Pratt displays international Christmas trees

The common tradition of the Christmas tree among many nations and the distinctive character each country brings to the decoration of the tree is reflected in the Christmas display windows of the central library of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

With the tree-like triangular shape as the basis, William J. Bond, artist on the Pratt staff, has created colorful interpretations of the trees of Germany, Mexico, pre-Soviet Ukraine, Japan, the United States today, the pioneer America, Italy, Denmark, Lithuania, and England.

Varying the basic pattern are the French tree of paradise with its topiary shape and the Tree of Jesse, symbolizing events of the Old Testament leading to the birth of Christ.

Hand-lettering in the exhibits is by Charles J. Cipolloni, also a Pratt staff artist, with the tree cutouts executed by Frank J. Cipolloni.

Background information used in the decoration of the trees was drawn largely from the book, "The Trees of Christmas," text compiled by Edna Metcalfe.

Exhibited around the Christmas trees are more than two hundred books and phonograph records from the Pratt collection recommended for holiday reading and giving.

Trees of Christmas will remain on view in the Cathedral street windows through Jan. 2.

MISS BETTE WYNN was crowned "Miss Neptune" by the Yacht Club at the Ball. Participating in the coronation ceremonies were—(l-r) William Gerrick, Miss Barbara Gaskin, Mrs. Wallace Hall, who crowned the new queen, and Commodore Wallace Hall. (Staff photo by I. Henry Phillips).

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ducted the business session.

Officers elected and installed were: — Mesdames Vernon Pennington, president; Barry Fuller, first vice president; Howard Woolf, second vice president; Sanford Blas, third vice president; Norman Zipper, secretary; and Norman Fine, treasurer.

Luncheon followed the installation. Guest speaker for the mid-day affair was Dr. Matthew Tayback, assistant secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene for the State of Maryland.

He was introduced by Mrs. Vernon Pennington.

Avant Garb entertained luncheon guests with a fashion show. Auxiliary members served as models, including Mesdames Richard Piel, Norman Zipper and Dave Lazerow.

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Lt. and Mrs. Elmer W. (Marsha Hood) German and four children are deserting their Holloman Air Force Base home in Alamogordo, New Mexico, the first week in January and moving to Hawaii to reside during his four-year tour of duty.

Joining them soon is Mrs. German's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Oliver, AFRO City Editor, who will fly with them from San Francisco. For them, however, Hawaii is somewhat familiar since they lived there when Marsha was a youngster. The German children are Marilyn III, 8; Elmer II, 7, Christopher, 6 and Gregory, 2.

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Although Maryland is experiencing biting cold winds and in many instances, snow up to here, already clubs are planning summer fun for underprivileged Baltimore city youth.

The YACs, Youth Adult Club, held a dinner Friday evening to help raise funds to send two youngsters to the YMCA's group camp King's landing in Huntington, Md., next summer.

The club, (originally called the Vicerovs when organized in 1956), has been helping youngsters since 1956.

To give the proceeds from the Friday dinner a boost, the club plans a dance in the spring.

Members include: Wallace Perry, president; Leonard Blagman, vice president; Maurice Havrison, secretary; William Denise, treasurer; Jack Brown, business manager; Lewis Logan, Benny Hughes, David Dixon, William Wyatt, Lorenzo Mines, Howard Tutman and Walter Carter.

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The Neptune Yasht Club, composed of Baltimoreans and Washingtonians, held its 17th annual Commodore's Ball in Martin's Northpoint Gardens, recently.

The affair was arranged by a committee which included James Lomax, chairman, and Curtis Davis. Harold Bevans, Douglas Bishop, Edward H. Johnson, Joseph Felton, Alexander Caldwell and Woodrow Coit.

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Club members are: Challapin Dungee, Clarence D. Abrams, Harold Bevans, William R. Brown, Arvin M. Bradford, Haywood Burrell Jr., Woodrow Coit, Edward L. Feggans, William E. Griggs;

Also, Wallace Hall, Clark Mallory, W. Joe Saunders, Charles E. Thompson, Carl White, James H. Whitley, Elroy Wilson, Milford A. Wilson, Douglas Bishop,

And, Curtis D. Davis, Joseph Felton, Edward H. Johnson, James Lomax, Harry E. Smith, Robert Stephens, Edward T. Waters, Travis M. White, Wulbur J. Wilson, Alexander Caldwell, Royolin Suhlett and Nathaniel Stevenson.

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The Philomathians held their December meeting Saturday with Mrs. Ida Murphy Peters, at her Ruxton Ave. home.

The group enjoyed a Christmasy-fun meeting with carol singing. Mrs. Carol Diggs, a Philomathian, was at the piano.

Mrs. Roland N. Patterson was saluted as a new member of the club and a tribute was paid to Mrs. Ralph V. Cook co-founder of the club, with the late Mrs. Vashti Turley Murphy.

Guests were Mesdames M. L. Barksdale, Roland Williams and J. Lenerd Underwood.

