CONTRIBUTIONS MADE — In the first picture, members of the Indiana Savings and Charity Club are shown making a donation to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa project. Left to right: Mrs. Inest Belton, Mrs. Lela Gates and Mrs. Santa. In the second picture, Sol Grossman, manager of the First Realty Co. is making his annual donation to the fund. Representatives of the Brooks Memorial Charity Club are shown in the last picture. Left to right: Mrs. Kate Cottman, Mrs. Clara Mayth, Mrs. Mary Vanderford.

TO STAR AT AFRO-REGENT PARTY — P. W. Doodle, lovable children's interpreter of WBAL-TV, will be one of the stars of Mrs. Santa's Christmas party for underprivileged children at the Regent on Christmas Eve.

—Last minute

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clothing for a 12-year old boy. His shoes are so expensive and there is not enough money left to buy him warm clothing without depriving the two girls who must go to school.

Even the girls do not have the barest of necessities needed for school. The children will receive nothing for Christmas because the rent and gas, which is used to heat the house is extremely high.

Please help us.

CASE NO. 239 — I am 16 years old and I have a sister and three brothers younger than I. But we are not together.

Two of my brothers are in welfare homes. My sister and another brother are with a friend of my mother. And I stay with my cousin.

I am not asking for myself. I just want something for my brothers, ages 14, 12, 8 and my sister, age nine.

Please help make them happy and love me more.

Clothing Needed

CLOTHING NEEDED — 28 pt.

CASE NO. 240 — I really do need some help. My husband is very sick with an enlarged heart and I am sick also.

My husband cannot work and I work when I can to help pay for his medicine and buy items for the house.

We have six children and they all go to school. Please get some juniors and other clothing for them so that they can go to school every day. They also need food.

CASE NO. 241 — I am the mother of seven children and the grandmother of two. We just moved into the city and I don't work and my husband can' work because of a "bad" back.

We are on welfare. After we pay rent and the gas and electric bill, we don't have much left.

Please send us a basket of food and some clothing for the children.

CASE NO. 242 — My husband is being laid off this week and we desperately need food for Christmas.

We have eight children — seven girls and one boy. They need clothing for school and church. The seven my children don't have coats. They all need everybody much.

Mrs. Santa, please help us.

CASE NO. 243 — I have writing to you for my mother. We are 10 need. I am the oldest boy out of nine children.

My father has left us and my mother is trying to get aid from the Welfare Department, but she has not received any help at all. Yet, my mother is not well.

We would appreciate it very much if you could make my little sisters and brothers happy with a toy, some food and clothing for Christmas.

CASE NO. 244 — I am an elderly lady 65 years old. I have been living with my step - daughter for seven years.

There are eight of us living here and we must live off of $33 a week. We have to pay rent, bills and eat out of that small sum.

The children will not have a thing not even a piece of candy. Mrs. Santa, if you don't help us.

I've prayed to the Lord that you will help us.

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CASE NO. 245 — I am the mother of nine children. My husband has left me and I must raise the children alone. I get help from the welfare but it is not enough.

I need shoes, coats and underclothing for all of my children.

For the girls, I need shoe sizes 6½, 2, 2½ and 3½ (baby size).

Shoe sizes for the boys are 9½, 9½, 10, 9 and 8. The last three are baby size.

I also need boys pants, sizes 14 and 16, girls' skirts, 12 and 13, underwear and stockings and shoes.

For myself I need a 34 bra, slip and blouse and a 38 skirt.

We also need food, bed linen and items for the house.

Please try and help me for the holiday.

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CASE NO. 246 — I have six kids and no help. I am supposed to go back to work on Dec. 23 but I can't because I had high blood pressure.

I need food and clothing and will appreciate anything you can send.

Please don't put my name in the paper because the neighbors say bad things about people. But I have there are some things that can't be helped.

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CASE NO. 247 — I am 27 years old, have three children and am six months pregnant. My husband and I separated a week before Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving was a kind of disappointment for my children especially Viola. They heard other children talking about their dinners.

