22 weeks of off-duty class room

work and 16 weeks of on-the-job training while working as full time Utility "A's" at the District.

To be eligible for the program, the applicants must have worked in a Utility "A" position for at least three years, have a good performance and attendance record and must pass a special aptitude test. •

RECREATION PROGRAM CALENDAR

- APRIL 1 — Organization of Softball league.
- APRIL 1 — Organization of Music Department.
- APRIL 24 — Dominos Tournament Finals
- MAY 30 — UTU Golf Tournament
- JUNE 12 — Employee Family Picnic/ Summer Olympics
- JUNE (Date Open) — Organization of Fall Bowling league.
- JUNE 13 — Dodger Baseball for RTD.
- JUNE (Date Open) — "The Wiz" a musical at Ahmanson Theatre.
- JULY (Date Open) — RTD Day at Knotts Berry Farm.
- JULY 23 — Circus at the Forum.
- AUGUST (Date Open) — "The Chorus Line" Musical at Shubert Theatre.
- AUGUST (Date Open) — Headquarters building open house.
- AUGUST (Date Open) — "Can Can" musical at Music Center.
- AUGUST (Date Open) — Bus Rodeo
- SEPTEMBER 19 — RTD Golf Tournament.
- SEPTEMBER (Date Open) — Ice Follies
- SEPTEMBER 25-26 — RTD Day at Busch Gardens.

Telephone Information Department Makes the Move

The month of March found the District Telephone Operations Department settled into their new headquarters on the fourth floor at 425 So. Main, and busy as usual taking calls at the new Los Angeles area bus information number: 626-4455.

The move was made gradually during the last weeks of February in order not to disturb District telephone information operations. The first phone call to the new number was taken a little after 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27, and that same day, the last call to the old headquarters at 1060 S. Broadway was taken a little before 11 p.m.

The new glass-enclosed quarters on the fourth floor are roomy and well

lighted, with white telephone units and walls and rust carpets. The nine units have four stations each for a total of 36 operator stations. Each station has a roomy work area, giving each clerk more room in which to work.

Barbara Hagen, Chief of Telephone Operations, admits that the move was hectic. "We had to train the operators on the new equipment in addition to moving and getting set up while trying at the same time not to disrupt service." Barbara also adds that the information operators were really cooperative in helping make the move. "They're all pleased with their new surroundings," she adds. •



The new quarters of the telephone information department are spacious and well lighted. The walls and telephone units are white, and the carpet is rust. In the foreground is Rita Zwirlein, Centrex operator.



A close up view of each of the stations shows information operators Alvin Oldham, left, and Ron Dodson, center, at their stations. The lady in white is supervisor Rose Mays. At far right is information operator Carmen Trautman.



Information operator Robert Sanders takes the first call at the information department's new number at 425 So. Main Street a little after 2:30 p.m. on Friday, February 27.



Information operator Linda McVey likes the fact that "there is more leg room and you don't feel as cramped. It's much quieter, yet it's friendlier because you can see the people you're working with."

Division Stenos Visit 425 So. Main



The District stenographers, who work in RTD's far-flung divisions, recently came to Transit Headquarters at 425 So. Main to attend a personal safety "Lady Beware" seminar presented by the LAPD and to get a first-hand look at the new headquarters.

Among the stenos at Transit Headquarters that day were, left to right: Wanda Schmidt, Division 4-5; Ruth Prock, relief steno; Virginia Fees, Division 12; and Patricia Keck, Division 6. The four ladies got a guided tour of all six floors and had a chance to visit with their good friend, Allan Styffe, center, Operations staff analyst, who got to know the ladies when he worked as a relief division manager.

Service Improvement

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Service to colleges and universities and shopping centers will also be greatly improved.

For example, Mt. San Antonio College will be served directly for the first time from the Covina-West Covina area; three lines will go to the Claremont colleges to dramatically improve service to those colleges; and there will be all-day service to Cal Poly and Pomona. Pasadena City College will also be served for the first time directly from the Arcadia and Temple City areas. West Covina Fashion Plaza, Eastland Shopping Center, Santa Anita Fashion Park and Puente Hills Mall will also get increased service. New service will also be provided to Montclair Plaza in San Bernardino County.

