"Let us not seek to satisfy our thirst for freedom by drinking from the cup of hate and bitterness"—MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

The Afro-American

May we let our light so shine that it will illuminate that which is good and beautiful and magnify our Father which is in heaven. May we stand strong and firm against despair, falsehood, rudeness, hatred, pessimism and prejudice.—Carl Murphy, Editor-Publisher—1889-1967

The Nativity

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

2. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.

3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David)

5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God, and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

Search For Peace, Goodwill

It is the season of worship, joy, peace, gift-giving and goodwill to all men.

To much of the world the season is called Christmas.

But whatever the observance, its meaning of peace and goodwill toward all men has come to be held in high regard the world over.

If only the star of Bethlehem would but shine about the heads of the men who search for peace in Paris.

So that pain and anguish and death would not continue for men, women and children in Vietnam.

So that men would not feel disposed to haggle over seats at a table while the massacre commences.

It is the season when men of goodwill cry out for humans here and abroad, from Nigeria to Mississippi, who cannot in joy and peace observe this holiest of holidays.

Another Nixon Mistake

The first thing President-elect Nixon is going to discover about credibility gaps is that they don't go away just because you say they are not there.

His first major appointments have produced a credibility gap about his intentions to move Americans "forward together," his latest theme.

Despite the view of the majority press of the nation that his cabinet is moderate and his selections thus far suggest new attentions to the problems of the cities and minorities, it simply isn't so in the view of minorities and big-city residents.

Nixon's decision to hang on to J. Edgar Hoover as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was another tip-off about his true thinking and intentions.

Just as Mr. Nixon during the campaign had to be shamed into adding "justice" to his demands for "law and order" in the country, so we have heard in recent weeks from J. Edgar that "justice is incidental to law and order."

But that's not all. J. Edgar thought Mayor Daley and his Chicago police handled things just the way they could have been taken care of during the Democratic Convention.

Despite many enlightened reports, we have not seen J. Edgar criticizing policemen for some of their excesses in big-city riots.

Sometimes it appears J. Edgar is more interested in searching for ways to blame the courts and parents for the rising crime rate than in fighting for more, better trained policemen.

One reason for this might be that he is too old for the job he holds.

The compulsory retirement age is 65 and yet Presidents have been waiving this rule year after year to keep him on. He's now 73, almost 74..

Maybe its his age that causes him to dispute attorneys general when he chooses, take sides in political campaigns, refer to the late Dr. Martin Luther King as the greatest liar ever, meddle in things like the Soviet-American consular treaty and keep putting out crime reports that don't indicate he's doing the job someone else might better do in his position.

The sad thing is that much of the good Mr. Hoover has done stands to be lost as he bumbles and stumbles along in his old age like a fighter who never had the good sense to step down.

Sadder still is Mr. Nixon's failure to see that it is time for a change at the top in the FBI.

Georgia Harassment

What has been taking place in Worth County, Ga. is harassment of the most despicable type, perpetrated by officials doing their best to circumvent the school desegregation laws of the land.

Only shameless, superior feeling, cowardly type officials with little respect for human beings of another race would take part in the business of having deputy sheriffs haul young children from school to juvenile detention centers under the circumstances.

So callous were they that they did not feel it necessary to advise the parents of the two children where they were and 24 hours reportedly went by before this was determined.

The game still was played to the point where it took several days for the parents to be able to see their children.

Officials claim the 14-year-old girl used obscene language. We have not seen their answers to the child's charges that white school mates hurled racial epithets at them. None was failed.

Officials claim the 11-year-old struck another youngster on a bus and refused to stay in a seat assigned him by the bus driver. We have yet to see replies to the charges that any blow passed was in return for another and that white students were not forced to use special bus seats. None was arrested.

It still is not satisfactorily explained why school officials did not send the children home and handle the matter as other disciplinary matters are remedied, in consultation and cooperation with the involved parents.

The investigation demanded by Congressman Charles Diggs should be taken and whatever action the findings indicate applied.

Worth County and four other southwest Georgia counties have decided to give up on full school desegregation for now, expecting to get a chance to avoid this "law and order" court ruling under the Nixon Administration.

President-elect Nixon should take a hard look at this disgusting and dangerous development.

He is in large measure responsible for it.

