Cherry Hill group plans Monday meet

In order to secure social services through public housing, the Coordinating Council of Cherry Hill will have a round table discussion at 8 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14 at School No. 180.

Among the individuals and groups that will take part in this discussion will be Edgar Ewing, assistant director of renewal operations of the Baltimore Urban Renewal Housing Agency, and Van Story, Branch, manager of the Cherry Hill Housing Project.

The schools will be represented by these principals: Mesdames Enna Payne, Elizabeth Wright, Elizabeth Henderson, and John Hite; also the presidents of the PTAs of 180, 159, 163, 160 and 164.

Community representatives include Walter Baker, Roundview Improvement Association; Sheppard Burge, Cherry Hill Recreation Council; Clarence Jones, LaRue Square Improvement Association; Mrs. Isoline Downer, Cherry Hill Mothers Club; Alexander Brown, United Democratic Club of Cherry Hill; and Harry Olgesby, Recreation Club of Cherry Hill.

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CHURCHES WILL be represented by the Rev. Samuel Beard, Hemingsway AME Church; First Baptist, the Rev. John H. Clark; Cherry Hill Methodist Church, the Rev. Nathaniel Perry; St. Veronica Catholic Church, Father Charles Coughlin; The Apostolic Church Temple, the Rev. J. Saunders; and the Cherry Hill Community Church, the Rev. Edgar W. Ward.

The Baltimore Urban League will be represented by Mrs. Irma K. DeBeal, community organization specialist.

President of the Coordinating Council of Cherry Hill is John Hawkins.

Walter A. Baker will act as chairman of the round table discussion and Sheppard H. Burge Jr. is coordinator.

ONE OF THE 22 awards made to been given at the recent 22nd anniversary celebration of the St. Ann Spiritual Temple is presented to Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, right, of the Union Memorial Methodist Church, by Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, NAACP president. Mrs. Hawkins was cited as Church Woman of the Year. Affair was held at the Madison Ave. YWCA. The Rev. Mrs. Lillian Thompson is pastor.

No answer in Elgin Ave. suit

No answer to the NAACP injunction suit to halt the construction of a storage building on a vacant lot in the 2900 Block Elgin Ave. had been filed in Circuit Court No. 2 at AFRO presstime.

Defendants in the bill of complaint, which also asked that the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals be restrained from holding secret meetings, including those affecting decisions, in zoning cases, are:

The mayor and City Council; Northwest Garage and Storage Co., Inc., 2200 N. Monroe St., and Kirby and McGuire, Inc., 2519 Greenmount Ave., contractors.

The defendants have until this Monday to answer the bill of complaint.

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COMPLAINANTS IN the bill of complaint with the NAACP, filed by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell and Arthur D. Williams, attorneys, are Josephus and Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, 2009 Whittier Ave.

They pointed out that part of the Elgin Ave. lot is zoned second commercial and part residential, and that the construction on the residential section as planned is illegal.

Also, that the proposed entrance to the planned building is directly in front of the Sullivan's home, and would constitute a menace to the neighborhood, particularly to children at play.

Meanwhile, the city's Planning Commission is scheduled to act Wednesday on a proposed ordinance, which would zone the whole area residential.

Meet Santa at 16 mail boxes now located throughout city

Postmaster William F. Laukaitis has announced that a special Santa Claus and greeting card collection is now in effect and will continue to Sunday, December 20.

Sixteen special collection boxes, each bearing a picture of Santa Claus, are now in various locations within the delivery limits of the Baltimore Post Office.

While regular collection schedules will be maintained from these boxes, Santa Claus will accompany the regular letter carrier on one pick-up a day from each of the designated boxes.

Children present when Santa arrives at these special boxes may personally hand him their letter to Santa.

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THIS SPECIAL collection feature is designed to further facilitate the prompt collection and dispatch of Christmas mail, and to bring the spirit of Christmas to the children of our community.