Members present were Mesdames McDonald Bando, Calvin Burnett, John Chissell, Ralph V. Cook, Howard Cornish, Frank DeCosta Sr. and Frederick Dedmond;

Also, Mesdames Charles Fletcher, Thomas Fraser, Frances Murphy, C. Dudely Lee, Carl Murphy, Warren Peck, Samuel Phillips, Roger K. Williams; Dr. Regina Goff Henry and Dr. Ruth Brett Quarles.

The January meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Roger K. Williams. Speaker will be the new school superintendent, Dr. Roland Patterson.

The February meeting will be hosted by Mrs. McDonald Bando. Dr. Neil Solomon, the mental health secretary, will be speaker. Mrs. A. Paul Moss is president of the study club.

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Coming up: — A theatre group, choral and piano group, and dance group composed of boys and girls ages six to twelve will present a Christmas program on December 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Ave. YWCA.

First part of the program will consist of dances to music from "Applause," "Cabaret," and "Shaft." Next, the singing of "Little Drummer Boy" will provide background for a pantomime of the nativity scene. "The Night Before Christmas" will be acted out with the arrival of Santa Claus bearing a token gift for each child present.

Attendance at the evening program is open to children who attend the YWCA year round program of dance, theatre, and piano and choral classes.

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More date data: — The Frontiers will be celebating Christmas with a party. The whole evening promises to be funfilled with good food and Christmas cheer.

Chairman for the affair is Mrs. Franklin Parker, T. Andre Pitts is president. It all takes place at Brice's Hilltop Inn on Dec. 18.

"Government Girls on the Go," a group of 12 friends at Social Security are planning on sharing the spirit of Christmas with a get together at The Barn in mid-December.

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Founder of the club is Mrs. Mamie Jones. This year's chairmen are Mesdames Barbara Laboo and Pauline Turner. It promises to be a fun-filled afternoon.

Travel Note: James Wood Jr. and Allen (Chico) Forte, second and first year medical school students respectively at the University of California, Irvine, were in town a hot second last weekend in between attending a medical recruitment conference in New York City.

Both young men, who are Morgan graduates, will be back in town for the Christmas holidays on December 18 — Chico to visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen (Bertha) Forte; Jimmy to see his mother Mrs. Frances Murphy, AFRO board chairman, and James (Biddy) Wood Sr.

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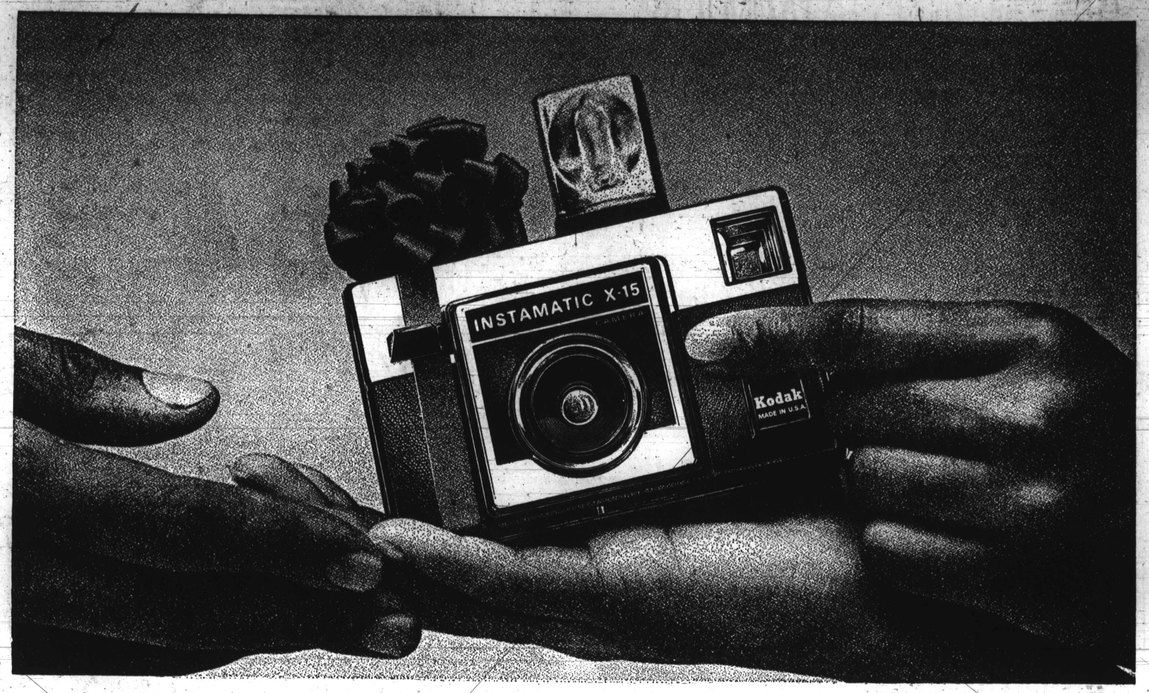

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