I would like for Christmas to be as nice as possible for them. So, if you can do anything to help clothes, food, anything — I would be very grateful.

CASE NO. 248 — Please help me. I have three small children and my husband has abandoned us.

I work, but I only earn 40 dollars a week.

By the time I pay rent and buy a few clothes, I have nothing left.

I would appreciate some food and clothing for my children.

CASE NO. 249 — I am the mother of two children. I am unable to work and I suffer from diabetes.

I receive a little help from the welfare but it from month to month. I don't have anything left for Christmas.

I would help us with a basket of food. I would be very grateful.

CASE NO. 250 — I need help real bad. I have nine children and two grandchildren.

I am not on the welfare and my five children have been out of school without food and clothes. And, I don't have any money to put on my nine month old baby.

My children have no way of getting anything to make it seem like Christmas. We have nothing, not even food to eat.

CASE NO. 251 — Could you please help me and my children this year? My children have not had anything for Christmas for some time.

We are behind on my rent, gas and electric and my bills, there is nothing left.

I'm 29 years old and have nine children of my own and two children of my sister. So please help us this year.

CASE NO. 252 — I am writing to ask you for help, if you can. I am a mother of seven children from age of 10 years to one month. They will not have a Christmas this year because I can't afford it.

My husband is unemployed and now and sometimes he doesn't have a job. Will you please try to help us?

CASE NO. 253 — I need your help very bad, you see we are on the welfare and I have seven children, six boys and one girl. By the time I finish paying the bills and buying food we don't have any money left.

I have been under the doctor's care since April when the baby was born. I ask you from my heart, please help my children by lending us something.

CASE NO. 254 — I am writing to you because you are so nice and have helped us before. I turn to you again because I have no other one. I turn to. I have 10 children. They are from two to 16 years of age.

I have to pay $38 per month for gas. I have small space gas heaters in each room and that's the only thing I have to heat the house with. Please try to help us.

CASE NO. 255 — Please help me and my ten children for Christmas. If you don't have a whole lot, a little bit will help. We love to eat but sometimes there isn't enough for everybody. I am on the welfare.

My husband and I have been separated and he doesn't support me. I would like to see my children happy at Christmas.

I have eight boys and two girls. If you have any coats, any kind of pants, shirts and even shoes it would make them very happy.

CASE NO. 256 — I wrote you a letter before when we were living in the 600 block W. Mulberry St. Well, we got put out and we had to move in with my mother.

My husband hasn't got any money from his Social Security yet and actually we have no income at all. My children are 8, 5, 3 and 2.

CASE NO. 257 — I am asking you to please help us for Christmas. I have five brothers and one sister. Living in something 10 a year. My sister is nine years old and she would like to have a cooking set.

My oldest brother is eight years old and he wants a pair of skates. My brother who is six wants a roller coaster and a wagon. Another brother, 7, wants a wagon and jack in the box.

I have a brother who is two years old and he is very sick and needs a snow suit. I also have a brother seven months old.

CASE NO. 258 — I am ten years old and I'm writing this letter to express my desires in life.

All I want is a doll for my baby brother. He is five years old and is sleeping in a doll crib.

CASE NO. 259 — I am writing to ask you for help and Christmas this year. I am the mother of nine children. My husband hasn't worked in three years. He had an operation on his knee and he hasn't been able to work.

I am on the welfare but when we are paid all the money goes to pay the bills. Would you send us a few clothes? I really don't think we'll have anything for Christmas.

CASE NO. 260 — Please help me with a basket. I'm disabled and haven't worked since 1957. Both my eyes have been operated upon and I have a condition in my feet.

I have three small nephews. Please help me this year.

CASE NO. 261 — I have four children. I was on the welfare but I was taken off because I just had a baby which is five months old.

Up until a week ago my mother helped me all she could and I was able to get a job. My mother has small children herself and is not able to do much for me.

If you could, please send us a basket or a box for each of my children for I won't be able to get them anything.

