Gadabouting in Baltimore

Templars, Continentals plan holiday parties

With Lula Jones Garrett

They'll be no end to the parties over the Christmas Holidays what with the Templars and Continentals issuing invitations.

The Templars, that sociable group of young men, have set their annual Christmas party for Dec. 27 at Unity Hall. The Continentals have issued invitations for Dec. 26 at the Famous Ballroom.

The Firesiders will liven things up with their party on Dec. 26 and the Guardsmen will have their New Year's Eve closed party. The Omegas have set their barn dance for Jan. 3.

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THE YOUNGER set, not to be outdone, have a host of things planned including the Northwest Child Study groups' affair Dec. 26 at the YWCA—those invitations were quite grown up, printed no less.

Add to this the long list of Jack and Jill parties for the various age groups including the one set for this Saturday for the 6 to 4-year-old group at Mrs. Mary Lou Redd's home on Raynor Ave.

The Phi Deltaneers, the men in the lives of Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa sorority will be feted at a Pre-Christmas Party Saturday night at the Odd Fellows Hall.

THE SORORS completed plans for the cabaret at their monthly meeting held Dec. 14 at the YWCA. At this meeting officers installed were:

Carrie Staten, basileus; Gladys Wallace, first anti-basileus; Mildred Barkley, second anti-basileus; Fannie Lawson, third anti-basileus; Florine Allen, epistoleus; Effie Scott, grammateus; Rebecca Brown, taminuchos; Bertha Cross, tamias; Mayme Dorsey, journalist; and Elmira Colline, dean of pledgees and custodian of insignia.

The sorors showered gifts on Alice Ford, retiring basileus, who will represent the group at the December conclave in West Chester, Pa. Soror Josephine Lansey was chairman of the gift pageant.

MISS PHYLLISS GASKINS, daughter of Mrs. Aiken Gaskins and the late Joseph F. Gaskins, will become the bride of Robert L. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Nelson.

Miss Gaskins is a secretary at the Department of Education and Mr. Nelson is a dental technician at the Co-operative Dental Laboratory. He is also a musician.

The Rev. Frank J. Frye will officiate at the wedding at Ames Memorial Methodist Church on January 25, 1958.

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LOADED WITH gifts and goodies, Les Femmes took time out from their busy schedule preparing for their Annual New Year's Eve Ball to dash down of to Boys' Village on Tuesday of this week to entertain for the boys there. This, too, has become an annual affair.

Joining in to help make this a day the boys will long remember were a group of girls from Barrett School. Supervisor of the boys was Nathaniel Dorsey with Mr. and Mrs. William Molock, cottage attendants.

Members are Nellie Wright, Verna Mason, Hazel Spruill, Melvina Jackson, Agnes Willis, Dollie Chester, Natalie Phelps, Evelyn Bullitt, and Susie Watson.

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THE BALTIMORE Chapter of the Howard University Alumni Association entered merrily into the spirit of the Christmas Season when it held its monthly meeting, December 6, at the "Igloo," the Bateman Avenue residence of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Frisby.

After a short business meeting with Mrs. Mary C. Frazier, president, in charge, special Christmas features were presented under the direction of Mrs. Vivian Owings and Miss Marie Fitzhugh, co-chairmen. Christmas carols were sung lustily when Earl Anderson furnished the musical accompaniment from an old-fashioned country folding organ. This, of course, was in the club cellar because of the first floor of the Frisby home is one of the latest words in Hi-Fi electrically operated organs.

Herbert Frisby, Arctic correspondent and traveler, then took over, speaking and demonstrating from the theme "Trips to the North Pole and Eskimo Country." He talked about many of the places he had visited, some of the things he did and how he had so much fun with the Eskimos.

During the discourse which was most informal, Mr. Frisby repeatedly directed the attention of his audience to the many artifacts on display in the club room. At the close of his presentation, a spirited question session followed.

In answer to the question as to when and how he first became interested in the Arctic and Polar regions, he had this to say — "It all happened when I was a pupil in the 6th grade, when I first learned that Matthew Henson, a colored man participated in the discovery of the North Pole. Then and there I made up my mind to be the second colored man to go to the Pole, if possible. Well, after 13 attempts I made it Aug. 12, 1956."

