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A QUARTER OF A CENTURY of service, Dr. Carl Murphy, AFRO president, received a trophy from Dr. Charles Watts, NAACP treasurer, while NAACP president, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, stands by. The occasion was the annual election of officers when Dr. Jackson was reelected to office for the 26th term. Dr. Murphy called first meeting in his office in 1935.

Dr. Lillie Jackson reelected NAACP president for 26th yr.

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, for 25 years president of the Baltimore branch, NAACP, was re-elected to the post on Tuesday night.

Also re-elected were members of the executive board, executive committee, chairmen of the committees and attorneys.

Members of the nominating committee presented the names of the nominees.

Dr. Carl Murphy, chairman of the administrative and legal redress committee, presided during the election.

The Rev. Jentry McDonald, membership chairman, presided throughout the meeting.

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HIGHLIGHT OF the meeting came when Dr. Jackson and Dr. Charles E. Watts, treasurer, presented Dr. Murphy with a trophy to mark his 25 years of faithful, untiring service to the organization.

Also presented citations for services were Mrs. Florence Snowden, fraternal committee chairman and Mrs. Augusta T. Chissell, interracial committee chairman, both members 25 years.

It was in September, 1935 that Dr. Murphy called Dr. Jackson and other citizens together in his office at the AFRO and asked them to form an active, effective branch of the NAACP.

Also present was Mr Daisy Lampkin, noted national leader, who urged a Baltimore membership campaign.

From the original organization, the Baltimore branch has become one of the leading branches in the United States.

NOT ONLY has its efforts been of national importance but giant steps in civil rights have been taken in Maryland.

Dr. Jackson pointed out that the quarter of a century in civil rights legislation began with $2,000 from the AFRO for the first Supreme Court battle.

Since then racial barriers in public recreation, beaches, swimming pools, in public housing, schools and other areas have been broken down through NAACP legal action.

Describing what she termed "26 glorious years," Dr. Jackson outlined the climax, the year of 1960, when the successful Register to Vote Campaign brought in the largest number of registered voters in Baltimore's history.

The organization's support of student sit-in demonstrations also marked a highpoint.

The 1960 - membership campaign brought in a total of 11,000 new members toward the 15,000 new - member goal.

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DR. JACKSON'S re-election was hailed by sustained applause from the 40 members present.

As Dr. Murphy received the trophy, he said: "I haven't done any more than the rest."

In his talk he reviewed recent action initiated by the NAACP which resulted in "good news" on the legal front.

Noteworthy was Dr. Murphy's interpretation of the Supreme Court decision opening all bus terminals, train station restaurants and waiting stations to all people.

He said: "Now our boys and girls may go in any waiting station and be treated courteously and served."

He also noted the federal court's refusal to sanction the Louisiana State Legislature's laws recently "cooked up" to halt integration of public schools.

Dr. Murphy said: "The Louisiana Legislature passed 37 laws to counteract integrations of schools but the Supreme Court declared every one of them unconstitutional.

DR. JACKSON presented the NAACP's 1961 program, reviewed each item to give a bird's-eye view of the coming year.

January will witness the Jackie Robinson Youth Council program while in February come Founder's Day; in March its Citizenship Sunday (Register and Vote); April is the month of the Renewal Membership Campaign; in May, the Maryland State Conference of Branches; in June, the Annual Human Dolls on Parade; July, the Annual Conference; August, vacation month.

September begins the recruiting of members for the annual Membership Campaign; October and November are devoted to the campaign itself. December is Christmas seals and election of officers.

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THE 1960 Freedom Seal (Christmas Seal) campaign is under the direction of Mrs. Mary Hawkins, chairman; Mrs. Edith Allen, co - chairman.

NAACP Freedom Seals are one penny each.

Members of the nominating committee were Mrs. Annie Harcum, Mrs. Adah Jenkins, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell, the Revs. A. J. Payne and Jentry McDonald.

The 1960 - 61 Baltimore Branch NAACP officers are:

Dr. Lillie M. Jackson, president; vice-presidents, Mrs. Augusta T. Chissell, Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs, Rev. Andrew Marr, Mrs. E. Hawkins, Rev. J. L. Tilley, Rev. M. G. Wood, Rev. A. J. Payne, Rev. W. W. Payne, Rev. H. J. Bryant, Henry E. Ayers.

