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"We are Americans and as Americans we would speak to America."
Frederick Douglass

Thanks from Mrs. Santa

To each and every person who helped in the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus Project goes our sincere thanks for a marvelous job.

This includes the people who have given so generously of their clothing, food and money; the volunteers who helped Mrs. Santa sort and pack the gifts; the men of the 231st Truck Transportation Battalion who delivered the gifts; the volunteers who helped with the show at the Regent Theatre; Henry B. Hornstein, who threw open the doors of the theatre, and the entertainers who donated their talents to giving some 2,000 children the time of their lives.

We can't list all the names of those who helped Mrs. Santa, for many of them never even gave their names.

But, what they have done for those less fortunate then themselves has been remarkable.

Frankly, we have been amazed at the response to the pleas of the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Claus which came in such volume that it left us breathless.

The people who helped in this work can take satisfaction in knowing that because of their efforts Christmas was a happier day for many of the people all over the city.

Once again thank you for your help. Your support of the project has proved that kindness and compassion are still very much a part of this world.

A matter of intent

A suit has been filed by Democratic partisans in an effort to keep Governor Theodore McKeldin from seeking the Republican nomination as mayor of Baltimore.

Although instituted by Francis X. Gallagher, former assistant city solicitor, the suit has the anxious backing of Mayor D'Alesandro, who understandably would prefer not to meet our popular governor on the political hustings.

The issue revolves around the question of whether Governor McKeldin, who under the law was required to be the past eight years to live at Appapolis, can now qualify as a resident of Baltimore.

Under the Baltimore charter, he must have lived for 10 years in the city to qualify as mayor.

CLEARLY THERE is a conflict of law here that only the courts can resolve. We feel there is sufficient evidence to return a decision favoring the governor.

We feel the intent of the law when enacted by the legislature was never designed to prevent a citizen like Mr. McKeldin from running for mayor.

Even though for eight years he was governor, it is apparent that it was never his intention to give up his residency in Baltimore to live permanently in Annapolis.

Why else would he maintain a home here? Why would he continue to pay taxes here?

IT ALSO seems unreasonable to us that there should be a half dozen kinds of citizenship in a single state.

The law stipulates only two—Federal and state—and we think that's enough.

State citizenship should be enough to qualify a man to run for any office in the state without all of this residency foolishness.

We submit that if the intent of the Baltimore law was to keep able men like Governor McKeldin from serving our city, it's high time for the law to be changed.

Our task is clear

Maryland's 45 state judges assembled in Baltimore the other week for the 14th annual meeting of the Maryland Judicial Conference.

Their salaries total well over $400,000 a year.

Not a single one of them is colored, nor will he until there are 250,000 colored registered voters in this state who control political districts which give out these jobs.

The only district thus far in Maryland in which we have a majority of voters and therefore can control is the Fourth District in Baltimore City.

We need no outside "boss" to gobble up the patronage that is rightfully ours and tell us how to run our district.

The task before us is clear.

First we must prosecute our registration drive with renewed vigor until every one of the 43,659 persons of voting age still unregistered is qualified to vote.

And then we must organize our district precinct by precinct until the control lies in our hands.

To fail to do this would be a sad betrayal of ourselves and our children.

'Thou shalt not kill'

Governor McKeldin is on sound legal and moral grounds in his announced opposition to the death penalty.

That the governor has long had misgivings about the death sentence, of course, is no secret.

His record of having commuted to life fourteen out of the eighteen capital cases to come before him is sufficient testimony to that fact.

Now he proposes that this awesome decision shall not be left entirely in the hands of the chief executive.

Presently he would like to see the law amended so that the Court of Appeals, the state's highest judicial body, would have to share this power of commutation.

Convinced that the trend of public opinion is against capital punishment, later he is hopeful that Maryland will join the growing list of humane states like Michigan, Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, North Dakota and Alaska and do away with executions altogether.

After all the death penalty is no more than an official lynching. Statistics show that as a crime deterrent it is no more effective than life imprisonment.

We hope the legislature will give serious study to the governor's proposal and vote to do away with this barbarous relic of the dark ages.

The commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" we believe applies with equal force to the state as well as to the individual.

Wiping The Slate Clean

1959 1958

Real cause for concern

We are alarmed about the crime situation.

We are told by the Police Department that there has been no increase in crime, but the way crime news is played up in the daily newspapers, there is real cause for concern.

This much is true. There's a change in the character of the crimes—payroll holdups, bank robberies involving substantial and even unusually high amounts.

For the first time, there are reports of hoodlums of both races and sexes working together.

And then there's an increase in juvenile misdeeds. Juvenile delinquency is the result of the whole community's neglect of its children.

Mugging and robbery used to be almost the exclusive province of the Irish. Then the Italians took the title—when these groups were disadvantaged.

The full cycle has turned and now it's colored criminals who are the leading actors in this human tragedy.

There's only one answer and that is that the law must be strictly enforced.

More foot patrolmen would help. And there must be an end to discrimination that keeps people out of decent housing and jobs.

A man is several kinds of jackass for holding up a bank, a grocery store or a loan office.

But it's easier to convince him of that fact if he's got a job equal to his ability and is able to feed, house and clothe his family and keep them out of the public streets.

It won't happen again

Still has been filed in Federal court by a New York newspaper reporter charging violation of his civil rights by a Pulaski highway restaurant which refused her service.

Miss Sara Slack of the New York Amsterdam News is being represented in this historic article by her attorney, Charles P. Howard Jr., is seeking a declaratory injunction against the Atlantic White Tower System, Inc.

In denying her request for food, Miss Slack contends, the White Tower Restaurant clearly violated ancient common English law, upon which all American jurisprudence is based.

That law makes it the duty of all innkeepers to house and feed all well-behaved travelers without distinction.

Further, Miss Slack charges, that turning her down because of her color was not only a violation of the 14th Amendment, but imposed an undue burden on interstate commerce.

LOOKING AT this case, we need to ask ourselves the question: are we slipping?

The first suit to abolish jim crow travel for interstate passengers was fought and won in Maryland.

Maryland was also the first state to end segregation in a tax-supported law school. Because the issue was decided by the state Court of Appeals, it was not necessary to carry the matter to the Supreme Court.

Maryland became the first state to equalize teachers' salaries, one of the first civil rights cases won by Thurgood Marshall, then fresh out of law school.

Our state was also the first to successfully challenge segregation in public parks, swimming pools, beaches and golf courses.

And Baltimore was the first city to integrate public schools, while suits were pending in Federal court here when the Supreme Court ruled in 1954.

WE HAVE one of the largest, most active and best administered NAACP branches in the country.

Still pending in the courts are the Laurel cemetery cases and the refusal of the Supreme Bench and the attorney general to integrate reform schools and state hospitals.

With all of these firsts to our credit, we permit a tiny women from New York to come down here and get ahead of us by filing a suit compelling restaurants and motels on Maryland soil to serve all travelers.

This is a most embarrassing situation. Nothing like it has ever happened before.

For more than 20 years we've been the watchman on the wall. We ask forgiveness for this one slip and solemnly pledge that it will not happen again.

Readers Say

Thanks for story

Dear AFRO:

This letter comes to thank you for the beautiful article that appeared in the November 15th issue of the AFRO about pupil.

I have always regarded with a great deal of sentiment the fact that the AFRO once referred to Papa as "a fine educated volunteer social worker in the city of Baltimore and he was too.

I feel that the pride of a life is having had the privilege of working with him for so many years in all of his endeavors.

Any success that I have achieved, I owe to a great deal, yes, is a result of the early prodding and later enjoyment that I experienced in assisting with the varied activities that were his life.

Since he had the rare opportunity of knowing what was being done for other children back in the days when segregation was an accepted fact even before the concept of "separate but equal" got its chance of public interest, he was unable to go along with its exist[illegible] and application [illegible] of thought were the most severely concerned.

Let me ask you again for a hundred times, thank you, on behalf of the AFRO many years of public service with ever increasing success.

DOROTHY LYMAS.

Guild head writes

Dear AFRO:

We the officers and members of the Ladies Guild of Providence Hospital wish to thank you for your generosity in keeping our Membership drive for Aaron and Rake Sale of December 11, before the public promptly your paper.

