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Merry Christmas

On Our Second Christmas

Greetings of

From Our Chairman



AS WE APPROACH our second Christmas together, I wish again to express, on behalf of Authority members as well as myself, cordial greetings of the season and best wishes for a Happy New Year, to all employees of the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority.

Nineteen fifty-nine, because of the loyal assistance of all employees, has been a year of progress. For your share in making it so, the thanks and appreciation of the Authority are cordially extended.

All happiness to you and yours during the coming year.

Carl P. Miller

Together at MTA

the Season

From Our Executive Director

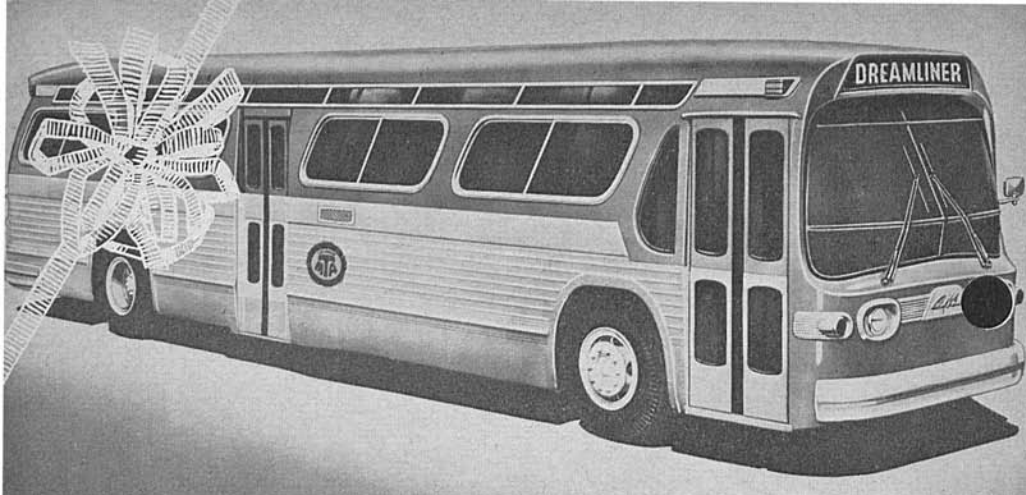


HOLIDAY GREETINGS and best wishes to all of you and your families!

My thanks to each of you for your cooperation during 1959, a year which has been filled with complex problems for us all. The new year promises the settlement of some of these problems.

Let us remember that all of us who work for MTA have the same real objective, that of good service to the people of the metropolitan area so that we may be proud of the job we do. A united effort is the best guarantee of our success.

Health and happiness to you and yours for 1960!



MTA's "Christmas Gift" To Southern California

**Preview Pictures of the Interior Design
Of 100 New Buses Now Being Delivered**



(Photos courtesy General Motors)

