WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

Mailman busy bringing letters to Dear Santa

Letters are flooding in to Dear Santa here at the AFRO office as the holiday season draws nearer and nearer.

The letters reveal vividly and in often heartbreaking terms, the pitiful plight families will find the plight some families will find themselves in unless someone comes to their aid in the 18 days remaining before Christmas.

Each of the letters tells a tale of need — a mother left with three children to support—a child who wants toys not for himself but his brothers and sisters — a father who is unable to work.

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IF YOU or an organization to which you belong have anything to give to help make someone else's holiday a happy one, now is the time to offer that aid.

All that you have to do is to call the AFRO office, Mulberry 5-4015, state the number of the case in which you are interested to the operator and the name and address of the individual concerned will be given to you.

It doesn't make any difference whether your contribution is small or large, these people need help and anything you give will be appreciated for as wise men have said throughout the ages, it is not the size of the gift but the spirit in which it is given.

And by helping someone else your own Christmas will be made brighter, for you will have demonstrated that the spirit of brotherhood is not dead in this often troubled world.

For those of you who need help, drop a letter today to Dear Santa, C/O AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

In Tuesday's edition of the AFRO ten cases were listed. Here are 15 more and others will be listed in the issues remaining before Christmas.

Case No. 11

"I am the oldest of nine children. I am 11-years-old and in the sixth grade at school. I have six brothers and two sisters. My sisters are eight-years old and three-years-old.

They would like you to bring them dolls and dollclothes. My ten year-old brother would like a two-wheel bicycle and he will share it with me.

"I have a brother who is seven years old and one who is six. They would like to have skates and guns. Another brother who is four wants a scooter and a set of guns.

"My two - year - old brother wants some toys to pull and bang. Our baby is five weeks old and would like some baby clothes and some small toys, I guess.

"For mother I would like some living room furniture, and two beds and bed things like blankets and sheets. Our father left us and is not taking care of us.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Your pal,

P.S. Santa, if you cannot bring all of the toys, please bring some everyone can share. But please bring all of the furniture.

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Case No. 2

This letter is from a daughter who wants someone to see that her parents have a merry Christmas because she is not able to aid them this year.

The daughter, suffering from a heart condition and acute arthritis, is 60-years-old and wants aid for her mother, 79, who has been blind for 23 years, and her father, 88, who has not been able to walk for seven years.

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Case No. 13

This is a reader seeking aid for a little boy who "won't have anything for Christmas because he has no mother or father."

This child lives with a lady who is handicapped.

The reader said the lady has given him a home but she is hurt now because she can't give him anything for Christmas because of her financial condition.

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Case No. 14

A little girl ten-years-old who has brothers and sisters ranging in ages from 14 to two-years-old. Her father is dead.

She says, "I would be very happy if you would remember all of us for Christmas.

P.S.—I would like a Tiney-Tears doll, a cooking set and a pair of skates."

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Case No. 15

A little boy writes: "Dear Santa, I am sick. Last year I was well and happy. I have two brothers and three sisters. I have no father.

"Please come to see my mother. She is good to us kids. Please come to see my sisters and brothers and please don't forget me."

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Case No. 16

A reader tells Santa of her friend, an itinerant worker, whose husband is dead. She has seven children. Two daughters, 14 and 11-years-old are with her but only one can attend school at a time because there is only one coat to share.

The children want dolls and skates.

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Case No. 17

A relative writes that this case has a 16-month-old baby, is expecting another and has a husband who was recently laid-off from his job.

The relative says the young mother needs baby clothes for her children. The mother would also like a Christmas basket.

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Case No. 18

A friend writes that this mother has eight children and would appreciate any help given her. The mother is ill.

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Case No. 19

Another reader tells Dear Santa that this case involves a family in which there are three children. The father left the family. There are two boys, 4 and 5 and a girl, 6. They are on relief.

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Case No. 20

A family in which the grandparents keep the three children of their oldest daughter. Since the grandfather is crippled and too old to work, the only support comes from the oldest daughter whose children the couple keep.

A Christmas basket and gifts are needed.

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Case No. 21

One mother, 21, writes that she will not be able to have Christmas for her children because she has been ill and not able to get work.

The husband left the family. A Christmas basket and gifts for three children are needed.

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Case No. 22

A mother left her three children who are now kept by their grandmother and supported by a father who recently became ill and is now unable to work. Toys, clothing and a basket are needed.

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Case No. 23

This is a widowed mother with eight children. A friend asks for a basket of food and toys for the children.

"They really have had it hard since the father passed away," she writes.

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Case No. 24

A mother of five children is on welfare. Her children need coatsand underclothes.