To make it easier for patrons to use the system, all the bus lines in the Valley will be numbered in the 400 series. Lines 480-496 will be busway or freeway flyer lines and local lines will be numbered from 420 to 454. Even-numbered lines will run east and west, while the odd-numbered lines will run north and south.

In keeping with RTD's fare structure, the San Gabriel Valley will be divided into two bus zones. Within the Valley, however, a 25¢ fare will apply to local trips. Zone 2 is east of Walnut Grove Road in Rosemead. From zone 2, the fare is 50¢ to downtown Los Angeles.

Operators are urged to familiarize themselves with the new routes so that they will be able to answer questions from the public and help our patrons in using the new system. •

Two Division Correspondents for Headway

Headway is pleased to announce that two operators have agreed to act as their division correspondents for Headway.

Operators Wayne R. Woods of Division 15 and Tony Guskos of Division 8 have volunteered to help keep their divisions in the news by keeping in touch with Headway about what's happening at their divisions.

Operators or maintenance personnel at the other divisions, who might be interested in helping Headway are urged to drop a line to Headway, 6th floor, 425 So.

Main St., L.A., CA 90013. •

Auto Club Sells RTD Bus Passes

RTD's monthly bus passes are now being sold at 39 offices of the Southern California Auto Club in the Los Angeles County.

The offices are selling both the \$18 two-zone pass; the \$10 monthly pass and the \$4 monthly pass good for senior citizens and handicapped persons. •



First Hand Look —

A group of 10th graders got a chance to see another side of the RTD when they visited the District as part of Career Expo '76. The District is participating in Career Expo, sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and Los Angeles United School District, which is intended to expose teenagers to options in professional careers.

Included in the program was a visit to Division 9 and tours of the administration, accounting, operations and engineering departments at Transit Headquarters.

Pete Alatoire, principal administrative analyst in accounting, acted as a guide for the high schoolers when they visited the fiscal and accounting department and saw Choramn Lee, center, accountant, and Nora Gomez, far left, asst. accounting supervisor, in action. The tour was arranged by Fred Thomas, personnel analyst.

Two Employees Praised for Work at District

Michelle Nixon and Jimmy Shorters, Jr., were honored as information operator and operator of the month, respectively, at a recent RTD Board of Directors meeting.

Both employees, who have been with the District only a short time, received their awards from Director Donald Gibbs who said, "It is gratifying to know that our new employees follow the traditions of RTD service to the public. These awards are the District's way of expressing our appreciation."

Michelle, who joined the District in March, 1975, finds her work "interesting" and adds: "I try to deal respectfully with the callers and to use a lot of patience with them when I help them, because, after all, they are the public."

Michelle, who lives in Los Angeles, enjoys going to the beach when not working. She also enjoys working with her fellow information operators. "My co-workers are great. They're easy to get along with and cooperate in their work."

Jimmy, who works out of Division 7, came to the District in April, 1974, and when he won his award had the least seniority of any operator ever chosen for the award.

"My method," he says, "is to greet my



After receiving their awards, Jimmy, third from left, and Michelle, pose with Director Gibbs, far left; Wes McCarns, Division 2 Manager, second from left; and Robert G. Williams, Manager of Customer Relations, at far right.

passengers with an expression of friendliness and concern. I try to treat them the same way I would my family. I also am concerned with maintaining the safe and comfortable operation of my coach."

Jimmy resides in West Los Angeles with his wife, Margaret, and six children: four girls and two boys, ages 9 to 18 years. Off-duty, Jimmy enjoys outings such as picnics and traveling with his family. •

Domino Winners Announced

The results are finally in, and Headway is pleased to announce the Division winners of the District Domino Tournament. The winners are as follows:

Division 1-11: C. D. Williams and F. Tunstall from Operations;

Division 2: Wallace Rayford and Walter Carmier from Operations;

Division 3-10: Oscar Coleman and Sam Rodriguez, Operations;

Division 4-5: Percy Hughley and Jimmie Bennett from Operations;

Division 6: Donald Powell and Jan Huf-faker from Operations;

Division 7: John Hardgrow and Kenneth Farris from Operations;

Division 8: Dale Alshire and Andy Anderson from Operations;

Division 9: Frank El Fattal and Frank Corbo from Operations;

Division 12: Nat Castillo and Al Wise from Operations;

Division 14: Raymond Cobb and H. B. Searcy from Mechanical;

Division 15: George Broughton and Ed-die Bradford from Operations;

Division 18: J. W. Sanders and Herbert Scott from Operations;

Headquarters Building: John Martin and Henry Ross.

