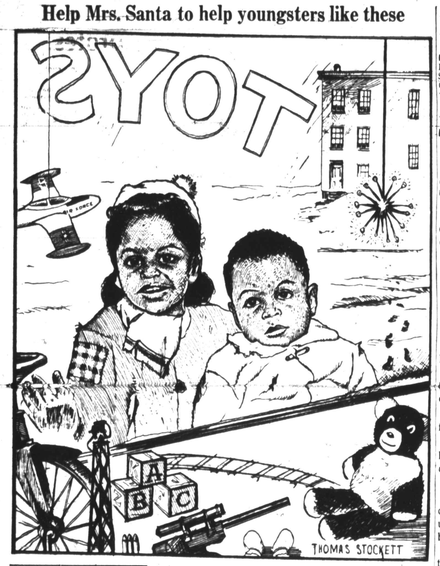
Help Mrs. Santa to help youngsters like these



Readers Say

Wake up taxpayers

Dear AFRO:

As a taxpayer for many years I have had profound interest in all of our city's civic improvements, and I feel constrained to call to your attention a circumstance which needs present relief. I refer to an article in the last Saturday's Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN (Dec. 5, 1959), with the caption "Council asked to protect city workers."

The article goes on to say — "If it is necessary to discharge any person without fault upon his part . . . the choice of the person to be discharged shall be determined on the basis of seniority."

As a taxpayer, I approve of this wake up policy on the part of our city's fathers.

On our city's payrolls we have too many persons from out of town. I have been told. Why should we continue to neglect our own local boys and girls by allowing these job seekers to supplant them in good paying career jobs?

In the last year or two, there has been an influx of these foreign job seekers, somehow, some way, they have manipulated the cream of our city's jobs

What do we get in return? How many of these out - of - town job seekers fight for city ordinances and issues which could improve our city? How many of them take the time to register and vote? My guess is, very, very few.

Some of these persons have lost their jobs where they have lived most of their lives, and have come to Baltimore through the invitation of friends and relatives with the assurance that certain jobs would be theirs because the way has been paved. Some of these jobs promised to these out-of-town people are in the $8,000, $10,000 and $14,000 bracket.

As a voter and taxpayer for many years, I would like to see the City Council make a searching inquiry into all job classifications of the city.

I would also have the Council critically examine the basic structure, function and policy of our public agencies so as to find out whether or not their philosophies, methods, and goals are in keeping with established policies which would assure more lasting results, thereby improving all kinds of services to the city property owner and taxpayer.

JAMES JONES

Man with an idea

Dear AFRO:

One of the great handicaps of fighting for a cause is that sometimes we may become so absorbed in certain aspects, that we neglect others that may be just as important.

In order not to confuse you I must confess at this time that I am a white man. I have lived among colored people a good part of my life.

You have an NAACP. Don't you think it would be better if you had a NAAECP, which would stand for National Association for the Advancement and Environment of Colored People."

Out of this could spring a charity organization to help colored people, an organization similar to the Salvation Army.

Or the Volunteers of America?

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WHY MUST a colored man go into a store and buy a shirt to help someone who thinks he is too good to wear a shirt given him by a colored man?

Why can't colored people buy things at their own charity store, thereby helping themselves?

I can see around me the crying needs of the people. I can see around me the cause and reason for most of the crimes such as holdups and purse snatchings.

If you would like to do something about this but wonder what, I would be glad to discuss this matter with you.

JESSE THOMAS GRAF

Help Mrs. Santa

This is the third year that the AFRO has conducted its Mrs. Santa Project to help needy families at Christmas.

In the past year, the response has been overwhelming and thanks to the readers of the AFRO, a number of families have been able to enjoy the type of Christmas that we would all like to have.

The Job this year, because of strikes and layoffs, is even bigger than before.

There are hundreds of families, who through no fault of their own, will have no Christmas at all unless someone plays Santa.

By publishing the plight of these families, the AFRO hopes that its readers will be touched in their hearts and give a helping hand.