CASE NO. 262 — I have three children. Their ages are 5, 3, and one year of age. They are very lovely children but there won't be any Christmas for them this year.

My father has been in the hospital for six weeks with a bullet wound in his neck. That means, all the responsibility has fallen on me. So please try to help me.

CASE NO. 263 — I'm sixty-two years old. My grandson lives with me. His mother is dead and my Service Man has been working. The little money I receive must be used to pay the rent. Please send us some food.

CASE NO. 264 — I am the mother of five children. Four girls and one boy. We are very much in need for Christmas. My husband has not worked any this year and we are on the welfare.

We will all be very thankful for anything that you can help us with.

CASE NO. 265 — I would like to know if there is some help you can give my children for toys.

My husband has deserted me and I have been working until I became ill a month ago. My youngest child has club feet and is in need of special shoes which I am not able to afford right now. If I don't get these shoes she will grow up to be a cripple.

I have been to the welfare for aid, but they have kept me going back and forth so many times that I feel they don't intend to do anything for me.

I have been to court once for not being able to pay my rent, and I am, at the moment expecting a notice which will put me in the street.

Please help me if you can.

CASE NO. 266 — I am working this better for some help for my sisters and brothers. My father works but makes a small salary for 11 people in the family.

He can't make it with 10 children. So will you give us a basket and some tickets for the Christmas show.

CASE NO. 267 — I am a widow with 10 children. I only make $35 a week and I have to pay $17 a week rent. I do hope you will send me a basket for Christmas.

CASE NO. 268 — I just got laid off due to a lack of work and I am waiting for my unemployment check. I have three kids and we all are staying with my sister.

Please help us. My wife is sick and the kids need food and clothes.

CASE NO. 269 — I am a mother of seven children. Ex-Cons Pardy and your well, you can give my children food and clothing for Christmas.

I make a little money and get $24.80 probably more, but it is not enough to make ends meet.

CASE NO. 270 — My 13 children need help. I asked for a basket last year but I didn't get one. We really need it. My husband has been laid off 3 days a week and we must pay $125 a week rent.

We are already two weeks behind in rent and I'm asking for food and clothing and lots of other things. Please help us.

CASE NO. 271 — I am the mother of five children, ages two months to nine years. I am on welfare, but they are giving me aid only for three of the children. Will you please help me.

CASE NO. 272 — I am 13 years old. I have six sisters and six brothers. I would not ask if we did not need it. We need a Santa Claus.

My father is a Korean War veteran and is disabled from his eyes and brain.

My mother only works three days a week, when he works. When it is cold or raining, he cannot work.

Please send some shoes and toys for the little ones and a food basket.

CASE NO 273 — I have written you for two years and I do not know why I have not received anything. But I write again this year to see if you can help me. I have eight children and get a small income.

Please send us a basket.

CASE NO. 274 — I am writing for a Christmas basket. I have nine children. Can you send us some food and clothing and toys. Thank you very much.

CASE NO. 275 — I am a mother 21 years old with nine children. My landlord $127 and he put us out in the street.

My mother took us in. I just got on welfare and what money I get is only enough to pay rent and gas and electric.

I don't have anything to buy food with. I would appreciate a basket.

CASE NO. 276 — I am asking for some help. My husband has been sick for the last nine months. We have ten children.

Please send us some food and tickets to the Christmas Party. We have not been in a Xmas for three years.

CASE NO. 277 — Please help my step-mother, four sisters and three brothers. My mother died and we are separated. I have three children of my own.

I try to help them, but there is a limit to what I can do. They are on welfare and it is not enough. Please send us a Christmas basket.

CASE NO. 278 — I am 36 years old and the mother of 10 children. I am on welfare and after paying rent, gas and electric there is nothing left.

I would appreciate food, clothing, anything to make Christmas merry for my children.

CASE NO. 279 — I have six children and on the welfare. Please help us with a basket and a few things for my family.

CASE NO. 280 — Please help me with a basket or toys for my children. My husband only brings home a week and sometimes he makes less. He is a construction worker.

