LUTHERAN HOSPITAL — The Department of Surgery and Operation/Recovery Room staff this Christmas tackled the spiritual as well as physical needs of the West Baltimore Community. On learning of several neighborhood families, misfortune, the group collected gifts and food rather than exchanging cards amongst themselves. Mrs. Agnes Welch of the REAL Charrette Steering Community coordinated the community activity and is shown at left overwhelmed by the response. Left to right Mrs. Helen Merritt, Mrs. Cornelia Sykes, Mrs. Barbara Herron, Mrs. Susan Ingram, Tonie Thompson, Mrs. Agnes Welch, Mrs. Bette Ermer, Mrs. Willie Mae Collins, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, Bernard Jordan Jr., Mrs. Nisa Vichaikul, Eric Howard, Mrs. Peggy McEachern, Miss Jacqueline Venable, Mrs. Ubol Klinchongkol.

VISIT CITY JAIL — AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Ida Peters, right, visited Baltimore City Jail in response to appeal from Miss Ida Hollie, second from right, with her mother Miss Hollie wrote many of the 45 women did not have proper cosmetics. With the Help of Mrs. Ann Lacewell, Fuller products, Mrs. Santa made up the gift packages. Left to right, Lt. Robert Vaughn, Mrs. Lacewell, Miss Hollie and Mrs. Peters.

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An Interview

GLORIA EDWARDS

By BONNIE BULTER

Gloria Edwards is one of the actresses asked by producer Lee Savin to recreate for the screen version of "Black Girl" the role she originated in the off-Broadway play by J. E. Franklin.

Clad in a maxi rabbit fur coat, red blazer and baggies, she and her handsome husband, Dick Williams began to talk.

Gloria was born in Los Angeles and graduated from California State College at Los Angeles majoring in theatre arts.

She got her first acting job at 18 playing Ossie Davis' wife on a television show "Run for Your Life." From there, she did "Bigtime Buck White" when the play moved from Los Angeles to off-Broadway and she was introduced to the New York public.

She did "Black Girl" at the New Federal Theatre where her husband is one of the founders. She left "Black Girl" after 6 months and went to do Melvin Van Peebles' "Ain't supposed To Die A Natural Death."

When chrming 26 year old actress has a lot of admiration for her husband of 4 yrs. She tries to arrange her busy schedule with his and admits that she passed up a great role in New York to be with him in Los Angeles where he is doing the film" Five On The Brck Hasd Side."

They will truly be called the Ossie Davis-Rby Dee of the modern set because they possess charm, ability and most of all, talent.

Watch for Gloria as

GLORIA EDWRADS

Norma in "Black Girl" She's great.

Starring in the film which focuses on a young girl trapped by her family in a circle of frustration, squalor, show series. Misses Stubbs, Greene and Edwards starred in the original New York production of BLACK GIRL.

BLACK GIRL, is famous first as an actor in such films as "No Way Out," "The Cardinal," and "A Man Called Adam" as well as on Broadway in "Jamaica," "A Raisin in the Sun" and hi-seen "Purlie Victorious" which he starred in and wrote. Mr Davis made his directorial debut with the enormously successful "Cotton Comes to Harlem" which he also wrote with Arnold Perl.

Brock Peters first appeared in films in "To Kill A Mockingbird," and the Tony Awardwinner Miss Uggams is well known for her numerous television appearances as wellas well as the star of her own variety show series. Misses Stubbs, Greene and Edwards starred in the original New York production of BLACK GIRL.

Brock Peters, Leslie Uggams, Louise Stubs and Claudia McNeil, with Loretta Greene, Gloria Edwards, and introducing in the title role, Peggy Pettitt. A special guest appearance is made by Ruby Dee.

Ossie Davis, who has long ago displayed his remarkable talents as an actor and writer in Hollywood an Broadway, has captured the explosive action, entertainkng humor and strength of Ms. Franklin's play. BLACK GIRL ran on the stage in New York for almost a year and has had successful productions in cities throughout the country.

Ossie Davis, director of

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ELSON FAX—the Baltimore born artist and lecturer of international fame, will be June Thorne's special guest on The Women's Journal, Saturday, December 30th at 4 P.M. on WMAR-TV, Channel 2. On the easel shown is one of the printings from his famous portfolio, "Black Is."

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GOVERNOR'S SALUTE—Talmadge "Marse" Hill (center) exhibits citation presented him by Gov. Marvin Mandel on behalf of the state of Maryland, for 42 years of service to youth. Hill recently retired after long service as coach of football and basketball at Morgan State College since 1930. Pictured from left to right: Morgan athletic director Embra C. Bowie, John Esome, Jim Swartz, who made the presentation in the absence of the governor; Hill, Eddie Hurt, renowned Bears coach of all sports and former athletic director director, and Pete Connelly.

Gov. Mandel to cite Unseld as 'Big Brother'

In recognition of his "personal application to the highest principles of Big Brother work" and his service to youth, Wes Unseld, the Baltimore Bullets' star rebounder and centerforward, has been named recipient of the Big Brother of Maryland Award for 1972.

