Comedy, music highlight holiday drama offerings

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Live drama for adults and the young generation promises an exciting program this season. Opening the weekend of Friday, Dec. 2 and continuing Dec. 9 through 11 and 16 thru 18, The Arena Players are presenting Joan Kerr's comedy "Mary, Mary"; with Ed Terry as guest director.

On Dec. 23 there will be a special Children's Show Dec. subscriptions may be placed with Mrs. Ethel J. Day, 1122 N. Carrollton Ave. or Mrs Camilla M. Shéard, president of the Advisory Board. Samuel H. Wilson Jr. is managing director.

To lighten and brighten holiday spirits Center Stage, 11 East North Ave., will open Friday, Dec. 2 with a musical, "Lady Audley's Secret" Douglas Seale, who adapted the play from Mary Elizabeth Braddon's novel, will direct with James Brady in charge of the rich and colorful period costumes. Joan Larkey is designing the thrust stage into a little proscenium theatre.

John Kuntz, Center Stage business manager - playwright and composer George Goehring are responsible for the lyrics and songs. Zenaide Trigg handles the choreography. Music is to be directed by Thomas Conlin.

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GORDON BOOKER, on behalf of Center Stage board of directors, has announced the appointment of Peter W. Culman as executive director of the theatre.

Mr. Culman, who is an honor graduate of Williams College, has had extensive experience in the theatre in London and in New York, where he was associated with the Barter Theatre.

Through the local Bureau of Recreation, Children's Theatre Association recently conclude a plan for presenting to more than 10,000 children three plays in CTA's winter - spring calendar.

One beformance of each winter play and four summer performances by CTA's trailer - theatre "Showmobile" will be shown for culturally - deprived children in the public schools.

Children will be transported to the plays by the city under the direction of their teachers.

The winter plays, which will be shown in different school auditoriums, are financed through locally spent Federal funds, under the Elementary - Secondary Education Act, administered by Dr. N. Neubert Jaffa in cooperation with Dr. J. Marion Magil, director of music education in the public schools.

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THE CTA plan was arranged by Mrs. Patricia Potts, executive secretary and managing director, Lynns Autman. Three performances of "The Christmes Nightingale" will be given at City College Dec. 3.

Later groups will see "The Snow Queen" at Southern High March 11 and "The Plain Princess" at Lemmel Junior High April 22.

For public performances of the plays information may be obtained at Children's Theatre Association, 5 E. Centre St., 21202 or by telephoning 727-7080.

Methodists going to UN conference

Key leaders of the Baltimore Conference, The Methodist Church, will attend a United Nations' Seminar in New York City on Dec. 4, 5, and 6, sponsored by the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the conference.

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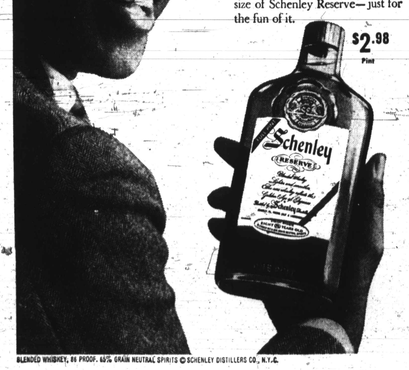

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MRS. ADAH K. JENKINS — TEACHER, PUPILS — Mrs. Jenkins, AFRO music critic and private tutor, views score of the "Messiah," with one of her students, Miss Judy Sands and a former student, Mr. Myers, director of the William O. Myers Chorale, which will be presented in concert Dec. 18 at the Morning Star Baptist Church.

MISS JUDY SANDS

WILLIAM O. MYERS

Miss Hansonia Caldwell, a "Jenkins product," and graduate of the Boston University of Music, is not shown.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Civic Opera benefits students; young prodigy star at Peabody

Bus loads of students from the elementary and secondary public schools attended "La Boheme" along with capacity audiences for the three performances at the Lyric at the Baltimore Civic Opera Company.

Under the chairmanship of Russell Wonderlic, with Fred Archibald, president, the company has successfully conducted annual programs of opera education in the local schools and colleges.

Among those assisting on the many committees are Dr. Martin Jenkins (board of directors) and Mrs. Margaret Armstrong from the music department of the public schools.