For a successful lawyer, his campaign positions on how firmly federal agencies should pursue the lawful desegregation of schools were misleadingly vague.

As a result, millions of people on both sides of this soul searing racial issue, no longer know where the government stands.

Those who don't want to obey the court ruling look to President Nixon to save their hides.

It can't be done.

Mr. Nixon has spoken out on his peace positions, gold and the dollar and other issues of importance since his election.

He should not wait until after Jan. 20 to clarify his position on school desegregation and how the federal agencies are to enforce compliance.

Dec. 20, 1968

'Said He Couldn't Wait Around While We Haggle Over Our Seats'

Wilkins Speaks

By Roy Wilkins

Cabinet, Congress Must Be Watched

The principal task of colored citizens in the Nixon administration will be to keep a close eye on the Congress and, at the same time, to watch the performance of those cabinet members whose duties directly affect the fortunes of the black minority.

If one looks at cabinet appointments, narrowly and inaccurately, as rewards for support of the candidate, the failure of Mr. Nixon to appoint a non-white is not a disapointment. But in the light of the No. 1 domestic task, the equitable readjustments between the races, the failure is definitely a disappointment.

ROY WILKINS

From some black quarters has come the usual cry that single appointments to high office are no substitute for improving the welfare of the millions. The fact remains, however, that one non-white who helps formulate final legal decisions and one who helps administer the departments of government are policy shapers whose acts influence American life at its roots.

In failing to find one non-white out of 22 million who could discharge cabinet duty with talent and honor, Mr. Nixon has supported, unwittingly perhaps, the separatist wail that it is not possible today, short of a black state, for colored Americans to secure proper recognition.

What matters now is whether the men named are likely to discharge their duties with due attention to the needs of black citizens.

Questions for HEW

It should be said that, on paper, the one least likely to understand the colored situation is John N. Mitchell, the new attorney general. The administration of justice is an area where the non-white in past decades has taken a terrible beating. Mr. Mitchell, without question, is concerned with the law, but it is hard for the average white or black American to see how a Wall Street lawyer can appreciate the police and courtroom hocus-pocus which snuffs out the liberties and lives of many hapless citizens each year.

Will the Department of Justice, as it has in recent years, continue to take affirmative action in the courts in enforcing the provisions of the civil rights legislation now on the books? Will it allow HEW school complaints and fair employment practice complaints to lie neglected in its files? Will it press prosecution in criminal cases?

Governor George Romney as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is likely to bring from Michigan a devotion to fair housing. This is an area where black people hurt and Romney could help them. Aid can come, too, from George P. Shultz, the new Secretary of Labor, on training programs, apprenticeship practices, the wage-rich construction projects and the rescue of hard-core so-called unemployables.

Colored citizens have the record and action of Robert McNamara before them when he was boss of the biggest slice of the national budget—that for defense. The new secretary, Melvin R. Laird, can contribute vastly improve training, employment, housing, education and the citizenship status of black Americans by his execution of the policies of the huge Department of Defense.

Areas to watch

It is upon Robert H. Fisch, the new Secretary for Health, Education and Welfare, that most black eyes will be fixed. The functions of Mr. Finch's department touch vital facets of colored life. Will he soften the school desegregation guidelines, turn his back while directives are ignored and leave public education (in the Nixon language) to localities? What will he do about health services and hospitals? How will he handle public welfare?

Will the Urban Affairs Council, under Dr. Daniel P. Moynihan, improve our cities, most of which now have black cores?

When these questions are joined to the supremely important one of the course of Congress, they give colored citizens and their friends a continuous and complicated four-year task.

Strength For These Days From The Bible

All things are possible to him that believeth. (Mark 9:23).

AFRO READERS SAY

I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it — Voltaire on Helvetius

Freedom Of Choice Said Illegal

Bowling Green, Va. — The following letter was sent to P. T. Atkinson, Caroline County superintendent of education and the school board Dec. 3.

It is significant that neither of the local papers to which copies were delivered has yet see fit to publish it.

Atkinson declared in a news story that the county would keep its "freedom of choice" plan, despite an NAACP suit to desegregate, because its operation has "indicated the wishes of the colored community." Now our letter:

We the presidents of the Parent-Teacher Associations of Union High and Union, Madison and Dawn elementary schools, question the source of parent and colored opinions in your press release, last week regarding desegregation of Caroline County schools.

