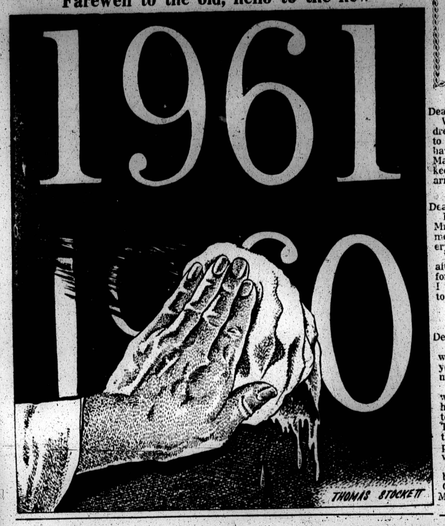
Farewell to the old, hello to the new



Baltimore could be number two

New York, which leads the nation in so many areas, on January 1 will become the first city to eliminate racial designations from birth certificates.

Baltimore could easily do the same thing.

Dr. Huntington Williams, the city's health commissioner, has but to issue an executive order to inaugurate a new and enlightened policy.

New York announced that its change was being made because of the discovery that color or racial information could be used for purposes of discrimination against minority groups.

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TO INDICATE how easily a change in policy could be effected, we call attention to the fact that 70 years ago no Baltimore physician was required to designate race in reporting births.

And if any colored physician had been asked for any such information, he would have been astonished no end and secondly told the city health department to go jump in a lake.

Some years ago we astonished Health Commissioner Williams by showing him two birth certificates — one issued to us in person bearing a racial designation 'colored' and a second sent to us by mail several years later with a designation as 'white.'

Dr. Williams was nonplussed and wrote a letter to this effect:

Up to 1899 there were no racial designations on either birth or death certificates in Baltimore; that he (Dr. Williams) had issued an order that hereafter if no race was mentioned on these earlier birth certificates a facsimile would be issued exactly according to the record with no racial designation.

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MARYLAND LAW makes no requirement that births be recorded according to race. The statute is clear on this point.

Article 43, Section 14 (b) reads:

"The State Board of Health is authorized to make rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to govern the registration of births, stillbirths, deaths, marriages and divorces."

Article 43, Section 17 (a) reads:

"Content of Birth, Death and Stillbirth Certificates)

"The certificate forms of registering births, deaths and stillbirths shall be prepared by the State Board of Health and shall contain the personal data, places, dates, and other circumstances and identifications prescribed by said Board for proper registration and utilization of such records."

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DESIGNATION OR mention of the race or color of an individual on birth or death certificates is discrimination per se.

We think it can be reached by law and would urge the NAACP to promptly investigate this approach to the problem.

But we also remain convinced that steps should be taken first by Health Commissioner Williams to eradicate this evil by a mere stroke of his pen.

By no means the end

The U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals Tuesday upheld Judge Rozel Thomsen's decision that a highway restaurant operator has the right to discriminate against persons because of their color.

No one should be lulled into thinking that this will be the end of efforts to seek non-discriminatory service in places of public accommodation.

In this suit brought by Mrs. Sara Slack, a New York newspaperwoman against White Tower Restaurants, Inc., only two points were at issue.

One was the plea that discrimination by cafes located along public highways placed an undue burden on interstate commerce. The other was that such discrimination did violence to the old English common law requiring inn keepers to serve all well-behaved travelers.

The NAACP has found out through long years of trial and error that success in breaking precedents depends upon an examination of all possible grounds to which it can tie its most effective argument.

It then makes use of its most skilled and experienced lawyers to make the presentation to the courts.

There are cases right now before the Supreme Court which deal directly with the problem presented by the Slack case, but which will be argued on points of law other than those raised by her.

And we confidently expect them to succeed.

Calling Clean Blockers

We are calling upon all AFRO Clean Blockers to use the remaining days of their Christmas holiday for a citywide campaign of removing all the snow and ice off sidewalks.

The sight of our streets two weeks after the big storm, with snow covering half the sidewalks, even the front steps close, is disgraceful.

Because of heavy holiday traffic conditions, policemen have not been able to enforce the law requiring householders to clean their sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow falls.

Clean-Blockers made Baltimore beautiful in the summer. So we call on you to revive your crews, get out your shovels and go to work again.

After you have cleaned in front of your own house, help other residents in your block. Remember there are some residents in your block, who because of illness or advancing age, should not be permitted to shovel snow.

