COSTUME PARTY goers at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb are these seven andeight-year-old members of the Jack and Jill Club being entertained by their parents, adult members of the club. Left to right, they are Allison Davis, Gigi Moore, Carol Hardy, Julie Hall, Carla Chissell, Trina Howard, Missy Rea, Crystal Chissell, Jill Carter, Micheal Lamb and Regina Clay.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Baltimoreans' hopes for Yule season vary

By CAROLYN ERWIN

Traditionally, we think of Christmas as a time of brotherhood, peace, and goodwill. No matter what the world's situation has been throughout the year, around Christmas time, individuals, families, and nations come together in the spirit of giving and forgiving to resolve their differences.

Baltimore is no different from any other city caught up in the Christmas spirit. Homes, offices, schools, churches, and other public buildings herald the season with brightly colored lights and decorations, while the local radio stations fill the air with sounds of the season.

Christmas is also a time of hope and expectation for many. And again Baltimoreans are no different from any others in this respect. So the AFRO talked with some Baltimoreans to find out just what Christmas means to them.

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Mrs. Leonora McBride, government employee, 2900 blk. Forrest Glen Rd.—"I think that Christmas is the most beautiful holiday of the year. "It's too bad that they took the religious atmosphere out of the schools because too many children think only of Santa Claus at Christmas time instead of the infant child.

My wish is that they bring religion back into the schools, first; and peace and love to all men, second."

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David L. Glenn, director, Baltimore Community Relations Commission — "The significance in practical terms of Christmas is that it is a time when people seem to lose their social, racial, and ethnic identities and are thought of only as human beings and individuals.

"The shame is that this spirit of Christmas doesn't extend beyond the few days of the holiday season. If I had one wish for the coming year it would be that the spirit of Christmas be extended from one calendar year to the next."

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Mrs. Leah Patterson, teacher's aide, 2700 blk. Mosher St. — "Christmas has become greatly commercialized. The Christmas spirit should be to love each other, give of ourselves, and be willing to share. Thank God there are some people still on this earth who believe in this.

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Mrs. Freeman Coleman, telephone operator, 2500 blk. Lafayette Ave. — "People put too much emphasis on toys. When I was coming up, Christmas was different. We went to church and celebrated Christmas in more religious way.

"I don't enjoy Christmas the way I used to because of the war and crime in the streets. If I had a wish for Christmas it would be that my mother could share it with me and that war and crime would cease."

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Councilman Robert C.

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Wakefield Tennants, Owners Make Contact

The owners, management, and about 25 residents of the Wakefield Apartments met at the James Brown Motor Inn on Saturday to discuss complaints which the residents had made concerning deteriorating conditions at this northwest Baltimore apartment complex.

Present at the meeting were Samuel Hecht and Walter Write, owners of Wakefield; Stanley J. Olove, president of Key Corporation, managers of Wakefield; and representatives of the Wakefield Tenants Action Committee.

The meeting was called in the wake of a week-long protest boycott and picketing of the Hect Co. store at Howard and Lexington Sts. by Wakefield tenants.

Mr. Hecht sets on the board of directors of the Hecht-May Co., owners of the store at which the protest was directed.

Specific tenant complaints dealt with rent inequities, shoddy maintenance of the apartments and grounds, and the management's elimination of the country club.

A petition, signed by 400 of Wakefield's 600 residents, had been sent to Mr. Hecht complaining of the alleged conditions, but it received no response from him prior to Saturday's meeting.

Of the meeting, Mrs. Marge Smith, chairman of the Wakefield Tenant group said, "I feel it is an important step toward improving conditions at Wakefield."

"Where they made specific complaints, we are correcting them," Mr. Hecht stated. "We are going to get together and try to settle reasonable requests."

From all indications, Saturday's meeting was held simply to establish a working dialogue between the three groups. Although the Wakefield residents have assumed this to mean that the owners and management have "agreed" to their requests, Mr. Hecht denies this.

"They made certain requests which we asked them to submit to us in writing. At this point we haven't agreed to anything. We're still negotiating."

Mrs. Davis, 77, principal's mother

Funeral services for Mrs. Edna Herndon Davis, mother of Baltimore City College principal Pierre Davis, were held Saturday at Brookland Union Baptist Church, in Washington.

Mrs. Davis, 77, died last Tuesday in St. Mary's Personal Care Home, Washington, after suffering her third stroke in two years.

Mrs. Davis was born in Richmond but moved to Washington at an early age and was educated there. She lived in the 4000 block of S. Dakota Ave., N.E.