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES: Dr. Carl J. Murphy, administrative and legal redress; Rev. H. Butler, steering; James Williams, publicity; Mrs. Augusta T. Chissell, interracial; Rev. John L. Tilley, register and vote; Rev. Jentry McDonald, membership; Mrs. Florence Snowden, fraternal; Attorney Lawrence G. Koger Jr., housing; Dr. Marcus Moore, health; Rev. H. Octavius Graham, church; Mrs. William Harcum, social clubs; Rev. Marvin G. Wood, education and civil rights; Rev. H. L. Cornish, ways and means; Dr. William H. Watts, life membership; Mrs. Eula Mae Watts, neighborhood clubs; Mrs. Gladys Taylor, youth advisor.

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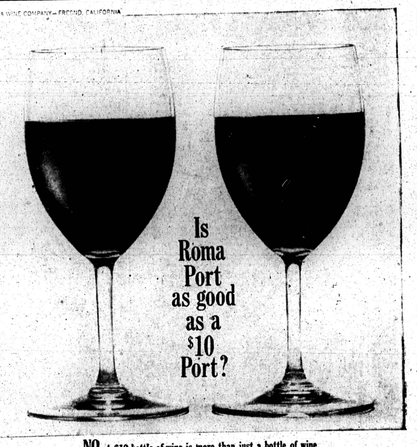

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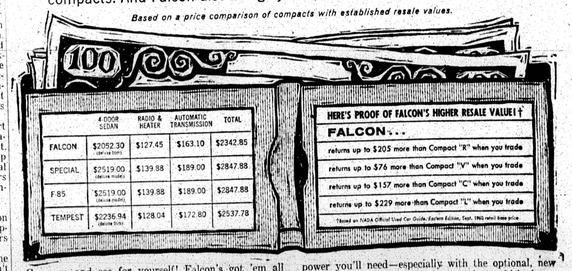

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'...And It's Christmas Everywhere'

- "Happiness is a thing called Joe," says the song—especially if Joe happens to get a look at the wondrous displays of Christmas toys and goodies in stores all over town.
- Better Business Bureau warns that the Christmas season is a time that gypsters do their work—be on the lookout.

By William Slater

Chimes are tolling, familiar carols are ringing, decorations have appeared on homes and stores in town, little funny fat men with red suits and white beards are popping up all over the city, and every kid has a gleam in his eye.

These signs could indicate but one thing....Christmas is near.

But of course one does not need all these signs to know the holiday season is at hand. Just take a walk through any department store and there's no doubt that Saint Nick is preparing for his annual visit.

Every store in town resembles a miniature toyland and features items from a safety pin used for a dollie's diaper, to a two-horsepower miniature sports car.

Normal toy stocks have been increased, because every child, and there are thousands of them in Baltimore, seems to want at least a dozen.

And the toys this year are fantastic. One would have to take a double glance to be sure they're just toys.

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FOR EXAMPLE, this year the stores are selling motor vehicles such as the power road grader and cement mixer which are used on construction jobs.

They are exact replicas of the real thing and their operation is similar.

The only difference is that they are toys.

Other Christmas toys include helicopters and planes that actually fly, animals that drink and eat, and dolls that do everything but breathe.

Another observation is that toys are being made in keeping with the present day and age.

Among this type are the electric rocket firing bases—a toy with so many dials and computers that it takes a young genius to read and understand the thing.

The toy industry has obviously become aware of the fact that children are more aware of science and technology these days, and has designed most of its products with this in mind.

On sale in most toy stores are the Invisible Man and Invisible Woman.

These are toys which show the anatomy of the body. They are designed with plastic removable interior organs.

They are made with the idea that the child will learn as he plays.

And of course, there are the standard toys such as bikes, doll babys and athletic equipment.

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A NOTE OF caution, however, creeps into the scene and it comes from the Better Business Bureau which warns the buyer against being taken by some dealers who claim they're selling toys at wholesale prices.

Said Bill Lord, a member of the Better Business staff:

"It seems to be a fad these days retail concerns advertising they're selling on a wholesale basis.

"They're not selling wholesale, they're making their normal 35 percent."

