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had to break the ice sooner or later and I was the lucky one."

LOOKING TO the future it appears that bright days are ahead for the Rucker firm.

One of his sons, James A. Rucker, 26, works with his father as a plumber, and the senior Mr. Rucker's attractive daughter, Miss Dehores Rucker, is secretary for the business.

As dates go Mr. Rucker started working in 1923 as a laborer with a plumber. He kept on working his way up until he reached his present position.

A native of Elberton County, Ga., Mr. Rucker is married to Mrs. Martha Ellen Rucker. They have one other child, Samuel Rucker.

His entire family is proud of what the master plumber has achieved and as Mrs. Rucker sums up that emotion:

"He worked hard for it and we are glad that he has been successful."

Original playlet

"Adventures in Bookville" by Gwendolyn Alston, Nelline White and William Young, 9B 108, was presented recently in the auditorium at Houston Junior High School.

Participants in the play included the entire class of 9B 108, the Girls' Choir under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Phillips and accompanied by Charles Hawkins, the band under the direction of Hillary Thompson and Mrs. Frances P. Gaines, and the modern dance group under the direction of Miss Parron.

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Season's greetings to all—cash to some—newstippers

It's time to wish ALL good Newstippers—past, present and future — a Merry Christmas. Through the year, your alertness and promptness in calling have been most valuable in making this a newsier paper.

Tragedy, comedy and human interest have all played their parts in the news this year and Newstippers have been responsible for a great deal of coverage.

Receiving some "Christmas cards" with pictures of dead parents on them will be seven scene and on the ball.

Two $5 awards go out this week to "tiptop tipsters" who called in: the girl hit by a car on Madison Ave. and the sudden death of a four-year-old girl.

AWARDS OF $3.50 each go to tipsters on the first master plumber and on the amusing plight of a family who may be evicted on Christmas Eve. Two more tipsters get $2.50 each. They called on the accidental death of a woman on Brunt St. and further information on the death of a 92-year-old woman.

A $2 award goes to a caller who called in the fact that a Mr. Bowland and Mr. Murphy are having a hard time of it in the Tuesday meeting. Delegate Jerome Robinson (D. 3rd) is said that while the Legislature had originally intended for the land to be used for the armory it had undergone a change of heart.

HE POINTED to a $7,000 appropriation made this year for a auditorium-gymnasium on the campus and said that this move indicated the Legislature wanted the college to retain its land.

He also said that the Legislative Council acted hastily in signifying its willingness to have the land transferred so that action was taken because the Council "was mad" and wanted to wind up its session as soon as possible.

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Pastors disagree on 'love in jail' issue

WASHINGTON

The moral issue involved in Mrs. Minnie Payne's suit for the right of consortium with her husband, Mahlon, in District jail, olive no doubt of conflicting schools of thought from the local ministry.

Typical of those expressing opposing viewpoints were the Revs. W. H. Jernagin of Mount Carmel Baptist Church and G. Dewey Robinson, of Metropolitan AME Chruch.

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THE REV. Mr. Jernagin agreed with Mrs. Payne's action.

"If she wants to be with her husband, permission should be granted," the Rev. Mr. Jernagin said.

"Her request shows she wants to go straight and remain true to her husband."

Of a different viewpoint, the Rev. Mr. Robinson stated the loss of consortium was one of the penalties of imprisonment.

"I don't see how he could practice that type of intimacy in the jails," he said.

THE REV. J. D. FOY, of Asbury Methodist Chruch, asserted that a man guilty of a crime against society forfeits all rights, including the right to cohabit with his wife.

"He even loses the right to be a woman's husband," the Rev. Mr. Foy stated.

In the District, conviction of a felony is legal grounds for divorce.

SEVERAL ministers and health officials contacted, declined comment on the subject, although all stated they had following private opinions about the matter.

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on a highway courtesy incident and it's hello to South Baltimore tipster who reported a fire and an accident.

There will be a lot of things happening in the next few weeks — keep your eyes open and call in when you see something. You might earn a Newstip award.

You can also collect on your News photos. Just bring them in to the city desk. Newstip numbers are: MU 5-6015, 6016, 1812 and 1813. If no answer, call LA. 3-2811.

Coppin land transfer awaits assembly action

"They should make up their minds what they are going to do."