I have four children and expecting a fifth. It will appreciate anything.

CASE NO. 281 — I have 10 children. I would like to have some toys and food for Christmas. My husband works, but he doesn't earn enough regular to provide. We have to borrow money to get food.

Please help us.

CASE NO. 282 — I am writing for help. I have five children. My husband is not working. He only gets $25 a week. We will need everything for Christmas.

CASE NO. 283 — Please help me with a Christmas basket. I am a widow with seven children. Thank you for your help.

CASE NO. 284 — My husband has been laid-off since November and we have four children. We don't have any way of getting our children anything for Christmas. Please help us.

CASE NO. 285 — My husband is not working and has not worked since September. I have four children and one on the way. I am expecting a baby in the hospital and he has to be dressed warm so that he won't get cold. Two of my children need coats and shoes. I would appreciate anything you could do for them because I will not be able to get them anything for Christmas.

Gifts sent to training school

All during the week of Dec. 9, members of the Unified Church Women of Baltimore have been meeting at the Maryland Council of Churches, 34 West Madison Street, to wrap 1200 Christmas gifts.

These are gifts from the Protestant churches of Maryland to boys and girls in the nine state training schools and forestry camps.

There are shirts and slippers, gloves and games, toys and grooming aids — all to be individually wrapped and tagged.

Mrs. Logan B. Dyke, again this year knitted 275 pairs of mittens and caps for those who will be sent to the young people. These mittens are going to School 1125 and Department of Public Welfare Family and Children Society.

FOR THE NEEDY — Ernest Vandiver, an AFRO employee and a member of Local 111, United Paper Workers of America, presents five certificates to Mrs. Santa on behalf of his union. The certificates are good for large turkeys and will be distributed to five needy families. To the right is David Eisenberg of Goldseker Realty Co., making the company's annual donation to help the needy.

FROM THE MASONS — Mrs. Santa's Number One helper, Miss Ann Carroll, is receiving a donation from the Prince Hall Masons. To the left is Harry Cole and in the center is Samuel Daniels, grand master of Mary Masons.

—The young

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the audience with his special brand of magic.

Songs will be done by the Pert Penny and her Night Trainers.

The Ravons, and Minstros, young vocal groups, will sing your favorite hit tunes. Sonny Hatchett, guitarist and folk singer, will also be there. So will Tay Andrews, pianist, who'll play a medley of carols on request from the audience.

YW Teen dancers will do the "Reindeer Dance, and there will be a special exhibition of Judo by Black Belt champion Robert McPherson.

Rockin' Robin, illustrious disc jockey of Radio Station WEBB, will be the man at the microphone, who'll see that the show moves smoothly and enjoyably.

And finally, boys and girls, Mrs. Santa will distribute tasty treats and goodies she had been saving just for you.

—19 people

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not afford to pay the gas bill."

THE CHILDREN in the house were wearing ragged clothing and the parents were ill-dressed.

"We can't buy the children clothing," said one of the parents sadly.

Three men live in the house. Two draw unemployment because of a lack of work; the third gets a small welfare check because of illness.

The poverty of the family is plain, written on their faces and in their clothing and empty refrigerator.

It just doesn't seen like Christmas to us," said one young mother of four.

"God, no," said her mother.

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IT IS ALL the family can do to scrap up the rent and for money for the gas and electric bill.

The family needs everything — shoes, socks, dresses, coats, underclothes, skirts. Also, bed linen, pieces of furniture and even household goods.

Thursday, one child was eating from a broken plate.

If you would like to help this family — clothing sizes are available — call Mrs. Santa, MU. 5-6015.

Santa Anonymous up to $41,000

Donations to the Santa Claus Anonymous Inc. have climbed to the two-thirds mark of $41,000.

Already some 13,000 children on welfare lists have received three-dollar gift certificates through the mail.

The aim of the organization is to provide 20,000 children with gift certificates, children who may otherwise face a bleak and dismal Christmas.