The location of the special Santa Claus boxes and the time of Santa's arrival follows: 2 p.m. Ritchie H. Way Shopping Center, 2200 Block Reisterstown Road; 2:30 p.m. Lexington and Liberty Streets, N.W.; 3 p.m. Pratt and Smallwood Streets, S.E.; 3:30 p.m. Edmondson Village Shopping Center, on front of store; 4:15 p.m. Westview Shopping Center, on front of Hamburgers; 5:30 p.m. Wood Street Shopping Center, 2625 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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Mondawmin Shopping Center, (in front of Sun Ray Drug Co.) 8:27 p.m. 221 W. Lexington Street, front of Howard Street, north of Lexington, front of Stewart and Co. entrance), 9:08 p.m.

Mass Post Office, Calvert Street entrance, 9:20 p.m.; Eastern Avenue, right of Highlandtown Post Office, 9:40 p.m.; Patterson Shopping Center, Eastern Avenue and Patterson Park Avenue, 10:05 p.m.; Belair Road and Erdman Avenue, 10:30 p.m.; Belair Road and Harford Road, Hamilton Avenue, 10 p.m.; Mayfair Shopping Center, 2500 Block of Wolfe Street, 11 a.m.; Greenmount and Thirty-Third Streets, 10:30 p.m.

Regular Christmas collection schedules will prevail at all other letter boxes in order to afford the maximum service to all patrons.

POLITICS: Jan. 18 important for all registered voters

Monday, January 18, is a date to encircle on your new 1960 calendar — a day of special interest to all Baltimore citizens registered as eligible voters.

This is the date 2,500 judges of elections will begin a house to house canvass in all sections of the city, to determine the correctness of registrations at the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Every registered citizen must be correctly accounted for to remain on the books.

Therefore, it is extremely important that every citizen cooperate fully, by making available the requested information.

Failure to do so could cause a citizen considerable inconvenience, difficulty in voting in the May 17 primary.

It could result in the necessity of new registration again to be eligible to vote in the November 8 general election.

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THE CANVASSING judges of elections will want to know:

1. If the citizen registered with the Supervisors of Elections is still living, or dead;

2. If he is still living, does he still reside at the same address on the registration rolls, or has he moved;

3. If he has moved, what is his new address.

The purpose of the canvass is to clear registration books of the names of those persons who have moved from the city, or are no longer living.

Instances where the citizen has moved and there is a forwarding address, a letter requiring no postage expense to him to return will be sent, asking verification of his new address.

If the citizen ignores this letter, he may vote in the coming primary election in his old precinct, only after filling out certain form cards at the polling place on that date.

If he misses voting in the primary, his name will be stricken from the Supervisors of Elections registration rolls of citizens eligible to vote.

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THIS MEANS he would have to register again to regain his voting eligibility.

If a citizen has not moved, but is sent a similar letter asking if a canvasser's enclosed report is inaccurate, and he chooses to ignore the letter, he will face the same situation.

This will be the first such canvass here in four years. Prior to 1956, before the law was amended to provide for a four year period, this registration check was conducted every two years.

The January 18 canvass is expected to require much more than the one day for completion.

However— if you plan to be away from home on January 18, it would be wise to leave verification of the eligible voters in your household with a trusted neighbor.

And answer any letter you get from the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

Dr. Winder joins national home ec honor association

Dr. T. Vivian Winder, Associate Professor and head of the Department of Home Economics at Morgan State College, has been initiated into Omicron Nu Society, a national honor group which recognizes superior scholarship in home economics.

Dr. Winder was one of a group representing 14 states. Hunter Teachers College and New York University, inducted into Alpha Rho Chapter. This is the first New York chapter - at - large of the society.

Dr. Winder, a native of Maryland, is a graduate of Virginia State College and holds the Ed.D. degree from New York University.

Sinai to move patients Sunday

Sinai Hospital is in the process of moving from Monument St. and Rutland Ave. to its new $20 million quarters on Greenspring and Belvedere Ave.