Many, many thanks to any columnist that has mentioned us and to the AFRO-AMERICAN for the fine publicity you have given us.

Mrs. VIRGINIA M. CHAMP.

The persistent South

RICHMOND, Va. — There is nothing finer than a fine Southerner and there is nothing worse than a bad one.

And nothing seems to give the negrophobe press of the South such a lift as seeing violent displays of race prejudice set widely disparate parts of the nation and the world.

Bombings in the border states or racial outbreaks in Chicago or Detroit or other non-southern states always begets a peculiar satisfaction in the negrophobe press of the South.

The recent outbreak in Knoxville of whites and colored people was a source of profound gratification for the part of the South that is committed to the eternalization of second-rate citizenship for colored people.

And so, must we bear in mind that the desire to hold the colored man down is by no means unanimous for there is in the South an even louder and more insistent voice of nobly disposed whites for the full liberation of colored people.

GORDON B. HANCOCK

SIGHTSEEING

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Now you take me . . . I can pronounce the word "Eldorado" like a real champion, but have I got an Eldorado? The answer to that rather silly question is that I have not got an Eldorado.

I've got a Chevrolet, such as it is which isn't much, but Eldorado I have none.

But this fellow that visited the office the other day, he's got an Eldorado. Man, has he got an Eldorado, which I should mention, is a king size Cadillac.

THE THING was so long he had to park part of it on Druid Hill Ave. and the other part on Eutaw St., which was a pretty neat trick, but you know them Cadillacs.

When he came into the office re started talking about his "Eldorado," and it took me several records before I figured out that he was mispronouncing the word "Eldorado."

His problem, and these days who hasn't got a problem, was that when he went to get his Eldorado, oops, pardon me, his Eldorado, the man told him that because he was colored he could not buy the car on time.

"Well," says the fellow, "since I couldn't buy it on time I paid cash for it, but I think something should be done about such things."

And I fully agree with him. If a man wants to buy an Eldorado, he's got a perfect American right to buy himself an Eldorado, or two Eldorados if he wants.

Meanwhile, while I work on this project, I am practicing mispronouncing the name of the car and I figure as soon as I can get to say "Eldorado" that I maybe I will be rich enough to afford one.

WITH A HEARTFELT sigh we here at the AFRO are saying goodbye to the Mrs. Santa Claus Project. It has been a lot of work and all of us here at the AFRO have neglected our own Christmas plans trying to make it a success.

But the real credit must go, and rightfully so, to you the people.

Sometimes you get so discouraged with the human race that you wonder why they were put on the earth in the first place, then they turn around and do something so wonderful that you realize that the human race, composed of individual people . . . it's been a thrilling experience, seeing the goodness of humanity shine through time and time again, all of this, because of you.

THIS YEAR THERE were deadlines which we met two and three letters asking for assistance.

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And then there was one woman who was bold enough to ask for help while vacationing in Colorado. Her letter was mailed from Pittsburgh.

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WHAT I WOULDN'T give to be the owner of a ticket to the Colts-Giants game this week end.

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I like football and I like the Colts, but he came over-anxious just to buy $10 worth of pneumonia is asking too much.

Thought of the week . . .

The author of the following piece is unknown.

"If you are depressed, because some of your acquaintances seem jealous and unappreciative, you should realize that life has always been so.

"Greater men than you have suffered thus and proved their greatness by the way they rose above such petty concerns.

For trees all painted flame and gold,
For autumn weather, crisp and cold,
We thank Thee, Lord.
**For every fertile harvest field,
That offers up its fruitful yield,
We thank Thee, Lord.**
For warm and cozy hearths at night,
For children's laughter clear and bright:
We thank Thee, Lord.
For endless bounty everywhere,
We bow our heads in humble prayer,
To thank Thee, Lord.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

Through the efforts of five police districts, more than 1,500 needy families had Christmas dinner Thursday.

The 1,300 figure was the number of food baskets which changed hands in the Northwestern; Northeastern, Southwestern, Northern and Eastern Districts.

Before the men in blue could perform their good deed they had to first screen out the cinders. It happens every year.