Santa Claus drive $9,000 from goal

Only $9,000 are needed before Santa Claus Anonymous Inc. will reach its goal of $60,000 to provide 20,000 needy children with certificates for Christmas gifts.

Joseph M. Dukert, president of the organization, reported that some 17,000 three-dollar certificates have been mailed to the children.

Mr. Dukert reported that among the contributors, an unidentified man walked into the 22 Light St. headquarters and donate two brand-new $50-dollar bills.

During the final weekend of the drive, more money is expected to be raised by the first annual benefit concert of Metropolitan Harmony Chorus, the Parkville Junior High School, Sunday, at 7:30 p.m., and from the Prince Hall Masons.

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MONDAY is the final day of collection for the fund because it is the day the last group of gift certificates will be mailed.

Mr. Dukert is optimistic that enough money will be donated for all of the 20,000 children on the welfare list.

WSCS presents play at meeting

Members of the North Baltimore District Woman's Society of Christian Service, staged a drama "If We Had Been Bethlehem" at the District meeting held at Edgewood Methodist Church, Lutherville, Md.

The Rev. Raymon White is pastor of the Edgewood - Greenspring Charge. Mrs. Viola C. Jackson, district president.

Contributions were made toward a project to help three needy families for Christmas within the district.

The participants on the Christmas program were: Marie Brown, Charlotte Copper, Alberta Fisher, soloist, Dorothy Hall, Elizabeth Hammond, Elizabeth McClomb, Lavinian Johnson, organist, Louise Seymour, Ruth Smith, Maude Smith, - Marie Hall, Nellie Diggs, president of Greenspring society and Marie Webb, president of Edgewood society.

Junior chess meet

The Tenth annual Maryland Junior Chess Championship Tournament will be held at the Howard Park Recreation Center, 4800 block Liberty Heights Ave., Dec. 26 - 27.

Sessions are scheduled 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. Entry fee for children under 13 is $1 and for players over 13 it is $1.50.

Send entries to Robert Erlen, care of the Howard Park Recreation Center.

Big Brothers

Over 150 children were greeted by Santa Claus at the Big Brothers Annual Christmas Party, held at the Baltimore Life Insurance Company.

Scott Hooten, magician, performed feats of magic, followed by a community song befor the arrival of Santa. Each child received a Toy and a stocking filled with candy. The Women's Auxiliary served refreshments.

Ladies' night

It'll be ladies' night at the Civic Center Saturday when the Bullets take on the Cincinnati Royals at 8 p.m.

Any woman accompanied by a paying gentleman will be admitted free.

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Md. Masons to mark annual St. John's Day

The Rev. Herbert O. Edwards, dynamic 34-year-old pastor of Trinity Baptist Church will deliver the message Sunday when Maryland Prince Hall Masons gather for the 118th annual obervance of St. John's Day.

More than 3,000 members of the craft are expected to fill the downstairs auditorium of the Willard Allen Masonic Temple for the program scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

The balcony will be open to the public.

An inspired speaker, the Rev. Mr. Edwards holds a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from Harvard University. He graduated with highest honors from Morgan State College in 1958.

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SINCE ASSUMING the pastorate at Trinity two years ago, he has been closely identified with the civil rights struggle, taking a leading role in a series of protests staged by the clergy.

He serves as vice president of the Maryland Council of Churches and is married to the former Helen Brown of Philadelphia, now a Baltimore social worker.

The couple has two sons, Herbert Jr., and Mark.

The service Sunday is expected to attract a number of outstanding guests, according to Samuel T. Daniels, grand master of Prince Hall Masons.

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IN ADDITION to the address by the Rev. Mr. Edwards, a number of musical selections, including the singing of William O'Mara, will be featured.

The Maryland Prince Hall Grand Lodge made big news recently with its announced pledge of $100,000 to the Provident Hospital drive. It was the largest single contribution made thus far.