This was the suggestion that came on Tuesday from Howard H. Murphy as he appeared before the Board of Public Works to protest the transfer of five acres of the Coppin State Teachers College campus to the State Military Department.

Mr. Murphy was speaking of the situation which found State Department of Education officials and some legislators under the impression that no such transfer would be made, when in fact the public works board had already approved the transfer.

As matters now stand the completion of the transfer is being held up pending the January session of the General Assembly which will be asked to decide the matter.

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SPEAKING FOR 16 organizations interested in Coppin, Mr. Murphy presented the board with a resolution setting forth 11 reasons why the Military Department should not be given the land on which to build an armory.

These included the possibility that Coppin will be expanded and will need the land. Also cited was the increasing need for teachers and the shortage of training facilities in Maryland.

The muddled situation arose when the General Assembly struck out of a money bill an appropriation for funds with which to purchase land for an armory, with the intention that state land should be used for this purpose.

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THE MILITARY Department settled on part of the 23-acre Coppin campus as the site but the State Department of Education opposed this.

However, when General Milton Record presented members of the Board of Public Works, (Governor McKeldin, State Treasurer Hooper S. Miles and Comptroller Millard Tawes) with a letter from the Legislative Council saying that the Legislature intended for Coppin land to be used, the board approved the transfer.

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—Play Santa

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The girls are 3 and 10; the boy is 8. They will not have a Merry Christmas unless someone helps them.

Thirteen - year - old Isabelle writes: "I am in a family of 10 people that includes my mother and father, five brothers and two sisters. My mother is ill and is expecting to go to the hospital soon for an operation.

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"MY FATHER hasn't worked since August when he was laid off. All he gets is a $38 Social Security check. I go to junior high school and am in the 7A. My brother is nearly barefooted. Will you please send us some clothing and toys so we can have a Merry Christmas, too? I'll be looking for you Santa."

A request for help came for a Cherry Hill family, that was burned out a couple years ago and hasn't been able to get its feet on the ground yet. There are seven children in the family, all under nine years of age. The wife has been sick and the husband hasn't been able to find work.

Mrs. W. B. N. writes for help for a neighbor who has two children, a 7-year-old girl and a 20 month-old boy. The neighbor is separated from her husband. After she buys food and pays rent, there is nothing left for the children.

Mrs. W. A., a Pennsylvania Ave. resident, writes: "I am the mother of five children and I would like to get a basket of food and clothes for my children.

"My husband left me four years ago. The children are 9-13. I can't get any help from the Welfare because they say I don't have any young babies.

"My husband only sends me $25 for the five children. I pay $16 rent and buy food. My children need clothes, underwear and top coats. I do day work but I don't make enough money to buy the clothes they need.

"I need a coat and wood to heat with. My two girls want dolls for Christmas. My boys want big trucks. Thank you very much."

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A MOTHER of four children writes: "I would be thankful if you would open your hearts to them. I am not asking for myself, just for the children. They would be thankful for food and toys.

"The boys are 7 and 11. The girls are 5 and 14. I will close with a prayer that you will help us.

Mrs. G. B. A. of E. Lafayette Ave. writes: "My four kids need clothes and food. They are 8, 9, 2 and 15. I am a sick woman and not able to work. I am trying to get on the Welfare, but it takes so long.

"Please help me make my home look like Christmas. I try to keep my family together, but I have sickness in my family."

A N. Arlington Ave. mother writes: "I have two small children. The only income I have is from my husband. We are not together. When I pay my rent, I have hardly enough to buy anything else. It will make me happy to know the children will have a nice Christmas."

Mrs. H. S. writes: "I have nine children from 6 to 16. I would appreciate anything, a food basket, food or clothing. My husband deserted us. I work, pay rent, buy food and clothes the best I can. I have to work Christmas day. I'll be off Christmas day. May God bless you and pray for my family."

writes: "I have two small children.

A ST. MARY St. mother writes: "I have four children. Our only income is a check from the Welfare. My husband is in jail for non-support. He would be so happy to receive a basket or toys or clothing. We thank you for any help we can get."