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If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People, places and things...

In Seventh Heaven at this Christmas time — Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Perkins.

Since Christmas Eve they have been parents of a nine-month old son, whom they have named David Anthony.

The day before the baby arrived, this reporter spied them shopping for clothes in For's Children's Store in Mondawmin.

Mr. Perkins is superintendent of Provident Hospital. He and Mrs. Perkins, the former Antoinette Abrams of Washington, recently celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary.

THE LINWOOD KOGERS JR. (Margaret) had their five-month-old daughter Margaret blessed on Sunday at Union Baptist Church by the Rev. Baxter L. Matthews.

Godparents were Mrs. Anthia Williams and Albert B. Wood.

Baby's maternal grandfather, Al Freeman of Veradale, Washington, proxied for Mr. Wood, who was unable to be present at that hour, but arrived later.

An at home followed at the Rogers' Bryant Ave. residence.

Also here from the state of Washington: Mrs. Freeman (Annie) — the Freemans arrived at 9 in the morning, just two hours before the christening — first time Mr. Freeman has been east since 1951 and Mrs. Freeman's first trip since 1953.

Proudest person there: the baby's paternal grandfather — Linwood Koger Sr. and paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Koger. Also about baby's aunt, Mrs. Ruth Blacke, and cousin, Miss Constance Blacke, and aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Marett Ross, cousin, Everett J. Ross — and Mr. and Mrs. Casper Pigott Jr., aunt and uncle. Also Mr. and Mrs. O. Neal W. Koger; Mrs. Embra Bowie (Mrs. Bowie is still convalescing after that operation) and her daughter, Karen;

Also, Mr. and Mrs. William Chatman, Mrs. Gladys Milburn Mrs. Katherine Jackson, great aunt; and her son, Cardell; Mrs. Aileen Lange, great-aunt; Mrs. Genesta Lane and children; Miss Geneva Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Josey Sr., Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Barksdale, Mrs. Catharine M. Wilson and daughter, Peggy;

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Russ, Dr. G. Franklin Phillips, who delivered the baby; Mr. and Mrs. William Collins, great-aunt and uncle; Mrs. Edith Henry, the baby's cousin; and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis.

More baby news: The Eddie Watsons (Bernice) of 2500 Riggs Ave., also have a new baby named Anthony. He is Anthony Francis and he arrived on the 15th at Provident Hospital, weighing in at 7 pounds, ½ ounce.

Other Watson children are Adrienne, 12, and Edward 3rd, 8.

Christmas visitors from Germany: Mrs. Mary Frances Hamilton and her and AF Sgt. Pierce Hamilton and their two children who have been in New Elm, Germany for two and a half years.

They are visiting here in Baltimore with her mother, Mrs. Gustav McLaughlin, 2117 Cliftwood Ave., and with his mother, Mrs. Mildred C. Hamilton in Boston, who is ill.

The Hamiltons were not due in the states until January, but his mother's illness enabled them to apply for and get an early leave.

The two Hamilton children are Adjaineline, 3, who was born in Baltimore and Charles Anthony, 18 months, who was born in Germany.

About this and that...

Dobbie B. Hartsfield of Wake Forest College is spending the Christmas holidays with his sister, Mrs. Betty J. Fowler of Baltimore.

James Hinton is also spending the holidays here with his relatives.

Invitations are in the mail this week for what promises to be one of the more fabulous parties of the season — the January 4th formal supper dance to be given by Epsilon Omega Chapter of AKA Sorority. The event is set for the Alcazar.

Newest member of the AFRO city staff — Bill Slater, has had stars in his eyes since Tuesday of this week.

Reason: He and Morgan State Bears were invited to the banquet, "Golden Silver hands in a double ring ceremony in the Nation's Capital.

People and jobs: The assignment of Miss Pearl Cromwell to the principalship of Oliver Cromwell School. No. 74 makes a first.

It is the first time since its location that one of our principals has been assigned to an elementary school where the faculty will remain integrated.

There are over 1300 children in this school, located at 22nd and Homewood, a majority of them colored. Of the 30 odd teachers on the faculty, 10 are white. Mrs. Lillian Wilson is vice principal.

