Slain Janitor Found In Basement Chair

POLITICS:

Yuletide greetings

By MAX JOHNSON

This column, in keeping with the spirit of the season, wishes to extend the following holiday greetings to these AFRO readers:

So — without further ado, attention.

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GOV. J. MILLARD TAWES

You are faced with a real head scratcher, aren't you?

It has been estimated the State will need more tax money two years hence — an election year when you may be running again — and no time for new taxes.

Your problem: how to raise taxes the coming year instead — but so painlessly a majority of voters won't still be fussin' and fumin' come next election.

Well — happy holidays, Governor!

MEMBERS — You are not going to let Gov. Tawes down on whatever new taxes he proposes, are you?

Season's greetings, ladies and gentlemen.

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MAYOR J. HAROLD GRADY — A keen bit of maneuvering, eh, what?

You propose some nuisance taxes to balance next year's city budget — objectionable to a majority of the City Councilmen.

So — the Councilmen grab the bait, and come up with their own tax program.

Sort of takes you off the political hook, doesn't it?

Merry Christmas, Mayor.

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CITY COUNCILMEN — Now that more and more citizens are turning out for your regular Monday sessions — your increase in showmanship floor arguments over trivial matters comes naturally, doesn't it?

May your holidays be happy, gentlemen.

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BOARD MEMBERS, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION —We can expect more agreement among you the coming year, particularly on the Dix on Public Accommodations Ordinance, can't we?

The season's brotherly love spirit be with you, ladies and gentlemen.

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REGISTER - TO - VOTE CAMPAIGNERS — Now that you have so successfully brought about the vote registration of thousands of citizens, why not a logical follow through with an organization of this new vote power — to insure the election of desirable candidates to public office?

The best of the season's happiness to you, citizens.

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AFRO READERS — You may have noticed that your downtown shopping for the holidays was much more pleasant than in the past —more public places open to serve you.

Well — take time to say a prayer of thanks for the NAACP and student sit - in demonstrators who made this open policy possible this year.

Happy holidays, citizens!

READY EARLY was Mrs. Merita Stokes, 3203 Carlisle Ave., shown above placing Christmas wreath on front door. She and her husband, John Stokes, and son, Junior, also decorated shrubbery outdoors, put up tree inside, to make home gay for the holiday when all suburbia is aglow with color. Mr. Stokes is a local auto salesman.

ONE LARGE TREE is sufficient for Chrys and Kerri Rogers, 5-year old twins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rogers Jr., 3209 Sun St., Mother, Mrs. Ida Rogers, is guidance counselor at Bates High School, Annapolis; the father is a postal employee. Twins enjoyed decorating the tree, are awaiting Santa's arrival and presents underneath it on Christmas morning.

'Had big dent in his head'

Who killed James Jones?

Western District Police were seeking the answer to that question Thursday after a 40-year-old janitor was found beaten to death.

The dead man was found sitting in an overstuffed chair in the basement of an apartment building at 1101 Harlem Ave.

Western District Police reported the victim's head and face had been crushed by blows from a blunt instrument.

No blood stains were found on the floor near the body although the man's clothing were soaked with blood.

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THE BODY OF MR. JONES, a resident of the 700 block W. Lafayette Ave. was discovered shortly after 7 a.m. by Robert Segal and William Ford, tenants in the apartment.

Police said Mr. Segal found the body when he entered the basement to start a fire in the furnace.

Mr. Segal described the victim's features as "gruesome".

He added: "He had a big dent in his head and his face was all caved in."

Police said Mr. Jones was sent to the apartment to repair a furnace.

The victim was hired as a janitor by a Eutaw Pl., realty company less than two weeks ago.

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TENANTS IN THE building told police and the AFRO they overheard loud noises of an argument in the basement late Wednesday night.

One tenant said the building had been without adequate heat all through the night.

Sharp increase in unemployment

The Department of Employment Security handed out checks to 10,049 unemployed persons Thursday and took claims from another 1,091 new claims or from people filing as out-of-staters.

Checks went to those who would have got them Thursday and those who would have drawn checks on Friday. The Thursday handouts compared with a total of 4,482 who drew checks last Thursday.

At times Thursday a line wound out the Dolphin St. entrance and down Madison Ave. At 11 a.m. Thursday a test by ESD showed it took 12 minutes for a claimant to reach shelter and 7 minutes more to get to the check dispatcher.

ESD officials said there would have been almost no outside waiting had claimants showed up at the time appointed them. Monday's jobless will get their checks today (Friday).

Total Maryland employment showed a moderate drop in November while unemployment was recording a sharp increase over the same period, reports the Maryland Department of Employment Security.

