WHEN YOU FINISH READING YOUR AFRO PASS IT ALONG TO A FRIEND

School advisory committee picks unit chairman

The appointments of the five study committee chairmen of the Citizens School Advisory Committee of the Baltimore City Public Schools were approved at the initial meeting of the Citizens Committee held recently, it was announced by Clark S. Hobbs, chairman.

The members of the Citizens Advisory Committee appointed study committee chairmen are as follows: Dr. Albert N. Whiting, organization and administration; Robert S. Moyer, personnel and staffing; Mrs. Maurice P. Freelander, instruction and Guidance; Frederick R. Buck school plant facilities and business operation and J. Sydney King, community relations.

Dr. George B. Brain, superintendent of public instruction, offered every cooperation to the Citizens Committee of the staff of the public schools in sharing information and extending every possible assistance.

Class president says youth looking to future

"A Great many people my age are realizing the responsibilities that will be placed upon them in the years to come, and they are trying harder to get an education to be better prepared to meet them."

MISS ROBERTA GILL

The foward-looking young lady behind those words is Miss Roberta Gill, 15, a sophomore at Eastern High School, the president of her class, a piano teacher, a singer, an athlete and a senior Girl Scout.

As sophomore class president Miss Gill presides over 1300 10th graders at their monthly meeting, attends bi-monthly meetings of all class officers and represents th 10th grade on matters pertaining to it.

Her work keeps her at the school sometimes from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., and even later, when she plays speed ball or basketball or attends modern dance classes.

It was partly because of her availabitity that Miss Gill became her class president.

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GRADES 9000, were considered Miss Gill speaks fluent French.

She often substituted for teachers at Roland Park Junior High School when she was a pupil there. She has equal command of her other subjects, history, science and biology.

When fellow student Miss Linda Kitts declined the class office because distance to and from school and her schedule prevented her being available at all times, Miss Gill and two other girls had a run off election.

She beat her nearest opponent by 300 votes.

Thus she became the first of her race to hold a class presidency at Eastern. Two others have been elected to treasurer and vice officer in past years.

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OUT OF SCHOOL, Miss Gill continues her busy schedule, teaching piano to 12 students, directing a six-member singing group called the "Vondelles," and serving as secretary of No. 164 Girl Scout Den.

Asked wehn she find time to do all these things, Miss Gill's reply was a surprised, "Well, there are weekends, you know."

Miss Gill was a delegate to the Youth Convention at Morgan State this summer and regularly attends Macedonia Baptist Church.

She complains that "Chivalry among boys has died down some, because seldom do they offer girls their seats on buses, and are sometimes rude in public."

On the other had, girls nowadays are often toward, calling boys for dates, and paying the bill, Miss Gill adds.

Her mother, Mrs. Ruby Gill, teaches music at the elementary grade level. Her father is Dr. Robert Gill, Morgan State professor of political science.

They live at 4228 Evans Chapel Rd.

MORGAN STATE DELTAS — This is the most recent picture of the members of the Morgan State College chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Initiates, in white, are Grace Mack, Lois Young, Dorothy Mason, Virginia Clayborne, Alma Quinton, Eleanor Peters, Linda Young, Inez Lloyd, Carol Jeffries, Nona Greene, Cynthia Neverdon, Bevrly Dabney, Willa Rembert, Trezeline Jyles, Delores Couser and Lurline Jackson. "Finites," in dark dresses, are Andrea Coverdale, Rose Keith, Sylvia Plummer Thomas, Sandra Jones Martin, Colleen Thomas, Ophelia Gilmer, Maxine Dates, Florence Bee, Sylvia Julian, Laura Virginia Phillips, Carolyn May, Jewel Fierce, Katherine Ruffin, Sue Poole, June Lottier, Patricia Smith and Norma S. Brown, chapter president.

Capt. Battaglia named inspector

Capt. Frank J. Battaglia, commander of the Southwestern District, who won fame for rthe "Battaglia Plan," was promoted to inspector Tuesday.

Captain Battaglia was among eight policemen promoted.

The 49-year-ole officer who has 24 years service in the department will fill the inspectorship left vacant by the death of Inspector John B. Kenealy.

Other promoted were:

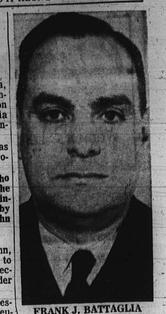
Lt. Frederick T. Dunn, Southwestern, promoted to captain and replaces Inspector Battaglia as commander here.