Mrs. Brackett is considered one of the top administrators in the school system.

Those who have worked with her report that when she takes over, a school once considered hopeless in appearance and attitudes, gets new life. One teacher, commenting on her abilities this week said: "Go one step to that old school at Presstman and Gilmor (No. 108) — and see what she has done there.

Birthday greets by December 31 to Mrs. Fannie Holmes, 2500 Harlem Ave. Also celebrating on December 31 — Mrs. Madge R. Cannon, 1806 Bread St.

January 1st fellos to: Mrs. Margaret Robinson, 323 N. Calhoun St., and to Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, 1808 N. Monroe St.

Another New Year birthday celebrant: Mrs. LaRay S. Stokes, 2631 Wheeler Ave.

Happy wedding anniversary greetings to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Edwards 813 Rutland Ave., who will mark their 31st wedding anniversary.

The Rev. Mr. Edwards is also a New Year's baby. He marks his 75th year on that date.

December 31 birthday greetings to the Rev. B. F. Jackson, 3301 Sahonia Ave., pastor of Fulton Baptist Church.

Cheer to: Walter McCloster, 2313 Windsor Ave. Those old ulcers put him in Johns Hopkins Hospital two days before Christmas so his wife, Pearl, and the two kids, had no cause for a Christmas.

Also in the hospital for Christmas: Mrs. Lena L. Hankins, 2319 Woodlawn, who is confined to Provident.

Cyril Atkins, 1421 N. Payson St., professor of chemistry at Morgan, who underwent an operation at Provident last Monday, was also in the hospital at Christmas time.

So was Mrs. Alice Whelstone, 125 Colvin St., who underwent an operation there on Dec. 5 and Mrs. Mary Byrd, 401 Thompkins Ct., who underwent an operation on the 8th. Mrs. Gertrude Pittman, 1311 N. Bethel St., who had an operation on December 20th.

Mrs. Harry E. Parker, 1610 N. Payson St., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at their home.

Present were more than 50 relatives, neighbors and friends who honored the couple with gifts.

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More people and things...

More anent the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project: I repeat, — this project has enabled us to meet, and to know, intimately, you — and you — and you who have generously opened up your hearts and your pocketbooks to help your less fortunate neighbors.

This is being written at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve — we have been so busy playing Santa, answering calls for help, calls for names of families from our Mrs. Santa list—that you might help — that we haven't had time to do much else this week.

The Christmas Eve morning party at the Regent Theatre where local entertainers gave of their talents and Regent Owner Henry Hornstein opened up his movie house, and the week-long activities of packing bags of clothing and food and collecting $$$ from you and you and you has been a job we have enjoyed doing.

As I said last week — in two decades of this work — no one project has received such spontaneous support from the reporters and seasoned newspaper people here and from our readers.

We are grateful for your help . . . because we know when people volunteer their time and money, they believe in what they are doing.

We like to think the unprecedented support of the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project was because all who gave knew their money or time would be properly distributed.

This we tried to do . . . and when the last gift is delivered sometime tonight — we can truthfully say, it was a successful project. Thanks a million thanks again to you and you and you.

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GLEN BURNIE ECHOES

Metropolitan Church has holiday musical drama

The choir of the Metropolitan Methodist Church presented a musical drama, entitled "The Flower of Christmas."

Those taking part in the play other than the choir were Robert Richardson, Quilford Queen, William Olden, Ernest Eldrige, Mrs. Edna Johnson, Morris Johnson, James Mollock Jr., Miss Marva Gaither, Mrs. Irene Jornson, Mrs. Sandra Bluyer, Miss Hildegard Gaither, Emmanuel Jones, Mrs. Ruth Queen, Mrs. Pearl Sewell, Mrs. Laura Gaither, choir president; Frederick Raul, organist and director; the Rev. James E. Adams, pastor.

Home for the holidays are Misses Betty Blackstone, Morgan State College and Elnor Queen, assistant professor of English, Howard University.

THE SUNDAY school of the Metropolitan Methodist Church will present its Christmas program Friday at 6:30 p.m.