THE HIGHLIGHT of the session came when the President, Mrs. Frazier, under the guise of wanting to ask a question, interrupted the speaker to present Magistrate Linwood G. Kogar who began in this fashion:

"In recognition of your early determination and grit to reach an objective formulated when only a 4th grade pupil and achievement of the same; your self-initiated and successful activity in focusing nationwide attention upon Matthew Henson, pioneer Arctic explorer; your recent participation in scientific and geographical research; and your continuing willingness to share your educational experiences with so many individuals and groups — the Baltimore Chapter of Howard University Alumni Association is proud of you, and herewith presents to you this plaque for notable achievement.

A delightful Christmas dinner was served with Dr. Maybelle T. Weaver as chairman of the Physicians Group with Jefferson's Catering Service.

The doctors who were responsible for the fine dinner which the members enjoyed were Dr. James Carr, Dr. Gilbert Banfield, Dr. Allen Harris, Dr. William W. Watts, Dr. Franklin Phillips, Dr. John Camper, Dr. Frank Saunders, Dr. Bernard Harris Jr., Dr. Hugh Hughes, Dr. Thomas Harris, Dr. Donald G. Brandon, Mrs. Mary C. Spellman, Charles H. Jackson, Mrs. Lilla M. Barnum, Ernest Gambrill, Mrs. Mary W. Ellis, Robert E. Anderson.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Esther Bailey, Miss Gwendolyn Biddle, Mrs. Thelma C. Ashe, Mrs. Katrine N. White, Dr. Ralph W. Bailey, Dr. May Belle Weaver and Dr. Louise Young.

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TEA FOR THEM—The High Heels, a teen-age group, held a pledgee tea on Sunday at the Madison Ave. YWCA. Shown standing left to right are members: Carol Shirington, Yvonne Barnes, Denise Russel, assistant secretary; Sevelyn Hill, treasurer; Lina Lee, president; Betty Johnson, advisor; Gloria Forte, vice-president; Nina Adams, secretary; Jo Ann Clay Carol Williams, Marilyn Moore, Constantia Reckling and Carole Jones. Pledges shown kneeling are: Lynette Brown, Yvette Barnes, Ernestine Jones, Pamela Jones, Laura Jude, Machelle Winder, Betty Tarter and Carol Matthews.

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son, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Banfield, Miss Marie E. Fitzhugh, Miss Ethel K. Wise, Judge Linwood G. Kogar, Roland H. Ganges; Mrs. Maty C. Frazier, Miss Louise E. Brown, Williams G. Greene, Albert Greene and Frank N. Johnson.

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THE QUARTERLY meeting and annual bazaar of Maryland League of Women's Clubs was held on December 14th at the Madison Avenue YWCA. The activities which began at 11:30 a.m. were colorful and comprehensive.

The display and sale of gifts and Christmas cookies initiated the program of the day. Following a period of regular business and committee reports, the youth choir of the Grace Presbyterian Church, in its seasonal attire, sang Christmas Carols.

Most of the business of the day concerned the explanation of and voting upon the proposed Constitutional revisions, which was followed by the installation of newly elected officers resulting from these additions and amendments.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Odell W. Payne, first vice-president; Mrs. Gwendolyn Lee, second vice president; Miss Fannie Glasco, financial secretary; Mrs. Ethel Covington, sergeant-at-arms.

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THE FOLLOWING twenty-eight clubs were registered: Alpha Kappa Alpha; Epsilon Omega Chapter, Neighborhood Club of 1100 Block of Carrollton Avenue, The Morgan Faculty Wives, Iradelle Williams Neighborhood Club, Woodbrook Avenue Neighborhood Club (3400 Block), Zeta Phi Beta, Delta Sigma Theta, Provident Hospital, Women's Club, Douglas Memorial Church, United Cap and Gown of Maryland; **Omega Wives (Quettes), Colored Women's Democratic Clubs, Co-operative Women's Civic League, We-Uns, Hannah B. Moore, Christ Church, Sigma Wives, Wilson Park Savings Club, III Quindici, Westwood Avenue Neighborhood Club, Sterk's Club;**

Lambda Kappa Mu, Business and Professional Women's Club, Provident Hospital Guild, Sigma Gamma Phi, Chippettes, Lawyers' Wives, Dubois Circle, Matinee Ensemble.

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PRESENT WERE:

Mesdames Agnese Browne, Gertruda Urquhart, Naomi Camper, Beryl Williams Diletta Pinn, Peggy Willis, Mildred Seaborne, Beatrice Hall, Florence Dedmond, Christine Moore, Ruth Browne, Frances Coe, Mattie Gardner, Vivian Washington, Vivian Cook, Ethel Day.

