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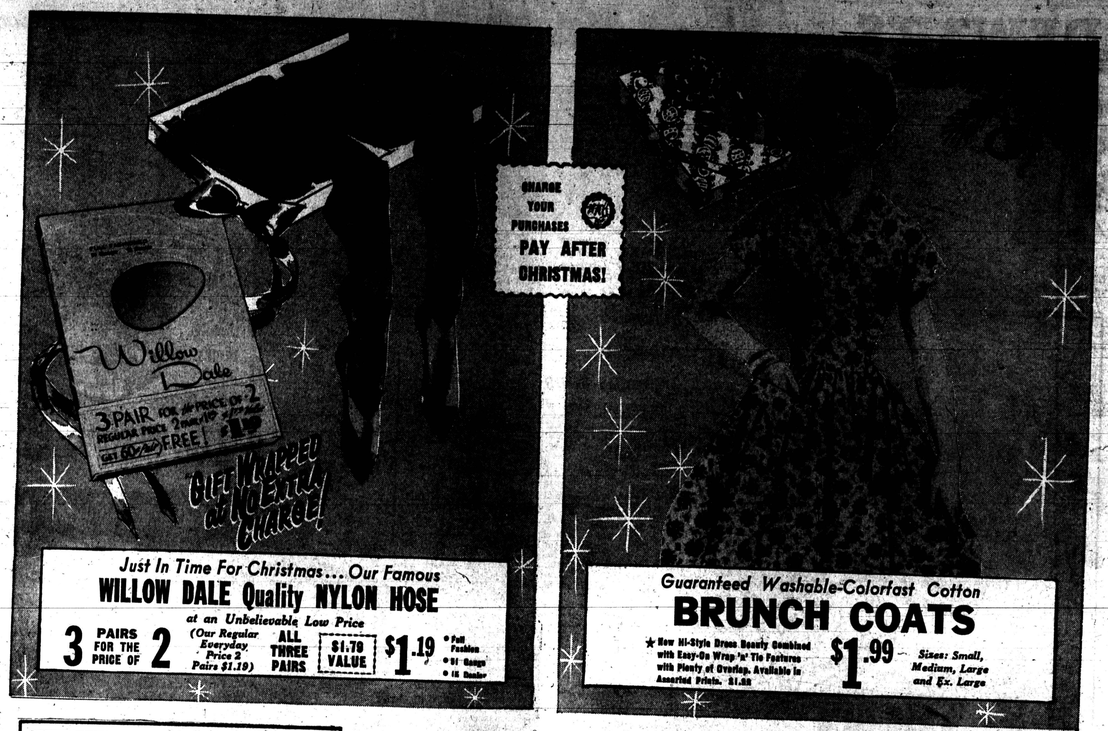

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AMONG 30,000 RARE OLD volumes at Pippens Old Book Store AFRO reporter Elizabeth M. Oliver reads a book printed in 1781.

PIPPENS BOOK STORE GOES TODAY

AFRO bids farewell to neighboring landmark

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

An event taking place at this moment (Friday) across the street from the AFRO home office building in the 600 block N. Eutaw St., marks the end of an historic and romantic era in Baltimore, the state and on the East Coast.

As it takes place, the AFRO bids goodbye to an old friend and neighbor as an association of more than 40 years comes to a close.

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PIPPENS OLD BOOK Store, in business in Baltimore or over 100 years, is under the hammer of the auctioneer. More than 30,000 books worth more than $50,000 are being sold today for a fraction of their worth.

The owner, member of a second generation of old book sellers, William V. Pippen, died in April. According to his son, William V. Pippen Jr., an architect, members of the family do not wish to continue operation of the store.

The building has been sold to a nearby upholstery firm.

The elder Mr. Pippen was a friend of the AFRO founder, John H. Murphy Sr., who was also fascinated by old books and interested in printing.

BY REASON of location, the AFRO and Pippens Old Book Store have a distinct relationship.

When the elder Mr. Pippen moved from the original site now occupied by the Mathieson Building on Charles St., to the Eutaw St. address in the early 1920's, he found the AFRO a going concern. The AFRO moved to 628 N. Eutaw in 1919 from St. Paul St.

Through the years, the two Baltimore institutions have made the 600 block Eutaw St. somewhat of a landmark.

