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BALTIMORE AFRO-AMERICAN SEAL OF HONOR

By ELOISE RICHARDSON

Plea made on behalf of needy in Anne Arundel County; Churches list special Christmas services; The Rev. William Young is buried; Scribe praises Harry Belafonte's TV Spectacular.

Of all the Christian holidays, the most loved and important by far is the one that comes exactly one week before the New Year—Christmas.

For weeks, before it arrives, one can tell of its coming whenever one goes. Like the first day of spring, Christmas can be felt in the air, in the stores, the streets, the churches and the schools, everybody seems to be full of excitement and expectation.

Our American Christmas especially remembers the poor, and every community takes the responsibility for seeing that some joy or comfort comes to its less fortunate members.

Churches, schools and charitable organizations collect food and clothing and other groups provide entertainment and gifts for the children, whose parents are not able to give them a happy holiday.

Despite the many generous gestures, often there are those who are not included for one reason or another. While some groups are in contact with those who need otherwise, it is often many of the needy, who must depend on public agencies and have no one to spread cheer for them.

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MRS. ESTHER HOLAHAN, director of the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Welfare is especially urging that citizens do their best for the aged in the community, who either live alone, or have a place to live with someone because they have no relatives.

While a number of these old people in Annapolis have been adopted by groups for this Christmas season, there still remain 14 others in this predicament, who are hopeful that they will be remembered by someone at Christmas time.

In the Northern end of the county at Patapsco Park are four others. Some are requesting food, and others are requesting blankets, clothing, etc.

Also there is a family in Annapolis hoping that Santa Claus will come its way. There are six children and their ages range from two to 14 years. One family at Severn and one at Gambrills are also in dire need.

This is an appeal to the many organizations here. In the spirit of the Christ Child, who came to save the world—won't you contact Mrs. Holahan at the Welfare Department and list those unfortunates for Christmas cheer?

Churches of the city will have special services observing the birth of Christ on Christmas morning and Sunday during the Christmas.

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THE ASBURY Methodist Church will hold services at 5 a.m. on Christmas morning. All choirs of the church will sing and the Rev. Floyd Snowden will be the speaker.

The Senior Choir of the church will present a Christmas program on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

The featured work will be a cantata entitled "King, All Glorious," by Roy Nalls. It is a joyous composition depicting the birth of Christ in song. This will be under the direction of Mrs. Emma Stepney.

Solo parts will be sung by members of the choir. Mesdames Lucille Henderson, Annie S. Henry and Christine Thomas, sopranos; Mrs. Gazella Johnson, contralto; Robert Green, tenor, and Robert Chase and Harvey Ennis, baritones.

The recently re-organized Youth Choir will also participate, singing traditional Christmas music. Mrs. Eleanor Parker will be at the organ. The Rev. J. R. Berry is pastor.

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THE MT. MORIAH AME Church will have sunrise service on Christmas morning. The Sunday School will present its special Christmas program at the church in the evening at 7 p.m. under the direction of Mrs. Cecelia Greene.

The annual Christmas Cheer Tea this year, with Mrs. Estelle Henry as chairman will be held at the church on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

Another interesting program to be presented at the First Baptist Church on Sunday at 4 p.m., will be an original pageant, "The Human Christmas Tree," depicting the origin of the Christmas carols, under the direction of Mrs. Ethel Thompson. The Rev. Leroy Bowman is the pastor.

Eastport community and other friends are looking forward to the presentation of the seventh annual Christmas Musicale of combined choirs to be held at the Mt. Zion Methodist Church at 6 o'clock on Sunday evening.

The program will include a cappella numbers and is under the direction of Miss Mi. Thenrietta Thompson, director and organist. The Rev. Clarence Davis is pastor.

As the year 1959 goes out in a few days, there is much to reflect one's mind back over the months and in some instances, sad thoughts come to us because of the loss of loved ones and those whom we have had the privilege of knowing as good citizens of our community.

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VERY RECENTLY Annapolis lost one of its oldest and finest citizens, the Rev. William Young, who had been a faithful and staunch member of the Asbury Methodist Church for 59 years.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by the pastor, the Rev. J. R. Berry, who also gave the eulogy. Burial was in Brewer Hill Cemetery.

