— Thomas —

Girl Scouts — 18 Pt.

"Everyone sings to everyone else at Christmas but our firemen are forgotten," wrote Girl Scout troop leader, Mrs. Lois-ner, for permission for their troops to sing carols to firemen at engine house in the Lombard-Carey St. area, Wednesday night.

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LATE CITY

Ann Snook No. 1561 and Mrs. Ruth Whitney No. 182.

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RAFER JOHNSON, left, displays some of his Olympian strength in this scene from "Soul Soldier" opening Xmas Day at the New. Right, Janee Michelle, appears for the first time on the screen and displays her sultry loveliness.

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Bridal Suite of a Las Vegas hotel where Tiffany finally deduces that her lover is the famous 007.

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JAMES BROWN, SUN. Dec. 26th

The James Brown show will hit the Civic Center, Sun. Dec. 26th.

Included will be the Dells, Bobby Bird, and Vicki Anderson.

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RARE EARTH, DEC. 29th

Motown's hot new group, "Rare Earth" (Get Ready) will be at the Civic Center, Wed., Dec. 29th, 8 p.m. Special guest stars will be Ruth Copeland, Stoney and Meatloaf, Teegarden and Van Winkle featuring Bob Segar.

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"SOUL SOLDIER" OPENS AT NEW

Rafer Johnson, the Olympic Games decathlon champion turned screen actor, stars as rugged Private Armstrong in "Soul Soldier," an exciting action drama based on the exploits of the U.S. Tenth Cavalry, an all-black unit formed at Civil War's end.

Johnson, co-stars with Lincoln Kilpatrick and Robert DoQui in The Fanfare Corporation release, which opens Xmas Day at the New Theatre. Ar Private Armstrong, Johnson plays an easy-going, hard-drinking giant who one day is ordered to go forth and battle the red man, and in doing so, is forced to kill the Indian chieftain who was his friend, an act with tragic overtones.

A world-renowned athlete before turning to motion pictures, Johnson states that his role in "Soul Soldier" was the first role ever offered to him as a black actor, rather than as a black athlete. The major difference between this feature and others he has acted in, he states, is that "this film is about a part of black history never before told. The Tenth Cavalry was a black regiment, mostly former slaves, and they contributed an important part in the building of our country. The film is about them as people, and playing the part of Armstrong gave me a chance to grow as an actor and to do something other than the same role I've been playing over and over again in previous films."

The six-foot, four-inch Johnson studied drama in high school and acted in stage productions at UCLA (where he also captained the track team and was elected student president), has appeared in numerous feature films, including "The Games," "The Last Grenade," "None But the Brave," "Pirates of Tortuga" and "Wild in the Country."

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PEGGY FLEMING ICE FOLLIES

Peggy Fleming, the reigning Olympic Gold Medal Figure Skating Champion, who will visit the Baltimore Civic Center again this winter when Shipstads and Johnson's fabulous Ice Follies open here on Tuesday, January 11th, has received the honor of being named 1972 National Easter Seal Chairman.

The petite three-time world figure skating champion is the youngest Chairman in the 52-year history of the National Easter Seal Society. She joins the ranks of Bob Hope, Robert Young, Lucille Ball, Dinah Shore, Carol Burnett, Ed Sullivan, Jimmy Durante, Art Linkletter and Shirley Booth, among those who have served in this capacity.

This fall, Peggy has been making movie and TV films, and will not get back to the States until shortly before Christmas. Then, after her week's performance here, she flies to Japan to work with the TV crews in handling the winter Olympics. So Baltimore is the only mid-Atlantic city in which the Ice Follies appears, to have the great star.

Ice Follies has always been a great winner with Baltimore audiences. Last year's run drew close to 90,000 spectators in nine shows, which averages out to about 10,000 per show. The building only seats 10,800 for ice shows. One of the biggest days last year was on Saturday, January 16, 1971, when the three performances at 1:00, 5:00 and 9:00 PM drew 32,000 people.

$3,480 housing grant to Arunah Ave. widow

A $3,480 grant arranged by the Department of Housing and Community Development will enable a 74-year-old widow to have her house on Arunah Avenue rehabilitated from cellar to rof.

The grant is the first to be approved for the Rosemont Concentrated Code Enforcement area.

Housing Commissioner Robert C. Embry Jr., said that as many as 700 similar grants may be made to low-income hme-owners in Rosemont in the three years of the program.

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The first grant is made Mrs. Sarah L. Johnson Stokes of the Arunah Avenue.

An order was sent to the B. J. Taresco Construction Company to begin work, including rewiring of electrical switches, replacement of steps, repairs to the plumbing, plastering, new window sashes, new locks, painting throughout, and a new roof.

The 50-year-old two-story house will be expected to last some 30 additional years as a result of the renovation.

Mrs. Stokes qualified for the grant because her income, derived completely from social security and the rent of another house she owns, is less than $3,000 a year.

She might also have qualified if her income had been more than $3,000, providing her total housing costs exceeded one-fourth of her income.

In the Rosemont program, every one of the 10,836 residences will be inspected, and loans and grants will be available to assist in repairs.

The initial phase of the program will de concentrated in the southern portion of Rosemont, between Lafayette Avenue and Franklin Street.

In addition, the city will make a number of public improvements such as the planting of street trees, installation of new street lights, tree construction, and new traffic lights and signs.

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Commissioner Embry said that Cosemont homeowners who feel they may qualify for grants should be in contact with the HCD Mount Royal-Fremont office, at 1313 Druid Hill Avenue.

Loans at 3 per cen interpropery owners, whether occupants of the house or not, in the Rosemont area, renewal areas.

Both loans and grants for rehabilitation are also available in the Broadway East code enforcement area and in the Upton, Oldtown, Gay Street 1, Oliver and Orchard-Biddle urban reneal areas.

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"BLACK GIRL" AT MECHANIC, JAN. 4.

"Black Girl," the hit play by J. E. Franklin staged by Shauneille Perry, which has its first out of New York production at the Morris Mechanic Theatre Jan. 4, has been one of the top dramatic productions at Theatre De Lys in Manhattan since it opened June 16.

The national company of the Franklin play has a cast headed by Juanita Clark, Bill Cobbs, Charliese Drakeford, Stacey Dukast, Gertrude Jeanette, Kent Martin, Peggy Pettitt, Judith Richardson, Vickie Thomas and Troy Warren.

Miss Perry, who was hailed for her perceptive directing, is repeating her staging assignment for the Baltimore production, which will play for three weeks at the Mechanic Theatre.

Mason Arvold has designed the setting based on Charles Mills' setting. Costumes are by Remi.

Miss Perry is also the director of another New York hit, "The Sly of The Blind Pig" produced by the Negro Ensemble Company.

"Black Girl" is a presentation of the New Federal Theatre headed by Woodie King and Dick Williams.

J. E. Franklin's play is about the trials and tribulations of three generations of black women. She told an interviewer last summer, "Black women have lived in such a way that we have collected a lot of the elements of the human experience that other people have been excluded from."

She also believes "Plays should not mirror the condition but be presented in such a way that they leave you with choices. 'Black Girl' is a play about choices. And that's what black theatre and the arts should be about."

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FANTASTIC SETS IN "DIAMONDS"

Mammoth, fantastic sets, so long a characteristic of a James Bond thriller, are once again in evidence for "Diamonds Are Forever," starring Sean Connery as Bond. The picture will open Xmas Day at area theatres, through release by United Artists, an entertainment service of Transamerica Corporation. One of the stages — no less than four, were taken over by the production — was transformed by production designer Ken Adam into the luxurious penthouse suite of a recluse billionaire industrialist. Highlighting stainless steel and oozing an air of sterility, it is a combination of ultra-modern and the medieval with its 17th Century refectory table contrasting delibe rately with the displays of futuristic ballistic missile exhibits.

In "Diamonds Are Forever," Bond and Tiffany Case (Jill St. John) enjoy an amorous encounter on a plastic water bed filled with some 3,000 tropical fish! The bed, 7 x 6 feet in diameter, is featured in the

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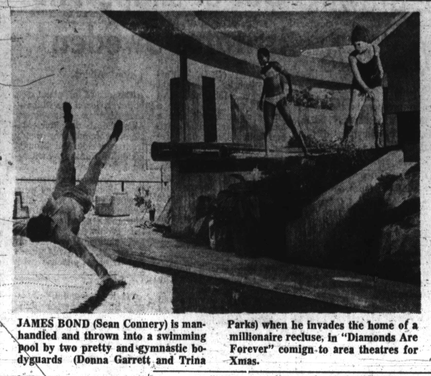

JAMES BOND (Sean Connery) is manhandled and thrown into a swimming pool by two pretty and gymnastic bodyguards (Donna Garrett and Trina Parks) when he invades the home of a millionaire recluse, in "Diamonds Are Forever" comign to area theatres for Xmas.

VILLESTA (VICKIE) THOMAS, a Howard U. drama graduate is playing in "Black Girl" opening a 3-week engagement at the Mechanic, Jan. 4.

Mrs. Sarah Hill, long city teacher

Funeral services were held Wednesday at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Washington for Mrs. Sarah Hill, longtime Baltimore city public school teacher.

Mrs. Hill, who retired in 1969, spent over 30 years in the classroom. Her last assignment was at Mt. Winans Elementary School.

Known as a dedicated and concerned teacher, Mrs. Hill lived in Washington but commuted home only on weekends so she could be near her school.

Last August, while vacationing in Virginia, she was injured in an auto accident in which the other passengers were killed.

She never regained consciousness and died on Dec. 19 at her Washington home, 313 You St., NW.

Mrs. Hill was the widow of Richard Hill Sr., a government employee.

Survivors are three sons, Richard Hill Jr., and Norman Hill of Washington; and Clinton Hill of Clinton, Md.

No black officers promoted

Police promotional ceremonies at Central District Police station Wednesday morning did not include any black officers.

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