No school board official has approached us, the PTA, or any committee to get the thinking of parents, and as far as we have been able to determine, your action has not been the desire of those parents of the PTAs we preside over. These PTAs represent over 58 per cent of Caroline County's school population.

As presidents of the above PTAs, we do not consider your use of the 117 colored pupils attending previously all-white schools as a valid reason for your action. We believe that you are responsible for seeing that the public school system of Caroline County is operated according to the laws of our land as interpreted by the highest courts. To exemplify anything short of a law-abiding attitude is a disgrace to the county at large and a had example to display to our children.

If we are to expect our children to respect the laws of the land, we must, as adults, set the example. We do not condone the attitude of being forced by a judge to do what we know is to be done. If this were followed by our population as a whole, we would have a complete breakdown of orderly society.

The courts have said, "desegregate", and it is our opinion that the responsibility is yours to so constitute the school population of Caroline County that it be desegregated.

You have no right to ask a parent or child if they desire to obey the law or not.

To develop a healthy community which will face up to its responsibilities, we urge you to reinstitute this action and come forth with an honorable desegregation plan.

Don't let our county be labeled incompetent to handle its own affairs. And above all, show us that you, too, are law-abiding.

A. L. JACKSON
OLIVER FORTUNE
Union Elementary
(Mrs.) EVELYN JONES
Madison Elementary
G. GWATHNEY
Dawn Elementary

Keep Cheyney Buses Black

Glassboro, N. J. — This letter was sent recently to Dr. Wade Wilson, president of Cheyney State College.

According to various news stories, you are seeking Red Arrow bus service between Cheyney State and Philadelphia to replace Bell's Bus Service, which you deem inadequate and inefficient.

I wonder why you, a colored man, wish to do this to Mr. George Bell, another colored man, and give this business to a white corporation.

Bell's buses have served our church almost since the company's inception. Until revenues fell below operating costs, it served the town of Glassboro. Since then, charter work has greatly increased.

In this area, we consider Bell a successful businessman.

According to a newcast, there are 1,000 daily commuters between Philadelphia and Cheyney. At that rate, it is hard to believe Bell could not improve service to the standard required. If additional service is needed, why not let a colored-owned company provide it to a colored college.

In this era of black awareness, it is a truly sad day when educated colored folk prefer a large white corporation to a small black company.

(Mrs.) ROSALIE YOUNG

What Can You Expect?

Charlotte — The preponderance of injustices inflicted upon the black people in this country by whites have created the Stokely Carmichaels, the Rap Browns, the Black Panthers and others. Every black man in this country has been affected by this inhumaneness in some way, so what else can you expect?

The Kennedys and Martin Luther King tried to warn white America about its racist attitude and look what happened to them. They offered solutions but their voices were hushed in death, which destroyed much of the hope they held for the black people.

So the advocates of violence are saying the only way now to deal with a racist people is to use the same weapons they use, only use them to defend the black people. This is what is so frightening. It bears out the scripture reference that the "sins" of the fathers shall be visited upon the children in the third and fourth generations.

Unless there is a radical change to reestablish the confidence of the black people, the breech will continue to get wider and wider until things become explosive. I don't believe that we should operate on the brink of disaster when we have all of the resources that we need to bring about changes that will enable all the people, black and white, to walk this earth in dignity.

I cannot overemphasize the point that white racism is the culprit that is causing all of the problems in our society today. The Rap Browns and the Stokely Carmichaels are simply a reaction to the fact.

REV. E. J. MOORE

Misquoted

I didn't say she was brown
And shaped very well,
I said she was round
And shaped like a bell.
I didn't say she had class
That made my heart turn,
I said that she had gas
And heartburn.
I didn't say she was a dresser
And a fine homemaker,
I said she was a presser
And a faker.
I didn't say she was a fine host,
Most discreet and elegant,
I said her feet was the most,
Just like an elephant.
I didn't say she was shy
And adorably chic,
I said she was sly
And tried to be slick.
So I appeal to you
To lend me an ear.
For you seem to undo
The things that you hear.