It doesn't make any difference whether your gift is small or large, anything that you can do to help these families is needed and will be appreciated.

So won't you read the letters published in this edition and help at least one of these deserving families?

By doing this you can help put the spirit of Christmas back in the holiday.

Jaywalkers, beware

It can happen any day now.

Good old Henry A. Barnes, who has put no parking signs and one way streets every which way, causing Baltimoreans to cuss and praise him with the same breath, will have his way.

Pedestrians who cross the street in the middle of the block will be guilty of a misdemeanor.

In other words, cross at the well-painted Barnes street crossings or else.

Mr. Barnes proposed the new regulation now approved by Mayor Grady, the Police Department and Traffic Court magistrates.

All that remains is the setting of an effective date.

We admit, it does look silly to walk down to the corner and cross the street at the intersection when you could cross in front of your house, if there is no auto traffic in sight.

But Mr. Barnes has the answer:

If you enter the painted crossways when the green light is in your favor, your life is sacred and woe be unto the motorist who violates your sanctity.

The block between intersections belongs to motorists.

He can't see you pop out from behind or in front of a parked car. So if you do and get hit, you are violating the law and can only recover damages with difficulty.

As usual, the Barnes ban on jaywalking is the correct procedure.

If it saves only one life a year, it will be worth while.

Records show that wherever jaywalking bans have become law, traffic accidents have decreased significantly.

'Culture and discipline'

Of the more than 5,000 Air Force and Army personnel manning airfields and radar stations in Iceland, none is colored.

It was planned that way, admits the Pentagon.

Blame for this rank discrimination has been placed on the Government of Iceland.

"The existing base agreement does give Iceland the right to review the composition of our troops there," the Pentagon says.

That's true, replies the Iceland Government, but our only requirement has been that the United States assign "men of a high degree of culture and discipline."

The Pentagon offers no rejoinder.

This leaves us with a 'silence gives consent' conclusion that somebody high in the Pentagon believes that to be of high degree of culture and discipline, a man without exception must be white.

And here we have been mistakenly of the opinion that all of this kind of racial foolishness had been weeded out of the Pentagon during a historic decade of integration.

Baltimore Afro-American

FOUNDED IN 1892

By John H. Murphy Sr.—1840-1922

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

The Crossing Guards stood at attention

Death of Mrs. Nellie Grant Hill Bragg, widow of George Freeman Bragg, rector of St. James P. E. Church for 49 years, recalls two pictures.

Both of them are imperishable.

Picture No. 1:

Mrs. Bragg and her two babies, accompanied by her husband, arrived in Baltimore on November 17, 1891.

He was to take charge of St. James Church.

There was not a living soul to welcome the new priest.

The parish was so neglected that the Braggs had to rent a house beforehand and find their way to the empty place by themselves.

The Bishop of the diocese paid the Bragg salary for the first year.

But, within two years, Father Bragg and his wife had made St. James into a self sustaining, independent church.

Picture No. 2:

Mrs. Bragg was born In Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in 1864, where her father, John Henry Hill had set up a station of the Underground Railroad some years before to handle fugitive slaves.

"The Underground Railroad" began 24 years after the first slaves were brought to the United States and escaped in 1624.

Every fugitive who successfully found refuge with Indian tribes, the French and English in Canada or the Spanish in Florida and Mexico staked a route by which he could return and free his family or his friends.

By 1852, $40,000, a stupendous reward, was offered for Harriet Tubman, who had made nearly a dozen trips into Maryland to conduct a train of slaves to Philadelphia and thence to Canada.

Mrs. Bragg's father was a Virginia slave, one of 70,000 who reached Canada by way of the underground. There he found freedom, right to work, to vote, and serve on jury and school committees.

This was only a small percentage of the slaves in the country.

But their escape made slave property everywhere insecure, and allowed no slave master to relax.

At sundown a slaveholder could go to sleep with 20 slaves worth $20,000 in his pens.