"THE 13-YEAR-OLD boy is hard on clothes, and Mrs. My mother needs size 8½ shoes for one of the boys. The girls need dresses, sizes 12 and 14. The boys need clothing size 1, to 18. My nephew would work, but it is hard for a school boy to get a job. Anything you can help us out with will be appreciated."

A young mother, who lives on Eutaw Pl. writes: "Would some one please help me make this a Merry Christmas for my three little children, boys, 2 and 4, and a 5-year-old girl.

"I live with my mother and brother. My brother has always looked out for Santa for the kids, but this year he is out of work as he has to have an operation and he is unable to help me.

"I receive a relief check for the kids, but after paying rent and other bills there is little left for a Merry Christmas. I will be very thankful for anything I receive. The kids need snowsuits, sizes 4 and 5 and some good food would make them very happy.

"The little girl wants a Betsy Wetsy doll baby and a clean up set, and the boys want a car and drums, but any toys will make them very happy. Please help me."

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A MOTHER WRITES for clothes for her 13-year-old son, a patient in Crownsville. "Please," she writes, "After 11 years of cold-heartedness, let him have a Santa Claus, please.

"If I were working this year, I would. I have always worked to help the sick and less fortunate." This year she is sick and only recently got out of a hospital. The young man wears size 10 shoes and is of medium build.

Mrs. G. R. A. writes: "I am writing for my son, who will be six in January. I came out of the hospital in October from an operation. I have a part time job and I get a check from the Probation Department.

"I owe the woman who takes care of my son, plus other bills. I can't be Santa this year, because she wants her money, too. My son is unhappy and wants to stay with me all the time, but I have to work to take care of him.

"He asked me for a train set and a telephone set, also a desk and chair, truck and books, and a cowboy set. He needs clothes for school. Please help some of his dreams come t-ue."

Mrs. W. N. M. writes: "I am in need for some clothes for my two boys, 10 years and 22 months. My husband was laid off from work for quite some time. He got a job three weeks ago, but it doesn't pay much.

"We owe rent for three weeks. Our electric has been cut off. I am expecting a baby in March and haven't bought any baby clothes. I am at my end. I thank God if someone will Play Santa for me."

Mrs. K. M. writes: "I have three boys and two girls. The boys are 4, 7, and 9. The girls are 2 and 6. My husband got into some trouble and has to pay 30 days.

"I won't be able to give the children much Christmas. I would be thankful for anything. Most of all the children need shoes."

A young mother who resides in Hyde Park Rd. writes: "I am a mother of five children. 3-months to 5 years. I would love to have a Christmas basket. My husband makes $40 a week, but that is not enough to get a turkey for Christmas. My children had a poor Thanksgiving. Please make them happy for Christmas. I only ask for a basket."

Another plea is for help for a N. Carey St. family with two little boys, two and three years old. "They have sickness in the family," a neighbor writes.

A 9-year-old girl writes: "I have four sisters and three brothers. My father is not working at every day. If you know of anyone that sends out baskets, please give my name and address and if they have any toys or clothes for my sisters and brothers, we will appreciate it. My sisters are 1, 3, 4 and 5. My brothers are 7, 9, and 6 months old." I will thank you for anything that you send."

Mrs. D. M. W. writes: "Will you please help me to show my five fatherless or work drees a Merry Christmas and happiness. I have been a widow for four years and I have been doing my best for the children, but due to recent illness, I am now not employed at all. My children are 4-10."

Mrs. D. M. O. writes: "My husband and I have been separated for three years. I have four children. I do not have any help at all. If anyone would give me a helping hand, I would appreciate it. The children are 9-10 years old."

Mrs. O. G. B. writes: "I am the mother of seven small children, five boys and two girls from 1 to 10 years old. They are all in need of something."

Mrs. W. G. of a Mosher St. address, writes: "I am writing in the hope that some one would be nice enough to Play Santa Claus to my children.

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"MY HUSBAND ON November 9, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for reckless driving. He won't be out until February 8, 1957 and I am expecting to have twins after Christmas.

"I have two girls and 5 boys. The boys are 6, 11, 13, 3 and 16. My two girls are 4 and 5. The girls would like carriages for Christmas. I will be glad for any help."

A struggling young mother, Mrs. T. G. writes: "I am a mother of six children. There won't be a Christmas for them this year, because their father is sick. He took ill in April of this year. He is mentally ill. We get $40 a week from his job. That is just enough to buy food and milk and pay rent.