Patients will be transferred Sunday. Obstetrical cases will be accepted until 7 a.m. Sunday.

Other emergency admissions will be accepted until the same time Sunday while emergency service for accidents will be provided until 8 p.m. Dec. 12.

The new Sinai will accept Gynecology cases at 7 a.m. Sunday. The outpatient department opens on Dec. 14. Urgent cases will be admitted beginning Dec. 17.

Patients of all classifications will be accepted beginning Monday, Dec. 21.

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JOB ABOLISHED — The job of Murray Abramson, left, assistant executive secretary, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, was abolished by the Board of Estimates this week. Seated is Philip A. Camponeschi, EEOC director and Mrs. Gloria Fracalossi, right, is office secretary.

Mrs. Davis convicted of Parham slaying

For the third gun slaying of a "permanent, though unwelcome" tenant in her home, Mrs. Bernice Davis, 31, 700 block N. Aisquith St., was convicted Tuesday of second degree murder. Sentence was suspended pending motion for a new trial.

Mrs. Davis, mother of five children, was charged with the murder of John Calvin Parham, who was found lying outside a Lafayette Homes Housing Project on Sept. 30.

At her trial, Mrs. Davis testified Parham in spite of her objections, moved in with her and her children after she gave birth to his baby.

A tiny woman, the mother explained the man at first contributed $10 a week toward the support of her family, then gradually stopped his payment while he was living there.

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SHE TOLD Judge Joseph M. Jeffries, who wrote an eight page opinion on the case, that she had argued with Parham on several occasions, insisting that he move.

"He told me if he was a nuisance to me, then so was the baby . . . and he was going to take the baby and I would never see him again," the mother testified.

Mrs. Davis said she agreed that he could take the baby if he would assure her it would be well - cared for.

However, she said he threatened her not to leave him, and argued with her on several occasions, and on the morning of the shooting "he came at me with his hands up," she testified.

Having loaded the gun during an argument the previous day, she said, she went to a closet, took out the loaded rifle, and went to him with the intention of scaring him out of her home.

At the time she said he was in the bedroom packing the baby's clothes.

When he put on his hands, Mrs. Davis said she fired, fearing he was about to attack her.

JUDGE ALLEN ruled that the murder, though not "willful and deliberate," was without justification because there was no evidence to show the man threatened Mrs. Davis at the time of the shooting.

The jurist added, however, that he did not believe the woman was afraid of her unwelcomed guest because he had threatened and done her bodily injury on previous occasions.

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Magistrate hits TV repairmen

"If you people don't give customers service on their TV sets, somebody is going to get hurt."

Magistrate Calvin A. Douglass gave this warning to Willie Moore, 55, 500 block of Wilson St., before placing him on probation on a larceny after trust charge involving two TV sets, a clock radio and a five dollar deposit on the purchase of a radio.

Magistrate Douglass told the AFRO this was the first step in a "crackdown" on TV repairmen who take customer's sets and either charge high prices or give no service and keep the sets.

Mr. Wilson was placed on probation on condition that he make restitution to the four customers. He was released on his own recognizance.

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LOOK ALIKE BIBLES were brought in by Frank Stratton, left, 58, of 1308 Argyle Ave. and George H. Miles, 66, 1639 N. Bentalou St. The Stratton bible belongs to Mrs. Sally Mae Stratton, was printed in 1882 and the Miles book, previously owned by his grandfather, the late Nathan Wallace, was printed in 1873.

FAMILY BIBLES of various sizes and ages are displayed here by Mrs. Helen Parron, 1338 Argyle Ave.; Mrs. Martha Jones, 31 N. Gorman Ave.; William A. Rogers, 619 Lafayette Ave.; Mrs. Alice Myers, 1046 N. Eden St., and Mrs. Henry Diggs, 5238 Denmore Ave. None of their bibles turned out to be old enough to win the $25 prize.