The District Dominos Tournament playoffs will be held on Saturday, April 24, at the Headquarters Building, 425 So. Main St. The matches will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in the Employee Cafeteria located on the third floor. •

Golf Tournament Planned

A golf tournament open to all District employees will be sponsored by the United Transportation Union (UTU) and will be held on Sunday, May 30, at the El Rancho Verde Country Club in Rialto.

Tee-off time is 12:00 noon and the entry fee is \$12.50. Trophies and door prizes will be awarded including free refreshments on Hole #15. On all Par 3 holes, the prize will be 1/2-gallon of spirits for the closest to the pin. Each entry will receive a tee prize at tee-off time, and there will also be a prize for the longest drive on Hole #6.

Entrants will have to reserve their own carts by calling (714) 875-5346 and asking for Dave Sorenson or Howie.

Lady golfers are also invited and should get in touch with Roy Perry at Division 5.

According to Roy, entrants are urged to get their entries in early. There will be a guest flight. •



GETTING READY —

Operators Roy Perry, from Division 5, and Wilmer Shumake, from Division 4, practice for the upcoming UTU Golf Tournament which will be held on May 30 at El Rancho Verde Country Club in Rialto.

The tournament is open to all employees of the District.

Moving Up

Name	Div/ Dept.	From/To	Date
Anderson, Taylor	3150	Messenger Clerk To Print Shop Clerk	3/15/76
Bates, Patrick K.	3150	Print Shop Clerk To Multilith Operator	3/15/76
Billingsley, Walter	3150	Mopper/Waxer To Print Shop Clerk	3/15/76
Blaauw, Oocteaf	3302	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	3/21/76
Boehr, Bob E.	7300	Truck Driver Clerk To Shipping Clerk	3/8/76
Bojorquez, Hugo G.	3303	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	3/21/76
Chagoya, Gabriel C.	3301	Utility "A" To Mechanic "C"	3/14/76
Grady Jr., Robert	3299	Operator-Extra Division Dispatcher To Relief Division Dispatcher	2/29/76
Hirth, John R.	3315	Utility "B" To Utility "A"	3/21/76
Hockless, Floyd	3301	Utility "A" To Mechanic "C"	3/14/76
Janowick, Leo M.	7300	Junior Stock Clerk To Truck Driver Clerk	3/8/76
Levine, Melvin	3309	Utility "A" To Mechanic "C"	3/14/76
Link, Wayne	3500	Operator-Extra Schedule Checker To Schedule Checker	3/14/76
McFate, Tracy R.	3150	Information Clerk To Print Shop Clerk	3/15/76
McGlothern, Jerri A.	7300	Key Punch Operator To Junior Price Clerk	3/8/76
Miller, Raymond M.	3150	Mopper/Waxer To Print Shop Clerk	3/15/76
Mutchnik, Carol J.	7100	Typist Clerk To Temporary Payroll Clerk	3/1/76
Nunez, Ruben R.	3315	Utility "A" To Mechanic "C"	3/14/76
Pairis, Dorothy M.	7100	Temporary Junior Invoice Clerk Cash Clerk/Payroll Clerk	3/1/76
Pina, Alfred R.	3150	Print Shop Clerk To Multilith Operator	3/15/76
Quinata, Jose Q.	3318	Utility "B" To Utility "A"	3/21/76
Rodriguez, Manuel S.	3302	Utility "A" To Mechanic "C"	3/14/76
Ryan, Billy	3150	Printer To Assistant Supervisor/ Print Shop	3/15/76
Sachs, Jeffrey M.	7200	Tech. Staff Analyst To Mgr. Sys. & Prog.	3/3/76
Silver, Carolann Y.	7100	Typist Clerk To Temporary Payroll Clerk	3/19/76
Simmons, Vernon L.	3309	Utility "A" To Mechanic "C"	3/14/76
Smith, Lee C.	3150	Information Clerk To Print Shop Clerk	3/15/76
Villacorta, Eugenio L.	3208	Operator To Operator-Extra Special Agent	3/8/76
Wielandt, Frans "JB"	3302	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	3/21/76

