Missing piggy bank means not so merry Christmas

"What happened to the piggy bank?"

The answer to that question was never given in Northwestern Police Court Tuesday when three men were questioned about a missing piggy bank containing $50.

"I was saving the money for my child's Christmas and when these men left the house my bank left with them."

Mrs. Mary Brown of the 1100 block N. Gilmor St., testified.

Summoned into court at her request was Mrs. Brown's husband, Edgar C. Brown; brother-in-law, Leslie Brown, and a friend of the family, Ernest Banner of the 1900 block Fayette St.

MAGISTRATE Meredith Hoffmaster told the angry housewife: "I'm no magician, Madam; they all deny taking the bank, and there's nothing I can do but I would advise each one to give you five or ten dollars."

With a smile Mrs. Brown's husband replied, "Judge I was going to give her something for Christmas anyway."

To that Mrs. Brown curtly replied, "You never do" as she pulled her coat about her shoulderz and headed for the door.

THERE'S A LUCKY picture in this and every edition of the AFRO. Look for it. If your head is circled, you can collect $5 cash by calling at AFRO City Desk before the next edition is out.

Dr. Templeton heads Hiram Consistory

Dr. Furman Templeton was elected commander-in-chief of Hiram Consistory No. 2 during the annual meeting held on Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple. He succeeds John A. Craven.

Others elected were: Ronald Reid, first lieutenant; William T. Clark, Sr., 2nd lieutenant; J. McDowell, prier; W. R. Carter, minister of state;

Aslo, John H. Davis, chancellor; Charles H. Gordon Jr., keeper of the seal and archives; Dr. C. Mansell Lawrence, treasurer.

SERVES IN OKINAWA

OKINAWA — Marine **Cpl. Reginald A. Dunkins,** son of **Mr.** and **Charles A. Dunkins** of 1300 Ferry Pl., N.W., Washington, is serving with the headquarters of the 3rd Marie Division at Camp Courtney on Okinawa.

Dunkins was promoted to the rank of corporal Nov. 1. Before entering the service, he graduated from Dunbar High School.

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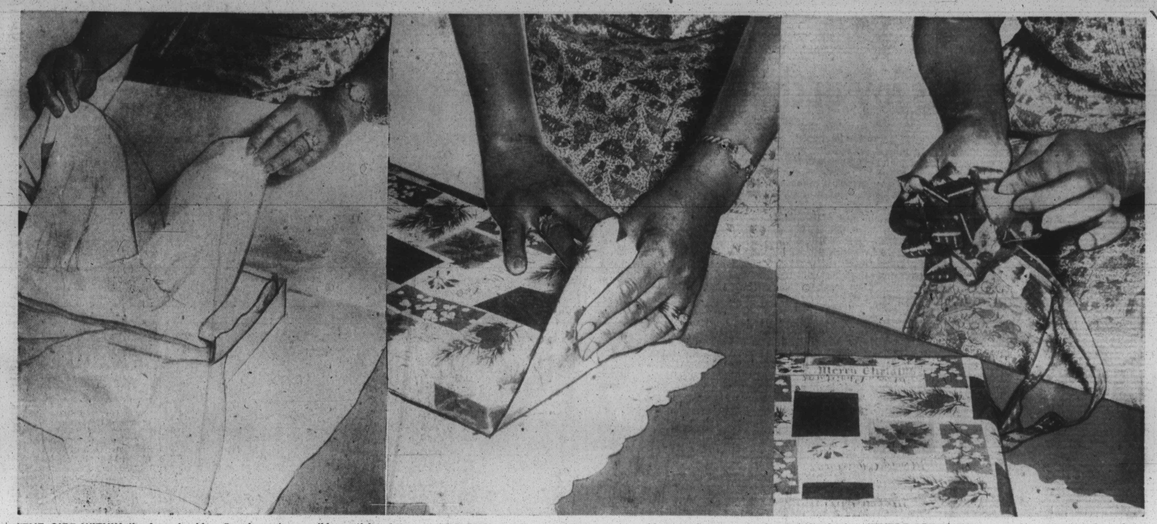

"THE GIFT WITHIN the box should be neatly wrapped," Mrs. Carr says. "Line the box with white tissue paper, place the gift within so that there are no no wrinkles, and then fold the paper over carefully." Mrs. Carr has scissors, ribbon, sticker tape and other supplies close by. These are the essentials to good gift wrapping. In the accompanying article, Mrs. Carr tells how she learned the art of wrapping a pretty gift.