On an effort to express the true spirit of Christmas, they will have a mitten tree.

Each person is asked to bring a pair of mittens to hang on the tree.

These will be given to those persons less fortunate.

The Rev. Irvin Richardson, chairman; Mrs. Odessa Flemming, assistant; Mrs. Sandra Bouyer, director of the program; Mr. Wilbur Jones Jr., chairman of the board of education; the Rev. James E. Adams pastor.

The No. 2 choir of the St. Marks Methodist Church, Harmony Md. will present a cantata entitled "The Music of Christmas" by Ira Wilson on Dec. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Soloist for the program will be Mrs. Lavern Hall, soprano; Mrs. Hilda Simms, alto; Samuel McClsin, tenor; Frank Babron, bass.

Frank Hebron, president of the choir; Mrs. Zelia Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Wyonna McClaith, organist; Charles Bagley, director; the Rev. W. C. Searsborough, pastor.

THE PASTOR, choir and congregation of the Metropolitan Methodist Church will worship with the congregation of the Metropolitan Methodist Church on Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

The Rev. Clarence John will be the guest speaker; Mrs. Cynthia Smith, president of the pastor's aid Club which are the sponsors; The Rev. James E. Adams, pastor.

The Second Annual Words and Music program sponsored by the Methodist Men of the John Wesley Methodist Church was well attended.

The feature of the program was "The Song of Christmas" by Roy Ringwald.

Participating on the program were the Number Two Choir of the church, the Mt. Sinai Baptist Choir of Baltimore, Mesdames Brenda Brown, Sarah Carter, and Horace Coles, Dowley Haynes, Edward Mayfield, Floyd Dorsey, James Stokes, William Woodlon.

Douglass Roberts, James Springs, and Hamilton Hines. Douglass Roberts, president of the Methodist Men wishes to thank the many persons who helped make the program a success.

Miss Myrtle Black, organist; The Rev. S. J. Mack, pastor.

THE METHODIST MEN of John Wesley Methodist Church had their annual Christmas social at the church on Monday.

There were Christmas baskets packed by the members of the W.S.C.S. and the Golden Cross of the John Wesley Church, the Furnace Branch Improvement Association this week.

President of the groups are Mrs. Anna Matthews, Mrs. Lavania Hall, and George Crawford.

Thought for today: Very few people make a good showing unless they are showing off.

MOURN THREE CHILDREN LOST IN FIRE.—Shown above, center, is Mrs. Marjorie Henderson, mother of three small children who were casualties of a fire in a first floor apartment at 1312 W. Lexington St. Also shown are relatives and friends as they entered the funeral home for services. A fourth child, Dean, 10 months, was the sole survivor of the blaze, the origin of which is still undetermined.

Mrs. Ella Richardson, church worker, dies

Mrs. Ella Richardson, 71, was buried Monday at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mrs. Richardson, who lived at 2718 Edmondson Ave., died Friday in Franklin Square Hospital after a prolonged illness.

Funeral services were held Monday at Perkins Square Baptist Church, Edmondson and Warwick Aves. where she was an active member.

She was a member of the Star of Bethlehem, the General Federated Women's Club, the George Carter Law Workers and the Senior Choir.

The Rev. Ward D. Yerby officiated at the services.

SHE WAS born Dec. 11, 1887 in Camden Co., N.C., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Austin Gregory.

Mrs. Richardson is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lola Spence, Mrs. Minnie Williams and Mrs. Sophia Finney; two sons, Austin Williams and William Williams, all of Baltimore; two brothers, Austin Gregory, Camden Co., N.C. and Eddie Gregory, Bridgeport, Conn.

Grace Sunday School gives Christmas party

By SAMUEL TORSELL

Grace amo sunday school GIVES christmas party m.4

Grace AME Church Sunday School will have its annual Christmas treat Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Catonsville Civic League, Inc. is praising Roland Pinkney, the contractor, for his contribution of 100 blocks for its new building.

Rodney A. Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herzekiah Jackson, was christened in Grace AME Church Sunday by the Rev. C. C. Brown.

Godparents are Miss Lola Hall and Robert C. Jackson. Witnesses were Mrs. Helen Hall and Mrs. Ida Torsell.