Bible

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OUT OF HIS LIBRARY of more than 1,000 books, William N. Bishop, 1216 McCulloh St., an attorney for more than 40 years, selected this Bible printed in 1813, 146 years ago. The volume has eight pages of family records.

Louise Collins, who died at the age of 89 years.

Mrs. Collins passed the book on to her son, the Rev. Harry Collin who is Mrs. Shepard's father and pastor of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, here.

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THIRD OLDEST BIBLE in the contest was printed in 1790 in Philadelphia by Kimber and Sharpless and is the property of Dr. Daniel Thomas Skinner, 2033 Wheeler St., a Morgan State College associate professor of languages.

Dr. Skinner's Bible was given to him by his mother, Mrs. Esther Jennings Skinner of Boston, Mass.

It was passed down to her from her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Jennings, who received it from Dr. Skinner's great grandfather.

The volume contains family records from 1797 and lists over 50 members of the family.

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OWNER OF another Bible with a probable date of 1790 is William Brown Jr., 1119 N. Parish St.

However, Mr. Brown's book did not have a printed date but other printed information led to the estimate of the 1790 printing date.

Almost identical with the Bible owned by Dr. Skinner, Mr. Brown's book was also printed by Kimber and Sharpless.

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THE NEXT OLDEST Bible is the property of Mrs. Rosa B. Curtis, 2512 W. Franklin St. dated 1803 and printed by the command of King James of England from the original Greek language.

Other oldest Bibles printed in the AFRO are as follows:

1812, Mrs. Virginia E. Golden 908 Bennett Pl.; 1813, William N. Bishop, 1216 McCulloh; 1823, Mrs. Julia Eley, 220 N. Monroe; 1816, Leroy Jackson, 1001 Oliver St.; 1817, Mrs. Cecelia Thomas, 1033 Fulton Ave.;

1817, Eugene Parker, 412 E. Biddle St.; 1824, Dr. A. A. Smith, 1230 E. Monument; 1824, the Rev. Simon Lee, 1316 E. Lafayette; 1824, Mrs. Anna Dixon, 1709 N. Hilton.

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OTHER BIBLES dated from 1841 to 1906 were brought in by owners:

Mrs. Virginia Summers, 130 N. Aisquith, is owner of the largest Bible brought into the AFRO during the contest.

It weighs approximately 30 pounds, and measures 11 inches wide 14 inches long and 5½ inches thick, was printed in the 1800's has over 2,000 pages.

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OWNER OF THE smallest Bible entered in the contest is Mrs. Victoria Coleman, 720 Dolphin.

The book is 4½ inches long, 3 inches wide and 1½ inches thick, printed in 1818 and weighs less than 6 ounces.

Most unusual Bible is the one owned by Mrs. Patricia Layne, 1147 N. Fulton Ave.

The volume is small, suitable for carrying to church, and bound in soft leather which encases the entire book like a handbag. It was printed in 1868.

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BIBLES PRINTED during the year of 1882, the date of the AFRO's founding, are owned by Carol T. Barnes, 2531 McHenry St.; Mrs. Serena Durham, 1511 Holmstead St. and Mrs. Bessie Spring, 1612 McCulloh St.

Howard B. Curtis, 770 Saratoga St., a retired printing company worker, owns a Bible printed 1883.

Mr. Curtis helped deliver the AFRO presses and says he has delivered type to the AFRO office.

His Bible has 1,000 pages and is bound in leather with metal spine and locks.

PRECIOUS POSSESSION is the 83-year-old Bible owned by Mrs. Carrie Cole, 1621 E. Milliman St., which was printed in 1876, 100 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The book has more than 1,000 pages, metal locks that still work and a heavy leather binding. It was given to her by her husband, the late Joseph Cole who died in 1954.

AGED BIBLE—225 years has not done much damage to Mrs. Louise Petross's treasured Bible. In 1734, leather was used for the cover and stretched over several layers of heavy linen paper to form the back. The paper in the Bible is linen rag and may last more than 500 years.