The Weather

Dec. 23 — unsettled
Dec. 26, 27, 28 — cold rain or snow
Dec. 29, 30, 31 — cold and high wind

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Sat., Dec. 28	7:21 a.m.	4:42 p.m.	
Sun., Dec. 29	7:21 a.m.	4:43 p.m.	
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Holidays and Holydays

Dec. 25—Christmas Day

United Nation's Report

By Charles P. Howard

Africans Must Unite To Gain 'Economic Freedom'

UNITED NATIONS — The tragedy of a lack of "unity government" in Africa demonstrated itself again here in the United Nations General Assembly last week.

The assembly rejected a recommendation that would have had the effect of suspending South Africa's membership in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The recommendation, in the form of a draft resolution adopted by the Economic and Financial Committee, failed after the assembly voted to uphold a ruling of the President, Emilio Arenales of Guatemala, that it dealt with an "important question" and therefore required a two-thirds majority for adoption.

The vote on the ruling was 55 in favor to 33 against with 28 abstentions.

Voting in favor of the President's ruling that the question required a two-thirds vote for passage were the African countries of Botswana, Central African Republic, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius and Swaziland.

Absent and not voting were the African countries of Chad, Gambia and Ivory Coast.

The U.S., Britain and France, the major colonial powers in the world today, voted with South Africa and against the views of the overwhelming majority of the African countries.

Here was an open and shut question of opposing apartheid and doing something about it besides talking.

In spite of all their double talk, those people who believe black Africans are human beings and are entitled to human treatment in their own homelands had a chance to put words into action.

They didn't, therefore what they say doesn't matter. Nobody cares about their beautiful speeches.

Nobody in the world can equal the colonial powers at justifying their denial of justice and equality of black men. And no men in the world can understand these countries "mistreating" black men as much as some black men.

If there is anything in the world I hate it is an "understanding black man." He can understand why white people don't give justice to black people, "they aren't ready yet," he says.

It is this same thinking that led Malawi, Botswana, Central African Republic, Haiti, Lesotho, Mauritius and Swaziland to vote in favor of South Africa, and let Chad, Gambia, Ivory Coast and Madagascar be absent at so important a time.

They should have been there, South Africa was there, Britain, the U.S. and Portugal were there.

All of this illustrates one point and that is, if anything is going to be done to attain African freedom, justice and human dignity, its got to be done by Africans themselves. Nobody is going to do it for them.

The socialist countries also abstained.

When it is in the interest of Russia and the socialist countries to support African causes, they will do it. When it is not in their interest to do so, they won't.

Why should they? The U.S. doesn't do it, or Britain.

An African leader, Kwame Nkrumah, long ago laid down the only line. He said: "Until all Africa is free, none of it will be free.

"African freedom can only be attained thru African unity; an African unity government directing it all can give political orientation to the economy of Africa, thus bringing economic freedom to all African countries. The only kind of freedom that means anything."

White hunter Agnew? (down)

Cambridge, Mass. — The Congressional investigation of automobile repair shops is long overdue. One can only hope that it will lead to state licensing of auto mechanics. Should not the mechanics, whose job it is to keep cars in safe condition, be licensed?

Ralph Nader has demonstrated that poorly manufactured cars cause death on the highways. Who can say how much highway slaughter can be blamed on mechanics's negligence?

RICHARD GOODMAN

Thoughts Of The Founder

The number of resolutions that will be made next week will be equalled by the number of those which will be broken in the weeks to follow.

John H. Murphy Sr.
Dec. 20, 1968

THE NEW GENERATION:

ABEL breakthrough aids black technology growth

DORIS SMALLS BRIGHT

Hello Baltimore!

Isn't it wonderful to be living, witnessing this bright new day in the era of the black man?

Twenty years ago, five years ago, even one year ago, how many of us thoughts of black men would've dared entertain thoughts of black—men going to high finance establishments seeking amounts upward of $15000 to launch their own businesses?

How many succeeded in getting the requested amount rather than 150.000 laughs as they walked away from the bank?

Not many.

Well, that day is here. It's happened in Baltimore.

Three young black men, Alvin Pierce, 38, Benjamin Randall, 32, are co-stars in adra ma freely sprinkled with hope, fear, anxiety, frustration, and disappointment which finally culminated ina successful Act I ending.

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Now the curtain rises on Act II and the entire Medical Technology field waits breathlessly to see how their adventure will end.

It's one thing for three black men to get started in a business; it's something else again to keep it from going under.