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Case No. 21

The mother of five children writes that she is unable to play Santa this year because she only gets a small amount of money from the Probation Department.

She says that her children are looking forward to Christmas and she hopes that someone will bring them toys.

The children range in age from 1 to 11.

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BOTH, PLEASE — When Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bennett lost two daughters, Jackie, 5, and Beverly, 3, in a fire at their home in the 2500 block McHenry St., November 10, they looked forward to an empty Thanksgiving. Shown above is Mr. Bennett who is holding 3-month-old Denise who is trying to select a brand of milk offered to her by her eight-year-old sister, Barbara. Little Henry, Jr., seven, makes a tower of some of the 500 cans of food given the family by the Morgan State College Pan Hellenic Council on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The family is staying with relatives at 2131 Walbrook Ave.

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Hatchett says he's undecided

"I have been approached by a number of people requesting that I run for the State Senate on the Democratic ticket but I haven't made up my mind.

"I will make an announcement at the proper time."

This was Truly Hatchett speaking to the AFRO on Thursday in answer to reports that he will run for the office of state senator from the Fourth District in next year's election.

Mr. Hatchett, a Democrat, is currently a member of the House of Delegates from the Fourth.

The incumbent in the office of state senator is Harry A. Cole, Republican.

Armory blueprints on drawing board

"It's reasonable to believe that it will be completed within 15 months."

Capt. Jesse Peaker, administrative assistant of the 231st National Guard Transportation Battalion, on Thursday was referring to plans for the construction of a National Guard Armory in Northwest Baltimore.

Plans are on the drawing board for construction of the Armory at Braddish Ave. and Winchester St., and, according to Captain Peaker, the site has already been cleared.

THE BRADDISH Ave.-Winchester St. location was one of the alternate sites, which also included a plot adjacent to Coppin Teachers College.

A spokesman in the office of Major Gen. Milton A. Reckord, adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard, said Thursday the proposed site adjacent to Coppin was abandoned because of opposition to it.

Koger appeals to higher court as divorce battle enters 3rd round

John Franklin Koger, 341 Robert St., a postal employee, continued the fight for the custody of his three small daughters last Friday when he filed an appeal to a higher court.

The appeal from the terms of the divorce granted him in October from his school teacher wife, Mrs. Myrle Thompson Koger, represents Mr. Koger's third try to gain custody of the children.

Mr. Koger's first attempt came last July when he filed for the divorce from Mrs. Koger and requested custody of the little girls who are Ann, 7; Virlyn, 6; and Carole, 4.

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HOWEVER, on Oct. 14 Judge Cullen ruled that custody of the children went to Mrs. Koger and he refused that Mr. Koger pay a weekly sum of $30 for their support.

Protesting both the amount of support and the awarding of custody of his wife, Mr. Koger went before the court a second time last Friday.

Through his attorney, Archie Williams, Mr. Koger told the court that Mrs. Koger had failed to properly file for custody, support, or attorney's fees.

Despite his plea, Judge Cullen again refused to reduce support for the children, and handed down the ruling that custody of the girls remains with their mother.

He also raised the amount to be paid Mrs. Koger's attorneys, William H. Murphy and Mrs. Leana K. Lee, $50 making the total $140.

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IN THE third round of the divorce action, Mr. Koger alleges that Mrs. Koger failed to file a request for custody, support or fees for her attorneys.

In his appeal, therefore, Mr. Koger states that he objects to Judge Cullen's granting her the custody of the children, the $30 support award and the $140 counsel fees.

During the Friday court hearing, Mr. Koger took exception to Judge Cullen's ruling in the divorce decree.

Through his attorney, Mr. Williams, he said:

"I take exception to the granting of custody to my wife as a matter of right.

"I also take exception to the granting of her counsel fees as a matter of right.

"I also take exception to granting of any relief in the absence of any affirmative pleadings or any prayer for any relief whatsoever."

In addition, Mr. Koger made known his objection to his children being reared outside the home which he says he provides for them.

He said: "I take exception to being charged for the support of my children outside the home I provide for them.

"It has not been shown that that home is inadequate or that they were away from the home due to my misconduct."

Mr. Koger further told the court that the divorce terms "deprives me of my constitutional guarantees of equal protection under the laws of the 14th Amendment."

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Pix winnings down payment to Santa

"I'm going to give it to my mother and tell her to let Santa Claus get me something for Christmas."

This was the explanation Thursday morning of 3-year-old Mary Elizabeth Smith, 1405 E. Madison St., when she stopped in the AFRO office to receive her Lucky Picture check.

(For Santa's information, Mary Elizabeth wants a piano for Christmas.)