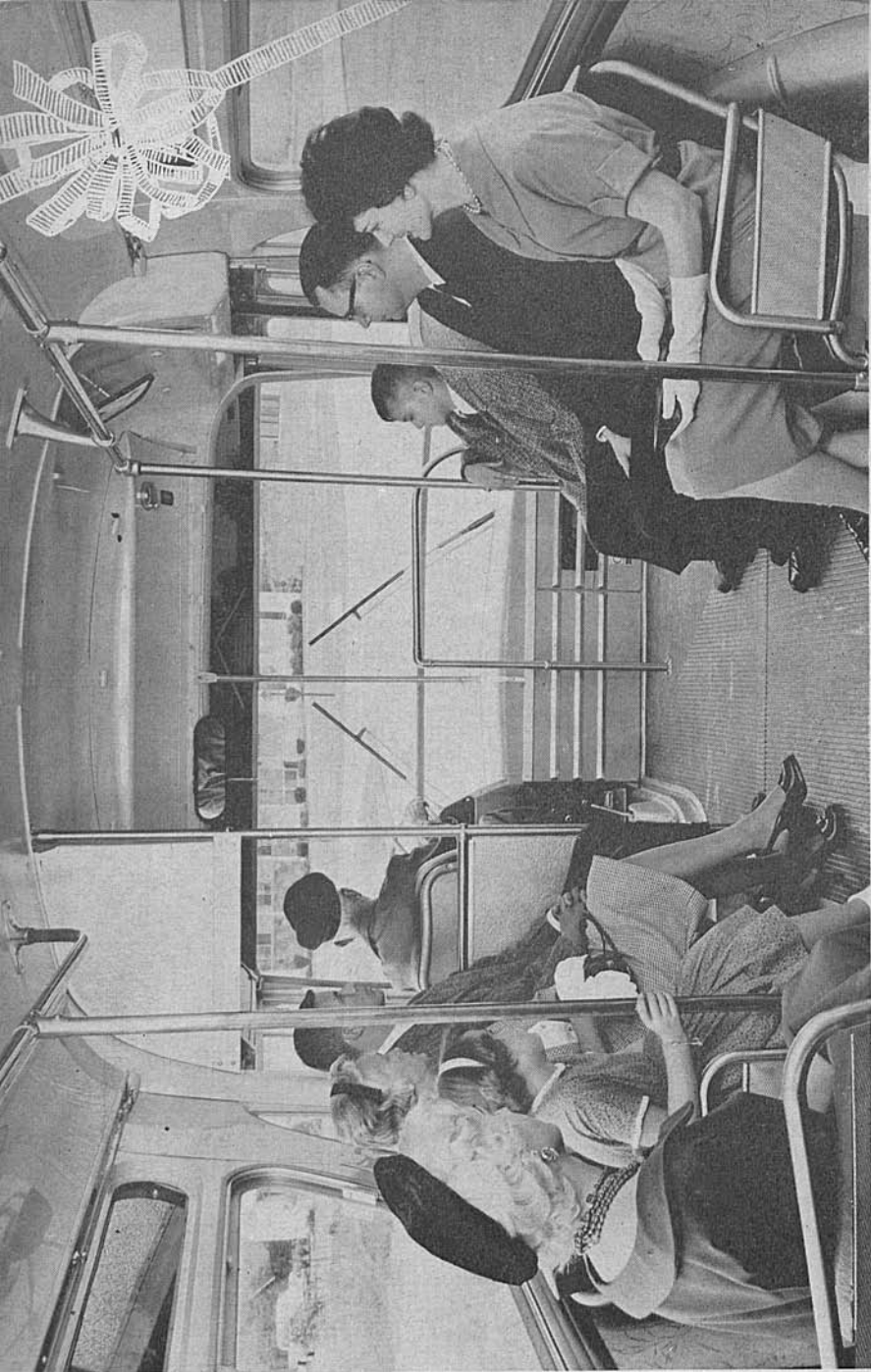
STRAIGHT from the General Motors factory in Detroit are these pictures of the appealing interior of the 100 new ATA-designed coaches scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles during December. The buses will come in by rail over a period of days or perhaps weeks, a few at a time.

The 75 fifty-one passenger, suburban type coaches, to be numbered 5300-5374, will be placed into service on a number of local lines. The 25 forty-six passenger, interurban-type coaches, to be numbered 5200-5224, will be used on the longer interurban lines.

For a complete description of the new coaches, refer to THE EMBLEM of last June.



FLUORESCENT LIGHTING in the ceiling will brighten the interior.



... AND SPEAKING OF VISIBILITY!





SEATS in the 75 urban-type coaches will be upholstered in vinyl; in the 25 interurbans, in needlepoint. Each passenger will have his own easeful separate back rest.

Commendations

Honored during October

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 131 Operators, who received commendations during October.

C. E. Acord, Division 20; C. W. Adams, 4; R. R. Adams, 3; L. O. Alexander, 4; P. R. Allison, 11; H. E. Anunson, 9; H. D. Apel, 4; Eugene Barnett, 4; E. W. Barnett, 9; Harry Barrish, 7; George Beekstrom, 20; E. R. Bell, 20; Seturnino Benavides, 11; R. O. Bettarel, 8; Gerald Boone, 7; J. C. Boswell, 20; M. R. Bragg, 4; G. A. Briggs, 6; A. R. Brown, 4; C. T. Burris, 4; Lulu H. Burton, 20.

C. L. Carmichael, 4; C. A. Carpenter, 1; G. N. Centoni, 20; H. M. Cherry, 11; Morris Chesler, 9; S. M. Chubb, 12; R. E. Conkling, 3; C. F. Conrad, 12; H. E. Crawford, 2; D. C. Criddell, 11; E. A. Cumbie, 2; W. H. Davidson, 4; H. H. Depratt, 4; V. E. Durden, 9; O. A. Earnhart, 12; M. L. Eaton, 8; W. J. Esters, 3; L. V. Esque, 3; R. L. Fairfax, 11; M. A. Fann, 5; L. W. Fields, 4; E. J. Filek, 11; H. E. Flanigan, 2; J. L. Foote, 12; S. S. Franich, 9; C. N. Freid, 20.