As a matter of fact, it will take many objective people, — closing their eyes to color and opening their hearts and minds to a nonpartisan evaluation of ability — to keep this business going.

Black entrepreneurs in the field of clinical laboratory work is innnovation in our way of life.

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How did this come about? It was almost purely by chance, coincidental.

Neither man knew the other until each met in the new Sinai Hospital laboratories. Though each had beenworking at Sinai intermittenily over a period of 15 years. As for Ben Randall, who was a full-time high school science teacher, accepting the part-time one night a week, (Sunday night, atha t) the job was a hopeful gamble that he might be offered additional night lab work and soon.

One night the three happened to be working together. While putting the right stickers on the right tubes they started talking about a variety of subjects.

The topic of investments came up. Immediately they realized there was one thing they had in common, a burning desire to be their own man, own their own business.

An investment group which included Dr. Eugene Holmes was founded and with an initial $5 per man, a bank account opened.

Then each began searching for a project which could pave the way for future investment.

Many months passed during which negotiations with the big TV manufacturers forsets to place on a rental basis in hospitals fell through. So did other good leads.

As time went on, two of the group went to new jobs. Mr. Wilson went to Ft. Meade, Mr. Pierce to Provident.

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Then the offer, which was beyond their wildest expectations, came. At Provident Mr. Pierce had been chief technologist. The noted local physican, Dr. Emerson Walden was familiar with the high calibar of work done by Mr. Pierce at Provident.

One day Dr. Walden stopped Mr. Pierce and asked, would you be interested in owning your own lab?"

The physician explained that he was a member of a group of doctors called Medic Associates. Their project (the securing of $200 Edmondson Ave. for a medical and professional building) was in the talking stage.

There would be four doctors (Drs. N. Alan Harris, John H. Holmes, third, Thomas W. Harris and percival Smith).

Also two dentists (Dr. Billy D. Davis and Robert M. Phillips) a pharmacy and their laboratory, if they were interested.

Three months later 4200 Edmondson Ave. was a reality for Medic Associates who later accepted ABEL Laboratories not just as leses, but owners.

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Getting the money to make ABEL Laboratories was the hard part. Says Mr. Pierce, "We had to, other than being black, prove a history of being deprived to get a Small Business Administration Loan.

"That meant all the old hurt had to be dragged out and aired. My father had been a teacher in the South. He'd also owned a small store.

"Somebody in the neighborhood had begun stealing from him and various other persons. No one could hire a private detective in those days.

"So to protect their property they learned how to rig up a shotgun so the trigger would snap if the door was opened in the wrong way.

"Dad set one.

It blasted the local white policeman who'd been doing the stealing. They tried to lynch Dad. By pooling its resources, the family managed to get him out of Virginia.

He came to Baltimore. He tried to own and manage his own store. Things got so bad, we had to do on welfare. I had to to the welfare and get a record, proving our need."

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Ben Randall, the teacher-laboratory technician, although not a specialist, who can work in all areas of the laboratory, says it took one and one half years to get their project off the ground.

Why? Because that kind of money is hard to secure and being black made it harder.

The group had to have two settlements. After being turned down by several lending institutions, the one that agreed to accept them took a commitment (promised to lend enough to pay off the mortgage on the building and remodel it, but the building had to be remodeled before they'd get the money.)

So they had to seek interim financing. Incidently the Council of Ewual Business Opportunity (CEBO) played an important role too.

Samuel T. Daniels deputy director, and Willie Williams guided them to the proper sources to implement their plans.

"The entire purpose of all in our building," explains Mr. Randall, "is to improve the medical services available in the black community, something that has been lacking for years.

"Not only that, the personnel working with us make our lab an asset to the black community.

"To establish a clinical lab is hard. People in it must be specialists in their area and the lab must be under the control of a pathologist.

"We have as our director the only black pathologist in the state of Maryland, Dr. Marvin Jackson of Howard University, who was recently granted his medical license to practice in the state.

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Going a step further, Mr. Wilson clarified the role of ABEL Laboratory in the evolution of the black man in the field of medical laboratories. "The people who will be working with us have been traditionally denied accessibility to positions higher than that of technicians due to color and discrimination.

"They have been assigned roles as technicians in hospitals in which white high school students were given comparable jobs and salaries. In many cases black technicians held college degrees which their white counterparts held only a high school diploma.