As book lovers, lured by the magic of old books in a dusty room, wended their way to Pippens from across the globe, AFRO readers were watching the newspaper grow from a small weekly to the largest weekly newspaper chain in the world.

Through the doors of the old-fashioned book store have passed many famed international figures, charmed by the universal yearning for something permanent, enduring, without shadow of change — rare old books.

Through the doors of the AFRO, now entering its 70th year of publication, also have traveled many world noted persons, lured by the desire to see the newspaper in production.

Three generations of AFRO staff and employees have at sometime or another stopped by Pippens to browse and purchase a book at lunch hour.

The elder Mr. Pippen often purchased a copy of the AFRO to read the news of the day. Many was the time he directed readers across the street to the "newspaper office on the corner."

Hence, today marks not only a book hunter's holiday with streams of booklovers going to Pippens for the last time, but it also leaves the AFRO as the only remaining landmark in the neighborhood.

After the crowd has gone, remaining books may be given to schools, institutions, libraries or a match may be set to their covers to make way for progress.

On Wednesday, John H. Murphy Jr., AFRO official, said he recalled the elder Mr. Pippen was a very fine man who had extensive knowledge of books. Mr. Murphy purchased rare novels, Masonic books and volumes on mechanics at the store many years ago.

400,000 Catholics in mourning until Jan. 8

The Most Rev. Francis P. Keough, 11th archbishop of Baltimore, America's premier Catholic See, was buried Thursday, beneath the high altar of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, after a solemn pontifical mass which lasted two and a half hours.

Archbishop Keough died at the age of 70 years on Dec. 8 in Georgetown University Hospital.

His Excellency is the second member of the Catholic Hierarchy to be buried in the new Cathedral. His body repposes in the basement where a marble vaulted tomb also holds the body of Bishop Jeremac Sebastian, who died in Oct., 1959.

Devoted throughout his spiritual life to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Archbishop Keough broke the ground for for her in 1954, and laid the the new cathedral named cornerstone in 1955.

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HIS DEATH marked a 30-day mourning period for the more than 400,000 Catholics of the archdiocese. Churches, institutions and schools will be draped in black and purple until Jan. 8, 1962.

More than 2,000 persons crowded the new Cathedral for the ancient rites, which were said entirely in Latin. Francis Cardinal Spellman presided at the 11 a.m. ceremonies which included the five absolutions accorded only to members of the Catholic Hierarchy and dignitaries of state.

The pontifical mass in which more than 400 dignitaries of the church participated, dates back to the Last Supper, about 1,931 years ago.

Celebrant was the Most Rev. Egidio Vagnozzi, D.D., representative to the United States of Pope John XXIII. Assisting him were the Rt. Revs. Joseph J. Leary, P.A., pastor of St. Mark's, Catonsville; Stanislaus A. Wachowiak, P.A., pastor of St Rosary, Baltimore; Louis C Veglh, P.A., pastor of St. Bernadine's, Baltimore; the Revs. F. Joseph Gessman, Basilica of the Assumption; Paul G. Cook, Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Among mourners were Gov. J. Millard Tawes, Mayor J. Harold Grady, Philip Goodman, president of the City Council of Baltimore, members of the City Council and many dignitaries of the state and city.

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ALSO PRESENT was Wallace Carberry, 408 N. Fremont Ave., who was head of the Archbishop's household staff 13 years.

Mr. Carberry retired in 1960 and at the time was considered as one of the persons closest to the archbishop.

Among others attending the services was Miss Anita R. Williams, retired Catholic Charities worker, who was cited by the archbishop in October for her work over a period of 34 years.

The Most Rev. Lawrence J. Shehan, who succeeds Archbishop Keough as the new spiritual leader of the archdiocese of Baltimore, delivered the eulogy.

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ARCHBISHOP KEOUGH was born Dec. 30, in 1890 in Connecticut and ordained in 1916. he was consecrated Bishop Of Providence May 22, 1934 and elevated to archbishop of Baltimore in February, 1948, by the late Pope Pius XII after the death of Archbishop Curley.

He came to Baltimore from his post as Bishop of Providence, R. I.

He suffered the first heart attack in 1953 and a second two week ago.

Minor officers of the mass were students of St. Mary's Seminary. Masters of ceremonies were the Rt. Revs. Gerald McDevitt, George L. Hopkins and Raymond B. Meyer, S. S.