Postmaster says do mailing now

Commenting on the excellent response to his "Mail Early for Christmas" Campaign, Postmaster William F. Laukaitis has said:

"A great deal depends on the cooperation of our patrons during the next ten days if we are to reach our goal of having every Christmas gift package and card delivered before Christmas Eve."

He continued, "If you will take just a little extra care with your Christmas mailings right now, you'll avoid disappointing friends and loved ones."

He said further that the Post Office is well prepared for the big Christmas mail load, but unless everyone steps up the mailing of Christmas cards and gift packages immediately, some of them may not be delivered before Christmas.

The Postmaster also emphasized the need for special cooperation in making sure that the return address and the recipient's address are plainly written on all Christmas card envelopes and package labels.

Be sure to use zone numbers, and it's always a good idea to include an extra label inside your package carrying your name and address and that of the recipient.

Blood when you need it under Red Cross prorgam

In recent years, America has provided its people with a means of securing convenient, thrifty, and assured services through the use of what are commonly called Credit Cards.

With its new Blood Assurance Program, the American Red Cross joins the ranks of Credit Card organizations.

This Blood Assurance Program is designed to meet the needs of the community by blood donations from the members of companies and other organized groups.

Donating blood at his own convenience, a member of a company is assured that his family will have the blood needed in an emergency.

To insure convenience in the collection of the blood, the Red Cross sends its Blood Mobile crew of a doctor, several nurses, and nurse's aides to visit the company to collect the needed blood.

For every 100 pints of blood a group contributes, the Red Cross gives 67 blood credits.

The remaining 33 pints are used for life saving emergencies and blood indigents.

Small companies or those without large enough facilities make their donations at the Red Cross Headquarters, 23rd and St. Paul Sts.

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2. A member does not have to lose unnecessary time from work to donate blood to a friend or fellow worker.

3. A member does not have to face the anxiety of securing blood donors in the case of an emergency.

4. A member through the use of blood is helped back to speedy recovery and that reduces the number of days away from work and the loss of pay.

5. Because of the nation-wide acceptance of this program, a member visiting another state is protected in the case of an emergency which calls for blood.

A member of the Red Cross' Blood Assurance Program has all of these benefits.

However, every member of a company is not able to give blood; therefore being a member of the company he is assured of all of the above benefits.

Striving for the highest possible standards, the Red Cross takes only those who are physically fit for donations.

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THE RED CROSS has long been regarded as a chief source during emergencies.

During World War II the Red Cross collected over 13,000,000 pints of blood for military use.

Again, during and since the Korean conflict, over 7,000,000 pints of whole blood were collected for the armed forces.

In time of peace, the Red Cross felt that the collection of blood was the best way to protect and save the lives of the American people.

The first regional blood center, opened its doors in Jan., 1948.

Today there are 53 regional centers, providing over 40 percent of the blood used annually in medical practice.

However, there is still a great need for blood, and like the use, the fulfillment rests with the community.

Interested persons should contact their employers who in return contacts the American Red Cross, 23rd and St. Paul Sts.

Lucky pic winner surprised, happy

"I was certainly surprised and happy to see that I was a winner.

"The $5 will help me give somebody something for Christmas."

The speaker was Mrs. Rose Dowell, 1707 Warwick Ave., winner of Tuesday's Lucky Picture money.

Mrs. Dowell found her head circled on a picture which showed her as a member of the "Million Dollar Wedding" held at St. Matthews Methodist Church.

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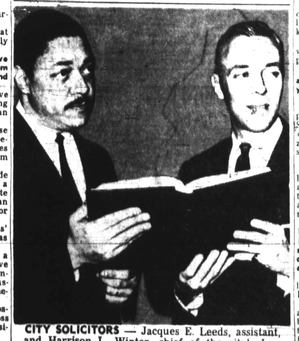
EACH EDITION of the AFRO has a Lucky Picture and all the winner has to do to collect the $5 is to identify himself at the City Desk, 628 N. Eutaw St., before noon of the next edition day.