At sun-up, every last one would have vanished, by day, sleeping in the woods, by night, following the north star to freedom.

In the six-month period before the Fugitive Slave Law become effective, slaves rushed across the Canadian border at the rate of 1,000 a month.

After the Civil War, John Henry Hill brought his daughter, Nellie, back to Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Hill became a Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. Daughter Nellie, married an Episcopalian priest who settled in Baltimore.

Mrs. Nellie Bragg died last week at the age of 95. She had been married 53 years when her husband died in 1940.

She had spent 49 of those years as the rector's wife and First Lady of the parish of St. James.

Tough, persistent, obstinate, independent, frugal, resourceful, and even saucy were the women of Mrs Bragg's generation. They set liberty above everything else.

They earned their bread in the sweat of their brows and were not "beholden" to anyone.

She was the last of her valiant kind.

We like to think, that when the spirit departed from her frail body, the trumpets sounded and the crossing guards stood at attention.

Post Office new look

When the then Magistrate William F. Laukaitis was named acting postmaster of Baltimore three years ago, there were some who opposed his appointment, contending that tradition decreed the job should go to a career man.

But, Mr. Laukaitis was approved, and he has turned out to be an outstanding postmaster.

Certainly, he has given the postal service a new look.

In Oct. 1958, 184 express collection boxes were placed in service in strategic spots in the city and suburbs, allowing mail posted before 10 p.m. to be delivered here and in nearby cities the next day.

Three months ago, 29 air mail collection boxes were set up. This means that letters posted here today go out on jet flights and are received by residents on the West Coast the day after posting.

And, now with the Christmas season in full swing we have the latest post office innovation — sixteen boxes painted white and decorated with a photo of Santa on them.

By using these boxes, Baltimoreans are assured their greeting cards and small packages will be isolated from the regular mail, and thus be delivered speedily.

And, realizing that there is nothing like the human touch, our Postmaster has added one more thing — Santa Claus in the flesh to greet persons who mail their Yule greetings at specified times each evening.

Career man or not, we like the new look Mr. Laukaitis has brought to the Postmaster's job.

THE AFRO'S CREDO

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the present generation. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for everybody;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustices, race prejudice or compromise.

JOHN MURPHY, SR., 1920

Sightseeing

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Several days ago I was unfortunate enough to have a few daylight hours to myself, and what a monumental waste of time.

Instead of spending the hours in some constructive pursuit, such as absolutely spellbaind at passing sparrows, I watched a series of daylight television shows.

Never, no never in the course of human events has so much agony been so vividly portrayed for the benefit of so many people as on these daytime serials which depend for their popularity on how miserable they can make the viewer feel.

Watching them is akin to being subjected to the Chinese water torture.

That's the bit where they have this water dropping on your head, drop, drop, drop, which is how water drops.

Eventually, it wears a hole in your head, which as any body knows is somewhat dangerous. It can cause a draft and one gets colds in a draft, especially with a hole in the head.

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SO AS I was saying, after several hours of watching the bleeding heart programs I went away in a dark room and wrote myself a daytime television serial.

I had to write it in the dark because if there's anything I can't stand it's the sight of a brown man crying, and boy this script was so sad it was enough to make anybody cry.

I decided right off the bat to give the script a name. You know, first things first, I always say.

"John's Other Couch" I called it, since it was to be based on the life and times of a psychiatrist called Dr. John John.

I'd better explain right here that his father's name was Mr. John and his mother's name was Mrs. John and they both wanted him to be named after them so they called him John John.

Naturally this had quite an adverse affect on a tender youngster which explains, if you belief Freud, why he grew up to be a psychiatrist.

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THE OPENING scene is laid in Dr. John's inner office where he also conducts a prosperous head shrinking studio

Business hasn't been too good lately, since nobody can afford to go nuts, so our hero has had to take up a sideline and he selected head shrinking as there was not another head shrinker in town.

The doctor's customer is a lady who thinks she is a frank furter.