Apostolic delegates offering the absolutions were the Most Revs. Vincent S. Waters, Bishop of Raleigh; Thomas J. McDonough, Bishop of Savannah; Michael W. Hyle, Bishop of Wilmington; John J. Russell, Bishop of Richmond.

Masters of ceremonies and chaplains were the Revs. Thomas J. Mardaga, William Broderick and Victor B. Galeone.

MASS OFFERED—This is the interior of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen on Thursday as a solemn pontifical mass was offered for Archbishop Francis P. Keough who died last Friday. He was buried in the Cathedral Crypt marking the first burial of an archbishop in the new Cathedral.

AMONG MOURNERS at the Thursday rites for Archbishop Keough was Wallace Carberry, who headed the prelate's household staff for 13 years.

Unemployed get break on checks

To facilitate the prompt payment of unemployment insurance over Christmas and New Year's, the Baltimore local office of the Department of Employment Security will change schedules for claimants who customarily report on the next two Mondays and Fridays.

All claimants who would normally report on Friday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 29, will report on Wednesday, Dec. 20, and Wednesday, Dec. 27.

All claimants who would normally report on Christmas Day, Monday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Monday, Jan. 1, will report on Friday, Dec. 22, and Friday, Dec. 29.

Plea made for mental patients

While hundreds of organizations have already met the plea of the Baltimore Mental Health Association to sew cosmetic cases and shaving kits for 7,100 State Mental Hospital patients this Christmas, many of these may be delivered empty unless needed items arrive in time.

According to Mrs. William Martien, chairman, most wanted items include shaving cream, after - shave lotion, deodorants, combs, compacts, lipsticks and perfumes.

Mrs. Martien urges that gifts be delivered to Mental Health headquarters, 323 E. 25th St., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MRS.. HOUSTON JACKSON

Mrs. Houston Jackson honored at testimonial

Mrs. Constantia W. Jackson, directress of St. Katherine's Chapel Choir, was called a woman who "did" rather than one who looked on while others did at a testimonial dinner in her honor at the church.

Some 150 persons attended.

Harold F. Folkes, who presided, made the remark, expressing regret in losing the directress who had served for 31 years.

Mr. Folkes is principal of Fairmount Junior High School.

He called her not only a "wonderful directress of the choir, a faithful churchgoer, but also one who was always willing to help the chapel in anyway she could."

Others who paid tribute were: the Rev. William Christian, vicar of St. Katherine's Chapel; Dr. Percy Bond, of the St. Anthony Guild; and Mrs. Orion Nixon, a choir member.

Mrs. Jackson is the wife of Dr. Houston R. Jackson, assistant superintendent of public schools.

They live at 563 Prestman St.

Bobby Dean Hooks, 'A good sailor'

Bobby Dean Hooks appearing as the sailor in "A Taste of honey" at Fords Theatre for a week's run, Dec. 11-16 feels he's off "to a surprisingly good start with two Broadway plays to my credit already at 24 years old."

Hooks was on Broadway and on the road for one and a half years, in the role as the college boy in "Raisin in the Sun." He has been with "Honey" on Broadway, and on the road for three months. The show is booked until next March.

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OF HIS role as the sailor he says:

"I want Jimmy to be a believable character. I don't want the affair to come across as a nasty thing because it isn't.

"It's a real thing that just happens."

As the sailor, Jimmy has an affair with Josephine, the daughter of a loose moraled Helen from whom she gets no motherly love.

"You're the first girl I've met that really didn't care that I am colored," he exclaims in the play.

Jimmy proposes marriage and leaves for a six-month cruise, promising to return. Shortly after that, Josephine discovers she is pregnant.

Hooks says Jimmy is sincere when he promises to return, but something happens and he never does in the play.

"I want Jimmy to come over as a nice sailor, not a villain. He's not supposed to be a vicious nasty thing. He means well, but something happens and he never returns," Hooks says.

But, he adds, "There would be no "Taste of Honey without the sailor!"

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A REVIEWER in the Montreal Gazette says "even though you know he is going to leave the girl you can't find it in your heart to blame such a charming person."

Another called the affair "almost as poetic as the Romeo and Juliet balcony scene."

It is not a "girl in every port" affair for Hooks' Jimmy, rather like all the others in the play he is looking for something.

Jimmy seeks a girl to settle down with; Josephine, yearns for love which she does not get from her mother. Helen her mother, wants something more than a one night affair.