L. P. Gappae, 8; G. N. Garrison, 2; D. L. Gladwell, 3; D. G. Gould, 6; Hyman Grossman, 4; W. Y. Guntharp, 4; C. F. Haines, 11; D. L. Hall, 2; F. W. Hall, 11; R. E. Hamilton, 3; J. D. Haynes, 3; C. T. Hearn, 4; C. N. Higgins, 8; R. A. Holland, 2; B. C. Idleman, 8; L. J. Isidor, 11; C. D. Kidd, 7; H. B. King, 5; R. D. Kornell, 10; H. L. Leitz, 4; R. R. Lepins, 7; T. N. Lewis, 6; J. T. Lindsey, 11; A. T. Lipford, 9; A. K. Lopez, 5; B. T. Lynum, 5.

H. F. Meador, 3; Willie McCoy, 3; A. E. McWreath, 11; M. A. Michael, 8; W. R. Moore, 1; E. F. Morgan, 6; W. C. Morris, 6; H. W. Morrow, 5; T. R. Munford, 11; H. A. Naughton, 8; T. V. Nichols, 3; O. A. Ortega, 20; H. J. Owens, 6; L. W. Patrick, 4; F. A. Peters, 7; A. R. Peterson, 3; F. N. Pollock, 2; Joseph Pollock, 20; Louis Rappa, 9; C. C. Ray, 4; Reed AunFrance, Jr., 4; W. R. Renard, 20; Ralph Risolo, 9; M. D. Rogers, 8; H. O. Rozelle, 20.

R. D. Sampson, 8; John San Marco, 3; Ann G. Schulz, 4; R. V. Simmons, 3; H. W. Spencer, 3; L. Springer, 4; C. K. Stahl, 4; A. E. Stowe, 8; F. M. Strom, 7; W. G. Suey, 4; W. V. Sweet, 3; E. T. Thornton, 5; J. P. Trainor, 8; P. A. Tumminieri, 8; C. P. Wagner, 3; Majors Walden, 3; D. E. Walsh, 11; L. S.

W. H. Davidson Selected Nov. Operator of the Month

FOR his gentle helpfulness toward a sobbing primary-grade school girl, Operator William H.



W. H. Davidson

Davidson, of Division 4, was selected as November Operator of the Month by two judges from the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce. Judges were the Chamber President, Neal Howard; and Vice-President, Frank Van Lohn.

The child was traveling alone on Davidson's Melrose-Olympic Line 4 bus, and was beside herself with fear that she had boarded the wrong bus and was lost. So soothingly did he talk to her that, according to the letter, "The little girl immediately stopped crying and had every confidence in him that he would watch over her and see that she arrived safely at her destination."

A veteran of 14 years with MTA and its predecessors, the new Operator of the Month has this recipe for keeping his passengers happy:

"I try to treat people as I'd like to be treated. There are lots of strangers in Los Angeles, and I know how I'd feel in a strange town."

Warner, 8; J. A. Warren, 8; Mildred C. Ward, 4; W. S. A. Weary, 4; R. L. Webster, 6; W. H. West, 9; B. B. Williams, 11; B. F. Williams, 7; L. A. Wills, 5; C. W. Wisler, 11; W. L. Whigham, 2; D. B. White, 4; J. K. Whiter, 20; S. S. Wollom, 3; R. D. Yahne, 8; Harry Zipper, 4.

Open Letter To:

F. King Lilley,
Operator, Division 4

Nov. 1, 1959

Dear Mr. Lilley:

By a series of amazing coincidences, the letter from which the November Operator of the Month



F. King Lilley

was selected appeared to refer to you. The line, date, approximate location and time, the act of courtesy, the personal description, and finally, the bus number, all indicated that you were the Operator referred to by the observer.

Then it was discovered that Operator W. H. Davidson had turned in a miscellaneous report on the identical incident so circumstantial as to indicate that the lady who wrote the commendation had used the wrong bus number, and was referring to Mr. Davidson's coach.

On learning this, you immediately said you felt the award was due Mr. Davidson, and you graciously retreated in his favor. You stated to me that you did not wish to deprive another Operator of an honor rightfully his. Your good sportsmanship in not wishing to accept the honor as November Operator of the Month because you felt it was due another deserves notice.