"What makes you think you are a hot dog?" asks the doctor, who is a very smart man as witness his brilliant line of questioning.

"It's nothing that you can put your finger on," she says, "but when I pass behind the mustard rack in the super market all the jars tilt toward me."

"Oh I wouldn't let a little thing like that worry me," says the doctor, "it's probably your imagination."

"But doc," she says, "when ever I see a hot dog roll I feel like cuddling up inside."

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"WAIT A MINUTE," says the doctor and he goes out and comes in with a hair brush quest and in which the charcoal is giving off a nice hot glow.

"What are you going to do with that?" asks the lady.

"What do you think," he says, "I'm going to grill me a hot dog."

Now that's where I end the first episode. Soon as I can find a ball point pen that writes in the dark I'll finish the next episode. Wonder if I can interest a sponsor. He can have the whole idea cheap . . . dirt cheap.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

For two days the young lawyer in the dark continental style shift performed and acted like a lawyer's lawyer.

When his opponent went out for lunch, he studied.

Whenever the court took a ten-minute recess, he conferred with witnesses.

With his law partner he waded through reams of testimony.

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TO SPECTATORS in the big, modernistic courtroom at Towson, it was apparent that the young attorney was giving his all to win his suit for his client, a Virginia widow.

He had asked for $275,000 in connection with the death of her husband who was killed three years ago while in the custody of county police.

As the case stood at that point, there was a belief that the defense had been caught in a web of its own making.

By the time the jury left the room, some people were telling the young lawyer, "Don't worry, your case is in the bag."

Within 45 minutes the eight men and four women made lines out of all of us. They ruled in favor of the defense.

Their decision came as a blow to the client, Mrs. Meredith Wilkerson and her family, but most of all to the young attorney, former Senator Harry J. Cole.

What went wrong? Who knows.

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NO SOONER do I get through commenting about how bad it is to see a man cry and what happens?

Arbie R. Cummings goes on trial in Criminal Court for the death of his Chicago sweetheart and within one hour, he's blubbering like a baby.

As the trial progressed, I kept thinking of the murdered woman's husband.

If You Ask Me

By B. M. PHILLIPS

People places and things

Glamorous divorcee and top businesswoman now graacing our town: Mrs. Joan Washington Hayes. (Remember she's the Apex Co. heiress who shared under the will of Apex Founder Sara Spencer Washington)

We talked with Mrs. Hayes on Tuesday in her new Southwest Baltimore offices on Worcester St., where she is already at work.

As of now, Apex Beauty Products has merged with Bruce Fine's Pharmetics Inc. which manufactures My Knight etc., and other hair dressings. It's called Apex - My Knight Professional Sales Corp., and Mrs. Hayes is in charge.

Also here with Mrs. Hayes: Her three sons: Thomas, 5, Saberne, 9, and Wesley, 11, all of whom are enrolled at Liberty Elementary School No. 61, and have been since September.

The Hayeses are residing at the Carlisle Ave. home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gosnell (Verna.)

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The November 13th issue of the "Mill Wheel," published by students at Milford Mill High, reads:

Headed, "English teacher excels in three artistic fields," the article says in part:

"Sonnets and contemplation, Haiku and dominoes, these words become part of the daily vocabulary of students in Mr. George Bennett, English instructor.

"One of the best-liked persons around the school, Mr. Bennett has begun his second year at Milford Mill, teaching eleventh grade English and Advanced Composition.

"Perhaps the popularity of English is due to the popularity of Mr. Bennett. Both students and teachers agree it is not to graduate without being in his class at least once.

"Aside from his teaching, Mr. Bennett is also well-known for his artistic talents. He treats his students as personal friends, which goes a long way toward the way to effective writing and speaking."

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Students received a surprise on a recent book report assignment. Instead of the usual book report, material which Mr. Bennett offers students who have little time for extra reading, he substituted a "Reader's Digest" annual edition of the Short Stories.

In addition to his other activities, he further aids Milford Mill School by acting as sponsor of the Junior Class with Miss Olive Sullivan, biology teacher.