Puccini's opera, with its pathetic lovers, is full of the loveliest melodies with a lovelious orchestration. Gaetais Bardini, Met tenor, projected the leading male role of Rodoito, the poet, in real Italian bel canto tradition. Matching him in vocal achievements was Adriana Maliponto, as "Mimi."

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Playing the flirtious "Musetta," Ann DaVinci was gayly betwiching, while honors for the highly amusing characterization of the "Landlord" and the "Councilor" went to Lee Cass, bass, a native New Yorker and three times winner of the Marian Anderson award.

Dino Dindi and Jean Backer (formerly of Baltimore) baritones and Thomas Paul, bass, completed the highly capable cast.

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THE DELIGHTFUL boys' chorus from the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, with Kames Reynolds, as the toy vendor, were memorable in the colorful Latin Quarter street scene.

Under the direction of Anton Guadagno, the Baltimore Symphony made the most of the rich orchestration. Sets from Milan, Italy were highly effective, especially in the snow scene at the gates of Paris.

The season continues with "Tales of Hoffman," Feb. 3, 4 and 6 and "The Force of Destiny" on March 10, 11 and 13.

The piano concert given by Diane Walsh at the Peabody, under the auspices of the Baltimore Music Teachers Association, proved a rare demonstration by the 17 - year - old prodigy.

The slight young girl displayed an amazing technical prowess and mature interpretation far beyond her years. After hearing her performance of such a professional program, one could well appreciate the impressive list of awards and prizes she has garnered in her native New Jersey as well as in Buffalo and Rochester, N.Y., Washington and at Juilliard where she now attends.

The seven dances of the Bach "French Suite" (No. 5 in G) were forcefully contrasted, with admirable attention to the rhythmic patterns of the rapid movements. Her embellishments (trills, turns, etc.) were clear, yet unhurried so they in no way hindered her clear and sensitive tone quality.

Technical difficulties, such as abound in the Prokofieff "Sonata No. 2" seemed to present no difficulty as she encompassed the changes in style of the four movements with astonishing skill.

Although the "Largo" (very slow) of Chopin's "Sonata No. 3" seemed to elude the young pianist to some extent, the "Scherzo" and "Presto" were models of rapid brilliance.

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THE REFINED delicacy of Ravel's "Sonatine" with its impressionistic colors displayed Miss Walsh's ability in interpreting the French modern area. Here is indeed a talent that promises a highly successful artist for the future concert stage.

The concert was attended by A SRO audience which was most appreciative. The Association, which presents young artists at its annual concerts, is headed by Robert Fields.

Received from the Baltimore City Ballet Company, of which Danny Diamond is artistic director, announcement of the membership drive was made.

Richard Rymland, president, is urging support for its program which will provide our community with a resident company of full-time professional dancers, a full-time artistic administrative staff with a comprehensive educational program and a full-scale ballet season.

The organization is a civic, non-profit, intercultural one, for which contributions are tax deductible.

Contribution List: subscriber — $5; patron, $10; honorary patron $25; benefactor $50; honorary benefactor $100 and up; founder $500 and up.

The Baltimore City Ballet Company is located at 2301 Hollins Street, 23.

CALENDAR: Saturday, Nov. 26, "Opera Night" at the Lyric in the Saturday Concert Series, conducted by Elyakim Shapira, with Margaret Kahl, soprano, Louis Roney, tenor, both of the Metropolitan Opera and Fague Springmann, baritone, conductor of the University of Maryland Choir.

Thursday, Dec. 1, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, with Kalman Banyak, violinist, conducted by Peter H. Adler and presented by the Northeast Symphony Society.

Subscriptions for this and the remaining two concerts of the series may be made by calling Mrs. Catherine Adams, CL. 4-1941 or H. Flynn JD.

Sunday, Nov. 27, 4 p.m. in the Peabody Concert Hall, the Peabody Junior Conservatory Camp Concert. No Charge.

The Krausshar Auditorium, Goucher College, Agi Rado, pianist and winner of the Hungarian Chopin Competition in 1949.

Sunday, Dec. 11, p.m. at Union Memorial Methodist Church, Warwick and Harlem Aves., Pearl Williams Jones, concert soloist of Philadelphia, presented by "The Commission on Missions," Mrs. Mary E. Hawkins, president.