He also warns the public against the "perfume gimmick." That is, certain companies who rebottle cologne in one-forth gram bottles to give the same appearance as perfume.

He further advises against dealing with certain photographic companies who issue coupons and promise delivery of photographs for the holidays.

"In most cases, the concern doesn't deliver until after Christmas and in some instances, after New Year's," he said.

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IN SPITE of all the remarkable toys and gifts that can be had during the season, Christmas would not be the same if it weren't for the people who inject spirit into the holiday.

In order to complete the pre-holiday story, a reporter asked a few persons in the street to give any view they chose on the Christmas holiday.

For the interviews, the reporter chose the Mondawmin Shopping Center, where the setting is almost perfect for the holiday.

The square in the center of the mall is equal to any single spot in Disneyland.

There is a 20-foot replica of jolly old Santa standing tall with a smile on his face and a pipe in his hands.

And just below him is Santa's house with a real Santa inside, waiting to take the long lists of every little tyke who wants to come in and see him.

And there's the shoe in which the old lady (in the fairy tale) lived with her many children.

At Mondawmin, the old lady is having open house for all kids small enough to enter.

To add to the setting, Christmas songs and carols chime throughout the shopping center.

Every store is traditionally decorated with bells and other Christmas decor.

THAT'S NO COMPACT CAR that Sherwood Taylor, 3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor, 1716 N. Eutaw Pl., took a liking to in J. J. Brill's, 1800 block Pennsylvania Ave.

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Mrs. Shirley R. Clinton of 4102 Mondawmin Ave. was standing at the window of one of the stores patiently waiting while her two-year-old son, Stanley, watched a statue of Santa Claus.

Mrs. Clinton was holding in her arms her nine-week-old daughter, Lenise.

"This Christmas is going to be one of our best, because we have an addition to the family," Mrs. Clinton said looking admiringly at the new daughter.

Asked what she hopes for Christmas, she replied:

"I just hope for a peaceful Christmas. I'll be satisfied as long as everybody's happy.

"I don't want anything for myself, just for the kids and daddy."

Mrs. Clinton is the wife of Dr. S. Rex Clinton, Baltimore pediatrician.

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ANOTHER FAMILY interviewed was that of Mr. and Mrs. Heber E. Watts of 1212 Myrtle Ave., who were strolling along the mall with their two children, Gloria, 8, and Heber Jr., 10.

Asked whether they think there has been a decline in Christmas spirit over the years, Mrs. Watts replied:

"I still have as much spirit as I've always had. I think it depends on the individual and his frame of mind during the season.

"I don't think the spirit has declined any for the children. I think kids are always excited over the holidays," she added.

Commenting on the toys of today, Mr. Watts said:

"I think most of the toys today are in keeping with the present space age.

"They are designed so that even the small kids can understand the progress we're making in the world today.

"I feel that Christmas has been greatly commercialized, but it all depends on what's inside the individual.

"For us, it holds the same excitement it did years ago."

Concerning the economic aspects of the holiday, Mr. Watts said:

"Every year we appear to have an economic slump during Christmas, but sales always seem to come out on top of the previous year."

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SPEAKING OF economics, a recent nationwide survey revealed that Christmas shopping got off to a slow start this season.

This was attributed to the fact that people are more cautious about spending money because of apprehension about rising unemployment and other economic factors.

However, on the local scene, merchants are expecting a bigger Christmas season than last year's record breaking season.

But no matter what the volume of sales, Christmas will be the same to Miss Brenda Queen, a 17-year-old Douglass High School senior whom the reporter met at Mondawmin.

"I don't see very much difference in Christmas today than it has been, it appears to be the same to me."

The young lady who lives at 1623 Westwood Ave. says that she doesn't want anything but clothes for Christmas, but she hasn't been to see Santa Claus yet to tell him.

Now how does she expect to get those clothes if she doesn't see Santa?

Better hurry it up, Brenda.

MISS JOSEPHINE WING, a junior sociology major at Morgan State College, thinks Christmas is losing some of its glamour as far as parents are concerned.

"It's the same old thing, year after year for the parents. But of course the children are still excited about the holiday.

"To them, Christmas is all putting up the tree and receiving presents and toys.

"I certainly hope, though, that Christmas will be a happy holiday for everybody."