A GOOD STOUT shovel is the best tool for the job at hand. Don't use picks or sharp axes. They are dangerous for children and in unskilled hands will ruin the pavement.

The best time to tackle the snow removal job is when the temperature is about 40 degrees and the sun is on your side of the street.

If you live near a fire house, ask the firemen to flush your block while you are cleaning off your sidewalks and perhaps you can get all of the snow out of the middle of the street.

If you have a front yard or a vacant lot nearby, you can store the snow and ice in these areas, rather than in the street.

Never pile snow against the house as water may seep into the cellar when it melts.

Make your Clean Block clean again for the holidays. Let's get to work at once.

And don't forget to call Clean Block Director M. Francis Mackay at the AFRO to report on the progress of your work.

The Christmas spirit

Any cynic who believes the Spirit of Christmas is dead, would do well to look at the results of the fourth annual Mrs. Santa Claus Project conducted by the AFRO.

Over 500 needy and deserving families received direct help from readers of the AFRO in the form of food, clothes and toys, all contributed by persons whose hearts had been touched by the plight of the less fortunate.

More than $1,000 in cash was contributed by AFRO readers to the Mrs. Santa Fund and this money was used to purchase food certificates.

On Christmas Eve, to end the project, over 1,500 youngsters were guests at a special holiday show sponsored by the AFRO and the Regent Theatre.

A number of the leading entertainers in the city volunteered their services to make the show a memorable one. Other persons volunteered to be ushers and still others spent hours packing boxes of candy for the party.

All these things were accomplished because people felt the Christmas spirit — which simply stated is the belief that it's better to give than receive.

To each and every person who had a hand in the project, and the list is legion, the AFRO says thanks, on behalf of the thousands of persons who were able to enjoy a Merry Christmas, because someone cared.

The Spirit of Christmas, we know, is not dead.

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LETTERS

Our Readers Say

OPINION

Readers are invited to submit letters to the AFRO for publication. All letters must be signed but signatures will be omitted if requested. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. Address them "Our Readers Say," AFRO-AMERICAN, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

To Mrs. Santa

Dear AFRO:

We the parents and children of the B family, wish to thank you for helping us have a Merry Christmas. May God bless you and keep you in His loving arms.

THE B FAMILY

Dear AFRO:

I received the basket. Mrs Hanpin brought it to me. Thanks a million. Everything was just fine.

We had a nice Christmas after all. If it hadn't been for you, I don't know what I would have done. Thanks to you and the good Lord.

MR. AND MRS. W. V.

Thanks for gift

Dear AFRO:

I, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, will never be able to thank you for the heartfelt gift for my son.

There have been times when I felt as if I didn't have a friend in the world to help me with my child. Through you, I have found that there are very kind people and friends everywhere.

So thank you all from the bottom of my heart. May God bless you one and all.

MRS. GERTRUDE DAVIS

(ED. NOTE — Mrs. Davis is the mother of Andrew Davis, a cerebral palsy victim. This year, Mrs. Davis was the first person to write the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. She asked for a wheelchair for her son.

(An investigation disclosed that Mrs. Davis had to carry her 14 - year - old son in her arms, every place he went. The story of Andy was published in the AFRO and attracted the attention of The Martiniques.

(The club presented Andy with a brand new wheelchair. This was the Christmas present the plucky youngster wanted.)

Heroes program

Dear AFRO:

I think you showed some injustice to all the boys on the Unsung Hero Program. I am a reader of the AFRO and also the father of one of the boys.

I was telling my family and friends that my boy's picture would be in the AFRO, but you only put in the picture of Major Lawson.

I think you should have at least put in the picture of the colored boys. I think whenever anything good happens to our race, it should be placed in the paper that we all read.

B. JOHNSON

(ED. NOTE — Space limitations prevented the publication of the pictures of all the boys who were honored at the recent Unsung Hero Banquet.)

Hope for drive

Dear AFRO:

We want to say "Thank you" to the BALTIMORE AFRO - AMERICAN Newspaper for its cooperation in bringing news of our recent Christmas Seal Campaign to its many readers.

Again, your newspaper has demonstrated its interest in public service by giving valuable space to the campaign and to the important tuberculosis control programs it makes possible.

Although returns are running below our expectations, we hope that many people who customarily wait until after Christmas Day to make their contributions will do so.

In any case, we promise the people of Baltimore that we will continue to serve them through our health services.