Retired

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Began	Retired
Brice, Willie	3201	Operator	6/18/48	3/4/76
Moorhead, William Darwin	3204	Operator	10/2/50	3/9/76

In Memoriam

Name	Classification	Deceased
Bloch, Luis M.	Former Utility "A" 3308 (Ret)	3/11/76
Ehl, James M.	Former Operator 3208 (Ret)	3/4/76
Knight, Charles W.	Former Operator 3209 (Ret)	2/14/76
Senf, Oscar P.	Former Operator 3207 (Ret)	8/14/72
Wayne, Jack M.	Former Operator 3210 (Ret)	3/9/76
Wright, Harold J.	Former Operator 3208 (Ret)	3/7/76

Operation Ride-Along

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every major transit property in the United States, and the incidents in Los Angeles are generally minor compared to those occurring in the nation's largest cities. For the sake of our employees and our 690,000 daily riders, we will continue to do all we can to improve their convenience and safety.

"We are confident that 'Operation Ride-Along' will prove to be a successful deterrent to continued malicious mischief by juveniles aboard RTD buses throughout our four-county service area."

According to Richard Kelso, Chief Special Agent, about 99 percent of the crimes aboard buses are committed by a small group of juveniles. By apprehending these repeaters, the District hopes to cut

District Smoking Guidelines Set

In its effort to be more responsive to the needs of RTD employees, the District has formulated guidelines to accommodate both the smokers and non-smokers among District personnel.

For example, persons presiding at meetings should designate the smoking and non-smoking areas in the meeting room, and certain tables in the employees' cafeteria at Transit Headquarters are now designated for non-smokers.

In order to help make the new regulations easy to follow, employees can display "Thank you for not smoking" signs in their immediate work locations. The signs may be obtained from the Personnel Department by calling ext. 6198.

The cooperation of all employees in respecting the desires of their co-workers is urged to assist in making these guidelines work. •

RTD Classifieds

Craftsman 10" Radial Arm Saw, 2 hp motor w/stand, no blades. \$175. Call John Anaya 281-9403 after 5 p.m. and weekends.

Walkie-Talkie, 4 mos. old, Realistic TRC-99C, 3 channel, 3 watt, many extras, \$90. Call John Anaya 281-9403 after 5 p.m. \$125 new.

1975 Ford Granada 302 V-8 Air, many extras, excellent condition, divorce forces sale, \$4,200 or offer. Bob Edwards 874-5557 before noon, 3608 Barham Blvd.

1970 Datsun Station Wagon, 4 speed, Air, Radio, low mileage. \$1,300. Terry Kamakura, 660-0691, 622 N. Imogen Ave. L.A.

1974 Honda 750, 1,480 mi. \$1,650, has extras, excellent condition. Also '73 — 8 ft. cabover camper. A-1 shape, hydraulic jacks & tie downs. \$1,000. Frank Thompson, 448-9018.

San Pedro Townhouse by owner, 3 bdrm., 1 1/2 bath, 2-car garage, \$44,900. Call 547-9473 for appointment.

down on the rate of crime aboard buses.

Adds Chief Special Agent Kelso: "Our goal is to have the safest and best operated buses in the world." •

New Arrivals



Division 3 operator Thomas Hummel and his wife, Marilyn, became the very proud parents of their first child, a son, Jeffrey Thomas, who was born March 7, weighing 9 lbs. even.

The Hummels make their home in South Gate.

Division 7 operator Alfredo Celestino and his wife are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a girl who was born March 12, and weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs. The Celestino family reside in East L.A.

Division 8 operator Jack Skiles and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of a son, Paul William, who was born on March 7, and weighed 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and was 20 inches.

The Skiles have three other children, a son and two daughters, and reside in Van Nuys.

Supervisor Tom Horne and his wife, Doris, are the pleased parents of their first child, a son, Tony Fitzgerald, who was born on March 16 and weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs.

The Hornes reside in Los Angeles.

Happy Anniversary



Division 8 operator Felix Suma and his wife, Lillian, will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary on April 9. Now residing in North Hollywood, the couple wed 25 years ago in Dublin, Ireland, where the Italian-born Felix met his lovely Irish wife.