The award is sponsored by Maryland's four Big Brother agencies, Big Brothers of Baltimore, Inc., the Jewish Big Brother League of Baltimore, Big Brothers of Washington County and Big Brothers of the National Capital Area.

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Presentation of the award will be made by Governor Mandel next Thursday, (January 4) at 10 a.m., in Annapolis.

The citation to be presented reads in part: "Through your athletic career, you embody the spirit of sportsmanship to countless boys . . . . Your selfless investment of time, money, personal concern for the healthy growth and character development of boys, serves as an example to men throughout the country."

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The Big Brother movement, with 200 agencies throughout the United States and Canada, operates on the one-man one-boy principle. A volunteer — businessman, professional man, white collar or blue collar worker — working under the close supervision of a Big Brother agency's professional staff, offers his time and his friendship to a fatherless youngster during his difficult growing-up period.

The annual national tribute to America's Big Brothers will be observed during the month of January. A highlight of the local observance will be the banquet of Baltimore's nearly 60-year-old Jewish Big Brother League on January 21 at Schleider's on 4210 Primrose Avenue.

Westley Unseld for high principles

Model Cities Area 'E' attacks vacant house

"Disgraceful" is the way Mrs. Mary Hicks, planning aide for Model Cities Council "E", has described the vacant housing situation in her community. One house in particular has caused a number of problems.

"Neighbors have been complaining for many months about the house in the 1600 block N. Gilmor St." stated Mrs. Hicks. The whole back of the house is open, and the property has become a shooting gallery for neighborhood addicts."

"We have even gone to Mr. George Ball, Director of the Druid Hill Office of the Department of Housing and Community Development. He has promised many times to board the house up, but as you can see it still remains open."

Mrs. Hicks admitteed that many timesl when HCD boards up a property, children tear down the barriers again to gain entrance.

The police and fire department are even knowledgable about the situation because of the many fires that have been set by children playing in the house.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Dr. Nelson H. Cook of the recent first meeting of the Missouri Sickle Cell Advisory Committee at Lincoln University. He is associate professor of biology at the university. The body will coordinate planning for community sickle cell anemia services throughout the state.

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Morgan's Willie Lanier named NFL 'Man of Year'

CANTON, Ohio — Former Morgan State College captain Willie Lanier, now starring linebacker of the Kansas City Chiefs, has been named the Year for 1972.

Lanier was selected by avote of the fans of the nation in a season-long competition sponsored by Vitalis and coordinated by the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The award honors the NFL Man of the Year on the basis of civic involvement, as well as athletic ability.

The award is unique in that the major prize does not go to Lanier, but to the community in which he plays and lives. A $25,000 scholarship fund will be up in Lanier's names for the benefit of students from the Kansas City area. Lanier also will receive a 1973 luxury automobile and the beautful bronze Gladiator torphy sculpted by Daniel Schwartz.

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Formal presentation of Lanier as the Year will take place in ceremonies at the AFC Championship game Sunday in Pittsburgh.

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Lanier, a second-round draft choice of the Chiefs in 1967, has devoted a great deal of time to the drug abuse campaign in Kansas City.

Much of his effort in this area deals with speeches to various youth groups in which he stresses the dangers of drug use. As a part of his efforts in this campaign, he attended the President's Drug Abuse Conference in Washington, D.C., last June.

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Lanier also worked actively with the American cancer Society in its fund raising campaign in 1972. Employed in a non-football capacity as a stock broker, Willie is also active in personal appearances before various youth groups in the Kansas City area.

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On the field, Lanier is considered to be one of the premier middle linebackers in pro football. Just last week, he was named to the AFC squad for the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl for the third stragit season.

Willie has started every game for the Chiefs for five straight years. In 1970, he was an all-AFC choice of both AP and UPI and, in 1971, he was a consensus all-NFL selection. In regular season play, Willie has 14 career interceptions and, in addition he added a key "steal" in Kansas City's upset win over Minnesota in Sugar Bowl.

Lanier i salso the Chiefs' representative to the NFL' Association.

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The Willie Lanier scholarship fund will be established immediately in the Kansas City area and will be administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, an Illinois nonprofit education foundation.

While five students wre selected for both Johnny Unitas and John Hadl scholarships, the exact number of scholarship winners and the amount of each scholarship is determined by the National Scholarship Corporation, after it has reviewed all scholarship candidates.

Willie Lanier to be cited Sunday
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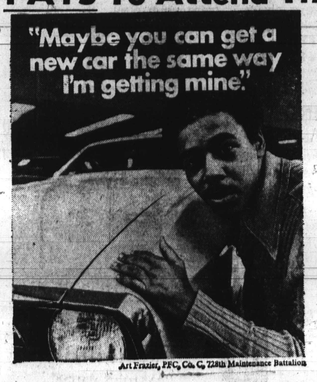
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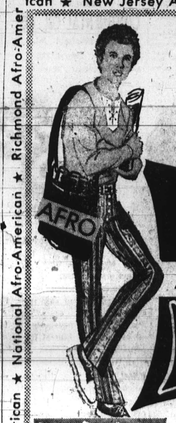

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