We extend our best wishes to your staff and your readers for a healthy and happy year ahead.

We would like to suggest that all that they begin the new year by having a free chest X-ray made at the Chest X-ray Screening Center at 823 N. Charles St.

FRANK T. JONES
Executive Director

SIGHTSEEING

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Could it be, that the toy manufacturers of this nation are engaged in a great unholy conspiracy to reduce most American fathers to gibbering idiots—the pitiful victims of frustration and king-sized inferiority complexes?

Maybe there should be a congressional investigation of this situation, which isn't too outlandish an idea, seeing how Congress has investigated just about everything else under the sun.

And if there isn't such a conspiracy in existence then why, oh why, do toy manufacturers ship out their products in sections, that have to be assembled in the home by doting parents suddenly and mysteriously cursed by ten thumbs?

I seriously doubt if there is any more effective way of giving a man a sense of complete inferiority, than by presenting him with one of those disassembled toys and telling him a five-year-old child could put the thing together, so why can't he?

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STRONG MALES have been known to break down in a flood of tears as their efforts to assemble one of the mechanical monsters, crumbled in ignominious failure.

Timid husbands, who refuse to cut grass because they can't bear to hurt another living thing, have been known to become violent rip - snorting tigers in the street when Part A repeatedly failed to fit into Part B.

There are recorded cases of parents, who after fussing and fuming with one of these toys for several hours, have suddenly jumped straight up in the air, wailed like a demented banshee, and dashed out of the house to find a brick wall, the better to bang their heads against.

It's a maddening thing to look at a mass of parts, and then at an illustration of the completed product, and realize that you don't have one chance in a thousand of making the thing come out right.

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EVERY SUCH toy comes equipped with a set of alleged instructions, which in most cases are worse than useless.

They are so complicated that it would take a graduate engineer to understand no less.

I've got a sneaking suspicion that the characters who write these instructions are mad at the world, and they are taking this underhanded method to get even.

The simple solution to the problem would be to have the toys assembled by the stores at which they are purchased.

Unfortunately, most of the stores frown on this. . . You see a bicycle in a store and the bicycle looks rather nice, so you buy it.

But do you get a bicycle delivered to your door? No sir. . .You get a box with parts.

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YOU CALL the store and you tell the salesman that you can't put the thing together, so what should you do?

"Try," says he, short and to the point.

Three hours and four mashed fingers later, you've finally gotten something together that looks like a bicycle, except that the handlebars aren't exactly straight and the rear wheel has a tendency to wobble.

Therefore, you aren't too surprised when a youngster takes the bike for a test spin and the handlebars suddenly come right out of the socket, and the rear wheel falls off, thereby creating something of a mess.

If you are a glutton for punishment you'll pick up the scattered pieces, and the test pilot, and try assembling the bike again.

However, if you have any sense, you'll take the gruesome mess to a mechanic and let him worry with it.

In view of the problems and bruised feelings created by disassembled toys, I would suggest that the new administration make an investigation of the toy industry one of its first orders of business.

After all, this business of disassembling toys and giving grown men inferiority complexes when they can't put them together, might be a subversive trick to make the American male a neurotic mess.

Noteworthy

By HERBERT MANGRUM

For the year 1961 here's hoping that:

Someone will get the ball and make sure that TV programs like Chet Huntley's documentary series "White Paper" reaches Baltimore viewers.

Last week the series dealt with the sit-ins. Before that they covered the U-2 spy plane incident.

Neither program was shown in Baltimore. Both were televised on a Washington channel.

In the same time slot, the local TV station carried something called "Best of the Post."

HOPE THE music lovers of America can get through the year without having to hear one of, if not the most terrible record ever made.

The thing is called "Valerie" and features a singing group that will never get into orbit.

If you think Johnny Ray cries when he sings you should hear this platter.

The leader sheds tears so fast and furious that each recording comes equipped with a mop.

No kidding, the poor guy sounds like a hound dog baying at the moon.

Even the disc jocks dislike this one.

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HERE'S HOPING that '61 will bring toys for children that are already assembled.

Another championship for the Colts.

A place downtown where a motorist can park without having to get a second mortgage on the old homestead.

An automobile for a certain magistrate who believes in saving his money.

And, that the Police Department continues hiring attractive women.