State - wide employment dropped by 5,400 between October and November, by only 100 in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area. Unemployment rose sharply, on the other hand, both in the State as a whole and in the Baltimore area.

The number of jobless in the State went up from 52,600 in October to 62,300 in November, in the Baltimore area from 36,400 to 43,000 over the same period.

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ROBERT B. KIMBLE, executive director, said that the State's November employment decline came as a result of a combination of seasonal and non - seasonal factors.

Sharp seasonal cutbacks in agricultural, construction and food - processing activities contributed to the bulk of the employment drop, but a continued and non - seasonal payroll drop in the primary metals industry — concentrated in the Baltimore area — was an additional hard factor.

The largest single employment drop was agricultural with a cutback of 4,900 workers over the State as a whole and 1,000 in the Baltimore area. Construction activities showed a decrease of 2,800; 1,700 in the Baltimore area, while food - processing employment fell by 2,400, mostly in the Eastern Shore area.

A drop of 1,500 was noted in the primary metals industry, which is concentrated almost entirely in the Baltimore area. Job declines of 300 in the electrical machinery industry and another 300 in the transportation - utilities industry also were registered in the October-to-November period.

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MODERATING the employment loses to some extent were fairly substantial employment pickups in trade and government, the former as a result of a normal seasonal rise in department store activities (3,900), the latter as a result of expanding payrolls in the schools and in some Federal agencies (1,700).

There were 1,060,200 persons employed in Maryland in November, 5,400 fewer than in October but 22,400 more than in November, 1959, when 1,400 persons were on strike. Some 100 persons, all in the Baltimore area, were listed as on strike in November of this year.

Baltimore area employment was 703,300 in November, but 10,800 more than in November a year ago, when 1,400 were on strike.

State - wide unemployment numbered 62,300 persons in November, or 5.5 percent of a labor force totaling 1,122,500. In October, 52,600 persons were unemployed, or 4.7 percent of a labor force totaling 1,118,200.

In November, 1959, 61,400 persons, 5.6 percent of a labor force aggregating 1,100,600, were jobless.

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THERE WERE 43,000 persons unemployed in the Baltimore area in November. This is 5.8 percent of a labor force totaling 746,400. In October, 4.9 percent — 36,400 persons —were without work in a labor force of 739,800.

In November a year ago, there were 43,400 persons unemployed, or 5.9 percent of a labor force of 737,300.

All figures for November, 1960, are preliminary.

Council may substitute 2 of proposed new taxes

The City Council at AFRO press time was strongly considering a proposal to substitute levies of its own for two of the three new taxes offered in the city's 1961 budget.

The taxes likely to be dropped are the five percent amusement levy, and the proposed one percent on real estate transfers.

The Council had under consideration, instead, a one percent rise in tax on commercial users of utilities.

And a recordation tax on property documents at the Courthouse.

The third tax proposed by the Administration — a five percent tax on residential telephones — appears likely to stand.

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THE COUNCIL continued its meetings on the budget each evening this week, without notable final conclusions.

William D. Schaefer, Council vice president, said Wednesday, the meetings would probably continue after Christmas, because the budget must be approved by Dec. 30.

(Original Poem)

Christmas Gift

If I was asked what I wanted,
This Christmas for a gift,
What present would really please me,
And my drooping spirits lift.

I would not ask for silver,
Or precious stones so rare;
I would not ask for rings of gold,
Or flowers for my hair.

I would not ask for silks or satins,
Or perfumes oh so sweet!
No would I ask for pretty shoes,
To adorn my shapely feet.

I would not ask for fortune
Or a castle by the sea,
With servants to obey my wishes,
Whatever they may be.

But as I kneel in prayer
On this birth of Jesus night;
While the star of Bethlehem
In my heart is shining bright

As I think of a royal family
Who in a stable did reside,
And of the Holy Infant born
To be the whole world's pride

There is one gift, dear Lord
If thou be so pleased to send,
This Christmas more than ever,
Peace on earth, good will toward men.

VIRGINIA W. BROWN
6017 Highgate Dr.

Treasurer charged in $411 loss

Miss Irene Croner of the 1000 block N. Eden St., pleaded guilty Thursday to two charges of larceny and was held on $1,000 bail for action of the grand jury.

Miss Croner, was charged with larceny after trust of $411.49 belonging to the Stereo Social Club, and larceny of a club member's gold dinner ring valued at $350.

In Pine Street Police Court, Magistrate Howard L. Aaron was told that Miss Croner was treasurer of the club.

The court was also informed that restitution had been made in part for the defendant.