Mr. Bennett's fine scholarship which lends authority to everything he says, has also been fortunate to be an ideal addition to the faculty-quartet which sang in the May Festival last year.

One other artistic talent he has not been able to exercise is his artwork and dragging His blackboard sketches indicate that.

One student, when asked if he liked English, replied, "I like Mr. Bennett."

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The AFRO tipster who called attention to the article on Mr. Bennett, says:

"His accomplishments are too many to list and his modest ity, at praise is maddening.

"You'll recall the state practiced integration two seasons back by an exchange or an integration of teachers.

"George Leroy Bennett, talented and successful in his field was chosen to go to a predominantly all white school (1,600 students of which about 16 are colored).

"I know my status is enhanced by his achievement. A salute to him."

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By the way, this is the same Mr. Bennett, who was former ly on the faculty of Soldiers Point High in Turner Station.

He is a native of Catonsville, graduate of Morgan State, won his master's degree at Loyola and is doing further graduate study at Harvard University. He is superintendent of the Union Baptist Church Sunday School.

Mr. Bennett's wife, the former Myrtice Knight, is a home ec teacher at Soldiers Point. She hails from Chester, Pa., is a graduate of Va. State College, and has studied at Temple University.

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Church news: Thieves made off with about $40 from church envelopes collected at the a and 9 o'clock services at St James P.E. Church. They left the checks.

Envelopes were in a bag in a locked cabinet entered by prying open door with a knife.

West Baltimore District of the Methodist Church holds an adjourned meeting on Saturday at Asbury Church in Frederick, Md.

Main business before the body: Approval or disapproval of a proposal to purchase a Brooklyn Rd. property as parsonage for the district superintendent.

Approximate cost: $22,000.

The Rev. K. P. Harris is superintendent. The District does not now have a parsonage.

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Where to get recordings for the blind: An organization which is currently providing 250 blind college students with free records of their text books, Inc., 121 East 58th Street, New York 22, New York.

FLASH: Understand that Corbett Purnell, new executive secretary of the Baltimore NAACP, is returning to his native North Carolina. He came here just two months ago, has decided to return to his home in Winston Salem.

Ask any day now, there will be important staff changes at Provident Hospital. A "board" man will head one of the hospital's divisions.

More people and things

DR. TURNER REV. CARRINGTON

Pleasant visitor here over the weekend: Dr. Alberta Turner, Director of Guidance, Ohio, where she is chief psychologist with the Juvenile Diagnostic Center.

Dr. Turner guested with her Ohio State University schoolmate, Miss Sarah Sampson.

The Ohio visitor made the trip East with Dr. Clifford Martin Springfield, Ohio dentist and his aunt, Mrs. Nellie Yancey. They were in D.C. to pick up Dr. Turner's daughter, Kay Mason, who was visiting there.

Dr. Turner is married to John Turner, who is senior personnel technician with (Civil Service. They also have a son, Jack Jr.

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WE MET Dr. Turner when she attended the Philomathian Club at the home of Mrs. John Hampton on Saturday.

Dr. Howard Cornish delivered a special Christmas message and Dr. G. James Fleming, Morgan history professor, gave an interesting talk on present - day techniques in diplomatic relations.

Said he: "In our dealings with other peoples, in general, we have not developed skills we need and we've been too pompous, unable to make friends and influence people we've done a great deal of good with our money, but we haven't done good with people . . . diplomacy is people, and what certain people make it, largely the people who are in power . . ."

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By the way, did you know that Dr. Fleming is a native of St. Croix, Virgin Islands? He was home in 1953, first time in 33 years.

Also, he is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Journalism, and won his master's and doctorate at the University of Pennsylvania, and said the toastmaster, (Dr. Ruth Fair Quarles), he is 'a man of richness and well - roundedness'.