"Annie Get Your Gun," musical, J. Millard Tawes Fine Arts Center, University of Maryland in College Park, 8:15 p.m. Dec. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 2:15 p.m. matinee, Dec. 11.

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Ga. anti-sign ordinance draws NAACP's ire

DECATUR, Ga.—The Decatur city government has received a complaint from the DeKalb County branch of the NAACP over the home sign ban ordinance, claiming that it "is unconstitutional on its face, representing an arbitrary and unreasonable use of the city's police powers."

The new ordinance forbids both "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs on homes in Decatur.

To the NAACP this means that "the timing of the ordinance suggests racial overtones coming at the time when colored citizens are moving into previously all - white areas of the city.

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"THIS ACTION has shades of similarities to action by the City of Atlanta in prohibiting persons from moving at night' during the transitional period in the Kirkwood section of Atlanta," the complaint said.

But Decatur's mayor pro tem, Mrs. Howard Leverett, states that the anti-sign ordinance has nothing to do with race but is concerned solely with the city's "beautification" program.

About 80 persons or firms were ordered to remove signs that had been posted in residential sections of the city. All complied.

City Manager John Markland said of the ordinance: "We received ten letters today and only one was a protest. However, telephone calls, mostly anonymous, are more against it than for it."

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OFFICE MACHINE REPAIR — Johnny McCrary [illegible]; Birmingham, Ala.; and James Anderson, [illegible], Vicksburg, Miss., work on typewriter. Both have been in Job Corps two months. Course includes training for adding machines, mimeographs, and most office equipment.

AFRO visits N.J. Job Corps camp

BY STERLING A. PAIGE

James Anderson is 18. From Vicksburg, Miss.; he made it to the 9th grade before he quit school two years ago.

Opportunities for young fellows of his race were never too good in Mississippi.

And James didn't really know how to do very much, but he tried.

Things just did not work out as he more or less stumbled from one thing to another.

Things were tough.

Today James is busy studying math and reading and a few other subjects so he can take the high school equivalency exam.

He hopes to make it and be awarded the certificate. He probably will, the way he studies.

Equally important, James is still into a course that is training him to repair office machines.

I watched him taking a typewriter apart and put it the pieces and put them back together.

This was at Camp Kilmer, N.J. James has been there 2 months.

It's little more than a year now since James heard about the Job Corps and joined.

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HE IS now one of the some 1200 youths from 45 states at the Camp Kilmer Job Corps Training Center.

Approximately 67 Baltimore youths are in training there. Most of them, like James, dropped out of school for various reasons.

Again like James, they found out good jobs don't come easy for boys with little education and no skills.

Even skills, in this modern age require more schooling, the ability to read and interpret, apply mathematics and write legibly.

In the Job Corps the youths' time is divided into two parts - one for academic training, the other for vocational training.

The AFRO spent a day at Camp Kilmer to observe the Corpsmen and talk with them.

Most of the buildings there were old army barracks. Others were administration buildings now used for classrooms.

The Center has accommodations for 2500 boys and is now only half filled.

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EFFORTS ARE being made now to recruit more youths to bring Kilmer up to its capacity.

Job Corps was established under the Office of Economic Opportunity, commonly called the Anti-Poverty Program.

Corpsmen live in the barracks - 4 to a room, 64 to each two-wing dormitory.

They do their own housekeeping and are responsible, for keeping their clothes clean.

At Kilmer they have formed their own student government to cope with problems of morale, discipline and the like, common wherever groups live together.

Among the "B - more Boys", as they call themselves, was James Brown Jr., 1210 McElderry Ct.

Brown completed the 9th grade at Dunbar High. In the Job Corps 9 months, he spent most of the time in Michigan and Indiana before coming to Kilmer 2 months ago.

"Job Corps is all right if you want to make a future for yourself," Brown said.

"I dropped out of school and found out I couldn't make it with what I had.

"This is a last chance," added the 18-year-old.

In addition to his academic studies, Brown attends the Transportation School and is learning to drive small trucks, large trucks, tractor-trailers; "then I will take the separate course in bus driving".

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JEROME THOMAS, now 21, dropped out in the 11th grade at School 453. He lived with his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, at 125 Colvin St.