Sgt. Bernard W. Coll, Western, was upgraded to lieutenant and assigned to Southwestern.

Promoted to the rank of sergeant were:

Patrolmen Daniel L. Blair, Edward V. Bromwell, Robert E. McCauley, Charles S. Cod, and Robert E. Spangler.

The new inspector has been commended ten times and won wide recognition for his auto check plan which drastically cut down auto thefts in the city to have them," he said.



FRANK J. BATTAGLIA

and uncovered numerous crimes.

Inspector Battaglia took over as night commander of police headquarters Thursday.

NEW YORK — The director counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Jack Greenberg, spoke at the New School for Social Research on "The Struggle for Freedom in The Law" Monday night.

PORTABLES REMOVED — Thirteen wooden frame portables, which once stood where these holes show in the ground at Dunbar High School, recently were torn down and carted away. They no longer were needed.

Frat dance for AFRO Yule fund

An invitational dance to benefit the AFRO Christmas Fund is being sponsored by the City College Omega Delta Tau Fraternity. It will be held at Cahill Recreation center, tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m.

Fraternity officers are Donald Cook, president; Eric King, vice-president; Malcolm Dates, treasurer; Leon Conley, secretary, and Ronald Rich, chaplain.

Dunbar portables go; so too, extended day

SEDALIA, N. C. — The appointment of Lonnie T. Parker Sr. of Amherst, Mass. as comptroller of Palmer Memorial Institute was announced by the president's office last week.

The "antiquated, - dilopidated and inadequate" portables of Dunbar High School, so called by Robert Diggs, principal, have been removed from the school ground after some ten years of talking about doing so.

With the 13 wooden frame portables, used since the mid '20's, went the not so old, but troublesome problem of extended day school for 800 students, said Mr. Diggs.

"It's amazing that we were the only high school in

Robert Diggs, principal, said his school was relieved of some 600 pupils of the seventh and eighth grades, who were absorbed by the new Lombard Junior High School.

"The Mid-State Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Committee removing them in 1950, but circumstances did not permit," he explained.

In spite of poor heating and lighting and problems of crossing outside in the winter months which made it a health hazard, the portables still had to be used to take care of our overcrowding, he said.

BUT WITH the new Lombard Junior High School taking both the Dunbar seventh and eighth grades, the portables could be demolished and the extended day discontinue, Mr. Diggs explained.

"Right now we have 2,500 pupils, with none of them on an extended day, and we are in pretty good shape", he said.

About the only complaint voiced by the principal was that of jammed hallways between classes and when the school day is over because pupils no longer use the outside crossways.

Considerable emphasis now is being placed on preparing for the Mid-States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools Committee coming in March to re-evaluate the school.

Mr. Diggs said each teacher is presently self-evaluating himself to show the committee in books, materials and learning aids, what he is teaching his pupils.

Out of these self-examinations have come the exhibits in science, math and history now on display at the school, the principal said.

BURMA CUTS TRADE TIES WITH S. AFRICA

RANGOON — (NNPA) — In line with recommendations of the United Nations General Assembly, the military government of Burma has suspended all imports from South Africa because of her racial policies. This means that the apartheid government of Hendrik Verwoerd will lose some $5 million a year in coal orders.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY TO THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE of POSTAL EMPLOYEES will sponsor a tea Sunday, December 2, 1962, 4 to 7 p.m. At the Y.W.C.A. Main auditorium 1912 Madison Ave. All are cordially invited. Admission $1.00

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—Letters

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Mrs. Santa will assign the family from among the hundreds needing aid.

If all needy families are adopted, not one child need go hungry or lack a warm coat on Christmas Day.

MRS. SANTA urges fraternities, churches, civic and social organizations, and individuals who want to adopt a family to call her at MU. 5-6015 between noon and 5:30 p.m.

Do it now.

Meanwhile persons who wish to put their names on Mrs. Santa's list may write: Mrs. Santa, AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore 1, Md.

Deadline for receipt of letter is December 15.

And now here are the first of Mrs. Santa's cases.

CASE NO. 1 — I am hoping and praying that you can help us out with a basket of food for Christmas.

There are five of us in the family. We are on welfare. After I pay rent, gas and electric bills, and buy coal, I never have enough left to get food for my children on Christmas.