The Rev. Mr. Young, a native of Washington, D.C., was 87 years old. Born in Washington, D.C., he came to Anne Arundel County at an early age with his parents, the late Edward and Eliza Young.

Not too long afterwards, when he was nine years old, his mother died, leaving him to be reared by his grandmother, the late Mrs. Kitty Gibson.

At the age of 14 he joined the Hope Chapel Methodist Church at Edgewater and while a member served as a teacher in the Church School and a member of the Band.

On March 11, 1891, he was united in Holy matrimony with the late Ellen Parker, to which union eleven children were born. Seven of these are deceased.

It was in 1900 that he moved to Annapolis with his family and became a member of the Asbury Methodist Church. He was ordained as a minister in 1922.

He served the Church School, was a band leader and a local preacher, and up until his death, was a class leader for 50 years, and until his retirement four years ago, was church treasurer for 32 years.

He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Eliza Price and Miss Josephine Young, Annapolis; two sons, Nathaniel Young of Montclair, N.J., and Ernest Young of Annapolis; three cousins, the Revs. S. T. Collins and Benjamin Collins and Mrs. Catherine Whittington, all of Edgewater, eight grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

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WHEN THE Parole School P-TA held its November meeting, a panel discussion was the feature of the program. In observance of Education Week, the panel discussed the overall theme, "Good Schools and Community Responsibility."

Speakers and their topics were:

Herbert S. Hilliard, principal of Bates Senior High School, "What Does Education Mean To The Child?;" Mrs. Mary Campbell Brown, visiting teacher, "How Can Time Help To Make Better Schools?;"

Alpe Everett Pettigrew, elementary supervisor, "What Makes A Good Teacher?," and Dr. Aris T. Allen, a member of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education, "Responsibility of the School Board."

Girl Scout Troop No. 49 of Smith, Clandra Sisco, Jacqueline Takeall, Caroline Holland, Rose Marie Swann, Rosalyn Taylor, Roberta Simmons, Linda Hicks, Linmear Colbert.

Troop leaders are Miss Madeline Randolph and Mesdames Patricia Brown, Marguerite Hall and Mary Swann.

Recently the PTA held its Christmas Social, at which time a TV Game Revue was the recreational activity of the evening. The game groups and the leaders were as follows:

"Truth and Consequences," Mrs. Mary Minor; "Beat The Clock," Mrs. Marguerite Hall; "What's My Name?," Mrs. Genevieve Dyson; "Musical Chairs," Richard Colbert.

Mrs. Gloria Grand read "The Christmas Story" and Christmas carols were sung by the group. Members also contributed food and other articles for Christmas basket to be given to indigent families.

Remarks were made at the end of the program by the president, Orlando Day, and Walter S. Mills, principal.

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HOW MANY of you heard Harry Belafonte and his cast on TV the other night? Did you notice that the whole program was based on pride of our heritage and our culture. He used all the wonderful artistic music and rhythm that is so much a part of our culture and the program was simply beautiful.

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Paper celebrates 75th anniversary

PHILADELPHIA

The Philadelphia Tribune celebrated its 75th anniversary here last week with a program over which Miss Marian Anderson presided. Speaker was William O. Walker, president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and publisher of the Cleveland Call Post.

The program was held at Union Baptist Church. Mrs. Beatrice P. Hodge, daughter of the Tribune's founder, the late Christ J. Perry, reviewed the paper's history.

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Baltimore County News and Views

By DORIS BAKER BROWN

The First Combined Christmas Concert of the Male Choruses of Grace AME Church, Catonsville and St. Luke AME Church, Ellicott City, Md. was held Sunday.

The program, beautifully narrated by Mrs. Kay Copeland, told the story of the nativity. Highlights of the evening were selections by Mrs. Audrey Smith and the reading of the "Night Before Christmas" by cute little Sheron and Richard Houston.