New Year's Eve, Wednesday Dec. 31—10 P.M. to 1 A.M. Song and Prayer Service.

A Cordial Welcome To All. Will See You In Church.

FRANK J. FRYE, Minister.

ACE League host to Kadet corps

The ACE League of St. John AME Church was host to the East Baltimore Unit No. 18-32 Kadets of America recently.

The opening prayer was rendered by 15 - year - old Robert Hardrick; Scripture reading by nine-year-old Clyde C. Jeffers Jr. and subject talk by 11-year-old Reuben Pettiford.

Leading the congregation in song and presiding over the testimonial service was 16-year-old Alfonza Wright Jr.

The Unit Choral Group was introduced by 7-year-old Joyce Weeks. The group spotlighted eight-year-old Russell Keene.

The Kadets were commanded by Col. Clyde C. Jeffers Sr.

Mrs. T. Andaya

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Tolqueenia Andaya, 56, 3042 Arunah Ave., Monday at Centennial Methodist Church, Monument and Sterling Sts.; The Rev. R. L. Clifford officiated.

Mrs. Andaya, wife of Eusibio Andaya died Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Emma Brown, 1024 N. Eden St., after a prolonged illness.

Due to the fact that her husband is a seaman and is away from home much of the time, Mrs. Andaya stayed with her sister on Eden St.

Burial services have been delayed until her husband returns from sea.

Mrs. Andaya, a member of Centennial Methodist Church, had been married 16 years.

Besides her husband and sister, Mrs. Andaya is survived by a brother, Samuel Young.

Mrs. Daisy Walton

Mrs. Daisy Walton, 37, wife of George Walton, 1325 N. Eden St., died at home on Thursday.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at Faith Baptist Church where Mrs. Walton was president of Senior Choir No. 1.

The Rev. Walter E. Paige officiated.

Mrs. Walton, a 40-year member of Faith, came to Baltimore from Meherrin, Va., in 1926.

She and Mr. Walton would have celebrated their 40th anniversary this Dec. 29.

EDDIE HALL is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Helen Hall, 125 Winters Lane.

Family Day will be held at Grace on Sunday at 5 p.m. The sponsors are Arnold Ebbs, Oscar Christmas, and Elhena Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hall of Fredericksburg, Va. were the weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Gordon. Taylor Gordon accompanied them back.

Bunny Wilson spent Sunday visiting Charles Brown in Dover, Del.

Mrs. Catonsville, 1937

Miss Ella Beatrice Coates, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bidgely Coates was christened Dec. 4, 1932 by the Rev. E. T. Addison, Mrs. Ella Parker of Carroll was godmother.

Mrs. Maude Banks

Mrs. Maude Banks, 1140 N. Stockton St., died Sunday, two days before her 48th birthday.

Mrs. Banks, was taken to Provident last Thursday where she died three days later.

High Requiem Mass was said for her Wednesday at St. Peter Claver's Catholic Church.

The wife of Thornton Banks, a chauffeur, Mrs. Banks worked at a local laundry.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Bernard Banks; two daughters Mrs. Viola Wilson and Mrs. Mary Chesley all of Baltimore.

Temple Bapt. Church School will present progam Dec. 28

By CHARLOTTE W. DOWNIE

On Sunday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. the Temple Baptist Church School will present its annual Christmas program. The senior and junior classes will present two one act plays.

Mrs. Vera Smith is superintendent Mrs. Sara Baldwin, director and Mrs. Elsie Lawrence is head of the primary department.

The Rev. Timonthy Gillison will deliver the message.

Miss Patricia Richmond is organist.

The senior and junior departments spent Sunday afternoon visiting the sick and shut-in, carrying gifts and singing carols.

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THE MEMBERS and friends of the Rev. Edmond D. Meade, pastor of Israel Baptist Church, celebrated the 20th anniversary of their Pastor last Sunday.

The church is located at Preston and Chester Sts.

The tributes paid to the Rev. Mr. Meade were richly deserved and it shows that if you serve well, and treat your neighbor with respect and kindness and much love, you will be rewarded.