So does the staff at the AFRO-AMERICAN.

New Home For Eastern

By Herbert Mangrum

For the first time in 86 years there is peace and quiet at Ashland Ave. and Durham St.

There are memories too.

Memories that originated in and around a dingy two-story brick building that until recently was home base for 200 police officers.

There were no regrets last Sunday when the weather beaten doors to the old Eastern District station house were locked for the last time.

The staff had often expressed a desire to move.

They now have a new $500,000 U-shaped building on Edison Hgwy. at Federal St., all to themselves.

The Eastern District station house, known until a year ago as Northeastern, was constructed in 1874 at a cost of $49,000.

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THE TREK eastward ended the Police Department's first major district realignment in over 60 years.

The addition of the Eastern station brings to six the number of new station houses now in operation.

There are nine police districts in the city.

There are new station houses in the Western District at Riggs Ave. and Mount St., and in the Northwestern District at Reisterstown Rd. and Haywood Ave.

Also in the Northeastern District at 1900 Argonne Dr., the Southeastern District at 5700 Eastern Ave., and the Southwestern District in the 400 block of Fontbill Ave.

The Southern District station house at Ostend and Patapsco Sts., is undergoing reconstruction and alterations are to be made in the Northern District at Keswick Rd and 34th St.

Alterations are also being made in the Central District headquarters building on The Fallsway.

The city is spending $3,000,000 in all, to modernize the various physical plants.

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JUDGING BY the turnout at the dedication of the new station Tuesday, the latest addition is the pride of the Police Department.

The brick two-story structure contains among other things a modern court room, a roll call room, office facilities, space for a boys' club, and an indoor pistol range.

In the past, the Police Department's only range was located at Central.

Adequate parking space has been provided in back of the modernistic building and there is an attractive lawn on the front.

All of the new station houses are similar in appearance. With few exceptions, they have similar floor plans.

The Eastern District station is under the command of Capt. Millard B. Horton.

The district has 23 sergeants, more than 175 patrolmen and four policewomen.

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THE SECOND busiest police district in the city, (the old Northwestern was the busiest) the old Northeastern had its share of famous cases.

Those of recent vintage include the Case of the Dawn Strangler and the Blue Pajama Murder.

Three women were raped and slain in the Case of the Dawn Strangler late in 1958 and early 1959. The area was in a panic because the killer moved with the stealth of a tiger, always killing his victims at dawn.

Eventually, after the area had been saturated with police, a suspect was finally captured. He was Nathaniel Lipscomb, who is currently under a sentence of death.

The Blue Pajama Case broke in July, 1959 when the body of attractive Miss Pauline Harper, 22, was found in her bedroom at 1705 Aisquith St.

She had been strangled with her own blue pajamas. Her slayer has never been found.

MORE THAN 500 persons including city and police officials were present for the dedication.

Mayor J. Harold Grady, declared that he was extremely proud of the fact that the new station contained facilities for a youth club.

Mayor Grady described Police Boys' Clubs as "an effective weapon to combat juvenile delinquency."

Not everyone heard the mayor's address.

Visitors overflowed into the adjoining rooms and corridors when the roll call room became jam-packed.

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THE BUILDING was blessed by Father John L. Kelly, assistant pastor of St. Bernard Catholic Church.

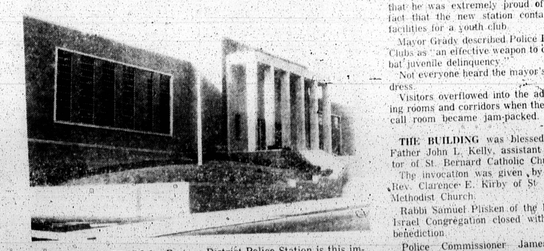
The invocation was given by the Rev. Clarence E. Kirby of St. Paul Methodist Church.

Rabbi Samuel Pilsken of the B'nai Israel Congregation closed with the benediction.

Police Commissioner James M. Hepbron was master of ceremonies.

EASTERN'S Capt. Millard B. Horton talks with district's former commander, Inspector Julian Forrest.

AT OLD EASTERN two-tone station wagon in space formerly reserved for police cars signifies end of an era.



NEW HEADQUARTERS for Eastern District Police Station is this impressive building on Edison Highway at Federal St.