Her picture was taken at Thomas C. Hayes School No. 102 where she is a third grader.

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MARY ELIZABETH, who had a holiday from school because of the weather, was accompanied to the AFRO office by her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, who has another daughter and three sons.

Dressed in a gray coat, red boots and white gloves to guard against the weather and telegraphing her good fortune (as Lucky Picture winner) with a radiant smile, Mary Elizabeth disclosed that she was not too happy about having to miss school.

She learned that her likeness was in the charmed Lucky Picture circle from a cousin.

In each edition of the AFRO, there is a circled picture worth $5 cash. In order to be the Lucky Picture winner, the person whose picture is encircled must call at the AFRO office before noon of the next publication date.

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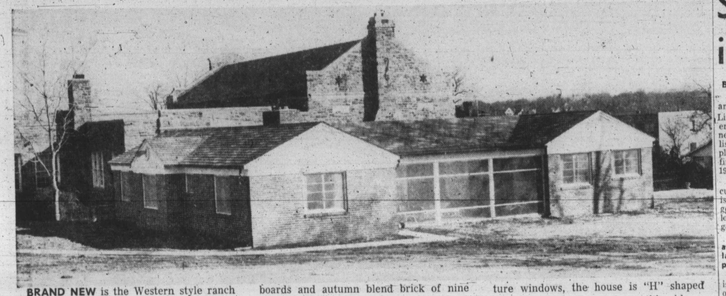
TRADITIONAL FURNISHINGS go well in the modern ranch house if the housewife is an expert in arrangement as is Mrs. Cornish who is shown above watering plants beside the fireplace. The floor is solid block parquet. The comfortable chairs and lounges are placed to seat the many guests often assembled in the Cornish household while the dining area becomes a part of the spacious living room since it is divided only by the sofa and dining table shown directly above.



BRAND NEW is the Western style ranch home of the Howard Cornishes which is located on the Morgan Campus adjacent to the Christian Center shown above in the background. Constructed of wide white boards and autumn blend brick of nine colors, the pattern is made from the new method called "brick and a half." As may be seen from above, all windows are picture windows, the house is "H" shaped with a screened-in porch on this side, a flagstone patio directly opposite on the other facing the Center.

The Howard Cornishes' home designed by Mrs. Cornish

The Cornish family moved into the new Western ranch house located at 4211 Hillen Road next to Morgan State College Christian Center in August, just six months after the foundation was laid.

The $30,000 house now has the welcome mat out to everyone who knows Dr. Howard Cornish, director of the Center, and his diminutive wife, Mrs. Althea Saunders Cornish and their 13 - year - old son, Howard Jr.

The residence is 95 feet long, 55 feet wide, and fashioned in the shape of an "H" to give the wide spacious and sprawling effect of the typical ranch house.

The exterior is done in Autumn Blend bricks of nine colors and wide white boards.

There are two walls of thermal - pane windows each of which is 115 inches wide.

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THE HOUSE HAS three bedrooms, two baths, a powder room, kitchen, breakfast combination, utility area, game and family room areas.

The dining area extends off the living room which is 30 by 16 feet.

However, the most significant feature of the Cornish house is the fact that Mrs. Cornish designed it.

This is the home for which she longed many years, and as it was built she "lived with it" and claims she knows "as much as the architect."

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KNOWING the needs of a minister's family as she does, Mrs. Cornish fashioned her home to accomodate many guests.

The living room is light and airy and will seat as many as 30 persons.

Here she has placed the traditional furniture artistically about on the solid block parquet floor so that it fits pleasantly with the modern decor of the room.

LUCKY LAD is Howard, Jr., who knows the joy of a hobby area all his own in the basement family room. There he builds airplanes and ships while mother and father Cornish watch TV or read. He may also play a game with school friends in the game area without too much disturbance since the ceiling and walls are constructed with acoustical tile.

About her adventure into the field of architecture, Mrs. Cornish says: "I've had it on my mind a long, long time.

"I've always dreamed of building a house, but we never seemed to be in position to get one.

"When the opportunity came, I said that this would be my dream house."

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THE KITCHEN of course typifies Mrs. Cornish's dream.

Its color scheme is mint green and jonquil yellow. The 18 knotty pine cupboards are made fancy with "H" and "L" black iron hinges.

Mrs. Cornish made the green and yellow curtains. The plant-divider between the breakfast area and the kitchen proper is especially her idea.

She says: "I was here every day from the time they put the first brick in place until we moved in.

"It was fun to watch my ideas take form."

HERE ARE some of her feminine touches. All windows of the house are picture windows.

Each of the five entrances has a different sounding door bell.