Other guests at the Philomathians: Mrs. Daisy Bailey Jones, Mrs. Erma Davis, and Mrs. Augusta Chissell. Also about: Mrs. Eugenia Phillips, honorary member of the group, and Mrs. T. I. Brown, long-time secretary - treasurer, who has been ailing.

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December birthdays, all in the family of Colonia Gaddis Gray, 2230 Druid Hill Ave., marks her birthday December 12.

Her husband, Lewis E. Grey Sr., has a birthday December 15. Son, Harrington, received birthday cards on December 9.

CALVERT COUNTY NEWS

Women raise $2,842 in giant Women's Day effort

By MELVINA EDWARDS

Paul Johnson will be guest speaker at the Mt. Hope Methodist Men's celebration of Men's Day on Sunday, Dec. 13 at the Mt. Hope Methodist Church.

Frederick Morsell will present Mr. Johnson at the 2 p.m. services and Richard Smith will read the Scripture. John Gross will offer prayer and Hagner Booth will also speak.

The Methodist Men of Carter's Methodist Church will sing.

The 10 a.m. Sunday School will be conducted by the superintendent, Ralph Rice. Following at 10:45 is the Love Feast with prayer by Howard Brown and Scripture reading by Alex Ford.

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HERMAN CARTER will present the speaker, the Rev. Ben Collins, who will give the morning sermon at 11 a.m. Remarks will be given by Ernest Coates with music by the Hope Chapel Methodist Men.

The Rev. William Edwards is pastor. The Rev. Hilton Parker is district superintendent.

The St. Andrews Methodist Church Choir is presenting a State Rally tonight (Friday) Dec. 11, at 8:30 p.m. at 2019 Kelly Ave.

Mrs. Rena Biggs is chairman and the Rev. Estella Brooks is pastor.

THE RISING SUN Male Chorus of Nottingham will sing at Peters Methodist Church, Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary Wills is sponsor. The Rev. William Edwards is pastor.

A Two Dollar Rally will be held at the St. Edmonds Methodist Church Sunday Dec. 13. Guest speaker is Mrs. Elizabeth Brown and the 11 a.m. sermon will be given by the Rev. Mrs. Clara Brooks. Mrs. Ellen Green will preside.

The Senior Choir will also sing and Marvin Jones will give remarks. Howard Brown, superintendent of the Sunday School, will preside at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.

At the 2 p.m. services Mrs. Evelyn Plater, Mrs. Susie Jones and Mrs. Mary Wills of Peters Methodist Church will be on the program. Mrs. Mary C. Ray is the speaker.

Funeral services were held recently at Ames Methodist Church, Baltimore, for Mrs. Sophia Boardley, the eldest daughter of the late James F. and Susan Queen of Chesterfield, Md.

The Rev. F. J. Frye, pastor, gave the eulogy. Other ministers presiding were the Revs. Samuel Green, Hiram Smith, Mitchell. She was a member of the Ames Church.

Surviving Mrs. Boardley are three sons including the Rev. James E. Mansfield; a daughter, Mrs. Alice Hogan; five sisters, Mesdames Martha Clark, Bertha Williams, Lillian Hall, Hattie Lincoln Charter, Melvina Edwards; a brother, Henry Queen, New York; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

THE METHODIST Men of Cooper's Methodist Church held the regular meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship held the regular meeting at Cooper's Church Wednesday. Daniel Evans is president.

Mans record numbers at tended the annual Methodist Conference held at Ames Methodist Church Dec. 4.

Among them were the Revs. Briggs, C. Harper, Stephen Fields.

Theodore Kess of the South Baltimore District was given a presentation. Mr. Kess has been ill and was welcomed back by many friends.

Mrs. Mattiel Carter made the presentation to Mr. Kess. She is president of the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged.

Mrs. Carter also made a presentation to the Rev. Robinson who was absent because of illness.

The Rev. F. J. Frye was host pastor.

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MR. AND MRS. Eugene Booze of Baltimore were the new guests of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Booze at their homes in Dunkirk, Md.

