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NAACP wires Grady on BURHA board vacancies

The NAACP has asked that Mayor J. Harold Grady appoint "qualified colored citizens" to fill vacancies on the BURHA Board of Commissioners.

In a telegram to Mayor Grady on Dec. 23, Dr. Lillie M. Jackson said:

The Baltimore Branch NAACP respectfully requests that properly qualified citizens from the colored population of this city be appointed to fill the vacancies on the Board of Commissioners of BURHA which were left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Lena K. Lee and Mr. Robert G. Merrick.

"Colored citizens are more than one third of the municipal population and constitute upwards of seventy-five per cent of the citizenry dislocated by urban renewal operations.

In the dislocation and relocation of these citizens, the proper equities have not been preserved. We will be glad to submit a list of business and housing experts who will meet the qualifications and who will serve efficently all of the citizens, regardless of race, creed or color, if you so desire."

Mrs. Lee resigned as of Dec. 31. Her term expired a year ago but the law provides that a member may remain until a successor is appointed.

Mr. Merrick, chairman of the executive committee of Equitable Trust Bank, also resigned although his term is not up until Dec. 31, 1964.

The term of Walter Sondheim, Jr., chairman of the BURHA Commission board, expires Dec. 31, 1961. However, Mr. Sondheim is expected to be reappointed by Mayor Grady since he is willing to remain on the board.

Mayor Grady is expected to announce two new appointees next week.

CSC washes hands of BURHA case

The Civil Service Commission has refused to handle allegations of racial discrimination placed before it by the Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Authority.

On Wednesday, Thomas Murphy, chairman of the Commission, said the agency does not handle cases except those involving dismissal, suspension of demotion of city employees, and the incident in question seemed to "be purely BURHA departmental matter."

The alleged discrimination charge was placed against the Planning Department of BURHA two weeks ago, through the NAACP, by Daniel L. Nicolas, architect and City Planning department employee for three years, who stands No. 1 on the list to be promoted to Senior City Planner.

The post has been vacant 10 months and Mr. Nicolas has not received the promotion, although since July he has sought an answer as to why through channels of the agency.

Both the Civil Service group and the City Solicitor had been asked by the BURHA to provide advice on the discrimination charge.

This action followed the receipt of a letter by Richard Steiner, BURHA director, from Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, member of the NAACP Legal Redress Committee, asking that BURHA schedule a hearing on the Nicolas' complaint.

Mrs. Mitchell also concurred that BURHA's governing body is responsible for settling the case.

She said: "BURHA's Commission itself should be greatly concerned about alleged discrimination within its Planning Department and should be equally concerned about the charges of poor morale which has resulted in several top employees leaving the staff."

She said she had received no word from Mr. Steiner although it has been two weeks since the NAACP called for the hearing and investigation.

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ON WEDNESDAY Mr. Steiner told the AFRO that he wishes to talk with the City Solicitor "a little more" and talk with each commissioner by phone before he releases any decision on how to handle the charge.

He said the next meeting of the Commission is on Jan. 12 "but it will certainly be decided what to do before then."

The BURHA director said he witholds any further comment "while the investigation is pending."

"I Will reveal my findings when the investigation is complete," he said, adding:

"The officers involved are known and nothing will be held back when the probe is finished."

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Mother accuses cops of 'Gestapo' tactics

For the second time this month a complaint about the conduct of Northwestern District police has been filed with Police Commissioner Bernard J. Schmidt.

The latest was lodged by Llewellyn Woolford, attorney, on behalf of Mrs. Linda Tilghman, 4021 Annellen Rd.

Mrs. Tilghman charged that three officers entered her home 3 a.m. Dec. 21 and acted "like German Gestapos."

Mrs. Tilghman, mother of a one-week-old baby, said she and her mother, Mrs. Janice Logan, and her 10-year - old sister, Allison, were home alone.

They were aroused by loud banging at the door, amidst shouts "to let us in."