THE AFRO'S CREED

A newspaper succeeds because its management believes in itself, in God and in the people it serves. It must always ask itself—

Whether it has kept the faith with the common people;

Whether it has no other goal except to see that their liberties are preserved and their future assured;

Whether it is fighting to get rid of slums, to provide jobs for every body;

Whether it stays out of politics except to expose corruption and condemn injustice, race prejudice or compromise

JOHN H. MURPHY, SR., 1930

If You Ask Me

By B. M. Phillips

People and things

When the Who Zits Club held its unique Christmas Party Wednesday guests included Mrs. Susan Johnson and Sam Mansfield, both of Franklin, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Lanky Stewart, D.C.

The party started at the McCulloh St. home of Councilman and Mrs. Walter Dixon where members and friends got acquainted and ended at the Liberty Heights Ave. home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jones.

Nicknacks were served at the Dixons and breakfast at the Joneses.

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John and Ethel Rich observed their 25th wedding anniversary Monday evening, invited friends to their Druid Hill Ave. home where Ethel served all the delicious dishes for which she is so famous.

Their matron of honor, Mrs. Sam Young (Nettie), and their best man, P.D.G. Pennington, had seats of honor. Mrs. Young expects their first baby in March after 20 years of marriage.

So it was a double congratulatory affair.

Guests, Messrs. and Mesdames A. Jack Thomas, Charles Law, James Murphy, Willie Adams, Tom Warrington, Frank Phillips; Mrs. Portia Searcy, Chicago, Mrs. Sylvia Hyman, Annapolis; Mrs. Hiram Butler, (her husband was abed with a cold) Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicks, Frederick; Mrs. Pennington.

Also, Mr. Young and Drs. and Mesdames Louis Harmon, Maurice Adams, Ted Phifer and Albert Burwell.

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Dr. James S. Davidson's Tuesday evening party, honored his sister and brother - in - law, Mr. and Mrs. N. Daniel Cunningham, Charlotte, N.C.

The event also marked Dr. Davidson's departure from their lovely old Frederick Rd. home. He and his parents began moving the next day to their new home 3338 Hilton St. New owners of the Frederick Rd. home are Dr. and Mrs. Wesley Shelton (he's a pharmacist).

Present at the Tuesday night affair were, Messrs. and Mesdames, Elwood Brown, George A. Carroll, Earl Koger, Sr., Frank Phillips, Mrs. Audrey Thomas, Miss Jean Lewis, Dr. David Butler, Dr. and Mrs. Uthman Ray, Dr. and Mrs. Walter Davidson, Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Harris, Jr.

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Santa Claus was mighty, mighty good to Mrs. Harris (Stevie). She found a beautiful hip-length mink jacket in her stocking.

Pretty party on Monday at the Famous Ballroom, was the Continentals' annual affair. This is the club headed by Sue Miles —full name is the Continental Society for the Underprivileged Children of Baltimore.

Guests paid $3 for invites to help the group in its charity program.

Johnny Sparrow and his orchestra were in rare form.

Guests wore lovely frocks but the loviest were the whites which are oh, so pretty during the holiday season.

Lydia Mussenden and Bea Wright, Naomi Nash, and Mattie Gardner selected white gowns. Mattie set hers off with a green sash.

In black, a chiffon number with a sequin top and low back, was Doreva Stanley and attractive in a pea green net was Evelyn Dobson.

More dancers in white: Ada Weaver, Ellen Howard, Verna Ames.

Another highlight of the affair were the tasty dishes prepared by Mrs. Hilda Green, mother of the AFRO's Odessa Dyson.

They decorated a long table at the side of the hall. A number of guests went to the Clarence Dysons' lovely Sequoir Avenue home for breakfast afterwards.

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New Year's Eve promises to be quite a gala occasion. In the mail are invitations for Sam Blackwell's party, the Earl Jacksons.

The James Hughes' New Year's Eve party will be an at-home affair in the afternoon and the Charles Hillen's annual gathering will come on Sunday.

Tonight, Friday, the Templars will hold their party at the Cherry Hill Union Hall.

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The New Year begins with a new home for the Alonzo Kellys on Hilton Rd. They moved in Tuesday.

The Lonnie Greenes moved Friday to their new home, also in the 3500 block Hilton Rd.

New Year hello's to Mrs. Gladys Britt, 2428 McCulloh St., who has been ailing.

Off The Beaten Path

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

Thoughts for the New Year

The poet charges all who would celebrate New Year's Eve madly, merrily and as one blythe moment:

"Abandon cries and lamentations. Laugh, if only for an instant."