Chairman of the affair was Mrs. Eva Williams; co-chairman; John Jefferies; secretary and Mrs. Helen Johnson, program chairman; Willie Hubbard and Haywood Musgrove, program committee, Willie Hubbard and Mrs. Geraldine Jones, committee on finance; Mrs. Mattie Johnson, Addison Warren, Paul Mack, Julius Richburg.

Participants included: Mrs. Estelle Massenburg, Julius Richburg, Helen Johnson, Mrs. Florence McCall, Hattie Bond, the Rev. J. R. Grant, Mrs. Annie Ray, Geraldine Jones, Mary Matthews, Lawrence Russell, Ruth Boyd, Hazel Thornton, Mrs. Mazie Sharp, Ruth Bond, Charles Canady, Maston T. Bass, Betty Anderson, Doretta Meade, Adelaide Seymour, Julia Johnson, Thelma Hill, Mr. Purcell Taylor, Frank Norris, Junius Lipscomb, Ruth Bond and many others.

Neighbors remember to send cards of cheer to our sick and shut-ins.

Miss Louise Butler, 1314 N. Central Ave.

Mr. Thomas Randolph, City Hospitals.

Mrs. Fannie Hamm, Henryton Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Mackey, 207 Silver Court.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, 207 Silver Court.

Mrs. Beatrice Morsley, 1215 N. Bond St.

Mrs. Bessie Lewis, 935 N. Chapel St.

Mrs. Henrietta Lewis, 1705 N. Dallas St.

Mrs. Lannie Wright, 1301 N. Washington St.

Mrs. Carrie Lewis, 2023 Kennedy Ave.

Mr. Willie Hill, 909 Rutland Ave.

Mrs. Ida Green, 1313 N. Washington St.

Mrs. Amelia Waller, 1104 McAleer Ct.

Mrs. Frances Bowden, 824 E. North Ave.

Mrs. Frank Norris, 221 N. Chapel St.

Mrs. Myrtle Duke, 1806 Aiken St.

Mrs. Garner Calvin, City Hospitals.

Mrs. Rachel Stevenson, 2049 Kennedy Ave.

Mrs. Magnolia Cannon State, Hospital.

Remember: It is more of a blessing to give than to receive.

John Chase

John Chase, 52, a machinist at a food and machinery company, was buried Monday in National Cemetery.

Mr. Chase, who lived at 179 Colvin St. died Thursday after sustaining a broken neck as the result of a fall from his second-floor stairs.

Services were held at a funeral home in the 1700 block N. Bond St. Monday.

He and his wife, Mrs. Beatrice Chase celebrated their 10th anniversary last Aug. 15.

Besides his wife, he is survived by five daughters, Misses Constance, Marie, Shelly, Genevive and Jennifer Chase; a sister, Mrs. Genevieve Hunt; and a brother, Arthur Chase.

THE JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
824 DOLPHIN ST
REV. P. D. DOUGLAS, Pastor
9:30 A.M. Sunday School.
11:00 A.M. Sermon by The Pastor
3:30 P.M. Holy Communion
Pastor, Choir and Congregation of The Pentecostal Church, Rev. Hoover Sneaker
5:00 P.M. Golden Light Quartet
Wed. Night Watch Meeting. Golden Star Quartet
ALL ARE WELCOME

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
GUILFORD AVENUE & 23rd STREET
First, We Thank God for His Many Blessings in the past year. Then we want to extend thanks to our brothers, sisters, and friends in the city, state and other parts of the country for their prayers, acts of kindness and words of consolation in the last past year.
The Rev. Mr. Leighton and his good people played a conspicuous part at a great sacrifice that will ever remain in the hearts of Ebenezer.
If it is God's will, we will march on.
A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to All!
JEFFERSON JOHNSON,
Chairman of Deacon Board

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1958
9:30 A.M.—Sunday Church School
Mrs. Ethel Day, General Superintendent
11:00 A.M.—Worship Service
Anthem by The Trio
Sermon: "Where Do We Go From Bethlehem?"
WEDNESDAY
8:00 P.M.—Hour of Prayer Service
Topic: "What We Believe Concerning The Life To Come"

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