You may not have won an award as official Operator of the Month, but, beyond question, you have

Operator-Organist Records Music for Xmas Display



TWO YEARS AGO Operator Marvin H. Klawiter, of the Van Nuys Division, installed a fine electric organ in his home. An excellent musician—in addition to being a model railroader and all-round craftsman—he has given his family, his friends, and himself many hours of enjoyment by his playing as well as by his other accomplishments.

This year he decided to spread musical cheer at Christmas time beyond the confines of his home. Making good use of his well-equipped home workshop, he built a replica of his organ—pedals, keys, stops, bench, and all—out of plywood and formica. Next, he made a Santa Claus who could sit at the bench and play—or at least move his arms like an organist.

Four snowmen—Mamma, Papa, two children—and some lollipops were the next creations; they were cut of plywood from designs by Marvin's 15½ year-old son, Walter.

Paint, stain, and varnish, by the clever touch of the Klawiter brush, transformed the plywood cut-outs into extraordinarily realistic representations of an organ, creatures of snow, and candy, which were placed in the front yard of the

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won a more important award—the admiration of all who, like myself, are aware of your fine act of sportsmanship.

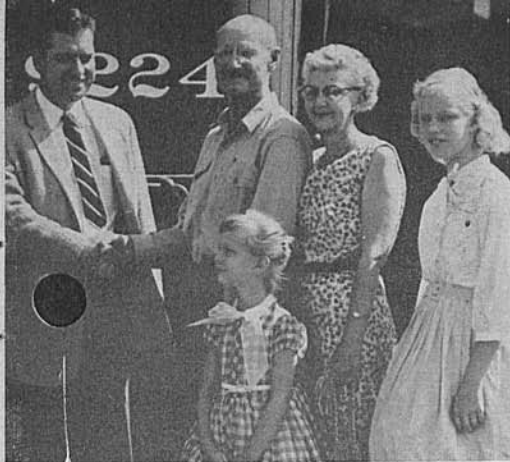
Sincerely yours,

C. A. SCHULZ
Superintendent, Division 4



MERRY CHRISTMAS!—Front yard Christmas display of Operator Marvin H. Klawiter. Caroling to Santa Claus' organ accompaniment are Dad, son Walter, Mother and Pepper the pup. (See story on opposite page.)





WALTER O. TOENJES, Long Beach Operator with 40 years of service, receives congratulations of Division Foreman R. W. Krafft, left, at a retirement party held at Watts Car House Aug. 28. Mrs. Toenjes and two grandchildren were also present.

JOHN J. ROACH, Foreman, Running Repairs, Macy Garage (3315) retired last July 1 after 35 years of service. A versatile craftsman, he expects to make his electronics hobby pay off.



DAN F. LOWE and his wife hold a fishing rod and gear, gift of many friends, he received at the hands of Automotive Division Supt. A. L. Bristow, right, at a retirement party at Van Nuys Garage last Sept. 30. Also shown is retired Mechanic Richard Brucker, Mechanic Lowe's friend.



Retirements

MERRY CHRISTMAS and many happy years to the following employees who retired from service June 1 through Oct. 31:

E. M. Berg, Mechanic, 3304, retired with 14 years of service on June 23.

B. F. Blair, Operator, 3212, 31 years, Sept. 1.

B. L. Bounds, Operator, 3212, 37 years, June 4.

J. M. Buchan, Division Superintendent, 3204, 30 years, Oct. 22.

J. V. Coulson, Operator, 3212, 17 years, Sept. 9.

F. B. Cutler, Operator, 3209, 33 years, July 7.

Frederick Doyle, Air Brake Machinist, 3312, 35½ years, June 1.

Thomas Garelli, Carman, 3312, 16 years, Aug. 17.

C. R. Gemeinhardt, Service Director, 3211, 17 years, Oct. 24.

H. O. Hanson, Operator, 3212, 16½ years, June 15.

J. A. Hawks, Carman, 3312, 39 years, June 11.

R. C. Houser, Substation Operator, 16 years, Aug. 15.

G. G. Kirstein, Junior Stock Clerk, 13½ years, June 1.

D. F. Lowe, Mechanic, 3308, 20 years, Oct. 1.

W. K. McPheely, Operator, 3206, 36 years, Sept. 1.

J. W. Pacheco, Laborer, Way & Structures, 16 years, June 24.

Henry Pierre, Trafficman, 3221, 32 years, June 10.