"We would like for the children to get something. They are good children. Their father was in the hospital, but is home now. He goes to the clinic for treatments.

"I would go to work, but who would stay with him and the children? We thank you so very much."

MRS. W. M. of N. Aisquith St. writes: "We have five children, 3-9. My husband sprained his leg and the bill was $20. He couldn't pay it because our rent was due.

"He only makes $30 a week. I have to pay $125 for dentures, to be able to eat. My children need coats to keep warm this winter, while going to school.

"I could use a coat as I have caught a cold wearing a summer one. We could use food and money. I would be thankful for any help."

Mrs. R. D. writes for her sister-in-law: "She has five little children 1-5 and their father is dead. Because the children are small, she can't go out and work. She doesn't have money to get anything for the children for Christmas."

Mrs. S. W. writes: "I am writing for help for two children, a boy 9, and a girl, 7. Their mother is not well and can't buy them anything for Christmas. Her husband left them in September. Please help them."

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"I'M NOT ASKING for anything for myself, just for the children. They are 6 months to 11 years," writes Mrs. R. L. and concludes, "I am closing with a prayer that you will help us."

Another request for help is for a ten-year-old boy, Nathaniel, whose mother has deserted him. A very nice lady is taking care of him, but she suffered a stroke recently and can't work. She hasn't any help with him at all

Mrs. M. M. G. writes: "I am writing in behalf of a young mother. She has one five-year-old boy and is expecting another baby in March. She just came out of the hospital and she won't have anything to give her son for Christmas.

"She hasn't heard from her husband in quite some months. She would appreciate some baby's clothes size 8 and a few toys. Please help her."

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FIFTEEN - YEAR-OLD Rosa Lee writes: "I am asking some one to please play Santa Claus for my five brothers, me and my little sister. My father works as a watchman, he makes $60 a week, and we have to pay $18 a week for rent.

"He won't get paid until after Christmas. We go to Junior High School, but I haven't been to school since the 27th of November because I got too cold and I don't have a warm coat. I hate to be out of school.

"I would like a coat or some clothes and a pair of shoes size 8. I weigh 106 pounds.

"My mother doesn't work because she isn't able. The five boys would like any kind of clothes. Their ages are 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11. They would like coats, too; my little sister would like clothes, too.

"My mother said she doesn't have the money to buy us anything. She was crying the other night because she can't get us anything for Christmas."

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MRS. H. J. of Biddle St. says: "I am writing for help. I have three children, 3, 7, and 13 months. I expect another child this month. My husband only makes $60 a week. After he pays the bills, there isn't anything left for the children.

"And if a little child shall lead them," it is written, and it is a little child who wrote this letter: "I am writing to ask you to help us. My mother and father are separated. There are six of us 4-13 years of age.

"We receive a check from the Welfare. Mother pays rent and buys clothing, and food for us. There is not much to go for toys, so in order for us children to have something like goodies and toys and maybe a small basket to make Christmas a Merry one, please help us . . . John."

A mother of eight children, who lives on Laurens St. writes: "I am a mother of six girls and two boys. The girls are 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9; the boys are 1 and 10. My husband is a mortar mixer and does not earn very much.

"I would like clothes for my children, food and a mattress. The 10-year-old boy is badly in need of a coat and suit to wear to church. I would be thankful for any help I receive."

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A YOUNG MOTHER who lives in Selbyville, Del. requests help for her two children, a boy and girl, 11 and 12. Her husband is out of work. She would also like help for her invalid brother and his six children, 18 months to 9 years, who share a home with her.

A neighbor writes for help for the family of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. of Poplar Grove St.

There are 9 children badly in need of clothing and anything to make Christmas brighter for them. The older boys 10, 11 and 13, sell papers to help out.

Mrs. T. D. asks: "Will you help me? I have three children, two girls 5 and 8 and a little boy. I receive a Welfare check, but can't get anything for them for Christmas."

Alice, a 13-year-old girl writes: "I am writing on behalf of my three little Brothers, 2, 5 and 8 and one sister, 10. My father works, but he can't work now as the weather is bad. Last week he wasn't able to work one day.

"My mother has to stay home because my 8-year-old brother is handicapped and go to to school. I do want them to have a Merry Christmas."