Belated birthday greetings to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Kess and brother of Miss Gloria Lockerman.

The Rev. Mrs. Myrtle Wood pastor of John E. Mitchell Memorial is still confined to University Hospital. Send her cards of cheer.

Mrs. Constance Holland and husband will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rosher Holland of Willows, Md. Mr. Holland is stationed at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Carters Methodist Church held the anniversary on Sunday. Dec. 6, at 4 p.m.

Send cards of cheer to the following persons who are ill:

Mrs. Fidella Smith at Anne Arundel County Hospital. An inquiry for Mrs. Smith resides in Huntingtown, Md., and is the wife of Elbum Smith.

Mrs. Virginia Gray of Sunderland, Md., is ill in Calvert Hospital. She is the wife of Major Gray.

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ANOTHER NEW AFRO subscriber is Mrs. Maudie Spriggs of Jewel, Md. Mrs. Spriggs says she takes two AFROs a week and doesn't want to miss Friday's issue.

Mrs. Spriggs' subscription was taken by Mrs. Rosher Holland.

The Beverly sisters of St. Johns Chorr sang at Peters Methodist Church Sunday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary Wills served as sponsor of the program. The Rev. William Edwards is pastor.

The Rev. Mrs. Delois Smith delivered an inspiring sermon at Peters Methodist Church at 11 a.m. services on Nov. 29, sponsored by John Gross.

The Sunday, Dec. 6 services at Peters Methodist Church were sponsored by Mrs. Rebecca Booze.

Mrs. Caroline Booze, 93, the oldest member of the Peters Church was present at the services.

The Rev. Hilton A. Parker, district superintendent, spoke highly of Mrs. Booze.

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MRS. LENA O. JONES of Parrons, Md., celebrated her 74th birthday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Parton, on Nov. 22.

A dinner was given in her honor by her nine sons and three daughters and a grand daughter of Washington, D.C.

Attending the recent wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Holland, were his brother, and sister, Miss Tarline Holland and Rosher, Jr.

Mr. Holland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rosher Holland.

The 8th anniversary of Cooper's Methodist Church was held on Sunday, Dec. 6 with the Moses Chorus as guests.

Among the attendants were Mesdames Rebecca Booze, Isa belle Randall, Beatrice Hawkins, Laura Jones, Mamie Hawkins, Elizabeth Watkins and Mary Wills.

Also attending were Henry Evans, William Smith and Calvin Hawkins.

OTHO FRANKLIN directed the opening services, the Rev. Everett Gray gave the prayer; Mrs. Lucille Jones gave the welcome address and Mrs. Gladys R. Kent responded to the address.

The history of the church was given by Allen Smith, with a biography of the church's ministers given by Mrs. Lydia Franklin.

Taking part in the entertainment for the affaw were Mrs. Melvina Edwards, Mrs. Doroth Randall, Evans, Leroy Evans, Edward Gray and St. Edmonds Senior Choir, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, president; The Jourdainers, Benjamin Tilghman, president; Methodist Men of St. Edmonds, Dury Brook, president. Wards Senior Choir and Benith Harmonizers.

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AT A COMBINED Women's Day collection, Sollers Church raised $1,184.27. Mt. Zion raised over $700; Union Church raised over $300 and Asbury Church raised over $500 which made it a grand total of $2,842 in New York.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Arlington Ave. funeral chapel for Mrs. Talinda Spriggs Henry, 84, 904 Seagull Rd., Cherry Hill, who died Sunday at the South Baltimore General Hospital. Burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

Mrs. Henry and her husband late William Henry, were for many years housekeepers for the Warfields, the family of the Duchess of Windsor, the former Miss Wallis Warfield of Baltimore.

Mrs. Henry was also the sister of Joseph Spriggs, well known Baltimorean and grandmother of Miss Virginia Simpson, a teacher at St. Francis Academy.

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MRS. HENRY was born in 1868, the daughter of the late Phillip and Harriett Spriggs of Lothian, Anne Arundel Co., Md.