It was with great pride everyone watched the Junior ushers of the Church going about their duties. They included Angela Terrell, Shirlyn Boston, Joann Hebron, Stephenaie Baston, Patricia Williams, Gale Williams and Mamie Beverly.

After the concert everyone was invited to remain for refreshments.

The joint choirs of Grace AME and St. Luke AME were under the direction of Herbert E. Brown. Mrs. Ida Torsell was accompanist. Elihana R. Washington is president of the Male Chorus of Grace Church; John Fields, director and Ira Williams, secretary.

St. Luke's choirs president is Margret Hopkins. Herbert E. Brown, director and Lena Mathews, secretary.

Pastor of Grace Church is the Rev. C. C. Brown.

Pastor of St. Luke is the Rev. James E. Dorsey.

The combined Christmas concert will be presented in Ellicott City at St. Luke Church Sunday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

SETTING THE tone for the holiday was that fabulous basketball game between the Banneker faculty and Banneker students. The gym was packed.

Sparked by Miss Lola Mills, the faculty women's team turned loose and walloped the Banneker Girls team soundly, 30-16. Miss Mills was high scorer for her team with 14 points.

Highly motivated by their co-workers' brilliant performances, the faculty men determined not to be outdone. Paced by J. T. Cunningham, the team's high scorer, 11 points, the men won 36-26.

On the faculty women's team were Misses Lola Mills, Shirley Thomas and Elvira Allen, Mrs. Delores Ridgley, Elsie Williams and students Lucille Smith and Vivian Randall.

The faculty men's team included Merrill West, J. Cunningham, William Grace, Gerald Griffin, John Taylor and Cecil Cooper.

Playing for the student teams were girls Cheryl Riley, Carolyn Barnes, Faye Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Phyllis Randall and Cheryl Jackson.

Boys Team: Marshall Temple, James Ragler, Charles Crawford, Theodore Beacote, Wayne Hebron, Wayne Randall, Barry Terrell and Charles Green.

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BARRY TERRELL was high scorer for the boy's team, 8 pts. Faye Jackson shot 10 points to find the girl's team honors. Officials were Mrs. Gwendolyn P. Faggett, Milton Smith and Calvin Randall. Scorekeeper was Tavonia McCool. Timekeeper, Mrs. Doris Brown.

The game was sponsored by the Home Economics Club. The proceeds will help make possible their trip to New York City in the spring.

Club sponsor is Miss Shirley Thomas.

Parents attending the Parent-Teacher Association meeting last week didn't know if they were in the right place at the right time or not.

"A party!" exclaimed a surprised parent, "I thought PTA was tonight."

"It is", replied a hostess, "Come in."

PTA president, Charles C. Byrd called the meeting to order, quickly dispensed with the business then turned the program over to the program committee chairman, Mrs. Betty Campbell.

A full evening of entertainment had been planned by J. W. Irvine and Miss Elvira Allen.

Banneker cafeteria manager, Mrs. Harriet Carey left no stone unturned to assure the students of their annual Christmas dinner. And, the length of the lunch line attested to how delicious it was and how the children appreciated her efforts.

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Trekkin About The County Bengies

A most gracious hostess was Mrs. Howard Wallace when the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at her lovely Chase, Md. home.

Mrs. Wallace, wife of the pastor of Sharp St. Church entertained the members of the WSCS who are members of the Chase charge.

The churches on the charge are Asbury, John Wesley and Sharp St.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the United Male Chorus of St. Stephens, Essex presented a service for the benefit of Trustee's Day.

Visiting John Wesley Church on their Rally Day were Mrs. Henrietta Brown, Elsie Williams and Dora Meyers. Joyce Williams, a member of Sharp St. Church, participated in the rally as a captain and raised $23 for John Wesley.

The PTA of Bengies School will sponsor the annual Christmas program for the children, Dec. 17.

Sharp St. Church Sunday School will present its annual Christmas program, Sunday, Dec. 20.

On Christmas morning, the Rev. Mr. Redd and congregation of Shining Star Church will worship with the pastor and mebers of Sharp St. Church at 11 o'clock.