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MRS. J. H. G. says: "I hope I am not too late to ask someone to Play Santa Claus for my four small children seven months to 5 years. My husband doesn't make enough to give them much of a Christmas. I have a little girl in school.

"She needs some dresses and a snowsuit for the winter. I will be thankful if someone will help them for Christmas."

A good neighbor "who lives on Norris St. writes: There is a family who lives across the street from me, very much in need. The father has been sick for over two months.

"There are four little children from seven months to nine years. Please Play Santa to them. The family needs food and everything."

Mrs. G. R., of Pennsylvania Ave., writes: "I have been sick in the hospital and have to go back Friday. I am feeling bad; my husband lost his job.

"I have six children. I would like very much for someone to help my children have a Merry Christmas and my husband find a job."

A SINCERE and straight to the point letter comes from Mrs. W. M. H. of Gilmor St. She writes: "I would like for you to send me a basket for Christmas. I have five children and my husband makes a very small amount of money.

A relative of a Fairbanks Court family writes: "Will you please help this family? The mother of five children is in Crownsville Hospital. The children's grandmother, with Welfare help, takes care of them, plus six of her own. Please help these children to have a Merry Christmas."

Teen-year-old Ethel writes: "I wish very much to have a happy and bright Christmas. We aren't expecting any toys, clothes or even a nice Christmas dinner.

"We are struggling to make ends meet. I have a sister, three, a brother, two weeks, brothers 12 and 14.

"We don't even have wood or coal to keep us arm. We have to keep the oven on all

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—'For little ones'

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something wonderful was about to happen-but there was no doubt that the children knew.

It was in the way their eyes seemed to shine, how they fondled the empty stockings, how they smiled when their mother showed them a copy of "The Night Before Christmas," and how they chattered happily among themselves in perfect understanding.

WHILE THEY ARE not rich, the Joneses, like so many other families, are planning to give their children a day that will be out of the ordinary.

There will be doll babies, toy chests and tables, clothes and of course stockings full of good things that bring happiness, and sometimes a little ache, to the stomachs of the small fry.

It will be a grand and glorious day in this household at 2102 N. Howard St., and as Mr. Carpenter, a maintenance worker at the Armistead Gardens, says, the reason is just as simple as the reason why the Christian world pauses in its breath-taking pace on Dec. 25:

"Christmas is for the little ones."

MEET MARY, MEET MARTHA — Twins, as can be plainly seen, are what these two young ladies are. Their last name is Jones and they are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter Jones, 2102 N. Howard St.

the time so the baby won't catch a cold. We are on the Welfare and we have plenty of bills to pay. Daddy has a nervous condition."

Mrs. W. Y. says: "I am writing for a Christmas basket for my six children, one month to seven years old. Although I receive a check from the Welfare, I am unable to provide my children with the Christmas other children have.

"I will be very grateful for whatever you have to offer my children. Thank you so very very much."

A friend in the block sends this touching letter: "I know of a little girl who needs help and would be made a happy little girl for Christmas if Poor Santa Claus would put her on his list.

"Her parents are out of work and have no way of making their daughter happy for Christmas. She is 12 and would be happy with anything Santa would give her.

"She needs clothes most of all. She told me that every night before going to bed, she prays to God to send Santa to her house for Christmas and that she says the 23rd Psalm every morning and night.

Another request is for help for the family of Mrs. F. A. of Pennsylvania Ave. Mrs. F. A. is the mother of six children. They will be happy for anything. The children are 2 to 10. They would like some toys for Christmas.

Mrs. B. L. says: "I am requesting help for a needy family. The mother is unemployed and the little help she gets for the children is not enough to pay bills and give the children a little something for Christmas.

"The children are very much in need of clothing and food. They are three boys, 6, 7, and 9."

A neighbor writes for help for the family of Mrs. C. E. "She has four children. She needs help very badly. She is the only support of her children. She doesn't know where her husband is. Please help her."

Mrs. M. B of W. Lafayette Ave. writes: "I am a young mother of two children, two years and five months. I get a small assistance from the Welfare Department and I am supposed to get a probation allowance from for the children, but the father is unemployed.

"Please help me make my two little girls happy for Christmas. Food, clothing, anything you give will be a blessing."