A new world philosopher says: "If you would mold the world closer to heart's desire in 1961, make a few resolutions, that's all."

He cautions: "The vow that binds too strictly, snaps itself."

These are his resolutions:

Never look back, never regret, lest you bring the sorry past again to you.

Become younger never older.

Make no friends, become a friend to all.

Cleave to the sunny side, dwell with a smile.

Hold to the truth, that all is good, as the Lord made it in the beginning.

Have no care, if any hate you.

Know that nothing can keep you from the Love of heaven.

Resolve to be master of your own fate.

(Facing the bare facts of life, Selina vows to chuck the old Christmas tree as far as she can throw it and never to spend so much on frilly decorations again.)

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BUT, WHO can forget the sight of a lovely yule tree glowing in the living room on a deep winter night?

Add to this, the presence of old friends and the close family, for love, everlasting.

John and Marye Oliver's Christmas Eve party was a family affair.

Live poinsettias, red and white, decorated the white marble mantle. A huge ceiling - high balsam filled the window alcove. Evergreens, yuletime bells, green and red holly frivolity, made Christmas everywhere in the beautiful old row house at 1835 Madison Ave.

Present were Mrs. Oliver's four sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Stewart, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, Mrs. Gladys Prestwidge, Mrs. Hazel Barrett and husband George, and their families.

Also, Mr. Oliver's sister, Elizabeth, and their long-time Indiana friend, the Rev. Harvey Waldon, now pastor of Chicago's largest AME church, present in Baltimore for a holiday visit with his son, Harvey Jr., and family.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Prestwidge and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Howard.

Mrs. Dorothy Gibson, wife of former AFRO editor, Bill Gibson, and her son, Skipper, was visiting in Baltimore from Chicago.

Clarence and Rachel Roberts had their big party on Wednesday at their Morgan Park home.

CANDY PACKERS SUPREME — These young ladies donated their services to pack boxes of candy for the AFRO-Regent Christmas Eve party. Shown here are Nannette Smith, Montier Smothers, Pamela Grant, Veronica Clark, Carolyn Holland, Marilyn Oliver, Barbara Prestwidge, Maria Clark, Rosalie Moore and Rayna Keyser.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE — Aided and abetted by Sammy Jay, popular disc jockey from Radio Station WEBB, the AFRO's Mrs. Santa made an appearance on the Regent Stage Saturday, to wish the youngsters in the audience a Merry Christmas. Portions of the program were broadcast over WEBB.

MAGICIAN GEORGE PECK lets Samuel Wise prove it's a real cake as girl in seat behind Samuel watches intently. Peck was one of entertainers who volunteered his services for the AFRO-Regent Theatre Christmas party, Saturday, and he amazed his large audience by mixing his ingredients and baking the cake in five minutes flat! Last cooking but Samuel said it was good.

Mrs. Santa's donations came 'from the heart'

"I wish I could give more." The above sentence expressed the thought behind most of the donations which came to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund this year.

Many letters apologized for "such a little," but the senders sent the money anyway, saying: "maybe this will help buy some needy family something."

As the small amounts continued to add up, Mrs. Santa was heard to remark:

"With such sincere desire to help, the fund is bound to grow."

Later as she discovered the final sum was over $1,000, she exclaimed: "You see how small gifts, given with such loving kindness, multiply."

The cash donations were used to purchase food certificates which were distributed to needy families.

In addition to cash donations, many clubs, individuals, schools, business organizations, churches and communities, projects gave food baskets which were distributed to needy families.

The last basket went out at 9 p.m. Saturday, Christmas Eve.

Other gifts "from the heart" included clothing, toys, furniture, bedding and even a push cart for an elderly gentleman who wished only that he had a vehicle to continue his self-employed job of junking.

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LET'S READ some of the letters. All of them expressed warm, friendly, heart - felt, loving - kindness for fellowmen in need, but some of them really tell the story in few words:

"Please accept this check in memory of Robert Evans who passed away at the age of 34 in November.

"Mr. Evans loved children so much that we hope this contribution could help make a child happy at this, Christmas time."

The above letter was signed by Mrs. Angela Gray, treasurer of The Ten Club.

Another of Mrs. Santa's contributors wrote:

"I was out of work last year and I know what it means.

"I am sending you this to help you help some of the needy.

"God has wonderfully blessed me and the least I can do is to help lift some one else's load."