Send us a basket. We will be ever so grateful.

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CASE NO. 2 — I am 11 years old and I am writing for my family. My mother has nine children and my father has been working off and on.

Unless somebody helps us, we will have a poor Christmas. Please send us a basket of food and clothes.

My sisters' ages are 9, 7, 6, 4 and my brothers' are 15, 3, and 2.

I will say a prayer each night.

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CASE NO. 3 — Please help a crippled old man and his sick wife who live in my block. A basket of food and fruit would make their Christmas a merry one.

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CASE NO. 4 — I am a mother of nine children and I hope to get a basket and some clothes for my 2-week old baby who is still in the hospital.

I am not able to buy enough clothes to keep her warm, and my husband does not make enough money to have a merry holiday without some outside help.

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CASE NO. 5 — Please help me. I have nine children to support. My husband has five operations and can not get a good job.

My oldest boy is due to have an eye operation. I have high blood pressure.

Please help me with some food and toys.

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CASE NO. 6 — Will you please give me a basket of food for my little girl? I am not working and I don't have anything to give her for Christmas.

Also I have a crippled son, and I don't get any help.

I thank you.

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CASE NO. 7 — My husband and I are alone. We need food and clothing. We both have tuberculosis and not able to work. I thank you for anything.

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CASE NO. 8 — I am 84 years old and not able to work. I am a patient at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

I need food and clothing, long sleeve shirts, sweaters (34-38), and shoes.

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CASE NO. 9 — I am the mother of five small children, ages one year to eight. We will not have a merry Christmas without outside help.

We will be thankful for anything at all.

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CASE NO. 10 — I have seven children and I am their only support. I have a job but most of the money goes for rent, gas and electric insurance.

Please help us by sending us a basket of food.

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CASE NO. 11 — I have six children and I need help for Christmas.

When I get my welfare check, it is just enough to meet my needs. I pay $15 a week for rent, after expenses I have very little for the kids.

Please bring food and clothes. Thank you for helping us last year.

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CASE NO. 12 — I have nine children, six boys and three girls. My husband earns very little money and when I pay rent and bills, I don't have anything left.

Please send us anything. I will be thankful for anything that you give us.

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CASE NO. 13 — I am the mother of seven children. The only help we will need is food and clothes for Christmas.

I work very well for your help and to that they have something for Christmas.

CASE NO. 14 — I am the mother of nine children and would like to make their Christmas a little merry.

Please help me for I am sick with a bad case of kidney and heart trouble. I can not do my work, but I must, so that I can pay for rent and food. My husband left us almost seven months ago.

I am trying to make it alone and with the help of God.

Six of my children go to school. I would like to give them some clothes a d the small ones toys.

CASE NO. 15 — My age is 10. My mother has five more children besides me. She is on welfare, but she does all she can.

We all need help. We need hats, coats, gloves, dresses, and other clothes. We need underclothes to wear to school.

Will you please, please help us!

CASE NO. 16 — I am writing to you to please help me and my five children at Christmas time.

I do get help from the welfare, but I don't have anything left after rent, and food and electric bills.

If you can, please bring a basket of food and clothing.

May God bless you.

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CASE NO. 17 — I am asking help for my neighbor. Her husband is very sick. He has had four operations. She has high blood pressure.

Neither can work and they have 10 children.

The children need clothes, shoes and coats. My neighbor needs help very bad.

If you can help , may God bless you.

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CASE NO. 18 — I am the mother of five children. My husband is dead. I get help from the Department of Public Welfare, but it is not enough.

We need please help me to make my children's Christmas happy!

Anything will be appreciated.

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CASE NO. 19 — Please help me and my five children. I have been out of work since October.

Unless we get some help, children will be very sad on Christmas.

CASE NO. 20 — I have five little boys. Last time, you sent them a nice basket and some tickets to the Christmas show. I thank you more than you can well know.

They are on welfare, but they only get $127.25 per month. They are not asking for anything special but anything you can send to them.

Thanks for gifts.

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CASE NO. 21 — Thank you for the gifts of clothing last year. We have seven children and my husband is still on relief.

Food, clothing, and toys would be useful and greatly appreciated.

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CASE NO. 22 — I am fourteen and I have seven sisters and one brother. My father only makes 30 dollars a week.