Harold, a boy who lives on E. Chase St., writes that he would like a camera or a work saw for Christmas. His mother is not able to work. He is a good boy and does well in school. He likes craftwork and would really like a work saw or camera for Christmas.

Mrs. G. O. M. writes: "I am the mother of five children, 4 months to 10 years. My only income is a probation check. When I pay rent and buy food, I don't have money for anything else.

"It would make me very happy, if my children could have a little something for Christmas."

A plea for help comes for the family of Mrs. W. of a Biddle St. address. She has seven children; they need food and clothes. They will be happy for anything.

ANOTHER PLEA is for a Bruce St. family. The mother writes that she has seven children 2½ to 11 years old. She gets money from the Welfare Department, but it is not enough for anything extra. The children need clothes and food.

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A YOUNG mother of five children just out of the hospital writes that she is a victim of heart trouble. Her husband has asthma.

She asks that someone help her, her husband and their five children. This Christmas will be the first Christmas she has not been in a hospital since 1954.

Some of the other appealing stories that have come in to the AFRO's Santa Claus are as follows:

A mother of eight children from six months to 14, whose father has deserted them would like food, clothes, and toys for the children. This family lives on Eagle St.

Mrs. B. is expecting another baby soon. Their electricity has been cut off. They have inadequate food and clothes. Mother can't work. Oldest child is 13; youngest 10 months. Anything, no matter how small will be appreciated.

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THERE IS also the sad case of Mrs. T. A. of E. Pratt St. She is sick and confined to bed with arthritis. Her married brother helps her, but he has his own family to take care of.

Another interesting case is that of Mrs. N. L. of Kavanaugh St. In this family are a mother and her two children, 6 and 7. They are on the Welfare.

Mrs. N. L. is not well or able to work. She has no idea where her husband and the children's father is. They need a few things but will settle for whatever you give them.

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THERE IS also the family of Mr. and Mrs. Johns. They have a girl and two boys, 7, 9, and 8. They would appreciate food, clothing and toys. Their father has been laid off and won't start back to work until January.

Other people wanting YOUR help are Mrs. B.E.M. of Mulberry St. She has a sick little boy, 3, and is herself under the doctor's care.

Mrs. W. C. of Gay St. has five children 2-10 years old. Her husband left her. She works and earns a little money, but not nearly enough. She looks like no Christmas for her five kids unless you play Santa to them.

Mrs. R. L. of Woodyear St. has seven children 5 months old to 9 years old. The father is absent from the home. This young mother wants clothing and toys for the children. By the way, there are two-year-old twins in this family.

Another family has four children, 2-7. The mother Mrs. J. L. can't quite afford the rent and buy food for her family, with the Welfare check she receives. She can't afford toys or any of the other things tots like, but how can you explain that to children 2-7?

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THERE IS a grandmother who seeks Santa's help for her grandsons 18 months, 5, and 6. Their parents are out of work. The grandmother helps all she can, but she can't do very much.

Another case is that of Mrs. H.M. of the Somerset Homes. She has a son. They have had a pretty hard time, but she keeps right on going. Her son helps out by selling papers. A friend writes hoping someone will send this lady and her boy a food basket.

A Lexington St. family has eight children, 1-8 years old. The children have been out of school for three months because they don't have sufficient clothing. The mother is expecting in March. Anything would be appreciated.

Six little children over on Hunter St. range from 10 mos. to 7 years. Their father is a struggling mother is back in her rent. She needs food and clothes for her children.

They also need wood and coal to keep warm with. Are you willing to help them? They'd sure appreciate it.

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DO YOU think you have troubles? There is a family on Franklin St.; the father is in jail serving a year. The mother is trying to get help from the Welfare Department, so far, no go.

There are five children at home. Youngest is a little one-year old boy. Oldest is a 9-year-old girl. The only food in this home is what people give her and children. What kind of a Christmas do you think they are going to have, unless you help them?

Another case meriting your help is that of Mrs. S.K. of Fairmount Ave. She needs help badly. She has three children 1, 3, and 5. They live with her sister and her seven children, but her sister got evicted.

Twenty-three months old, the two misses are getting an early start on what will soon become a familiar scene in homes where youngsters practice the ritual of hanging up Christmas stockings.

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