The wall oven in the kitchen is insulated to insure cool cooking.

The basement family room is a combination work room, hobby room, TV room and game room.

The carnation pink, rose, and black tiled bathroom has a built-in dressing table and vanity. The guest room bath is tiled in blue and peach with built - in cabinets.

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A SUNDECK for winter or summer sunning is located over the garage while the screened porch is located just off the living room.

From the opposite side of the living room a flagstone patio extends overlooking the Christian Center.

Both spacious out-door areas seem to become a part of the living room by the unique manner in which Mrs. Cornish arranged them.

The master bedroom features a wall - length cedar closet with sliding steel doors.

Howard Jr.'s room is a typical boy's room with book shelves and desk and the pheasant and bird dog draperies also made by Mrs. Cornish.

The utility room in the basement is designed so that Mrs. Cornish may spend her day there with all comforts while she does the family wash.

The washer, dryer and ironer are just a step away from each other and a telephone is handy nearby.

There is locker space there for storage, and work tables to delight any housewife.

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THE REV. Mr. Cornish has been associated with Morgan College for more than 30 years.

He was ordained a Methodist minister nine years ago.

Prior to that, he was teacher of mathematics and religious counselor for the students and Mrs. Cornish served as her husband's secretary as she does now.

Howard Jr. is a pupil at Woodbourne Junior High School No. 46.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornish were married in 1940.

She was a member of the 1931 Class of Douglass High School and attended Coppin State Teachers College and Morgan.

THE REV. MR. CORNISH received a master's degree from Columbia University.

He became director of the Center in 1945 and took over the duties of the organization which is the center of all Christian activity on the campus.

Although Mrs. Cornish is a member of Perkins Square Baptist Church and her husband is a member of Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, they take great interest in the religious life of the students on the campus.

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ALSO BUSY in the community, the Cornishes are affiliated with civic and fraternal organizations.

The Rev. Mr. Cornish is past president of the Frontiers Club and a member of the board of managers of the YMCA.

Mrs. Cornish is a member of the YWCA Committee of administration and also chairman of the World Fellowship Committee.

She is a Philomathian Club member and belongs to the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

DEN AND LIBRARY COMBINATION room is designed as study for the Rev. Mr. Cornish who is advisor and religious leader of Morgan College students. The floor is solid block parquet.

Motor Vehicles preparing new license plates

The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, James B. Monroe, has advised that the Department is preparing to print applications for the new license plates.

The department requests that you immediately notify them in writing if you have moved or the address on your registration card is incorrect.

Your name, correct address, title number and license plate number should be given. If your driving license bears an incorrect address, it should also be included.

Wilbur Alston wins top baby contest prize

Wilbur Alston 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Alston, won first prize in the baby contest sponsored recently by the Beacon's Club and the Saturday Steering Committee of Grace Presbyterian Church.

Second prize went to Angela Canty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Canty, and the third prize winner was George Culbertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Culbertson.

Other entrants in the contest were Michael Abrams, T. E. Brown, Robert Lockley, Thomasine Mickle, Frankie Reed, Anthony Thomas, Albert Thompson, and Janice Young.

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IN ADDITION to being awarded a silver dollar, each contestant was photographed and will receive a free copy of the picture.

The Beacon's Club is an organization made up of young couples of the church, who meet monthly and engage in activities designed to promote spiritual and social growth and strengthen the bonds of family life.

The Saturday Steering Committee sponsors club activities for boys and girls of the church and those in the surrounding neighborhood.

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.

SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY home office is a familiar building to passers-by on Pennsylvania Avenue at Robert St. Through its doors pass many visitors as well as policy holders who find pleasant welcome from efficient receptionists and office workers.

51 YEARS OF PROGRESS:

Southern Life now new firm in the arms of old company

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

After 51 years in the insurance business, the Southern Life Insurance Company emerges this year as a successful new company firmly established on foundations, principles (and assets) of the old firm which was founded in 1906.

And, like the new moon secure in the old moon's arms is said to be a harbinger of good fortune Southern Life looks forward to good luck and good business in years to come.

Overseeing both the old company and the new is Dr. Willard W. Allen who has been president for 32 years.

An expert in business administration, he is considered one of the country's top insurance executives.

His progressive attitude is largely responsible for the company's phenomenal advance in a comparatively short time.

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THE NEW look came to Southern Life when a new scholarship program provided by the company made it possible for young men to study on 4-year grants to become insurance executives with the company.

In June, 1958, Southern Life's first scholarship student will be graduated from Morgan State College.

He is Walter Black of Easton, Md., who is the son of a long-time writer, Mrs. Dorothy Black, whose home was purchased through a Southern Life Insurance Company loan.