She came to Baltimore 75 years ago in 1885 and after her marriage to Mr. Henry made her home with him at the Warfield residence on Biddle St.

Mrs. Henry was a lifelong member of the Sharp Street Methodist Church.

More than 60 members of the Spriggs family were present for the services.

Included were out of town nieces and nephews, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spriggs, New York; Mrs. Helen Clayton, Rye N.Y.; Mrs. Mary Spriggs, Scarsdale, N.Y.

Also, a brother, Thomas Spriggs, Parole, Md.; sisters, Mrs. Helen Bundy, and Mrs. Georgianna Spriggs, Lothian, Md.

Surviving Mrs. Henry are a daughter, Mrs. Helen Henry Simpson, of Baltimore, three grandchildren, Miss Simpson; Emerson Simpson and Carroll Simpson;

Other surviving sisters and brothers, Joseph Spriggs and Mrs. Annie Gray, both of Baltimore, and other nieces and nephews.

Gunfight not due to race, says sheriff

CRYSTAL SPRINGS, Miss.— The parents of a group of colored youths and three white teen-agers who engaged in a running gun fight earlier last week have agreed to meet to straighten out the differences.

Residents of the area said he two groups of boys engaged n a shooting scape on the outkirts of town. The colored oys' car, which had been pierced with bullets was wrecked.

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Front fire escape at

The proposed erection of a fire escape on the front of a apartment building at 650 N. Carey St. was protested before the Board of Estimates Wednesday by residents of the area.

The protests were lodged by Mrs. Catherine Spencer, 700 block N. Carey St., and Mrs. Georgia Smith, 1300 block Harlem Ave., representatives of the Twin Squares Neighborhood Club.

The board deferred action on the matter, returning the proposal to the Bureau of Building Inspection for further consideration

An explanatory statement from the club representatives was not given the board, not being required in such instances.

However, the matrons told the AFRO their club objected because a fire escape on the front of the building would spoil the attractiveness of the area.

650 N. Carey protested

Ghana well on way as African leader

ACCRA, Ghana — Ghana, which is striving to achieve and maintain a place of leadership in the awakening African community of nations, gives every indication of being well on its way.

Vast steps forward are being made in the fields of education, housing and industry. Accra, capital of the three-year old nation, has new air-conditioned hotels, and glittering department stores along broad, paved avenues. It is also the scene of almost feverish building activity.

It has its other side, one of squalor, poverty and slums in which the sick and disabled beg along the streets where small merchants try to scrape out a living through the sale of nails, food, and garments.

SIGNS OF GHANA'S growing pains are to be found in its University College, located on the outskirts of Accra, on spacious grounds which allow plenty of room for future expansion.

This year there are 657 students in 18 departments and plans are under way to increase this number to 1,000.

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A WIDE NEW highway linking Accra with Tema, where a $40 million harbor will be completed next year.

The new harbor, which will have berths for 8 ships, is expected to handle 2 million tons of cargo a year, half the capacity of the older port of Takoradi, southeast of Accra.

At Tema, once a fishing village, a model town with homes for 40,000 persons is now being built.

In addition to sewers and electricity, schools, phone, churches, community halls, an open - air threatre, race track, stadium, hospital, hotel and a library are being provided.

Tema is expected to become the industrial center of Ghana when the Volta River dam is completed at an estimated cost of $1 billion.

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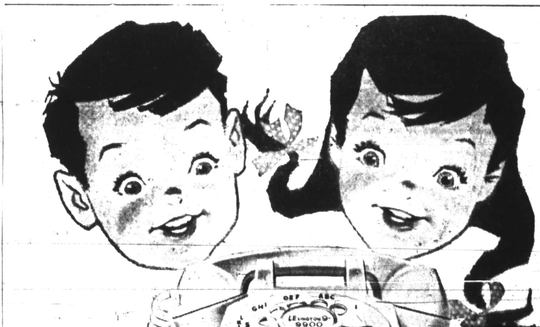

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