The sum is to be paid over a five-year period, Mr. Daniels announced. There will be no admission to the program Sunday. The public is invited

AFRO MAGAZINE EDITOR, Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver Abney is shown putting final touches on Christmas decorations. Wax fruit, violets, forget-me-nots, white poinsettas and lilies of the valley are combined with pine cones, English and American holly and a rainbow of velvet, frosted and crystal yule tree balls.

Christmas blues

The Christmas music most familiar to Americans are the carols sung by ministrels and church congregations and the melodic, organ - accompanied anthems sung by choirs.

Advertisements, magazine covers and traditions usually portray a group of young people in a snowy scene, standing before a wreathed door, lips purkered in a symbolic noel.

There is another aspect to American Christmas music, an aspect more indigenous to America, perhaps, than the "First Noel," which has a French history; or "Silent Night, Holy Night," Austrian; or "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen," British.

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THIS AMERICAN tradition is the blues.

Noels, or Christmas carols are religious, festive and familiar. Because they are rooted in European history and religious fervor, they are want to be more religious in content than secular. In contrast, the blues are melancholic, plaintive and personal.

Most Christmas blues are earthy and about personal love.

Mrs. Marie Clapp, sales clerk in the Penn Record Shop, in the 1200 - block of Pennsylvania Ave., reported that music such as Charlie Brown's "Please Come for Christmas" and Nancy Wilson's new release "That's What I Want for Christmas" are very popular.

According to "Billboard" an industry - wide publication both records are in the top six, nationally, in Christmas music.

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ALTHOUGH the songs may be earthy, they are not materialistic. There is not a mentioning for trinkets and gifts, but for a strayed love.

The "that" in Nancy Wilson's blues song is love. Brook Benton sings "You're All I Want for Christmas."

Lesser known are the blues jazz albums of Christmas music such as Ramsey Lewis' "Sound of Christmas."

The album is a combination of traditional ("God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen") and contemporary ("Christmas Blues"). Christmas music in a modern jazz idiom.

In examining the 12 top Christmas singles in "Billboard" blues - based songs are more prominent than any other type.

Perhaps the reason is that blues are much more significant than traditional carols, much more personal and meaningful.

Certainly, the blues demand more — love me! — than traditional Christmas carols.

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ACCORDING TO a survey of local record shops, Baltimoreans are buying other Christmas music at a record pace.

Gimmick songs, such as "Rudolph the Red - Nosed Reindeer" and "The Chipmunk Song," both by David Seville and the Chipmunks, are retaining their popularity.

"White Christmas" by Andy Williams and Bing Crosby continues to lead in popularity. "Little Drummer Boy" by the Harry Simeone Chorale is a close second.

"Jingle Bell Rock" and "Jingo Jango" are still popular and setting new standards and tastes in Christmas music.

Handel's influencial "Messiah" probably the greatest and most enduring of all Christmas music is still extraordinarily popular.

Although it was written in the last century, it is awe - spiring.

Another popular classical number is "Gloria" by Vivaldi.

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RECORD SHOP OWNERS said that what is popular in Christmas music — whether it be blues, or classical, popular, or ballad — depends upon the neighborhood.

And, after Christmas, the greatest Yule season song created by Baltimoreans is "The Orioles' "What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?" — A blues based ballad, which was recorded more than a decade ago and is still popular.

DECEMBER 28

The Children's Theatre of Washington sponsored by the D.C. Recreation Department presents "Peter Pan" directed by James M. Barrie, Cramton Auditorium, 6th and Fairmont Sts., NW, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Chistmas Prayer

O God, through whose grace and mercy a baby is born in a stable has become a symbol of truth, love and right.

Revive for us the spirit of Christmas. Compel us, like wise men, to follow our stars.

Help us, like shepherds, adore the innocence of children and the love of mothtrs.

And finally, at the difficult points in our lives, let us hear angels sing. Amen.

—SNICK

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that efforts had been made to schedule a meeting with him or James Foreman, SNICK executive director, as in the case of the other top five organization heads.