Pictures made anywhere in the city may produce a winner so readers have to be on the watch.

Take no risks

F. Douglass Sears, Maryland insurance commissioner, has warned that anyone doing business with an unlicensed company does so "at his own risk."

When in doubt, Mr. Sears recommended, "check the status of the company with the State Insurance Department of Maryland."



CITY SOLICITORS — Jacques E. Leeds, assistant, and Harrison L. Winter, chief of the city's Law Department, check a legal form.

City's legal affairs job of city Law Dept.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh in a series of articles on city agencies. Next week— Multiple Housing Division, Bureau of Building Inspection.)

By MAX JOHNSON

An obviously, troubled citizen strode into the City Solicitor's offices in the courthouse a morning in the not too distant past and blurted out:

"I need a lawyer quick to handle a case for me!"

The receptionist explained that he was in the city's Law Department, and should seek a private attorney for his personal case.

"If these fellows here are city lawyers, why ain't they my lawyers?" the man wanted to know. "I'm a citizen here!"

The receptionist, bothered with problems of her own, replied:

"They are your lawyers—and, then again, they are not your lawyers."

She let it go at that.

So— Baltimore's Law Department, also called the City Solicitor's office, is comprised of attorneys who are the Citizens' lawyers, but not in personal matters.

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THEY ARE the citizen's lawyers in the sense that they are paid by taxpayers to protect the interests of the city and its agencies in all legal matters.

The City Solicitor is the sole legal advisers to the city and its agencies, is in charge of all suits and actions involving the city, and must give approval to all such legal matters.

The head of this department is appointed by the mayor, and he, in turn, selects his staff.

The city solicitor post and the assistant staff jobs have long been considered political patronage jobs here, and have been handled as such, with few if any exceptions.

Harrison L. Winter is the current head of the city's Law Department.

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JACQUETS E. LEEDS, attorney of the 1200 block Druid Hill Ave., who was appointed the past August, is currently the only member of his race among the staff of 26 assistant city solicitors.

Mr. Leeds, a product of Douglass High School and the University of Maryland Law School, is married to Miss Ethel Ennis, the internationally known singer.

He is the third of his race to hold an assistant post with the Law Department.

First, back in the 1940's reign of former Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, was Linwood G. Koger Sr., former police magistrate at old Northwestern police station.

Second was Magistrate Calvin A. Douglass, who now presides at the new Western District police station.

Mr. Koger served one term under Mr. McKeldin. Magistrate Douglass had three terms during the D'Alesandro administration.

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IN ADDITION to Mr. Leeds, 15 new assistants appointed by Mr. Winter since the past July 1 include:

Philip Z. Altfeld; James M. Aycock; Frank J. Blair; John A. Dewicki; A. Jerome Diener; Morton L. Goldner; William A. Hegarty; William Hoffman, and Kenneth E. Lee.

Also, Joseph A. Luperini; Bernard J. Sachs; Robert M. Winegrad, and Ambrose T. Hartman, deputy city solicitor.

The 12 assistants retained from the D'Alesandro administration include:

Irvin A. Adler; Charles E. Chlan; Charles H. Dorn; W. Thomas Giarlet; William O. Goldstein; Robert C. Harrison, and Edward W. Kreutzer.

Also, Lloyd G. McAllister, William H. Marshall, Vern J. Munger, Jr., James B. Murphy, and Mrs. Blanche G. Wahl.

BUSY MAN — Winter time is a busy time for this businessman, Robert Morris, who sells balloons. In summer he hawks them out of doors, but when the air turns chilly he finds his wares go equally as well indoors at parties, circuses, and almost any event that attracts people. The balloons he has with him can be inflated to a height of six feet, and that's a lot of balloon.