Mesdames Phyllis K. McKinney, Georgine Rollins, Genava Woods, Edna Mitchell, Margaret Peay, Violet Hill White, Pearl Clark, Ethel B. Covington, Eulalia W. Stevenson, Fannie S. Holmes;

Mesdames Marie Mitchell, Helen S. Smith, Rose Kinney, Louise G. Robinson, Madaline Murphy, Lena K. Lee, Gwendolyn Lee, Mae Folkes and Misses Marion L. Jones, Clarice Brooks, Beatrice Mayo, Fannie Glascoe, Lillie Ross.

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ON SATURDAY, Minnie Dorsey of Suter Rd., Catonsville, invited a few friends in to help entertain her guest from Washington, Calvin Straun, a mighty handsome guy, who by the way, has just become unattached.

About were Marlene Reddick, Gerry Fax, Kitty Peck, Russell Tarter, Mylore Kendall, Patricia Dorsey, Rindall Dorsey and Minnie's pretty black and white cat, Fluffy, who turned out to be quite an entertainer himself.

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POTPOURRI — Miss Daisy L. Hafelton of Madison Ave. has returned to the city after a delightful visit with her sister, Mrs. Sadie H. Brooks of NYC.

Shirley and Grant Finkett of Leighton Ave. have announced the arrival of Stephen McCullough on Dec. 11 at 2:20 a.m. He weighed six pounds four ounces.

The Gay Northeasterners held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Waltye Dokes in Glen Burnie and the Medical Wives gathered at the Chesapeake Club for their celebrations. Both parties were Saturday night.

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Mrs. Richardson heads Daughters of Isis

Mrs. Inez Richardson was elected illustrious commandress of Jerusalem Court No. 1, Daughters of Isis, during the annual election of offices on Tuesday evening at the Masonic Temple.

She succeeds Mrs. Edna B. Croxton, who now becomes the junior past illustrious commandress.

Others elected during the meeting were:

Daughters Gladys Felton, first lieutenant; Myrtle Webster, second lieutenant; Ida Norris, high priestess.

Also, Daughters Daisy B. Jones, 1st ceremonial commandress; Esther Winston, second ceremonial commandress; Nellie J. Paul, imperial treasurer; Carrie Grosse, imperial recordress; Evelyn Douglass, outside spy; Alverta Campbell, inside spy, and Mary Carroll, oriental guide.

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DT. LILLIE BUTLER, past imperial commandress, presided at the installation ceremonies.

Receiving special commissions were: Dts. Gladys Dixon, imperial public relations; Naomi Julius, deputy to Jerusalem Court.

Attending the installation were Brother Lawrence K. Mason of Jerusalem Temple No. 4 of Shriners, advisor to the court, and other members of the Shrine divan.

Brother Mason gave a report of his stewardship during the year. Brother Calvin Parker, new potentate of the Shriners, gave a talk, as did the outgoing illustrious commandress, Dt. Felton. Also introduced was Brother Fred Z. Nichols, outgoing potentate.

A Christmas program and supper followed the ceremonies.

Marchioness club makes contribution

The Marchioness Art Club, has given a contribution of $10 to the Association for the Handicapped, Inc.

Mrs. Clara Maxson, spokesman for the club, said they plan to make an annual contribution.

Members of the club are: Mrs. Minnie Saunders, Mrs. Edith Meyers, Mrs. Maggie Joynes, Mrs. Ellaine Willis, Mrs. Clara Maxson, Mrs. Margaret Head, Mrs. Dorothy Harker, Mrs. Fannie Hall and Mrs. Elsie Rose.

The association, which provides glasses for children whose parents are not able to purchase same, is in need of funds, and it is asked that you kindly make checks payable to Dr. William H. Watts, treasurer, 315 N. Arlington Ave. or Mrs. Mary Coleman, 1145 Myrtle Ave.

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Barrett-Wallace vows Saturday

Two teachers, Miss Hilda Dianne Barrett and Thomas Wallace, will exchange wedding vows on Saturday at 3 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Miss Barrett is a third grade teacher at the Fleming Elementary School, Turner Station. Mr. Wallace is the Sollers Point High School industrial arts teacher.

A reception will follow the double ring ceremonies which will be read by the Rev. Robert Newbold.

Mr. Wallace is a member of the Grace Church while Miss Barrett is a member of the Christian Science Mother Church, Boston.

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