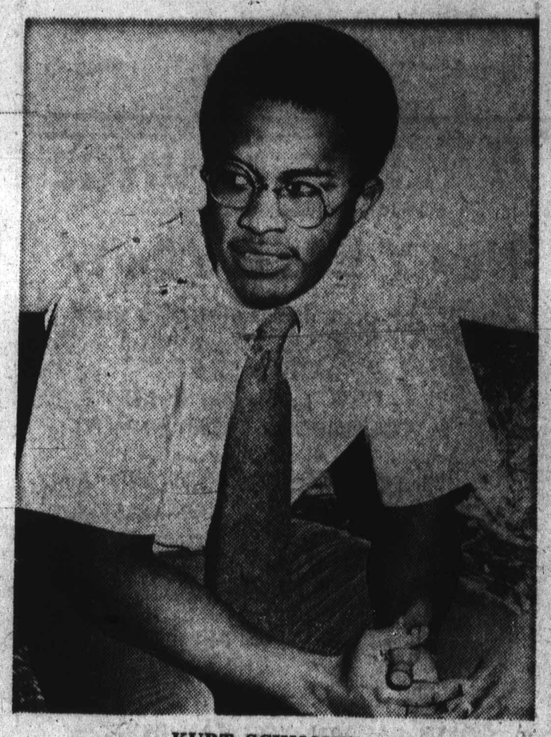
An active and longtime member of Brookland Union, she belonged to the Gospel Choir and the Organ fund.

Other than her son, Mr. Davis, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Audrey Davis; granddaughter, Miss Fay Davis; two sisters, Mrs. Viola H. Hill and Mrs. Pearl H. Martin, of Washington; two brothers, Floyd and Thomas Hernron, of Washington, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Addie Dixon, of New Haven, Conn.

Burial was in Lincoln Memorial Cemetary, Washington.

INSTALLATION SERVICES for newly elected officers of the 4th District Democratic Club were conducted Monday night at club headquarters, Pennsylvania at North Avenue, by Father Donald O. Wilson, rector of St. James Episcopal Church. Others shown, left to right, are Del. Troy Brailey, vice president for labor; Del.-Elect Hilgardeis Boswell, vice president for human relations and legislation; Del. Lena K. Lee, assistant to the president; James Harvey, vice president for housing; the Rev. Olin P. Moyd, new president of the organization; Father Wilson, also chairman of the ad hoc advisory committee to the club; Allen Shoemaker, head of tre publicity committee and State Senator Verda F. Welcome, who stepped out of the presidency to become executive advisor to the club.

Scholarship took Kurt Schmoke by surprise



KURT SCHMOKE
Oxford bound as Rhodes scholar

By PAUL EVANS

"I just couldn't speak. The guy next to me who had also won a Rhodes — Paul Shectman from Pennsylvania — turned to me and said 'If we play lacrosse in England, will you throw me the ball?'"

Kurt Schmoke who is easily remembered from his days at City College as an All-American and honor student — he was cited by the AFRO in 1966 in its honor roll for his outstanding scholarship — is now a senior history major at Yale and has just been awarded the highly coveted Rhodes Scholarship.

He told the AFRO his immediate reactions upon being named by the regional selection committee, one of whose members is Congressman-elect Paul Sarbanes, himself a former Rhodes Scholar.

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The Rhodes Scholarship was founded in 1902 and named after Cecil Rhodes (for whom Rhodesia is named) a South African diamond miner.

According to his will, the young men selected for the award "not be mere bookworms, but they must be all around men of high character and superior scholarship with outdoor and athletic tastes. They must be unmarried and between the ages of 19 and 25."

Rhodes stipulated that the young men be selected by committees of eminent men of the various countries.

Certainly young Burt Schmoke fits all of these criteria. He has maintained honors grades during his four years at Yale and expects to graduate with honors.

He plays lacrosse and would have competed for the Yale Varsity had he not been tied up in providing and organizing a Day Care Center for the children of blue collar workers and secretaries of the non-professional staff members at Yale.

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Yet he feels that his greatest accomplishment and achievement at college was the fulfillment of a desire obtain a ll-

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Increase aid, Mandel urged

Gov. Marvin Mandel is strongly being urged by interested groups to up the standards for welfare recipients in his new Maryland budget now under preparation.

The group under the banner of the Committee for Welfare Recipients include the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Welfare Rights Organizations, the Interfaith Social Services Council, and the Maryland Councils of Social Welfare.

They and representatives of some 40 other agencies met Monday at St. Vincent dePaul Church, Fayette St. at Fallsway, to formulate the budget requests to the governor.

There was some general agreement that he be asked to raise the budget, for example, of a family of four now receiving $178 monthly to the state standard of $302 monthly.

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The overall budget committee, however, took the position that a five percent increase from the $178 a month to $190 would be acceptable at this time.

However, the Rev. Vernon Dobson and the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance found this proposed five percent increase "totally unacceptable," and charged that even the hike to the $302 amount is less than adequate.

The Rev. Mr. Dobson held that it is "dehumanizing" to ask a family of four to live off of less than the $4,500 per year nationally

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