(The writer did not wish her named used).

Mrs. Evelyn Beale Diles wrote: "I hope I am not too late to help out a little on a dinner or something for a needy family."

Mrs. Rebecca Watkins, president of the Unity Vocational Charity Club wrote this one sentence, which has so much meaning:

"We wish to help some needy person. Enclosed is our check."

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MR. AND MRS. Allen Thaniel wrote:

"We hope our donation will be of a little help. We wish we could help a lot more but we know the Lord will bless us to help with whatever we can."

Mrs. Ruth Corey enclosed a brief note saying: "Please let this small donation help someone this Christmas."

Charles P. Howard, Jr., attorney, called in to say: "I am taking a turkey to a needy family from Mrs. Santa's column.

"It is Christmas Eve but I can not go home without seeing that someone in need is taken care of. I will deliver it myself."

Mrs. Hilda Jackson wrote: "I am sending you this little donation because I know you are going to use it for a good and worthy cause.

"I think it is so good to give to someone in need."

Miss Margaret Williams earmarked her donation "for the needy persons who receive the least public consideration."

Her thoughts were for the persons "most likely to be forgotten."

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NOT TO BE overlooked, as Mrs. Santa lauds her generous readers, are those who came to her desk, in person, saying, "This is all I can spare. Can you use it to help someone who will not otherwise have a happy Christmas?"

In addition to those mentioned above, the following also gave contributions:

The Saturday Anne's, Mrs. Aurelia Stanley, president; Twelve Good Friends Club, Mrs. Louise M. Jones, president, Mrs. Ethel L. Raines, treasurer; C. M. Sewell, Mrs. Mary H. Proctor, Mrs. Mary Green, Brighton Boosters Club, Mrs. Pearl Wilson, president.

Mrs. Marie Murphy, D. Arnett Murphy, John H. Murphy, Jr., Mrs. K. K. Jackson, Brownie Troop No. 1199, School No. 159; L. Bullock, Blue Stars Charity and Social Club, Mrs. Henrietta Bolden, officers and members; George W. Lottier.

Mrs. E. Hall, Mrs. Elsie Godsey, Mrs. Jennie F. Butler, Mrs. Christianna Stewart, New Bethel Christian Community Church; Mrs. Amanda Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Marshall, Mrs. Florida Johnson, Woman Power, Colored Women's Democratic Club:

W. Sampson Brooks Temple, Elks Lodge, Mrs. Willie Mae Ward, Daughter Ruler, Mrs. Florence Snowden, Deputy, Mrs. Florence Lyles, Secretary;

Mrs. Geraldine G. Cox, 21 Charity and Savings Club, the Rev. N. B. Carrington, secretary, Washington Annual Conference, Methodist Church and pastor of Union Memorial Methodist Church.

Mrs. Brennette Nutter, West End Business Women's Club, Fannie Sorter, president, Mrs. Lula Files, treasurer; Mrs. Clara J. Cook; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Dorsey, Mrs. Mary Jones, Maceo Williams, Mrs. Flora Johnson, L. Stephens, the Women's Auxiliary of the North Eastern Civic Democratic Club, Mrs. Geraldine Cox, president.

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MATRONS AND PATRONS Administrative Degree Council No. 3, Order of Eastern Star, Mrs. Geraldine G. Cox, Worthy Matron, William Pridgen, Worthy Patron; Woodbrook Ave. Neighborhood Club, Miss Inez Redmond, president;

Lloyd Hockman, Mrs. Selena Watkins, Mrs. Pearl Lindsay, West side Social Club, James Grant, president; Mrs. Lottie Millen, Loyal Dukes, Inc., Stanley Mathews, treasurer, James F. Williams, president.

Ladies Progressive Club, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church; 14 Link Social Club, Mrs. Gregory, C. C. Jackson, Mrs. Alma Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hinton, Mrs. Eunice Snuto, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Masons, Samuel Daniels, Grand Master, Alan S. Stanley, treasurer; Charm Centre,

Enterprise Lodge No. 3, F. and A. M.; The Needle, Art and Craft Club, Edgemere, Md., Mrs. Mary E. Busen, president, Mrs. Evelyn B. Harris, secretary.

Brownies' gifts

Brownie Troop No. 1178 and Girl Scout Troop No. 1179 took Christmas gifts to the Children's Ward of Provident Hospital, and sent a Christmas basket to the Aged Home on Raynor Ave.