Division 15 operator Frank Moon and his wife, Gail, announce the birth of their second son, Aaron William who was born on March 12. Aaron joins three year old Arlo John and weighed in at 6 lbs., 1 oz. The Moons reside in San Fernando.

Division 4 operator Howard Bowman and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of a son, Lance Scott born on March 15, weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs. Lance joins an older brother and sister. The Bowman family resides in Burbank.

Division 18 operator Herbert Orso III and his wife, Brenda, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Brandon, who was born on February 2. Little Brandon weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs. The Orsos make their home in Los Angeles.

Division 9 Utility "A" James Lane and his wife, Ginny, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Justin James, who was born on October 27. He weighed 8 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 21 inches long. Jim and Ginny both attended the natural childbirth classes at Arcadia Methodist Hospital and Jim was present throughout the birth. The Lane family resides in Covina.

Bryan Stokes' Daughter Wed

Kathleen Stokes, daughter of Bryan Stokes, administrator for labor relations, became Mrs. David Rivard on Saturday, March 20, in an afternoon ceremony at Grace Baptist Church in Glendora.

The newlyweds make their home in West Covina.

Attention All Skeet Shooters!

All employees interested in skeet or trap shooting are urged to contact the Recreation Advisory Council member at their division or work location as soon as possible.

Operator Harold Jackson's Grandson: A Future Star?

Division 15 operator Harold Jackson's grandson, Clarence J. Floyd III, is only four years old, but is already getting his start in show biz, having been "discovered" by no one less than the world's heavyweight boxing champ, Muhammad Ali.

Harold's daughter and Clarence's mother, Mattie, explains how it happened.

Mattie, secretary to comedian Flip Wilson, took Clarence along to the Main Street Gym where Flip Wilson was filming a "Travels with Flip" with Ali. Ali spotted Clarence, took an immediate liking to him, (he resembled Ali's three-year old son), and invited Clarence to have breakfast with him at the Sheraton Universal a few days later. After breakfast, the Champ and Clarence "sparred." Ali's photographer was there and snapped the picture which became Jet Magazine's "Best of Week" photo. Clarence was also invited to see Ali spar before the Champ went to Manila.

Since then, Clarence has signed with a Hollywood agency; is up for a CBS television pilot and has been a standby for a television commercial.

Outside of show biz, Mattie reports that Clarence is leading an otherwise normal four-year old life. He goes to a Montessori school in Altadena, and likes to watch television, play his drums and drive his "Starsky and Hutch" car. "He's definitely a ham," adds Mattie of the energetic Clarence.

Ali, of course, is one of Clarence's favorite people but he also admires the Six Million Dollar Man, Rodney Allen Rippy, and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

Like her son, Mattie Floyd is also in show biz. Mattie started her career three years ago as the secretary for the writers



Clarence poses with his grandfather, Division 15 operator Harold Jackson, out in the Division 15 yard. Clarence resembles his granddad quite a bit. In the photo below, Clarence hams it up from the driver's seat of an RTD coach. Look Out, Rodney Allen Rippy!



of the television series "Good Times," then became a secretary to Flip Wilson's manager before becoming Flip Wilson's secretary. Mattie hopes to eventually work in television production. "I like the entertainment industry and I like making things happen, getting things set up and organized."

What does Granddad Harold Jackson think of all this? "I think it would be just great if Clarence did get into the entertainment industry." Clarence, who definitely resembles his granddad, also might have gotten some of his inclination towards show biz from his granddad. Harold confesses that when he was younger, he wanted to be a dancer. •

TRACK AND FIELD MEETS PLANNED BY LOS ANGELES RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

The Los Angeles City Recreation and Parks Department is now planning local and district track and field meets throughout the city in preparation for the Municipal Games Championship May 15. Interested persons should contact their local park or recreation center for the meet in their area.



Division 8 operator Paul Gappae and his wife, Fran, are celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary April 10 at a dinner in their honor with friends. The Gappaes reside in Van Nuys.

Paul explains how it all started: "In the good old days of the Pacific Electric red cars and just after WWII when love was in full bloom, I was working the Santa Monica line out of West Hollywood and one day came upon a lovely Miss by the name of Fran. She rode the big red cars every day to work. Living in Hollywood, naturally she would ride with me and that was the start of something big."

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