In the Job Corps 5 months, Jerome is learning to cook - will probably have a job waiting even before he graduates in February.

"I have learned a lot since I have been here," he said. "It is making possible a good future for me."

Jerome is chairman of public relations of the Student Government and has matured greatly since the Job Corps.

He expects to be placed as a Kitchen Supervisor at University Hospital when he leaves Kilmer.

FURTHER MACHINISTS — Elmer Brown (left), 21, 136 S. Kossuth St.; and Reginald Scott, 20, 3716 Ferndale Ave., study for the machinist trade. Brown is former Carver student, Scott attended School 432.

BETWEEN CLASSES and meals, trainees have snack bar to patronize. David Maxwell, 17, of 690 Pierce St., makes purchase from cashier Evelyn Miller, of High and Park, N. J. David is former School 451 student. In Job Corps 6 months he is training for service station operation and mechanics.

Fifth graders visit AFRO

The fifth grade class of John H. Murphy Elementary School No. 9 visited the AFRO on Monday.

Their school is named for the founder of the AFRO, which marks its 75th anniversary next year.

Accompanying the children was their teacher, Charles Robertson.

The children who visited were:

Deborah Fields, Delores Monroe, Vanessa Sanders, Anita Edmonds, Charlene Tisdale.

Paulette Hicks, Kim Andrews, Helena Bryant, Wyhilda Townsend, Lindell Miller, Sharon Wiggins, Sandra Pride.

Also, Deborah Claiborne, Brenda Allen, Terry James, Tyrone Wells, Theodore Jackson, Larry Harris.

Michael Clark, Tyrone Freeland, William Yarborough, William Stephens, Carlester Henderson, Randolph Artis and Romaine Woods.

THE FIFTH grade class of John H. Murphy Elementary School No. 119, recently visited the AFRO, along with their teacher, Charles Roberton.

Ex-institute students back for MSC visit

Six former scholars in the Institute for Political Education at Morgan State College, who are now engaged in work directly related to their training, were guests of the Institute Tuesday.

Four of the former scholars are in law or graduate school and four also are working for congressmen or senators.

The former scholars are:

Miss Barbara Bowman, Howard University Graduate School who is working in the office of Congressman John Conyers of Michigan; Robert Penn, Howard Law School, assistant to Sen. Robert Kennedy:

William Blakey, Howard Law School, assistant to Sen. Daniel Brewster of Maryland; Clifton W. Henry, associate campaign director for Cong. Carlton R. Sickles, Maryland:

And Miss Ruth Banks, Howard Law School, and Miss Angella Current, deputy assistant in the office of the Philadelphia Anti - Poverty Program, The North City Congress.

Dedmond named

Dr. Frederick H. Dedmond chairman of the Department of Modern Languages at Morgan State College, has been appointed to membership on the Board of Directors of the Southern Fellowship Fund, Inc.

Teacher probing 'positive' side of adoption problem

A public school teacher, who is concerned with the comparatively slow adoption of colored children, has launched a project which she, is convinced, will bring future improvements.

Mrs. Evelyn P. Valentine, chairman of the Home Economics Department at School No. 56, is operating from a point of strength.

A graduate of North Carolina State College in Durham, Mrs. Valentine, a mother of three — two adopted — is currently working on her master's degree at the University of Maryland.

Her thesis will deal with the subject: "Why Colored Couples Adopt Children."

"There is a wealth of material dealing with the negative aspect," the native of Beaufort (N.C.) said, "but no one has done any studies on the positive side."

Mrs. Valentine and her husband, Oliver C. Valentine live with their children — Evelena 4, and Timothy, 13— at 1012 J St., Sparrows Point.

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IN COMPILING data for her thesis, Mrs. Valentine, with the co-operation of the College of Home Economics at the University of Maryland and adoption agencies, plans to interview 25 couples who are parents of adopted children.

"I feel this material will be valuable in countering fears and apprehensions many couples hold toward adoption," she said.

"I have a bit of personal experience as to the advantages of adopting children," she pointed out, adding:

"My son is adopted and as soon as Uncle Sam releases his brother, we are going to adopt him," the pert teacher said.

Practical nurses back $5,500 wage

Maryland's Licensed Practical Nurses Association went on record favoring a $5,500 minimum wage for licensed practical nurses during their recent convention in Baltimore.