I would be very grateful if you sent us a basket and some clothes for the children and coats.

My mother needs dresses size 52, and she is unable to buy any.

CASE NO. 23 — Please help me so that my three children can have a nice Christmas. Their father went away a year ago and I have had no help.

The person who was trying to help is now sick and can't. I have tried to get help from the welfare Department, but they say they can't help me.

If you can do anything to help me, I will be very thankful.

CASE NO. 24 — I am the mother of 14 children. I have been in Maryland for three months. We are from Alabama.

Please send Mrs. Santa to us. We will appreciate anything you send.

CASE NO. 25 — I have eight children, from one to 13 years old. My three my husband pays rent. I will not be able to buy food for the holiday meal.

If you could bring us a holiday basket, it will thank you very much.

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CASE NO. 26 — First I want to thank God and you for lending me a helping hand last year.

I am hoping and praying that someone will help us this year, because we still need it.

I have four boys and my husband is still a patient in the State Mental hospital. My doctor has been treating me for Bejel trouble since 1951.

Although I get help from the Department of Public Welfare, we hardly have enough food to reach to the next month.

We will be thankful for a basket of food, shoes, clothing, and toys.

My children are boys. Their sizes of clothing are 8, 12, 10, and 14. Shoe sizes are 12½, 5, 7, and 2.

CASE NO. 27 — I would like to sit down with my family to a Christmas dinner this year.

We are poor, but after rent and other bills are paid, there is not much left.

My husband is out of work. He had an operation two years ago, and was told to try to get a light job. I can't find anything to do.

I am unable to work because of a bad stomach. I had an operation two years ago.

Please send us a basket. Thank you.

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CASE NO. 28 — I am writing to you in desperation and lack of hope. I am the mother of four children and came here last September from New York City.

I put my oldest child in school and returned to New York, where I was employed.

The reason I left New York was because the lease on my house was ended and there was no hope of renewal.

My children were treated so badly between September and January that I had to resign my job in New York and come to Baltimore to keep them myself.

I have had extremely poor luck. Now, my family is in one part of the city and I in another. If it were not for friends, I would be in the streets. At the present, I am not working and friends are supporting me.

My children are down to the last pair of shoes and I am wearing my last dress.

Friends have my children and are urging me to take them. I have no place to take them. The Welfare Department calls me a non-resident, although I have been in Maryland for over a year.

I don't know what I can do and I am frightened as to what will happen to my children.

Can you please help a very desperate mother?

CASE NO. 29 — I asked my Mother to write this letter for me. We have no father to help us.

My Mother who has been sick for 3½ years and she is doing all she can for us.

I am in the first grade and my sister is in the kindergarten. Please leave us just one toy.

Also, we don't have a coat to wear either.

CASE NO. 30 — I have six children. All are in school except two. My husband doesn't make enough money and just can make it. I have to go to welfare.

I have four boys, 11, 8, 4, and 2, and two girls, 9 and 7. Please bring food, toys and clothes. I wear a size 36 skirt and 12 dress.

CASE NO. 31 — I know a widow who has six children and I am writing to see if you can help her.

She has very little money and she remakes her children's clothes. She has three girls, 8, 13 and 16, and three boys, 10, 12 and 20. The 20-year-old son is unable to work.

She would be thankful for food and clothing.

CASE NO. 32 — I am 11 years old. My Mother doesn't know that I am writing this letter.

She is on Welfare and my father has tuberculosis. Altogether, I have 8 brothers and sisters. I would like to have some food for my family on Christmas.

CASE NO. 33 — I have four children. I live with my mother. I get welfare for two of them, but it is not enough for all of the children.

If there is anything you can do, please send it. I am asking for the children, not for myself.

Their ages are 5, 4, 2, and 10 months.

CASE NO. 34 — I am the mother of eight children. My husband is a porter whose wages are $42 dollars a week.

I would appreciate help to make my children's Christmas a merry one.

CASE NO. — Please come to my family so that we can have a merry Christmas. My father works, but he doesn't earn enough money.

I have a blind sister and she needs more clothes. There are six children in the family. Four boys whose ages are 11, 8, 4 and 2; and two girls ages 9 and 7.

So will you please bring us some food, clothes, and toys?

CASE NO. 36 — I am 58 years old, have lost the sight in one eye, and hard to hearing and am being treated for diabetes.