December is a month of birthdays. Celebrating their natal days will be Carol Reed and Melvina Foust—Dec. 22; Donald Meyers—Dec. 23; Elnora Armstrong, Joyce Williams — Dec. 28 and Verona and Marilyn Meyers, sisters, Dec. 29. Happy Birthday and Happy Holidays to all of you!!

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Sparrows Point

The Christmas spirit has captured the whole county. Bragg Elementary School, Sparrows Point, was virtually transformed into a winter wonderland last Saturday, Dec. 12.

The occasion? The annual gathering of all Baltimore County elementary teachers under the supervision of Mrs. Pauline V. Hobbs.

Bragg School teachers were hosts this year and went all out to prepare a superb program.

The program provided an opportunity for Bragg School talent to be displayed. Marlene Gaylord read the scripture and greetings were extended by Wanda Moore.

Immediately following the children's performances, Paul F. Scott introduced the speaker, Mrs. Rebecca Carroll, Baltimore City elementary supervisor.

Mrs. Carroll is also a homemaker. She has a daughter in high school.

After the timely, moving appeal for teacher unity made by the guest speaker, dynamic Mrs. Pauline Hobbs, Baltimore County Elementary supervisor's closing remarks smoothly concluded the program.

The annual affair, now five years-old, is the brain-child of Mrs. Hobbs, who realizing the importance of establishing and maintaining harmonious relationships between her Baltimore County teaching personnel, created it.

Teachers from Fleming, Banneker, Bengies and Carver Elementary Schools attended the program.

Principal of the host school, Bragg, is Roland Harris.

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Catonsville

Cutest party of the month was that of Kevin Wilkins, who became 5 on Dec. 6. Kevin's party was celebrated at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Wilkins Jr. and Charles Craig, 336 Suter Road.

Kevin's birthday cake was a growing boy's delight, topped by a hard riding cowboy.

Prizes for pinning the tail on the donkey were won by Dalton Randolph, Pierrie Jason, Dallas Barcliff and Steven Pennington.

Other guests included Tres Bacote, Sherrae Gamble, Shonda Jason, Jocelyn Bennett, Romaine Wilkins, Donna Queen, Stephanie Larkins, Allen Jones, Carolyn Jones, Rae Ross, Gina Patterson, Rebecca Berry, Richard Tucker, Joanne Tucker, Diane Mondie, Gail Mondie, Pia Kelly and Sharon West.

Mothers of the little tots who were presented included Juanita Bacote, Ethel Jason, Geneva Bennett, Sylvia Patterson, Josephine Tucker, Marian Barcliff, Esther Larkins, Hazel Queen, Nancy Berry, Alice Mondie, Arintha Kelly and Jacqueline West. Also Vinette Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Wilkins Sr. and a great-aunt, Mrs. Beatrice Hill.

Kevin's mommie is Baltimore County schoolmarm Dorita Wilkins, a teacher at Turner Elementary School. Keirn's daddy is Sgt. Ollie Wilkins, now stationed at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska.

Don't forget!! On Friday, Dec. 18, the annual Christmas Operetta will be presented at Banneker School. Miss Elvira Allen, Banneker music teacher, is presenting the operetta.

To the parents: Christmas holiday begins Wed. Dec. 23 at 2. Lunch will be served.

To the students: The holidays end Jan. 4 at 9 a.m.

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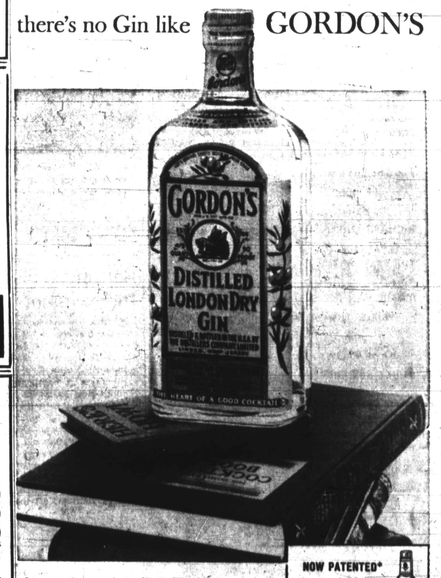

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