A resolution to this effect was adopted earlier at the convention of the national federation of licensed practical nurses.

Public School menus have variety of foods

Public school menus for elementary and secondary schools for the week of Dec. 5, feature a variety of foods — meats, sandwiches and desserts.

The menus follow:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

MONDAY: Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Pizza Grill, French Fried Potatoes, Green Beans and Tomatoes, Apricots, ½ Pt. Milk, or Tomato Rice Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Green Beans, Apricots, ½ Pt. Milk.

TUESDAY: Salisbury Steak w/ Onion Gravy, Cheese Topped Potatoes, Steamed Cabbage, Roll and Butter, Chocolate Cup Cake, ½ Pt. Milk.

or Hot Turkey Sandwich, Whipped Potatoes, Sauerkraut or, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll and Butter, Fruit Jello and Peanut Butter Cookies, ½ Pt. Milk.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey or Chicken Square with Gravy or Hot Turkey Sanwich, Whipped Potatoes, Sauerkraut or Stewed Tomatoes, Roll and Butter, Fruit Jello and Peanut Butter Cookies, ½ Pt. Milk.

THURSDAY: Barbecue on Roll, Oven Browned Potatoes, Glazed Carrots or Buttered Green Beans, Cheese Apple Crisp, ½ Pt. Milk.

FRIDAY: Coffin Cakes w/ Catsup or Barbecue, Spanish Rice w/ Cheese Topping, Buttered Green Peas or Slaw, Crispy Cornbread and Butter, Sliced Peaches, ½ Pt Milk.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS: MONDAY: Grilled French Fried Potatoes, Students Choice of: Green Beans and Tomatoes, Spinach in Sauce, Apricots, ½ Pt. Milk.

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N O V

AFRO ROVING REPORTER

'Grand,' says mother of two of her job at Schmidt Bakery

By STERLING PAIGE

This week the AFRO Roving Reporter met an attractive youthful - looking mother of two, Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry.

Mrs. Cherry is a clerk in the business office of the Schmidt Baking Co., Carey and Laurens Sts.

Four years ago Mrs. Cherry was hired by the Schmidt Baking Company to work in their surplus store on Carey St.

Her interest in the job, plus the intense ambitions she displayed, soon came to the attention of management.

Two years ago Mrs. Cherry was promoted to the company office where she is considered a good worker.

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MRS. CHERRY is one of a staff of eight in the Schmidt office.

"They are a nice group to work with," she said.

Her time is spent in a variety of functions, including typing, billing, filing, handling phone calls and operating office machines.

"My job is just grand," Mrs. Cherry said. "This company gives its workers the opportunity to advance according to their abilities."

HER HUSBAND, Linwood, has been employed in the Maintenance Department of the Arundel Corp. for eight years.

The Cherrys live at 83 Bond Ave., in Reisterstown.

They are members of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Fremont Ave. and Saratoga St.

Their children, Linwood Jr., 11; Verlon, 9; Lavora, 6, are pupils at Franklin Elementary School, Reisterstown.

NOV. 26

"The Heart is Highland," "Pipers and A," and "On The Twelfth Day," films at Pratt Library's Hollins - Payson Branch, 7:30 p.m.

NOV. 27

Back To God Hour, featuring the Young Adult Choir of Metropolitan Baptist Church will be held at Faith Baptist Church, Bond and Ashland Ave. at 7:30 p.m.

MORE BREAD seemed to be the question put to Emmanuel Thurman by School 26 PTA president Daniel Bell Jr. as teacher, Miss Barbara Harris, helps out Verna Berry. Occasion was Thanksgiving feast at the school Wednesday for kindergarten pupils.

TURKEY HELP - Estimated 135 kindergarten pupils at Madison Elementary School 26 enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner made possible by parents on Wednesday. Here Mrs. Nannie Miles of 1605 Biddle helps son, Michael, Mak[illegible] out on their own are Linda Fleming, left, and Reta White.

OFFICE CHARM — Mrs. Elizabeth Cherry (standing) is a clerk in the office of the Schmidt Baking Company. With her is Mrs. S. Madeline Appler (left), office manager, and Mrs. Bessie R. Sullivan, statistical clerk.