Teenager rescues three from fire

A 19 - year - old youth saved three children from almost certain death Monday.

Leroy Frazier of the 600 block S. Ann St., rescued Anthony Taylor, 6; and his brothers, Charles, 3, and Darrell, 9 months, when fire of undetermined origin damaged their home at 1420 Luzerne Ave.

Police reported the children's mother Mrs. Etta Taylor, 24, was not home at the time.

Green Post to entertain 1,500

The Walter Green Post No. 14 of the Amerian Legion will sponsor its 23rd annual Christmas Party for children on Christmas Day at the Royal Theatre. One hundred baskets will go to needy families.

J. E. T. Johnson is commander, John Addington Jr., chairman and Alexander Malone is chairman.

Hold-up backfires

"The guy was nuts.

"I was hoping he would take the money and leave, but he kept saying he was going to shoot somebody.

"I was never so afraid in my life, but I thought, he's going to shoot so I might as well take a chance".

Those were the comments of Jerome Kirson when he discussed a hold-up attempt at his drug store, 743 N. Central Ave.

A suspect, a New Yorker, was shot in the chest by a clerk as he attempted to rob the store shortly after 1 p.m. Monday.

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MR. KIRSON told Eastern District policemen he was talking on the phone when a man entered with his hands in his pockets, demanded narcotics, and declared:

"Give me all your money. I don't care if I kill you all, if I get caught I'll get 30 years anyhow".

Mr. Kirson said he and the clerk, Evin Wilder, 36, 6600 block Westridge Rd., and another clerk, Mrs. Edith Lowe, 42, clerk, 2200 block E. Preston St. were forced to put their wallets on the counter, and lie on the floor.

He forced Mr. Kirson to go to the cash register and ordered him to tell all incoming customers to leave because he was going out to lunch.

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MR. KIRSON said he was taking money from the register when David Thorne, 34, of the 2500 block Garrett Ave., returned from making a delivery.

As Mr. Thorne entered, Mr. Kirson yelled, "Grab him Dave This is a holdup."

While Mr. Thorne and Mr. Kirson were struggling with the bandit Mr. Wilder grabbed a 32 caliber revolver from a drawer and fired.

It was discovered later that the bandit was unarmed.

The injured man was admitted to Johns Hopkins Hospital in "fair condition" and was placed under police guard.

Mr. Wilder was charged with assault and shooting and was released on his recognizance for a Jan. 3 hearing at Eastern.

Western District cops go western

A group of Western District officers took the bull by the horns Thursday morning.

They chased a 400 pound black angus bull that escaped from a packing company in the 2600 block of Pennsylvania Ave.

The Western District wranglers got their man in the vicinity of Mount St., and Westwood Ave.

Money order theft blamed on woman, 31

Mrs. Dorothy M. Newman, 31, of the 2300 block Norfolk Ave., was charged with obtaining a total of $520 with stolen money orders Wednesday.

Miss Newman was also accused of breaking into a commercial dwelling in the 1600 block of W. Franklin St. on Nov. 2 and taking $2,190 and six books of blank money orders.

Bail for the defendant was set at $5,000 in Pine Street Police Court pending action of the grand jury.

MAGISTRATE Howard L. Aaron found Miss Newman not guilty of obtaining a total of $120 from two pawn shops and $65 from a shoe store.

The money orders were cashed in food and clothing stores according to police.

Whittier Ave residents lose appeal

Residents of the 2000 block Whittier Ave., have lost the fight to block construction of a garage in their neighborhood.

The Maryland Court of Appeals on Monday ruled in favor of the Northwest Garage and Storage Co.

The Appeals Court upheld the ruling of Judge Anselm Sodaro, sitting in Baltimore Circuit Court several months ago.

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THE HIGH court ruling, written by Judge Hall Hammond, rejected homeowners' argument that the garage would create a public nuisance.

The appeal in behalf of the residents was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Joecephas Sullivan, 2000 Whittier Ave., and the NAACP.

ONE VOTE FOR KENNEDY — Dr. Carl Murphy, seated, AFRO president, an Electoral College member, signed vote certificate in the Governor's Mansion in Annapolis, Monday, while Gov. J. Millard Tawes, left and Thomas B. Finan, newly appointed State Attorney General, look on. Dr. Murphy and the eight other electors cast the state's nine electoral votes for the winning team of Kennedy and Johnson.

COME TO CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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FULTON AVE. And WINCHESTER ST.