"When I saw a police car through the window," Mrs. Logan said," I opened the door.

"Three policemen barged in, pushing me aside.

"When I asked if they had a warrant, one of them who was referred to by the others as 'sergeant,' said:

"These people make me sick —, always want to see a warrant. I don't need to show any warrant."

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MRS. LOGAN said they refused to give her a reason for searching the house or show her a warrant.

"When I asked who shall I call downtown, the 'sergeant' said:

"You don't have to call, I'll take you."

The officers proceeded to search the house without allowing them to get dressed, Mrs. Logan charged.

"They went to my mother's bed and started pumping questions at her. I've never seen anything like in my life. I was never so humiliated and embarrassed," she added.

After the search, the officers left without attempting to give a reason, the young mother said.

"We were so upset, we couldn't sleep or eat for days," she said.

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NORTHWESTERN District commander, Captain Edwin Taylor, told the AFRO Wednesday he is investigating the complaint.

"I will reveal my findings when the investigation is complete," he said, adding:

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WINNER OF THE AFRO's $100 in 1959 for the first twins was Mrs. Elsie Griffin of 434 E. 22nd St. who had twins. The births came at City Hospitals.

FIRST IN 1960 was Karen Beatrice Colbert, shown here with her mother, Mrs. Delores Colbert, at John Hopkins Hospital. Karen arrived at two seconds after midnight.

NEW YEARS BABY OF 1959 who arrived at 12:05 a.m. Jan. 1, 1959, is Peggy Anne McDowell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McDowell, 312 Elizabeth Ave, Patapsco Park.

Sent to Arkansas

Pvt. James E. Montague Jr., whose wife Jacqueline Montague, lives in Baltimore has been assigned to Company L, 397th Regiment, at Fort Chaffee, Ark.

Suspect in Eastside death pleads innocent

A tall clean shaven young man pleaded innocent Tuesday to charges that he assaulted and then murdered a 55-year-old woman.

Moments after Herbert Andrew Thompson, 21, of the 1000 block Central Ave. entered the plea in Homicide Court at Central, he was ordered held without bail for action of the grand jury.

Thompson was charged with rape and with assault by striking and causing the death of Miss Ann T. Welch of the 1200 block Valley St.

The body of the woman was found in a pile of rubble on a vacant lot at Valley and Chase Sts. last November 20.

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JUDGE JOHN A. McCLURE was told that an autopsy report indicated that although Miss Welch had been beaten, death resulted from exposure and shock.

Detective Sgt. Arlee Keefer of the Homicide Squad said Thompson gave police a five-page statement.

Thompson's statement was summed up by Assistant State's Attorney George Hetinski in these words:

"I was in...Bar and had started walking home when I saw the woman at Chase St. I was walking behind her.

"I caught up with her and when I spoke she didn't say anything."

Later in the statement Thompson is alleged to have said that Miss Welch scratched him.

County chief named 'cop of the year'

Gilbert L. Deyle, head of the Baltimore county police department has been nominated "Policeman of the Year" by the Maryland Crime Investigating Committee.

Among his many accomplishments Chief Deyle sponsored the first Police Boy Scout troop in Maryland, introduced a retraining program for all county officers, brought a K-9 unit into the patrolmen with "walkie - talkies" and introduced a mobile crime laboratory into the department.

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CHIEF DEYLE also originated the first plans for handling "Freedom Riders".

The Deyle plan was later adopted by law enforcement

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Emancipation observance is set by Masons

Dr. Furman Templeton, executive secretary of the Baltimore Urban League will be the principal speaker Sunday, January 7 when the Prince Hall Masonic Grand Lodge holds its 118th annual observance of Emancipation Day.

The program, expected to attract a large turnout of Masons from throughout the state will be held at the new Masonic Temple, 1301 Eutaw Place at Lanvale St.

Samuel T. Daniels, grand-master, who will preside, has announced that the program will be open to the public.

With a state and Congressional elections coming up, the meeting is expected to attract a large number of candidates.