J. J. Roach, Foreman, 3315, 35 years, July 1.

Earl Smith, Operator, 3209, 15 years, Aug. 20.

T. A. Thompson, Operator, 3212, 16 years, Aug. 11.

W. O. Toenjes, Operator, 3212, 40 years, Sept. 1.

New Faces

A HEARTY WELCOME to the following new employees, who joined MTA between October 1 and November 16, inclusive:

ACCOUNTING

Key-Punch Operators: Audrey Marie Brulec, Betty Rose Rouse.

Addressograph Clerk: Gene Duane Hibbard.

Tab Operator: John Y. C. Kil.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION

Public Relations Manager: Richard Winn.

ELECTRICAL

Lineman: Charles Durant Evans.

Substation Trainee: Bernard John Sederholm.

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Watchman: Jesse Lowell Hall, William Harry Laws.

Mechanic B: Diego Sanchez Duran, Salvador Albert Hurtado, Jose Benigno Padilla.

Mechanic Second Class: Louis Joseph Shaker.

Utility A: Lucian Arthur Frasier.

PLANNING

Janitor: Etell Washington.

PURCHASES & STORES

Addressograph Operator: Vincent Paul Loftus, Fernando Sergio Vargas.

SPECIAL AGENTS

Typist-Clerk: William R. Bennett.

TRANSPORTATION

Operators: Charles David Adams, 2; Kenneth Calvin Anderson, 4; Bobby Leamon Ansley, 3; Warren Richard Arnott, 2; Theodore Alvin Ashley, 4; Roscoe Baker, 2; James Edward Bernard, 4; Hardy N. Bielen, 8; Duane John Bliss, 7; Carl Herbert Bloese, 8; James Henry Bunley, 2; Walter Thomas Bwms, 5; Joe Anthony Cacioppo, 20; John Milton Callahan, 8; James Stanley Carlisle, 7; Roscoe Clayton Carnahan, 33; Stephen Francis Chabanik, 11; John F. Christopher, 7; William Henry Coney,

4; Marwin Crapper, 4; David Lamb Cruz, 7; William Carrol Curry, 8; James Claire De Yoe, 8; Charles Eugene Duffy, 5; Raymond Everet Duffy, 5; Donald David Dufrenese, 8; Donald Earl Duguay, 33.

Fred Keener Fallow, 9; Reyad El Fattal, 11; Claiborne Thomas Fletcher, 5; Donald Eugene Forst, 4; Joseph F. Frankowski, 4; Harold Coe Frederiksen, 6; Lloyd Charles Gambol, 3; Sildem Joyce Gandy, 33; Sylvester T. Gehrke, 8; Ledel Goolsby, 4; Robert Grady, Jr., 4; Willie James Greene, 5; Clifford Wallace Gregory, 7; Melvin Grundy, 7; James Albert Hall, 4; Mawin Cleveland Hamby, 9; Henderson Charles Harris, 33; Ronald Gordon Harris, 3; Otis "D" Henderson, 7; Frank Henderson, Jr., 5; John Hernandez, 2; Charles Calvin Jenkins, 4; Marion Irvin Jones, 5; Charles Kaplan, 7; Melvin Lee Keith, 8; Herman Kuhn, 8.

John Earl Lemons, 4; William Lewis, 3; Troy Junior Lewis, 4; Timoteo Lavato, 2; James Luckey, 5; John Joseph Meade, Jr., 7; Keith Carlton Melvin, 9; Arthur David Miller, 11; Edward Moore, 20; James Edwin Monroe, 12; Nicholas Mostransky, 7; Patrick Joseph Murphy, 8; Vernie Eugene Myers, 7; Robert Allen McCraw, 6; George McDaniel, 5; Carl Leroy McMasters, 7; Benny Neal, Jr., 4; Richard Eugene Nixon, 6; Robert Enmett Nolan, 6; William Jennings O'Banion, 4; Orbie Ellis Ottey, 4; Richard Lee Owens, 4; Arthur "L" Pace, 4; William Anthony Parenti, 4; Dean A. Pettengill, 7; Rinaldo Joseph Petrosino, 4; Loranza V. Powell, 4; Earl Howard Purnell, 2.