"They had to take it because other jobs weren't available. As a result of staying on the job, our people became very proficient and kept abreast of the growing demands in the field.

"Now, the University of Maryland, Morgan and various hospitals are just beginning to formulate a program.

"But it will take at least three years before their students can learn to perform services for clinical labs.

"ABEL is fortunate to have people like Mrs. Helen Aystin, cytologist and Mr. Patterson, head of Sinai's chemistry department, who are already knowledgable and experienced in their particular field."

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Already ABEL Laboratory has plans afoot geared toward even deeper community involvement. A program aimed at kids who have dropped out of school to help the family survive, or the student who can't go from high school to college;

Or the student who has dropped out of schools, but would still like to do more than wash dishes or push a broom is being instituted.

They will be taught to become lab assistants or lab aids.

Upon completion of the course, they will be able to work in laboratories anywhere in the city or country.

There is such a dire need for lab tecnicians now, that after lanitial training; it the newly-employed student shows initative, the hospital that hired him will frequently send him to school.

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The group feels black youth must hold espectable jobs. And for one to feel, "I'm running an important test." A patient's life may depend on the results. This is certainly a true source of pride.

PROVIDENT BACKERS — City Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams, one of Provident Hospital's staunchest supporters, accepts $200-plus donation to the hospital's building fund from Mrs. Josephine Brown, who was spokesman for the Women's Auxiliary of the United License Beverage Association at the recent Christmas party.

ABEL partners stress that it's never too late to get an education. Mr. Pierce attended Franklin Institute of Arts and Sciences on a scholarship, came back wondering if he hadn't better think seriously about getting more education.

"It was beginning to learn that experience without a degree was limiting. A degree put one in a position to maintain an official standing.

AT THE AGE OF 3¾¼, and with a wife (Geneva) and six children, Pierce entered Morgan night school. He later talked his employers into letting him make up his 40-hour week on the weekends so he could attend day sessions and fifish quicker.

Then, while working two jobs and attending 12 hours of classes per week at Morgan, be maintained a 2.8 in a class with alert young adult minds.

Illness caused a six month respite from work and school, but he will begin his senior year this summer. Mr. Randall is a Morgan graduate, B.S. in math. Mr. Wilson's Morgan degree is in Biology. His education was interrupted by five operations and a service stint.

After leaving service, he returned to college via the night school route, later switching to the Sinai night shift and completing his requirement during the day session.

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Each is married, Mr. Wilson's wife Sylvia recently received her masters in education from Loyola and is a public school teacher.

Home is 1214 Glenwood Ave., and the family includes daughter, Melondie and one-month-old William L. Wilson Jr.

Mr. Randall's joys are wife Angela and girls, Kim 4; Susan Rebecca, 2; and Tierney, 5 months. They reside at 500 St. Georges Ave.

The Pierce family includes, Harvey, Geraldine, Beliada, Alvin, Tieste and Irvin, 418 Mogtwood Rd.

A few facts about the lab. General manager of the lab says it has 11 hundred square feet of space, plus a director's office, collection room (blood) specimen collection room, staff room, BGE room and waiting room.

The lab equipment and office furniture alone are valued at $40,00.

In case you might wonder what ABEL stands for, the first letter of each partner's name.

Dr. Holmes at the time this vesture was undertaken had already launched his own practice, so he's not an active member, his initial remains.

Others are A. (Alvin Pierce), B. (Benjamin Randal), E. (Eugene Holmes), and L. (Leon Wilson).

Congratulations to vivid testimony that the black man is ready, willing and ABEL to stand up and take his place as a man among men in our New Generation!

Yule appeal asks $$ for patients

The Baltimore Mental Health Association is issuing a last minute Christmas appeal on behalf of several thousand patients in the state mental hospitals.

The Association, needs contributions to buy $1 gift canteen cards for distribution to the patients on Christmas.

With a card, a patient with ground privileges can select an item of his choice from the hopital exchange up to the $1 value of the donation.

Dollar bills or checks may be sent to the Baltimore mental health Association, 323 E. 25th St., Baltimore 21218.

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As many canteen cards as have been donated will be distributed among the six state hospitals: Crownsville, Henryton, Clifton T. Perkins, Rosewood, Springfied and Spring Grove.

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