Peter, who marries Helen, is looking for somebody to cook his meals and tend his house while he is out with the other girls; and for Geoffery, a homosexual who comes to stay with Josephine after her mother marries, wants someone who will understand him.

The "taste of honey, Hooks believes, is they all got what they wanted, if but for a short time.

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A NATIVE of Washington, Hooks' family moved to Philadelphia when he was very young. He completed grade school, and entered Temple University to study drama. But he left there in a huff after two years, to enroll in the Bessie Hicks Small Theatre, when the school did not give him what he wanted.

In 1959, Hooks took a chance in going to New York to try for the college boy role in "Raisin."

Competing with 150 others for the role, Hooks finally won out and he was on his way.

Looking to the future, Hook plans are to stay with the theatre, as long as he can.

He is married and has a son.

BOBBY DEAN HOOKS and Miss Frances Cuka provide the love interest in "A Taste of Honey" now at Ford Theatre for a week's run, closing Saturday. Hooks is from Washington and began his acting career in "Raisin in the Sun." Miss Cuka is from England where she created the role on the London stage.

Colonial golfers slate awards dinner Sunday

The Colonial Golf Club Inc. will hold its 5th annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, at the Sheraton-Baltimore Inn, at which time trophies will be awarded to those members who have won or placed in various club tournaments held during the past golf season.

The members and their guests will be entertained after dinner by the showing of movies taken of various participants in the many golf events held during the year.

The guest speaker will be George Taliaferro, a former Baltimore Colt and Ernest R. Murphy will serve as toastmaster.

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THIS ORGANIZATION is composed of approximately 68 men and 15 women who participate in club tournaments throughout the year and in team matches with other golf clubs from other cities.

The club is a member of the United States Golf Association and has long-range plans to acquire a clubhouse and build a golf course which will be easily accessible from Baltimore and Washington.

Blind folks want winter rugs for Christmas gift

Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter, director of the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind, is requesting nearly - new winter rugs for the residence, 1321 Eutaw Pl.

"We would be so happy for Christmas if we had rugs for the floors," she says.

Room sizes are living room, 10 by 20; reception hall, 6 by 9; library, 9 by 12.

Call LA. 3-6396 and Mrs. Hunter will make arrangements to pick them up.

Here's how to see telecast without charge

Baltimoreans who have never seen inside a television studio and are interested in learning how the picture and sound are projected into their living rooms will have a good opportunity to do so Saturday.

The Fifth Regiment Armory will become a gigantic studio beginning at 11 p.m. on that date for the star-studded 17 - hour celebrity Parade for the United Cerebral Palsy drive.

The long telecast is to be carried over station WBAL. The public is invited to visit the armory. There will be no charge for admission.

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ALTHEA GIBSON, the famed tennis star, now turned singer and entertainer, is among a long list of theatre and television personalities who will appear during the telecast.

Funds raised during the show are ear-marked for the aid of more than 9,000 multi-handicapped children in Maryland, accoding to William C. Rogers, who is serving as this year's chairman.

OFFICERS OF the Mothers' Club of the Druid Hill YMCA were installed recently by Harold Jennifer Jr., chairman of the board of managers. From left are Mrs. Dorothy Baker, vice president; Mrs. Flossie Ford, treasurer; Mrs. Ethel Taylor, president; Mr. Jennifer, Mrs. Effie Dixon, recording secretary, and Mrs. Gussie Tweedy, chairman of the Sunshine Fund.

CAMPUS NOTES

Program, parties planned for Morgan

By ROBERT WATTS

The Annual Christmas program is scheduled Dec. 20 at Murphy Center, 10 a.m.

Campus organizations holding Christmas parties this week were the Overseas Club (today) Friday at the Student Union Lounge, and the Men's Dormitory Council in Banneker Hall, 9:30 a.m.

The Spanish Club also held its Christmas party in the Student Union Lounge Friday afternoon.

On Monday, the French Club holds its Christmas party in the Union lounge, 8 p.m., and the Women's Dormitory Council holds its party in the Tubman House, 8 p.m.

A post New Year party is scheduled by the Junior Class in the Christian Center, Jan. 5 9 p.m.

Morgan plays Delaware State at Delaware in a basketball game, Jan. 9. The next Bear home game is Morgan vs. Howard, at Hurt Gymnasium, Jan. 12, 8 p.