President Johnson has seen in separate meetings at the White House the Rev. Martin L. King Jr., Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Whitney A. Young, National Urban League; Roy Wilkins National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; James Farmer, Congress of Racial Equality, and A. Philip Randolph, of the AFL-CIO and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

In a brief statement Mr. Lewis told the AFRO:

"We do not know why we were not extended an invitation to meet with President Johnson.

"We remain willing and eager at any time, however, to leave our work in the South to meet with him.

"Our workers in the rural areas of Georgia, Oklahoma, Mississippi and Arkansas look to the new President to provide strong leadership that will make President Kennedy's plans for democracy a reality in 1964.

"WE ARE confident that the new President will move forward with a strong program aimed at halting all forms of discrimination and brutality.

"Being a southerner himself, President Johnson knows the harassments and bigotry we face daily.

"We stand ready to offer our assistance at any time to help make the country a decent place in which to live."

Father injured; son, 11, held

An 11 - year - old boy who came to the aid of his mother early Thursday morning has been charged with stabbing his father in the back with a 6 inch dagger.

The victim, Lester Bromell Sr., 27, of the 2300 block of Callow Ave., was first admitted to Provident Hospital about 3 a.m. but was later transferred in satisfactory condition to University Hospital.

Police said the man's spinal column had been severed and his spinal cord damaged. They said the youngster had been awakened when he heard his father and mother having an argument.

Thomas Delaney, songwriter, dies

Thomas Henry Delaney, author of "Jazz Me Blues," will be buried Saturday following a 10 o'clock mass at the Arlington Ave. funeral home.

Mr. Delaney, 74-year - old songwriter and jazz musician died at home Sunday following his five-month illness. A native of Charleston, S.C., Mr. Delaney lived at 1424 Argyle Ave.

The author of the song which was written in New Orleans in 1921 said he was inspired to write the tune after a funeral procession passed his window.

Mr. Delaney been professionally as Tom Delaney, was married to blues singer Marjorie Wilson and they have lived in Baltimore since 1939.

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MR. AND MRS. HENRY A. SAMPSON, second from left, were married in Wayland Baptist Church, Baltimore, recently. Mrs. Sampson is the former Miss Lucinda Thompson. The wedding party, above, includes, left to right, Larry Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Sampson, Miss Louella Moore, Miss Patricia Harrill and George Caldwell.

Society holds Sunday luncheon

The Hospitals and Homes and Golden Cross Society of Ames Methodist Church, Carey and Baker Sts., held an appreciation luncheon, Sunday.

Honored at the affair were Mrs. Lantha Clark, Mrs. Sadie Medley, Mrs. Maude Dorsey, Robert Yates and Mrs. Edna Rawlings.

Committee members who sponsored the affair were Mrs. Mary Holly, president and co-chairman; Mrs. Ida H. Burke, assistant secretary; Mrs. Marie Williams, business manager, Mrs. Elizabeth Bristol; Mrs. Margie T. Brown.

Also, Miss Florence Carter, Miss Mildred Nelson; and Mesdames Hattie Coates, Bertha Dorsey, Mable Foster, Gladys Gray, Mary Montgomery, Esther Patton, Vera Smith, secretary; Alice Taylor and Pearl Walter.

Freedom concert set as benefit

Plans have been completed for the first in a series of "Freedom Concerts" which will benefit the Mississippi Rescue League and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Proceeds from the concerts will aid these organizations in their fight against poverty and discrimination in the South.

The first concert—a folkfest — will be held at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20, in Pierce Hall, All Souls Church, 15th and Harvard Sts., NW. Featured performer will be Donald Lech, Washington's most prominent folk singer. Appearing with him will be other local folk artists.

The Mississippi Rescue League is a non-profit organization composed largely of student volunteers whose principal activities are food, clothing, and fund-raising drives for the deprived Mississippi people.

Hobson challenges FHA and HHFA

"Dr. Robert Weaver evidently thinks you can measure racial discrimination in housing in terms of complaints received," Julius Hobson, local CORE director, told this week.

"But in housing, as well as employment, the number of complaints received is no index of the extent of the bias," he continued.