I have no place of my own. I have been staying with a daughter, but she doesn't have room for her.

Would you send me a basket of food? Then I could offer them something for Christmas instead of taking bread from their mouths.

CASE NO. 37 — I am a mother of nine children. My husband is working, but he doesn't make enough money.

My children, need coats. Their ages are (boys), 13, 6, 3, 2 and 11; and the girls are 10, 8 and 5.

CASE NO. 38 — My husband will be dead a little over four years. I am only left with six children.

After I pay rent, gas and electricity, and buy a little food, I have nothing left to buy clothes and toys for Christmas.

I would be so glad to get them a basket and some clothes. Also, I am taking care of two grandchildren.

My girls are 15, 13 and 11. Their sizes are 36, 34 and 14. The boys are 10, 8 and 4. Their sizes are 10, 10 and 4.

CASE NO. 39 — I have an aunt who has six children. Her husband is in jail and she is on welfare. After she pays her rent and light bill, she doesn't have enough money to make Christmas for the kids.

They could use some clothes and a basket.

The girls are 5, 4 and 10. The boys are 3, 13 and 7.

CASE NO. 40 — My husband has been out of work for a year and he is not drawing money from his union.

We have no father to help us. Mother, who has been sick for 3½ years and she is doing all she can for us.

I am in the first grade and my sister is in the kindergarten. Please leave us just one toy.

Also, we don't have a coat to wear either.

CASE NO. 41 — Please help me this Christmas and please bring us some food and toys.

CASE NO. 42 — I have four children: 3, 6 and 8 years; and the baby is three weeks old. I am not able to go back to work before then.

I would like my children to have a better Christmas.

CASE NO. 43 — I am writing for my children. They have not had any clothes since school opened. We are praying that someone will read this.

The boys are 10 and 9. The girl is 8.

CASE NO. 44 — I am 19 years old, and I live with my daughter who has six children. I get $2 dollars a month from the welfare and I pay my daughter 10 dollars a week.

I would like a basket and a blanket.

CASE NO. 45 — I am a mother with seven small children. I will be unable to get them toys and shoes this Christmas.

My oldest child is nine and the youngest is 2½ months old.

My one-year-old girl had lead poisoning. I have been very sick. I can not buy anything for my children. We have four girls and three boys.

CASE NO. 46 — My husband has been out of work since September, and he can't seem to find anything. He gets only $12 per week unemployment check.

He went to the welfare, but he was told that as long as he received an unemployment check, even for two dollars, he can not get help.

As for me, I have heart trouble. For the past two Christmas holidays, we have been poor. This year will be the same.

We have no lights, no gas, no food. We are four weeks behind in rent. Thank God the landlady is kind.

We could use some food and clothing. I wear size 38½ dress, shoes 7½, and am in need of a coat.

For my husband, pants 34 X 32, shoes 11½, shirts, 15½.

CASE NO. 47 — They are 13 children in our family. They range from 18 to 2 years around this time of every year.

We get no help of anything for myself. Just for my younger sisters and brothers. My mother is ill and unable to work. My father and I have not been able to find a job.

Anything you send will be very much appreciated.

CASE NO. 48 — My husband is in jail. I get help from the welfare, but it is not enough to buy extra things.

I have six children. Girls are 12, 9, and 2. The boys are 11 and 7.

I don't want anything for myself. Just for them. Anything will be welcome.

CASE NO. 50 — I am the mother of six children whose ages range from 2 to 15 years of age.

I get money from the welfare, but it is not enough. I am under the doctor's care.

I don't have money to get my gas and electricity turned on. I am using oil lamps and I had to get a coal stove for heat.

I will appreciate anything you can give the kids.

A HAND FOR THE NEEDY — Clarence Wycoff, right, grand master of the Hiram Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is presenting a check of $100 for tickets to the AFRO's Festival of Music on Dec. 9. The Festival raises funds for the needy families at Christmas. Mr. Wycoff made the presentation on behalf of his group, which has been deply interested in helping needy families. The check is being received by James D. Williams, AFRO assistant managing editor.

'Messiah' Sunday

The Handel Choir of Baltimore will present a program at Grace Methodist Church, Charles St. and Belvedere Ave. at 4:30 this Sunday afternoon.

Under the direction of James Winship Lewis, the 125-voice choir will sing Part II of G. F. Handel's "Messiah" and "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" by Ralph

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