"FOLDING THE OUTSIDE wrapping paper just so is important for an attractive box," Mrs. Carr states. "Use adhesive tape to secure each end before you place the ribbon around the box." Choosing the outside wrapping paper is almost a ritual with her. For children's gifts she selects the kind with Santa and toys printed on it while for adults she likes holly, chrysanthemums and holiday scenes.

"THERE ARE MANY ways to decorate a package," Mrs. Carr claims, "but I prefer the old fashioned ribbon bow. Most important, however, is that it must be securely tied. I always manage it so that when the gift is unwrapped, the bow remains intact and may be used again for some other purpose."

AFRO Christmas Greetings Section

BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN — DECEMBER 22, 1956

It's beginning to feel just like Christmas Day

Strings of lights twinkling overhead against the dim sky, the sound of familiar carols issuing forth from loud speakers, the noise and movement of people in a hurry to get somewhere and the way a stranger smiles at you.

This is Baltimore along Pennsylvania Ave. as it prepares for Christmas—a time for laughter and giving and quiet thoughts of the man whose birthday is noted on Dec. 25 throughout the Christian world, though perhaps in different ways.

Shoppers with their bundles and children with their eyes almost drowned by the sight of so many shiny toys and their hearts filled with hope that someone cares enough to make their dreams come true.

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WINDOWS crammed with Christmas merchandise, a coat for the lady of the house, perhaps a colorful tie for the breadwinner, and a doll that a young miss can hold tight just as though it were alive.

A couple holding hand, and standing in front of the Charm Centre. She with her eyes on a gown and he with the mink probably filled with thoughts of how he can arrange to get her that lovely creation without going bankrupt.

Two men standing near a rack of pungent trees at Laurens St. and Pennsylvania Ave. as customers stop and look. One man stamps his feet against the cold pavement and does a little jig as he waits for a lady and a man to make up their minds.

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IN THE 1700 block Pennsylvania Ave. a matronly looking woman waits patiently as two small boys, obviously hers, look into the window of a five and ten cent store and admire the toys they see there.

An unshaven man, for whom things have apparently not been going so well, passes by and even he smiles at the scene.

There are cynics and there are skeptics but who can deny that there is something very special about this time of year.

We call it the Christmas Spirit, and try as they may, there's hardly a person who sooner or later as Dec. 25 draws nearer and nearer, doesn't feel a certain strange stirring and lightness of heart.

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CHRISTMAS IS a time for helping others, such as the 2,600 underprivileged children who will be guests of the Walter Green American Legion Post No. 14 on Sunday, Dec. 23, 9 a.m. at the Royal Theatre.

John Addington is the chairman of this event and Magistrate Linwood G. Koger Sr., is co-chairman.

On Monday morning there will be a party for the youngsters sponsored by the Northwestern Police District also at the Royal Theatre at 9 a.m.

Local high school pupils and students from Coppin State Teachers College are cooperating in stuffing more than 2,000 21-inch stockings for the youngsters.

Harlem Theatre, Saturday, Dec. 22, at 10 a.m.

Monday will see the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of AF and AM hold its annual Christmas party at 3 p.m. at 1205 N. Eutaw St.

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AT THIS time of the year the holiday spirit sometimes manifests itself in the desires to help a stranger as in the case on Saturday of patrons of the Sphinx Club who willingly paid an admission of canned goods to see a show.

Donating their service were entertainers Jerome Washington, Avon Cooper, Gardner Elzey, Ethel Ennis, Lawson Vessell, Count Thomas, Miss Beatrice Nimms, Eddie (Lockjaw) Davis, Kelson Fisher, Tommy Moseley, Leo Martin and Mad Man Pates.

The gentlemen of the Sphinx Club, through their civic committee headed by Walter S. Lewis, were the guiding force behind the benefit.

On hand are enough canned goods to make from 25 to 40 baskets for needy families. Meat and bread will be added at the last minute and the baskets will make somebody's Christmas a happy one.