REV. W. LYNDSAI PITTS, SR., Ps. D., Minister

A Church With A Program—A Minister With A Message

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:30 P.M.—Christmas baskets given away, Mrs. Almeta Ball Chairwoman Yuletide committee

8:00 P.M.—Pre Christmas Holy Communion

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:30 A.M.—Early Morning Worship

11:00 A.M.—Christmas message by Pastor Pitts Christmas fellowship coffee hour following worship service

6:00 P.M.—Carol Sing by the Sunday School and B.Y.U. Miss L. A. Grainger, Directress

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Sunday School Christmas Party, Mr. Clifton B. Ball, Principal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Church Wide Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 P.M.—Watch Meeting Services

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Perkins Square Baptist Church

"The Friendly Church—Organized 1881"

2500 EDMONDSON AVE.

REV. WARD D. YERBY, Pastor

SUN., DEC. 25, 1960

B.T.U. DAY

8:00 A.M. Early Morning Worship

9:15 A.M. Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Open heart service

11:00 A.M. Morning worship, sermon by the pastor.

ALL ARE WELCOME

MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

922 E. Preston St.

SUN., DEC. 25th

9:30 A.M.—Church School

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship. Christmas Message by the Pastor. HOLY COMMUNION following Morning Services.

Special Christmas Music by Senior Choir & Gospel Chorus

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

Rev. J. R. Butler, Minister

Happy Holiday Greetings

FROM

THE REV. MRS. LAURA B. TURNER

2926 W. NORTH AVENUE

Asst. Minister of The New Mt. Carmel Baptist Church

SEASON'S GREETINGS from

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THE MT. HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

GWYNNS FALLS PARKWAY and REISTERSTOWN RD.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

REV. A. D. NANCE

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Devotional Service

11:00 A.M. A Special Christmas Service sermon by the pastor, Sub: "A Song in The Night." Carols sung by the 6 choirs of the church.

6:30 P.M. A Christmas Cantata and Exchange of Gifts

SAT., DEC. 31st

Watch Night Services beginning 10 P.M. to 12 midnight.

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MRS. L. HARRISON, Church Clerk

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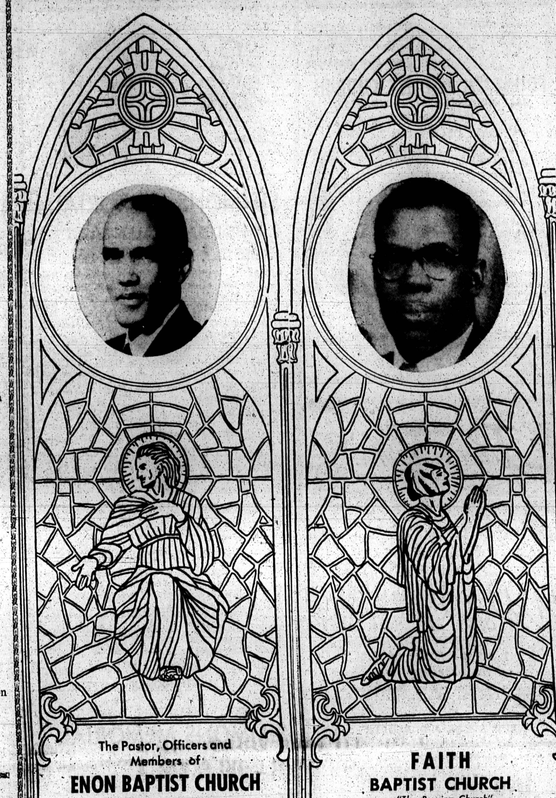

The Pastor, Officers and Members of

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

Extend To You

Season's Greetings

During This Christmas Season May Joy, Peace, and Goodwill be yours, not only for this special occasion but, throughout the years to come.

We invite you to worship with us on

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1960

6:30 A.M.—Early Prayer Service

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship Service Candlelight Procession of All Choirs Isador B. Oglesby, Choirmaster Kathryn Boston, Organist

DR. ARTHUR J. PAYNE, Minister

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Merry Christmas to All

REV. WALTER E. PAIGE, Pastor

"Shepherds watching silently
Angel voices sounding clear
The message that shall banish fear.
For Christ is born, and with His birth
God's love descends o'er all the earth."

10:30 P.M. December 24th—Christmas Candlelight Service.

December 25th —

9:15 A.M.—Sunday School.

10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship. Sermon by the Pastor.

4:00 P.M.—Sunday School Christmas Exercises.

(Last service for the day)

(Watch Night Services at 10:30 P.M. Saturday, December 31, 1960)

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

GUILFORD AVE. and 23RD ST.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1960

7:00 A.M.—Early Morning Worship.

9:15 A.M.—Sunday School.

10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship, Sermon by the Pastor.

6:00 P.M.—Christmas Program by The Young People's Missionary Society.