Hobson referred to a recent speech the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency Administrator made in Chicago. Weaver was quoted as saying resistance to President Kennedy's executive order affecting housing was negligible during the first year.

The CORE director said his organization was aware of numerous cases of open discrimination in housing, by both builders and people connected with FHA and HHFA.

He said CORE investigation has revealed that compliance with the Order is almost non-existent.

"A survey is the only method that works," Hobson said. "Sitting around waiting for complaints to come in won't tell much about the people who are still denied decent housing because their skins are black."

Hobson said for every complaint filed there were dozens of cases that are never reported. He blamed the situation on the lack of enforcement by the FHA and HHFA.

"We cannot wait any longer for the agencies to enforce this order," Hobson added.

"If they do not begin at once to enforce it, CORE will employ direct action to enforce the order."

HOBSON, WHO was found not guilty of unlawful entry charges in the D.C. Court of General Sessions on Monday in the Benjamin Franklin University also said that his organization would publicize housing developments with FHA commitments to let colored buyers know where they have a right to equal housing.

He said CORE would picket in protest when the FHA refuses to take effective preventive action against developments violating the order.

He said no hoped such actions would not be necessary and that the agencies involved would take steps to correct the abuse.

"We hope that the FHA, and HHFA, and the other housing agencies will begin to act like every other agency of the Federal Government—to do the job the President gave them—prevent racial discrimination in housing."

Youth critical after being struck by car

David L. Hunter, 13, who was struck by an automobile Tuesday evening, is still reported in critical condition in South Baltimore General Hospital.

The youth, of the 800 block Bethune Rd., remained unidentified for more than four hours following the accident which occurred at Potee St., near Reedbird Ave.

Charged with reckless driving is Mrs. Catherine Ann Hastings, 24, 2000 Larkhart Rd.

According to accident investigators Hunter is suffering from a fractured arm and internal injuries.

Jews celebrate anniversary of religious freedom

Wednesday was the last of an eight-day Jewish festival, Hanukah, which is generally a freedom of religion observance.

The observance marked the period which Israelite tribes defeated Syrian oppressors in order to worship their God, Yahweh, in freedom.

The lighting of candles have a special significance. The ancient Jews, after capturing a Syrian temple which later became a synagogue, were low on sacred oil to be keep an "eternal" flame burning.

THERE was enough oil only for 24 hours.

A messenger was sent on a trip which took eight days and eight nights to get more oil. Sontehow, the flame in the temple kept burning until the runner returned.

Hanukah, or Chanuka, as it is also spelled, also marked **the Hebrew date, Kislev 25, 5724.**

Kislev is the fourth month in the Jewish calendar.

Traditionally, gifts are exchanged during the lighting of the candles (usually nine candles) and a special food served during the occasion is potato pancakes, or latke.

WHAT'S A GUY TO DO—When it gets cold and snow begins to fall, as it did this week, a guy snuggles up in a coat — just as our four-legged friend is doing.

Miss Lucinda Thompson is married to Henry Sampson

Miss Lucinda Thompson became the bride of Henry Alexander Sampson in a ceremony in Wayland Baptist Church, here, recently.

The Rev. William W. Payne officiated.

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GIVEN IN marriage by her uncle, George Caldwell, Miss Thompson was attended by Miss Patricia Harrell as maid of honor. Miss Louella Moore was bridesmaid. Larry Dean was best man.

A reception following the ceremony was held in the Jaquars Lounge.

Mesjrs. and Mesdames Jerome Bowman, Joseph Sampson, George Sampson, James Richburg, William Johnson;

Mesdames Romana Smith, Rachel Sampson, Charles Totten, Yvonne Bright, Camille Jones, Maxine Grant, Mary Brown, Laura Franklin;

Misses Rose Morgan, Veronica Green, Deanie Green, Ethel Echols, Rinthia Bowman, Jill Jones, Gloria Washington of Washington, Gloria and Carolyn Waters of Phoenix;

Messrs. Willis of Washington, Arthur Thompson, Joseph Parker, John Compton and Samuel oliver.

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