Other groups throughout the city have been busy stuffing stockings and filling baskets for the homes of the needy, hospitals and institutions.

It's Christmas time and people take time to think of others.

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EACH YEAR, schools throughout the city go to the trouble to produce Christmas plays and programs. One of these plays, "The Last Christmas," was on the boards of Carver Vocational Technical High School this morning (Friday).

In the cast were:

Betty Dawson, Reginal D. Mitchell, Melvin Stewart, Lavalette Allen, Nina Douglass, Warren Jones, Leon Jones, Doris Harris, Dorothy Harmen, Emily Mullen, Priscilla Wells, Rosa Jacobs, Raphael Hopkins, Edith Satterfield and Joan Dorsey.

The Mt. Winans Improvement Association gave its Christmas party for 300 children on Wednesday evening at School No. 156. A movie was shown and there was carol singing led by W. Meredith Birche. Santa Claus distributed a bag of goodies to each child.

Mrs. Pauline Brooks is president of the association; Mrs. Jeannette Williams, secretary; Charles Hunter, treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker was chairman of the party committee.

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THIS AFTERNOON (Friday), at 2:30 p.m., the Eastside Community Committee held its 13th annual Christmas party and play at Centennial Methodist Church, Monument and Sterlings Sts., with over 1,400 children in attendance.

A one act play was presented by pupils of Elementary School No. 145 under the direction of Mrs. Sadie Maddox, a teacher at the school.

Hollomon's Student Orchestra, composed of 50 pupils, chocked full of assorted nuts, candies and fruits.

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ON SUNDAY, Dec. 23, the Eastside Community Singers will appear in a Christmas Music Festival at the First Baptist Church, McElderry and Caroline Sts.

The group is composed of some 20 voices representing 14 East Baltimore churches of various denominations.

Numbers scheduled include such favorites as "Silent Night," "Hark, The Herald Angels Sing," and "The First Noel," and such traditional selections as "Glory, Now To Thee Be Given."

On the same day, Sunday, the Union Baptist Church of Orange, N.J., and the Sharp St. Methodist Memorial Church will present Handel's majestic "The Messiah" at 6:30 p.m. at the Sharp St. church, Etting and Dolphin Sts.

Churches throughout the city will be holding special services on Sunday for members of various faiths.

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IN THE week preceding Christmas day, various organizations and clubs held celebrations.

One of these was the Douglass-Somerset Homes where the tree was lighted last Tuesday evening and the rest of the week was taken up with parties for the tenants.

Out at the Gilmor Homes a complete holiday program has been planned. Events still pending include the Christmas movie party scheduled for Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

This program is sponsored by the Harlem Theatre management for children, 6 through 12 Free treats will be provided by the Resident Assembly.

A special Christmas story will be dramatized in song and story by the Gilmor Sunday School in the auditorium on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Directors of that program are Mesdames Elsie Edwards, Mildred Ford and Helen Dorsey.

The activities contest which will be held December 28 at 8 p.m.

The judges will be Mesdames Elizabeth Henderson, Pearl Cole Brackett, and Frances Mackay. Also Alexander Woodhouse.

This then is the way that Baltimore prepares for Christmas just like other cities, towns and hamlets across the face of this nation.

Christmas day and youngsters will awaken somewhat sleepy parents to view their gifts. There will be family dinners and toasts to the season.

It's Christmas again and the city says:

"Merry Christmas."

Attractive wrapping is important too

"I've had many years of practice in wrapping gifts," gracious Mrs. Carr told me the other day, "and I know how wonderful it is to give at Christmas time."

A talented little lady formed satin ribbon into cunning bows as she prepared to wrap boxes of gifts in the living room of her Druid Hill Ave. home.

She is Mrs. Adele Carr, daughter of the late Josiah Diggs who died in 1938.

He built the Dunbar Theatre from five little East Baltimore houses in 1914.

The owner until he died, Mr. Diggs made it his life work to see that many unfortunate people had food on Christmas day.

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MRS. CARR TOLD about it as she carefully clipped price tags from the presents and placed them skillfully into boxes.

"For several years my father would take us over to his theatre on Christmas morning before breakfast and we would fill baskets for the needy — hundreds of them every year.