7:45 P.M.—Evening Worship.

The Lord's Supper will be served on the 2nd Sun. morning following the worship service.

REV. MAXWELL JOHNSON, Pastor

A Merry Christmas To All

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CAROLINE AND McELDERRY STS.

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY DEC. 25, 1960

9:30 A.M.—SUNDAY SCHOOL.

11:00 A.M.—Christmas Music by the Choral Society, Mrs. Hattie Hawkins, Directress Mrs. Irma Moody, organist. Christmas Message by the Pastor

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL

REV. VERNION T. WILLIAMS, Pastor

THE JERUSALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

106 DOLPHIN ST.

Rev. P. D. Douglas, Pastor

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

3:30 P.M. Pastor and Congregation Worship with Pentecostal Baptist Churches

Rev. Holly Springs, Speaker

7:30 P.M. Prayer & Preaching

Watch Night Service

Preached By The Pastor. Singing By The Good Samaritan Quartet.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Season's Greetings

WHITE STONE BAPTIST CHURCH

3005 W. Baker Street

SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 1960

5:00 A.M.—Prayer and Song Service.

9:30 A.M.—Church School.

11:00 A.M.—Christmas message by the pastor.

MONDAY, DEC. 26

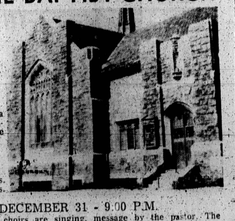
8:00 P.M.

The Church School presents a Christmas Feast of Praise in honor of our Lord's birth, Mrs. Mae Moody, President.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29

8:00 P.M.

Everybody's Birthday Party, Mrs. L. E. Conyers, President, Class. Mary L. White, Chairman.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 - 9:00 P.M.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE. All choirs are singing, message by the pastor. The Public is invited.

MRS. L. M. DAVIS, Church Clerk

REV. W. H. THOMPSON, Pastor

May the Joy and Peace of Xmas Always Be with You.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Caroline and Lanvale Sts.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1960

9:30 A.M.—Church School.

11:00 A.M.—Xmas Message by Minister, Rev. R. M. Williams.

7:00 P.M.—A Special Christmas Night Communion.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1960

7:00 P.M.—Church School Program given by the Beginners, Primaries and Junior Departments.

REV. R. M. WILLIAMS, Minister

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1620 BRADY AVE. (Fairfield)

Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Williams Extend Season's Greetings To All Members and Friends

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1960

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:45 A.M. Devotionals by the Deacons

11:00 A.M. Christmas Message By The Pastor. Music by the Senior Choir, Gospel Choirs, Youth Choir.

3:00 P.M. Special Appreciation Program Sponsored by All the Auxiliaries of the Church.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 5:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLAUDIA RAWLES, in Charge

MISS CLAUDIA RAWLES, Pianist

FLEMING JOHNSON, Supt.

A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL

REV. E. W. WILLIAMS, Pastor

Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Marcus Wish Their Members and Friends a Merry Christmas

LITTLE ARK BAPTIST CHURCH

1263 E. NORTH AVE.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1960

6:00 A.M.—Prayer & Praise Service. Message by the Pastor

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School Matthew Marcus, Jr., Supt.

11:00 A.M.—Morning Worship, sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Christmas Gospel." Music by Combined Choirs.

3:00 P.M. Holy Communion

6:30 P.M.—B.T.U.

7:30 P.M.—Evening Worship

DECEMBER 31 — 10:00 P.M.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

REV. MATTHEW MARCUS, Pastor

SEASON'S GREETINGS from

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

DENMORE AND PATON AVES. (Pimlico)

REV. E. A. BROWN, Pastor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1960

REV. and MRS. E. A. BROWN

9:00 A.M. — Sunday School. Bro. Robt. Banks, Supt.

11:00 A.M. — Christmas message by the pastor, Christmas Music by the Choirs of The Church. Communion Service after morning worship.

Directions to Church: Take Bus No. 5 to Belvedere and Park Heights; then walk one block north to Paton Ave.

MONDAY, DEC. 26 — 8:00 P.M.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EXERCISE

SATURDAY, DEC. 31st.

WATCH MEETING SERVICE BEGINS 9:30 P.M.

WE WELCOME YOU

THOMAS BEVERLY, Church Clerk

Christmas Greetings

BROWN MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

200 N. FULTON AVENUE

SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 1960

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School

11:00 A.M.—Xmas Message by the Pastor

8:00 P.M.—Preaching

Old - Fashioned Prayer Meeting Each Friday at 8 P.M.

All Are Welcome

REVEREND PAUL J. HARRIS SR. MINISTER