...the facts

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● Using the money raised through the Festival and the unselfish contributions of our readers to purchase hundreds of food baskets and food certificates, for deliver to families on Mrs. Santa's list.

● Joining with the management of the Regent Theatre to present a Christmas party and show. Featured on the live entertainment portion of the bill were such popular acts as:

Mr. Pop Lolly of WJZ-TV, the Dynamic Strands, the Gilmor Dancers, Jerome Scruggs and his band featuring vocalist Harry Young, Sammy Jay of Station WEBB, Miss Carole Riley, the Y Tumblers from the Druid Hill Ave. YMCA, Ernest Ferber, director, Jimmy Hendricks and Sonny Day.

To all of you who had a part in making this, the biggest Mrs. Santa Project on record, we say thanks to you from the bottom of our joyful hearts.

Thanks again and have a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Report of AFRO Santa Fund as of Wednesday, December 27

Receipts Benefit Polytechnic Institute		$1,933.00
Expenses		
Salem Baptist Church Choir, Meals, Transportation and Honorarium	$430.00	
Town Choir	138.30	
Polytechnic Institute Rental	75.00	
Other Expenses	159.46	
TOTAL EXPENSES		802.76
NET RECEIPTS FROM BENEFIT		$1,132.24
Contributions from readers		1,939.60
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$3,071.84
Expenditures		
260 Food Baskets	$2,274.74	
100 — $5.00 food coupons	500.00	
1 extra family	45.32	
Distribution expenses	180.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		3,000.06
BALANCE IN FUND		$ 71.78

Mrs. Santa's donors

'1961' AFRO-SANTA FUND

On Hand $ 191
Santa Benefit Festival $1933

Josiah Diggs Charity Club, Elmer Carroll, Baltimore Co-operative, Inc., National Brewing Co., Carling Beer $75

Asso. Classified Employ. $50

Amos T. Meyers $25

Pauline A. Taylor $20

Niagara Leader Savings, Bonnie Amos Social Club, Dallas Pleasure Club $15

John H. Murphy, Jr., NAACP, Fred Lane, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Rebecca Chapter, Grant Social Club, Eso Bi Diplomat Neigh. Club, Charming Ten Club $10

Flying Social Club, Balto. Phaetons, Monumental Democratic Club, Lena Brown, Postal Wives $5

Edmund Dorsey, American Brewery, The Jolly Girls, Randolph Fortune, Pearl Lindsay, Rev. N. R. Carrington, Just Us Club, Daisy Wilkins, Woodrow Barksdale $18

Little Women's Savings Club $16

Delta Sigma Theta, Dorcas Emergency Circle, Octavia Clemmings, W. Nwosipho, C. T. Fisher, Eva Bell, Willing Workers, St. Paul Baptist Church, We Bunch Social Club, Anonymous $10

Ruth J. Jackson, James Murphy, Window Charity Club, Charlotte Flowers, Fourteen Links Club, Theodore McKeldin Club, Collins Thompson; Lucy Hammond, Faithful Sewing Club, Sweet Hope Baptist Mission, Cowlesville Imp. Asso., Madeline H. Tilghman; Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, 3000 Biggs Neigh. Club, Mother Wells Mothers Club, Loretta Redfern, Ten Kings, Lucy Stoneman $2.50

Read's Employees (H and F St.) $7

Annabelle Clark $5

William Kirkwood, Della Meyers Gaston Club, Mrs. Mary Oliver, Assoc., Unity Vocational Club, E. T. Rogers, Jr., R. B. Boone, Supreme Council of Clubs, Lorraine Finder, Hazel Queen, Benjamin Griffith, Samuel Green, Vernon Pryor, Alice Dashiells, Mel. Methodist Church; Maggie Dixon Charity, Anonymous, Isabelle Holt, Modernistic Club, City Chef, No. 1, Lillie Jones, Evelyn Lesy, Florence Carter $3

Thomas Savage $4

Steve Duncan $3.25

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MRS. SANTA PROJECT - CIRCA 1961

THANKS TO THE generosity of AFRO readers, approximately 300 baskets just like this one, was delivered to Baltimore families on Saturday and Sunday. Penn Fruit in Mondawmin was responsible for filling the baskets, and gave them to Mrs. Santa at cost.