"After we had helped him give them out, he used to say: 'Now we can go home and enjoy Christmas.'"

Some years, Mrs. Carr said, each gift in each basket was wrapped with loving care and it was then she learned that more goes into a gift than just the package.

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"THE HOLINESS of a heart filled with love for one's brother is the main thing in giving gifts," she said.

Being sure you have that, Mrs. Carr explained. The inner wrapping is next most important, whether it is food, a toy, a book, or a garment.

As a rule she uses white tissue paper to neatly encase the article and then she places it in an appropriate box.

After that comes the tying of the box which is easy if you've had as much practice as Mrs. Carr has had.

The finished product, pretty paper, and a lovely ribbon bow is a work of art and a joy, although the gift inside may not be an expensive one.

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"AFTER MY FATHER had given out all the baskets at the theatre he would say: "Now I can enjoy my Christmas since I have done the best I could to see that others have something." Mrs. Carr told me.

Her husband, Walter R. Carr, is carrying on Mr. Diggs' work at the theatre now and the Josiah Diggs Charity Club, organized by Mrs. Carr, in memory of her father, sees to it that his wishes for the needy at Christmas are fulfilled.

This year the club is giving a TV set to Crownsville State Hospital. Officers are Mrs. Carr, president, Mrs. Hallie Elliott, vice-president, Mrs. Emma Arrington, secretary, and Mrs. Sarah Webb, treasurer.

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"WE HAVE HAD such a grateful feeling each year that we always look forward to our Christmas project with pleasure every time," Mrs. Carr said. "Remembering others brings an impelling grace."

Mr. and Mrs. Carr have two sons, James and Walter, four grandchildren, Walter Jr., Velma, Darryle, Lonnie and James Jr., and one grandson, Beryl.

One son, James, is associated with his father at the Dunbar Theatre, while the other, Walter of Philadelphia, one-time AFRO circulation worker, is in the taxi cab business there.

His daughter, Velma, is a Cheyney State Teachers College senior, and his son, Walter Jr., a 1955 Morgan College graduate, is a Baltimore City recreation worker.—E.M.O.

"A beautifully wrapped gift brings much joy," Mrs. Carr says. "But most of all, what's inside does not have to be expensive. It becomes precious because the receiver knows you cared enough to wrap it well." Here Mrs. Carr displays the gift she has wrapped. It took approximately ten minutes.

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Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Dear Santa:

Seeing how it's Christmas and everybody and his brother is sending out gifts, I thought I would submit my little bitty ole list, postpaid of course.

A portable brick wall suitable for head beating purposes for writers who after making a careful and scientific study of a situation make inaccurate guesses and then receive unsubtle hints from unsympathetic readers that said writer should get lost in the inner reaches of outer Mongolia.

A one-way ticket to the moon for all teenagers who think that Elvis Presley is out of this world and the hope they use the ticket and take "Droopy Sideburns" along with them.

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A CELLOPHANE wrapped and sanitary foot, good for putting in the mouths of speakers who tell audiences "some of my best friends" are you know who, and then stand back wailing for applause that like a ship never comes in.

A book of famous quotations for the characters whose only conversation seems to be "ain't I hot" when its hot and "ain't it cold" when its cold.

In case it ain't either hot or cold they are in one heck of a fix for chit-chat.

AN AUTOMOBILE windshield with a small electric charge for the next policeman who has nothing better to do then give me a ticket for parking on Druid Hill Ave. two minutes before 10 a.m.

A calendar with nothing on it but paydays for the guys who tell you 'lend me a buck and I'll pay you payday.'

A box of popcorn for the nuts who insist on sitting next to me in the movie and popping the stuff in their mouths just as the good part starts on the screen.

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AN ADJUSTABLE bar stool for elbow benders. With each drink the stool lowers itself.

By the time a fellow is good and tanked, the stool is almost on the floor. Saves him the trouble of falling so far and creating a scene.

All he has to do is slide off.

That's it Santa. Hope you can oblige. And a Merry Christmas to all and to all a — —

THE SIGHT OF CHRISTMAS — Looking north from the 1600 block Pennsylvania and garlands bring a holiday air to the uptown shopping area as familiar Christmas windows of the various stores are Christmas merchandise and wishes for a "Very