Carelton Ray, 5; Hollie Elhart Reed, 7; Edward William Regan, 20; Oscar R. Register, Jr., 2; Robert Lee Rhome, 2; Kenneth Leroy Richardson, 5; Chester Normand Rogers, 7; Luis Sanchez, 6; David Lee Sanders, 4; Wallace W. Schulwitz, 6; George Bronk Shinn, 7; Thomton T. Slaughter, 33; Harold Marie Tift, 8; Charlie Myles Timms, 7; Joseph John Traina, 8; Albert James Tyler, 7; Thomas Edward Vaughn, 2; Donald Leon Walker, 7; Roy Galen Ward, Jr., 11; Wilbur Clarence Webb, 4; John Wesley Turner, 20; Francis Raymond Walsh, 4; Johnny Roy Williams, 2; Thomas Austin Wolfe II, 9.

In Memoriam

THE EMBLEM regretfully reports the passing of the following:

CLARENCE P. CARTER, 54, Assistant Controller; Nov. 8; company service since 1926; survived by his wife, Dorothy.

MRS. FLORENCE M. CHAPMAN, wife of retired Division 3 Motorman Glenn R. Chapman; Nov. 3; survived by her husband.

DAVID CUTHBERT, 69, retired Division 5 Motorman; Nov. 12; company service, 1925-1945; survived by his wife, Pearl.

ROBERT P. FRASIER, 82, retired Division 3 Motorman; Oct. 1; company service, 1905-1944; survived by his wife, Marie.

HARRY JOHNSON, 44, Storekeeper (on indefinite leave); Nov. 4; company service since 1945; survived by his wife, Isabel.

MRS. CONCEPCION KNITTLE, wife of Division 20 Operator Walter J. Knittle; Oct. 1; survived by her husband.

MARTIN KNUDSEN, 91, retired Flagman; Aug. 19; company service, 1911-1950; survived by his wife, Gitta.

HARVEY B. MARQUES, 70, retired Division 5 Motorman; Oct. 26; company service, 1924-1946; survived by his wife, Emma.

RICHARD A. McDOWELL, 57, Mechanic A, South Park Shops; Nov. 11; company service since 1927; survived by his wife, Anna.

NOAH E. MCGREW, 68, retired Operator, Division 20; Nov. 22; company service, 1943-1956; survived by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Verna Hutson.

WILLIAM M. MORGAN, 81, retired Timekeeper, Way & Structures; Oct. 29; company service, 1911-1946; survived by his wife, Isabel.

WILLIAM H. SNYDER, 80, retired Superintendent, Transportation Division 5, Oct. 14; company service, 1903-1945; survived by his wife, Pearl.

MRS. THELMA I. SPARKS, wife of Division 2 Mechanic Alfred H. Sparks; Sept. 20; survived by her husband.

FRED J. TONEY, 55, Mechanic A, South Park Shops; Oct. 5; company service since 1941; survived by his wife, Edna.

ALFONSO E. VEJAR, 63, Superintendent (on indefinite leave), Transportation Division 20; Oct. 3; company service since 1920; survived by his wife, Hazel.

MILO B. WICKLINE, 78, retired Conductor, Division 3; Nov. 17; company service, 1916-1947; survived by his wife, Due.

OUR COVER

Ken and the New Buses

"THOSE NEW BUSES are really something to have under your Christmas tree," says 11-months-old Ken to his dad, Operator C. W. ("Junior") Alexander.

You'll remember Ken as MTA's first baby of 1959. His picture, taken when he was five days old, appeared on the cover of the January EMBLEM. We thought you'd like to see how he's grown in the last 11 months.

—And we'd also like to know who the first baby born to an MTA parent in 1960 will be. Would the proud parents please call the Editor on extension 435?

Klawiter Christmas

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Klawiter home, at 6549 Whitsett Ave., near the San Fernando Valley Plaza.

A few floodlights and Christmas tree lights, and the display was as you see it on the opposite page.

Marvin's crowning feat, however, was production of the appropriate Christmas music. Turning on his tape recorder, he sat down at his real electric organ and played some 25 pieces into the microphone. As a final gesture, Christmas greetings were meeuowed by Pinky, the cat, and barked by Pepper, the Chihuahua, onto the tape. Playback of the recordings is through an amplifier set up on the front porch.

Saturday, Dec. 12, was the date set for turning on the display.

It is now passing along the Klawiter family Christmas spirit to all who go by.

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HUMOR AND THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT are combined in this MTA holiday shopping ad that ran in daily and weekly papers throughout the four counties we serve — Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino — in early December. The two halves of the bus, be it understood, were joined together to make one unit.

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