ABOUT US TEENS

BY ANGIE THORNTON

Christmas is right around the corner.

The streets are crowded with shoppers and we find Santa in every store.

This is supposed to be the happiest season of the year and I certainly hope you haven't forgotten what true Christmas is all about.

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It's the spirit of giving and by that we don't necessarily mean a gift from you to mom and dad.

We mean giving to someone who is in need.

Many groups have made plans to help those in need for the holiday and maybe you'd like to help them.

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Mrs. Santa of the AFRO is trying to help those in need, but she needs your help.

Don't forget the Soul Reporters will hold a Can Good Drive, Dec. 8, 9 and 10 noon until 5:30 p.m.

Drop up to Clifton and Dennison, in front of radio station WEBB, and take a can with you.

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There are many cheerful thing to happen this season, such as the NBSS Social Club will sponsor a Christmas Dance at the Forest Manor Dec. 22, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Live entertainment and free refreshments.

For tickets call Pam Stevenson, 664-2954 or Venetia Branch, 367-1328

Don't forget about Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity — Delta Delta Chapter of Coppin State College and the Black Cultural Center they'll be sponsoring, Dec. in the Coppin Research Center.

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Youth 5 to 13 are invited to come to the center, 8:30 a.m. to noon.

There will be exciting classes and a free breakfast.

Call 466-4587 or 383-4441 for more info.

The mixed Choir of Douglass High will present the "Messiah" Dec. 10, 4 p.m.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

The Morgan State College Choir will be presenting The "Messiah" also for free Dec. 10, 4:30 p.m.

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The Calverton Jr. High Gospel Choir is in concert Dec. 17, 4 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Tickets are $1 and may be obtained from Calverton High students or by calling Mrs. Land or Mr. William Johnson at the school.

Also the Calverton Gospel Choir will be in concert Jan 7, 4 p.m. at First Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

Congratulations to the Senior classes at Edmondson, City, and Douglass High Schools.

All these schools recently celebrated Senior Day.

Also congratulations to Miss Delores Acker, recently crowned Queen of Coppin State College.

Also to Robert Mosely, Unsung Hero of 1972.

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Fri., Dec. 1, at the Winchester Armory, the students and friends of Coppin State College were treated to most beautiful affair. Miss Coppin coronation.

Miss Acker, a senior, is an early childhood major, and plans to open an inner city drug care center after she graduates.

Her attendants were Belinda Woodland, and Carolyn Diggs.

Her court also consisted of Araina Acker and Michelle Diggs as flower bearers and Reginald Diggs, crown bearer.

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Hostesses for the evening were Marsha Smith, Cassaundra Steward, Jackie West, Maria Grey, and Gladys Mello.

Entertainment consisted of the very talented Travis "Booty" Winky dancing to "Gone Away," also the Coppin Dancers doing "Four Women" and Sound Experience Band.

Another busy day in the past weekend was Dec 3.

It started with a Black Cultural Festival sponsored by the Black Student Union of Community College of Baltimore.

Included in the festival were Jawara, a member of the CCB student body, who is a poetry reader.

The art of hand talking called the Days" was performed and it signifies love, unity, trust togetherness, and understanding among people of color.

It was done by Michael Perry.

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Dancing was by Cindy Chambers, Brenda Paige, Noleda Turntr, and Lenora Resse.

Also were Doris Veney and Cecila Heard in a "mini fashion show;" Cheryl Griffin, a student of CCB, doing poetry; Venita Manning, singing; the "Park" Drummers, and a "Fashion Revolution in Black," with Januwar.

Some beautiful art work was displayed by Nalginga ano hand-made jewelry.

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Mistress of ceremonies was Ophelia Drumwright and coordinator, Michael Harding. President of the CCB BSU is Anderson Ward.

Second big affair was the Hair Beauty, Fashion and Exibition Show held at Coppin State College, sponsored by the Karate Club.

Exhibits were manicuring, wigs and hair styling.

Fashion Extradinaire, featuring Travis Winky, Trina Taylor and Tony Dease, a karate exhibition by Oawkins Avengers, and music by 21st Century.

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Sandra Days receives Fisk internship

Sandra E. Days, a member of the library staff at Coppin State College, has accepted an "Internship In Black Studies Librarianship" at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Days has been the serials librarian at Coppin since 1969, and was one of eight librarians in the United States selected for the internship.

It is a full-time, 15-week pilot project, designed to implement and test the concept of in service training for librarians, using black studeis librarianship as the testing ground.

Bias suit settled at Mayflower

Settlement of a charge of discrimination against the Mayflower Hotel here and its parent organization, Western International Hotels, was made here this week by the Washington Bureau of the NAACP.

The settlement involved payment of $4,000 to Franklin Alexander, a former Mayflower employee, who filed the charge of discrimination.

Alexander had been the hotel reservations manager. He alleged that, as a result of corporate discriminatory practices, he had been replaced by a white female employee and offered a lesser paying job.

Rather than accept, he resigned and filed his charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in August. He charged that with his removal the worldwide chain of hotels had no black persons in front office management.

The settlement of the claim was with the concurrence of the Seattle, Wash., district office of EEOC. The corporation's headquarters is there.

Alexander was represented by the NAACP through J. Francis Pohlhaus, its Washington Bureau counsel.

FOOTBALL AWARDS — Are given out to winners at the Sixth Annual Operation Champ Football Awards Banquet. (From left) Allen Burke, Champ's Executive director; Ronald Fenwick, Sen. Charles Mathias (R, Md.) and Kenneth Henry.

Coppin has penitentiary classes

Dr. Leroy Fitzgerald, dean of the graduate school at Coppin State College, recently completed a class in introductory economics for inmates at the Maryland State Penitentiary.

The courre, funded by a grant from the Technical Assistance Program (TAP), of Model Cities, provided 25 prisoners with economic principles which will give them a better understanding of how the economic system works.

The class originated throughout a direct appeal from an inmate to Dr. Fitzgerald, requesting that Coppin State implement such a course.

The prisoners could not come to Coppin, therefore, Coppin held classes at the Penitentiary.

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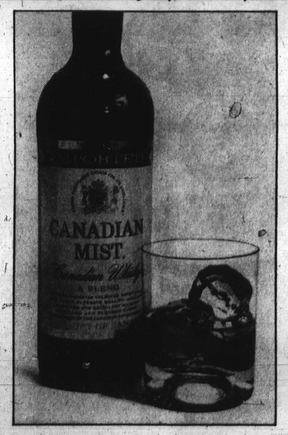

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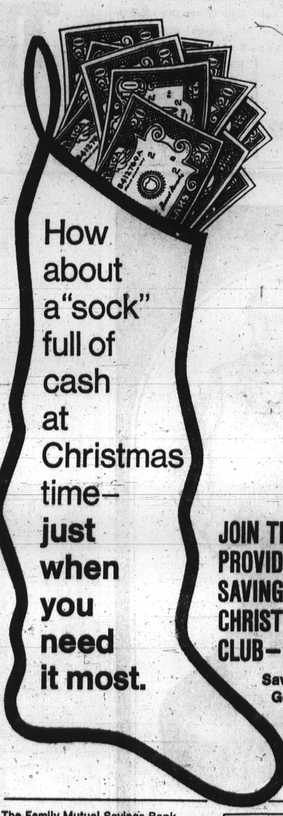

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