The Facts

WHAT

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa Project

WHERE

Baltimore

WHEN

Nov. 23 to Dec. 24, 1961

WHY

To help as many of the needy families in our town as possible at Christmas.

HOW

● Staging a Festival of Music on Nov. 23 to raise funds for the needy. Featured were the Salem Methodist Church Youth Choir of New York City and the Town Choir of Baltimore.

● Publishing the cases of needy families in the Baltimore area in the AFRO, and encouraging our readers to adopt one or more of the families for Christmas.

In this manner, individuals and organizations had the opportunity to deliver their gifts personally, and to learn first hand of the conditions under which some of our citizens are forced to live.

● Accepting food, clothing and toys for delivery to the needy families with the help of the 229 Truck Transportation Batallion.

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THESE ARE A FEW of the baskets the 229th Truck Transportation Battalion delivered to needy families. The baskets are shown at Penn Fruit awaiting delivery. Every year, the 229th donates trucks and manpower to deliver the gifts of Mrs. Santa. Playing a leading role in making this possible was Capt. William A. (Box) Harris.

THE STAFF OF LIFE was the gift of the Schmidt Baking Co. and Koesters Bakery to the Mrs. Santa Project. Loading are Pvt. Roger Phair and SP4 Leonard E. Mackey of the 229th.

MRS. SANTA HELPERS are loading one of the three trucks used to transport the food baskets. They are Roger Phair and Charles R. Owens, both members of the 229th Truck Transportation Batallion. In charge of the detail was Sgt. William Durant, who has been with the Mrs. Santa project since it started.

MUSIC ESPECIALLY THE ROCK and roll type has the power to move an audience. This particular bit of rocking took place at the AFRO-Regent Theatre party, which attracted 1,500 youngsters. Labeled the best Christmas show ever, this year's offering was produced by George Collins, reporter and author of the AFRO's popular night club column. Every year the Regent donates the theatre for the party.

RESPONSIBLE FOR SETTING the Regent "afire" on Saturday was the rocking group of Jerome Scruggs, shown at the drums. To the extreme left is the personable Sammy Jay of Radio Station WEBB, who, for the second consecutive year served as master of ceremonies. With the horns are Martin Louis and Harold Adams. The gentleman in the center is Harry Young, vocalist with the group. The only way to describe his act is to call it "sensational," and that's an understatement. His singing was so torrid he had to shed his coat . . . and the kids loved him. Others in the band, but not shown, are George Connor and Arthur Lamb.

Baltimore Afro-American *Feature Page*

BRINGING BEAUTY and talent to the AFRO-Regent Show was Miss Carole Riley, who "fractured" her audience with "Cadillac Lover," a new tune which she has recorded. From initial response, the record is headed places. You'll be reading more about Miss Riley in a feature story scheduled for early publication in the AFRO.

AFTER THE SHOW was over the young guests received boxes of candy from Mrs. Santa's helpers. So much candy was packed, that we lost track of the boxes, but in total amount, it was close to half a ton — and that's a lot of candy!

PRETTY VOLUNTEERS were these young ladies who gave up their Saturday morning to usher at the AFRO-Regent Party. Left to right: Miss Beverly Dabney, Mrs. Cleater Allen, Miss Lucia Hawthorne, Miss Barbara Bollin and Miss Rosina Handy.

THESE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN are members of the Baltimore Phaetons, Inc., who served as ushers for the party. Left to right: George White, John Blake, Levi N. Bailey, financial secretary; Irvin Sutton, Leonard Quickley, business manager; Robert Johns, treasurer, and Daniel Johnson, vice president.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR