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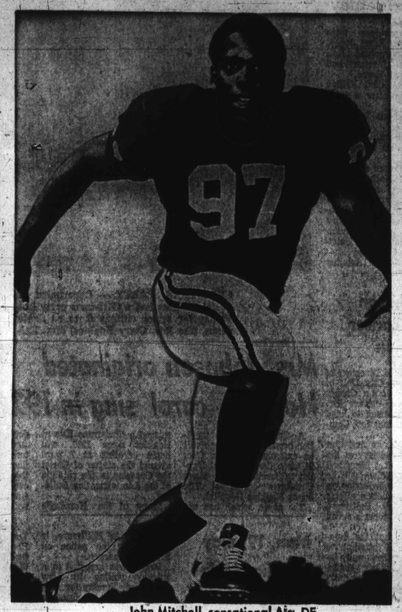

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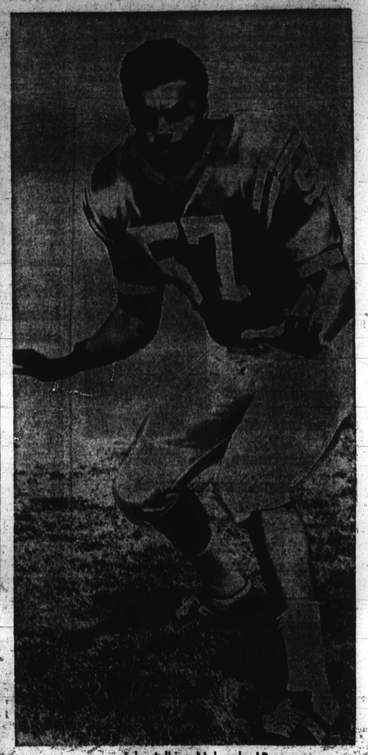

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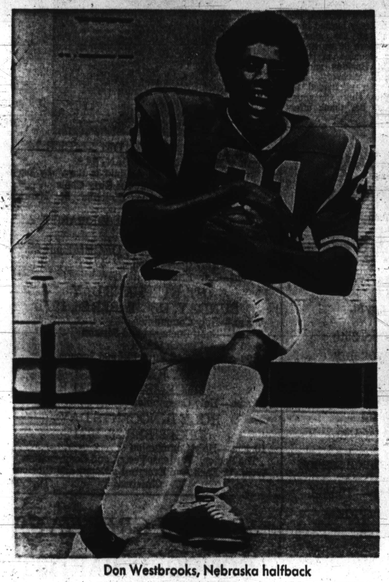

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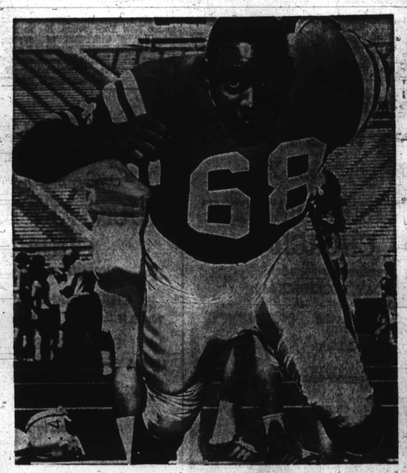

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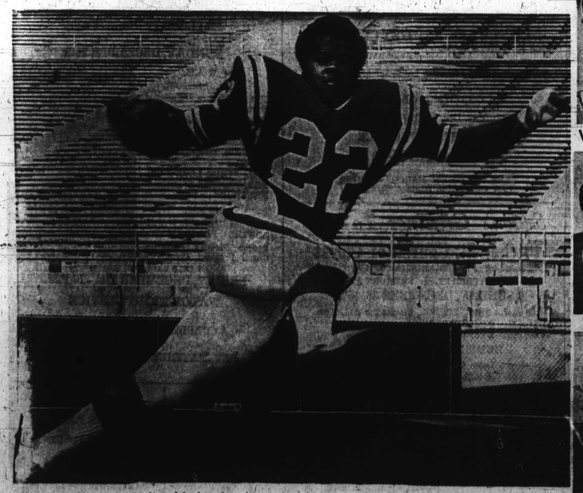

Unheralded Nebraska running back Gary Dixon

Jim Branch, Neb. G

AFRO SPORTS BONUS

$200 FOR NEEDY came from Medina Temple No. 1 Shriners, which is affiliated with the Hiram Grand Lodge A.F. and A.M. Representing the organization are (L to R): Franklin Parker, chairman of charity committee, Mrs. Santa and Columbus M. McNeil, present potentate.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS from the AFRO City Desk and Editorial Department members (clockwise) William Egyir, reporter; Pam Widgeon, reporter; Benjamin Phillips IV, photographer; John H. Murphy III, president; Bernadine Baker, reporter; Mrs. Odessa Dyson, administrative secretary; Mrs. Janet Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Carolyn Tutman, administrative secretary to Board Chairman, Mrs. Frances Murphy; Elizabeth M. Oliver, City Editor; Paul Evans, reporter; Paula M. Brooks, reporter; Miss M. Bertey Roger Matthews, magazine editor; Miss nadine Myles, reporter; I. Henry Phillips, photographer; Mrs. Elizabeth M. Moss, vice-president; Mrs. Laura Phillips, librarian; Scott Ponemone, reporter-photographer and Mrs. Marie Phillips Cooke (seated front) the AFRO's Mrs. Santa.

Sgt. Scott, father of 15, helps AFRO's Mrs. Santa

"I enjoy it, it is the idea of seeing someone helped. When you think you have problems, you see where other people have problems worse."

"It does you good when you deliver something and see kids eyes brighten up for the holiday when they thought they were not going to receive anything."

"This is why I am strict upon my drivers to make sure people are actually needy."

These were the words of M/Sgt. Lloyd Scott, Maryland National guardsman. Sgt. Scott has been delivering baskets to needy families for the AFRO's Mrs. Santa for 15 years.

He is married to Mrs. Essie Scott, they have 15 children. Other guardsmen who helped Sgt. Scott this year were Sgt. Thomas Holsey, Sp/4 Timothy Riley, Pfc. Sherman Bumbry, and Pfc. Charles Lloyd, all stationed at the Melvin Cade Armory, formerly the Winchester Armory.

Sgt. Scott, who is 44 years old, is a native of Baltimore. His wife, 42 years old is the former Miss Effie Williams. The family resides on Old York Road. They attend Cornerstone Baptist Church.

The Scott children all live at home and are Natalie Jones, 24; Ronald, 22; Lloyd, 21; Anthony, 20; Diane, 18; Patricia, 17; and Melvin, 16; are students at Northern High. Melvin, 16; Michael, 14; and Valerie, 13; Geraldine, 12; students at Woodburn Junior High; Richard, 11; Shirley, 10; Rochelle, 8; James, 7; and Sandra, students at Guilford elementary, one grandson Timothy Jones, 7.

MAKING MRS. SANTA HAPPIER with its contribution of $200 were (L to R): Herbert Marshall, secretary and William J. Smith, sergeant-at-arms representing the Legionnaires Social Club. Not shown are Vernon Williams, president; and Samuel E. Smith.

Mrs. Santa

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following:

Adams Realty Co., $100; The Baltimore Fellowship Choir, $80; Staff Association of Enoch Pratt Free Library, 400 Cathedral St., $67; Green Charmerettes, Inc., $50; Columbia Chapter of Jack and Jill, $50; Anonymous, $50;

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Owings, $50; Jones Tabernacle Baptist Church, $50; Zeus, Inc., $50; and Staff of Maryland Children's Aide and Society, Inc., $50.

Also, Mrs. Bettye Archer, $31; Phi Beta Sigma, Delta Delta Chapter at Coppin State, $28.70; Woman Power, Inc., Mrs. Delores C. Hunt, executive director, $25; Mrs. Anita S. Wheatley, $25; Alpha Beta Chi Sorority, $20;

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis R. Warren, $20; Black Employees of the Department of Motor Vehicles, $20; Faithful Workers Savings and Charity Club, $15; Security Social Auxiliary, Inc., Mrs. L. Pollard, president, $15; Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Berry, $10; James T. Dorsey Service Station, $10; and Mrs. Irene Lee, $10;

And, M's Malvena E. Amy, $10; the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Turner, $10; Howie Family Club, $10; Miss Katie Johnson, $5; Mrs. Edith L. Blackwell, $5; Oscar Caplan and Sons, Inc., $5; Mr. and Mrs. Morris T. Street, Jr., $5; M's Toni Spencer, $5; M's Margie Clash, $2; Anonymous, $2; Mrs. Airie Hart, $2; M's Mamie G. Jackson, $2; and Anonymous, $2.

The complete and final list of contributors will be published in next week's edition.

DEAR SANTA, OH SANTA—There are toys and games and dolls and puppies and everything to make Christmas the best time of the year. The AFRO camera focused on Miriam Stokes and Eric Chase telling Mondawmin's Santa, Samuel Young, what they want for Christmas.

AND MORE MONEY—Verdell Adair, president of the Virginia State College Alumni Association, Baltimore chapter, hands Mrs. Santa a check for $50 which was used to help over 1,000 needy families.

Needy mother gives check to Mrs. Santa

Received in the AFRO's Tuesday morning mail was a gift certificate and two $1 bills. Also enclosed was a letter which read: "Dear Mrs. Santa, I know it's not much, because I receive public assistance myself. This year I was able to get everything for my children before I even got this certificate from another organization. I'm sending it to you and $2 more and you can use it for some other family that wasn't as fortunate as I was this year. Thank you.

A Mother."

Dr. Patterson to curb disorders in school

Dr. Patterson m-5

Dr. Roland N. Patterson, school superintendent, announced Tuesday afternoon the formation of a school stabilization team to investigate any overt acts of violence in public schools.

The team will submit to him within 24 hours of a disturbance in any school, an in-depth account of the incident with specific recommendations for the elimination of such an occurance in that school in the future.

The announcement was made during his address on the "State of schools and possible recommendations for initiating solutions" to the Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc.

The establization team will be co-ordinated by Howard E. White, Jr., educational assistant to the superintendent, the principal and the student senator of the involved school, the appropriate secondary or elementary area director, and representatives of the departments of Security, Special Services and Public Information.

"It is unfortunate," Dr. Patterson said, "that these co-operative efforts must be in reaction to disturbances in our schools—our children's schools—but I think it demonstrates the response that educators must have to problems that have not traditionally been a part of education."

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Creation of the school stabilization team is the latest directive from the new school superintendent, designed to combat the violent incidents that have plagued several Baltimore City Public schools over the past three months.

In addition to explicit directives requiring the immediate removal of drugs users and drug pushers from the schools, Dr. Patterson has publicly supported Councilman Reuben Caplan's proposed bill which would give school administrators the legal authority to search student lockers for weapons and other contraband.

Sgt. Downs buried at Arlington with full military rites

Sgt. Joseph Downs, 32, 2308 Rosedale St., a career serviceman was buried in Arlington National Cemetery Monday with full military rites.

A veteran of two Vietnam tours, Sgt. Downs died Dec. 13 in Germany where he had been on duty with the 501st Ordinance Company since August.

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Relatives state he was stricken with a heavy fever. The Armed Forces authorities advised them he died in the line of duty.

Sgt. Downs had a total of 10 years service and had also been on duty in France and Italy.

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Born Jan. 12, 1939, he was the son of Mrs. Ellan-Downs and the late Joseph Downs of Baltimore.

He was graduated from Carver High School in 1959. Never married, he had attended John Wesley Methodist Church since early childhood.

Last rites at the John Wesley Church were led by the pastor, the Rev. J. Lloyd Garrison.

Army men were pallbearers. They accompanied the body home from Germany and officiated at graveside rites. The 21-gun salute and taps highlighted the burial services.

In addition to his mother, suriving are four sisters, Mesdames Eldora Christopher; Peola Johnson, Mary Brown, Lottie Lee Johnson; six nieces, six nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

MILITARY RITES were given Monday to Sergeant Downs, a career serviceman. Services were held at John Wesley Methodist Church on North Ave. Then the mourners travelled to Arlington National Cemetery for burial with full military honors. Relatives mourning the loss of Sergeant Downs were his mother, Mrs. Ella Downs; sisters, Mrs. Eldora Christopher, Mrs. Mary Brown, Mrs. Peola Johnson and Mrs. Lottie Johnson; and nephew, Kirk Wise.

Illustrious Women

By PAULA M. BROOKS

Mrs. Gladys Smith is one of seven counselors in Threshold House, a house for female ex-offenders located in the Madison Ave. branch of the YWCA.

Threshold, the halfway house for women in the United States, was started late December, by interested citizens giving their time, support and donations to establish a transitional dwelling for women just leaving penitentiaries.

Upon leaving prison, women are not required to go to threshold to live. The decision is theirs. In some instances, the parole board will stipulate that a particular girl go to threshold, where she will get a little more supervision before going out into society where she might easily influenced and end up back in a correctional institution.

The only requirement at Threshold is that the girls go into some kind of training program. There they can train in clerical and keypunch as well as training to become waitresses and Dental assaitants.

The residents are asked to talk about themselves. In this way they learn about their hang-ups and reasons for doing certain things.

Threshold residents are asked to set goals for themselves as far as finding work, and in some instances furthering their education.

Group sessions, called "Guide-Group Interaction" is a program set up for the girls. Two consultants, Ross Ford and Josef Careen from Antioch College, sat in on the session with the girls to help them readjust to society and themselves.

Girls are free to come and go, there are no bars on the windows and doors. They are only asked to sign in and out or if they will not return to Threshold during the night, they are asked to call in.

Director for Threshold is Miss Peggy McComas. The house is equipped to house 16 women. Facilities for cooking and recreation are provided.

Even though the girls that do have families, go home for the holiday, there will be a turkey with all of the trimmings and a Christmas party for them.

Threshold has been accepted by the Madison Ave. community, however, in order for such a house to continue and grow, support from private citizens is a must.

The Threshold women are women who have made a mistake, but who want to pull themselves up by the boot straps.

MRS. GLADYS SMITH

1st baby

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baby's arrival can repeat at least one headline on the FRONT PAGE of the Jan 1, 1972 edition.

Remember, the AFRO reserves the right to insist that those who call live up to these rules.

See the application blank in Tuesday's AFRO on the newsstands Monday.