In addition to Mr. Black, there are five other scholarship students specializing in business administration at Morgan.

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HOWEVER, THE most significant move toward the establishment of the new, modern Southern Life came when the company elected a 28 - year-old attorney as its vice-president.

Now injecting healthy new ideas into the company is George Russell, brilliant young University of Maryland School of Law graduate who was admitted to practice before the Baltimore Supreme bench in 1956.

Just last month he was designated magistrate - at - large.

A staunch Catholic and lifelong member of St. Pius RC Church, Mr. Russell is a bachelor, a Lincoln University, 1950 graduate and holds the honor of first of his race to be student assistant in the U.S. District Attorney's office.

That was in 1954 when Mr. Russell was but 25 years old. However, he had already taken his place in politics in 1952 when he was elected a delegate to the State Republican Convention.

While in the Army in 1954-56 Mr. Russell was specialist in the Judge Advocate General's office headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

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JOINING HIM on the executive staff of the new Southern Life is Joseph Bush who is secretary and general manager.

Unlike Mr. Russell who is a newcomer, Mr. Bush has been associated with the company for 25 years.

The treasurer is Alvan S. Stanley who has held that position for 25 years.

The new board of directors is composed of Miss Madelyn Rotelind Allen, daughter of the president; and Mrs. Ida Moore who is also bookkeeper and has been with the firm for 20 years; and Ross Sye who has been with Southern for 17 years.

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EXPRESSING his views on the new Southern Life, Dr. Allen prefaces his words with "we're not blowing our horn, but we have come a long way."

He says: "We are securing the future by training for it. We are assuring a brighter day by taking advantage of opportunities offered by education."

Dr. Allen, however, is a great believer in sacrifice and he urges young people to enter the field of insurance with a warning to "stick to it," work hard and be "willing to learn."

Looking backward, Dr. Allen recalls the year of 1906 when Southern Life was a fraternal company which did not become qualified to come under the state insurance laws until 1916.

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ITS FIRST president was the Rev. William Alexander who was also a Founder of Sharon Baptist Church, and the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers.

Along with him in the fraternal company were C. H. Jones, a Lafayette Market merchant; Louis H. Davenport, a second - hand furniture dealer; and Alfred Nixon and Delaware Williams.

About them, Dr. Allen says: "They were the frontiersmen of the insurance business and leaders of old Baltimore.

"They sacrificed to give us the future we now have."

The Southern Life Insurance Company now has 60 writers located in all parts of Maryland.

Not only does it issue policies for life, endowment, health, accident and many new modern policies but the company also finances homes.

DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT of Southern Life for 32 years is Willard W. Allen who took over in 1925. A specialist in long-term office holding, Dr. Allen has been Grand Master of the Masons for 35 years, Solvent Grand Commander for 27 years, trustee and member of Enon Baptist Church for 40 years and married to his wife Mrs. Gladys Lee Allen for 35 years. He has also served on the Goodwill Industries Board of Directors for 25 years and states: "I've loved people all my life."

Acting Postmaster Laukaitis advises Christmas mailers

Acting Postmaster William F. Laukaitis, had a tip today on how residents of Baltimore can save much time and effort in their Christmas mailing.

"Experience has shown," he commented, "that one of the big difficulties most mailers encounter is the lack of materials.

They find they don't have enough paper, twine, tape, and so forth and as a result, they do not wrap and secure their parcels adequately."

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THE BEST way to avoid the last minute difficulty, the postmaster advised, is to make a trip now to stores and obtain plenty of good heavy wrapping paper, sturdy corrugated cartons, strong cord, cellulose tape, seals and so forth.

"Get it all in one trip and avoid the necessity of making a half a dozen trips later, or trying to mail with improper or inefficient materials," he added.

"This can save a lot of headaches at Christmas time;" and of course, he warned all local residents to get their Christmas mail out as soon as possible.

Film set

"The Family of Man," "Major Religions of the World" and "Picture in Your Mind" will be shown Dec. 10, beginning at 8:15 p.m. at the main building of the Enoch Pratt Library.

At 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 the library's Walbrook branch, 3203 West North Avenue, will present Robert Flaherty's great documentary classic, "Man of Aran."

More than an hour in length, this film effectively portrays human courage, dignity and endurance, as encountered in the Aran Islands.

Bazaar planned at St. Mark's Church

NEW YORK — The Church School of St. Mark's Methodist Church, 137th St. and Edgecombe Ave., will hold its third annual bazaar, in the social hall of the Church, on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7. A family-style fashion show will feature Miss Rose Alexander, Miss Press Photographer of 1957.