Leader of the Brownies is Bertha Milburn. Assistants are Mary Taylor, Mary Johnson and Marjorie Jones. Scout leaders are Ola Mae Johnson and Helen Johnson.

AND SO GOODBYE — All good things must come to an end and so it was with Mrs. Santa's party. Here the youngsters are leaving the Regent Theatre.

FROM THE Industrial Sewing School at 1218 W. North Ave., these seven skirts and blouses and a dress held by Miss Jacqueline Cooke, school director, came to Mrs. Santa to be distributed to families needing a helping hand. The women students in the school are all handicapped. They suggested doing something for the Mrs. Santa project after reading some of the hardship cases which were printed in the AFRO.

Children sing Xmas carols

Children of the 2100 block of Walbrook Avenue sang carols at each home in the block on Christmas Eve.

In the group were:

Miss Bettie Cotton, leader, Alicia Burch, Roberta Burch, Rosalyn Burch, Pamla Cotton, Cynthia Lindsay, Norita Lindsay, Barbara Golden, Jacqueline Matthews, Pauletta Taylor;

Frankie Wiley, Michael Finch, Warren Finch, Gregory Taylor.

They were assisted by Mrs. Thelma Wiley, J. Cotton, Odel Lindsay, and Mrs. Lucy Lindsay.

Afterwards they were all served cocoa, cookies, nuts, popcorn, and candy by Mrs. Lucy Lindsay of 2106 Walbrook Avenue.

TOOTING a strong sound for the youngsters at the AFRO-Regent Theatre Christmas party is Benjamin Barksdale, who appears to have a good future on the alto saxaphone.

COMING EVENTS

JAN. 2

The Baptist Minister's Wives Alliance of Baltimore and Vicinity will hold its annual New Year's Party at First Baptist Church, Carlisle and McElderry Sts., at 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Dwyatt B. Pettengill, assistant professor of political science at Morgan State College, will be the speaker at the Monday Forum of the Jewish Center of Baltimore. Location is 5700 Park Heights Ave. Time is 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 8

At Bethel AME Church, Miss Dorothy Ellison, celebrated contralto, will appear in a recital sponsored by the joint Womens Day Committees of Bethel, Trinity and Waters AME Churches.

At 5 p.m. at Asbury Methodist Church, Annapolis, Md., Mrs. Hilloh A. Parker will be presented in recital.

JAN. 9

The Children's Guild will receive the seventh annual Organization Achievement Award from the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area at a luncheon at Southern Hotel.

An historic film show tonight at 7:30 p.m. Its "Olympia," the film of the 1936 Olympics in Germany. The public is invited to the free show in the Carl Murphy Fine Arts Center Auditorium at Morgan State College.

The Children's Guild, Inc., a nursery service for emotionally disturbed children, will receive the seventh annual organization award of the Health and Welfare Council of the Baltimore Area, Inc. At the Southern Hotel, 12 noon.

JAN. 17

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt returns to Baltimore to speak at the city - wide Szold Centennial Celebration at the Oheb Salom Temple, 7310 Park Heights Ave. 8:15 p.m.

Dr. G. James Fleming, professor of political science at Morgan State College, is guest speaker for the Brotherhood of Chizuk Amuno Congregation, 8100 Stevenson Road at 8 a.m. He speaks on "The New Nations in Africa and American responsibility."

Club remembers mental patients

The Civic Improvement Club, organized in 1946 "to help the less fortunate," did just that this holiday season.

Using its slogan, "Help Us to Help Others," the 11-member club collected and distributed gifts and needed items to patients at Crownsville State Hospital.

Through donations from individuals, firms and organizations, the club was able to give patients in the HYY Building at Crownsville such items as:

Soap, handkerchiefs, wash cloths, combs, fruit, cigarettes, candy, cookies and stockings.

THE GROUP also contributes needed articles to charitable organizations and other hospitals throughout the city.

Officers are:

Mrs. Annie W. Johnson, president; Miss Hilda Hayes, vice president; Mrs. Catherine Sellars, chaplain; Mrs. Dorothy A. Nelson, recording secretary; Mrs. Cora Bishop, financial secretary.

Also Mrs. Virginia Board, chairman, sinking fund.

Other members are:

Mrs. Laura Reddi', Miss Ida Price, and Mesdames Thera Davis and Lucille Green.

Alfred Dorsey and John Sellars aided in distributing gifts at Crownsville.