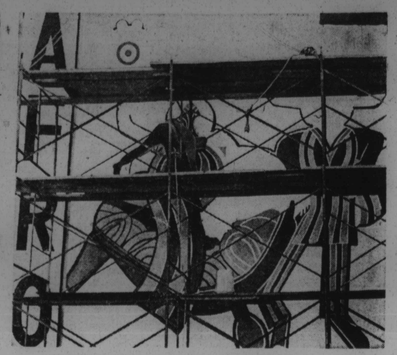
A SECTION of students from Elementary School No. 451 views an artwork of Mexican dancers on

the wall of the AFRO building being painted by Robert Johnson, 51, and 16-year-old son, Joshua.



The artwork is one of series authorized by Mayor Schaefer in an effort to beautify the city.

Student board member hits ban on controversial novel

(see editorial page 4)

"It's a shame and a crime to bring a child up with a lot of fantasy. He should be exposed to things that he's going to see in his life. Don't expose him to a lot of fairy tales.

These comments, made last week by Student School Board Commissioner Tyrone Francis, preceded the boards 3 to 2 decision to ban Claude Brown's best-seller, "Manchild in the Promised Land' from public high school libraries in Baltimore City.

Mr. Francis, a senior (who has no vote on the board) told board members that he read the novel while in the 7th grade and added: "It seems as though today a lot of people fail to understand reality. And this is what we are getting away from.

"We are getting away from reality. We are getting into a lot of fantasy and a lot of things that are really irrelevant to the times," he continued.

"For example, the book Mrs. Farring has condemned "Manchild in the Promised Land, I read the book.

"It wasn't a lot of fantasy, it wasn't a dream or anything like that. That thing was happening," he noted.

Francis added, "When I was younger, I was brought up to understand that my father . . . carried a Samonite brief case and drove a big car.

"My father would come in dirty, dusty because he was a construction worker, and we didn't have a spot to clean either."

In conjunction with the board's decision, a directive was issued earlier this week by Paul Vance, deputy superintendent for executive matters and sent to the school systems nine regional superintendents.

The order dated 12-3-73 instructs regional superintendents to direct principals within their regions to remove "Manchild in the Promised Land" from all classrooms and libraries.

The directive states that although the book should be made unavailable, "it is in violation of the recommendations of the State and City for anyone to destroy materials and equipment purchased by money made available by the taxpayers.'

The next School Board meeting will be held on Dec. 13 at Coldstream Elementary School (1400 Exeter Hall Avenue), at 7 p.m.

At that time, the issue of banning will be discussed and in all probability, another vote will be taken on the matter of 'Manchild in the Promised Land.'

Union chief found guilty in U.S. court

Gerald R. Menapace, 38, faces a total of 20 years in federal prison and a $20,000 fine after being found guilty on charges of possessing an untaxed sawed-off shotgun.

"Jerry" Menapace had recently been elected, for the fourth term, as president of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America (AFL-CIO), Local 117.

High school crime confab

The Office of the Attorney General of the State of Maryland is sponsoring the 6th Youth Conference on Crime to be held at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Dec. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The conference will be attended by high school students from Baltimore City and from Baltimore, Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties.

The four seminars, deal with (1) the impact of the news media on crime, (2) crime and society, (3) the correction system, and (4) law enforcement.

Sparrows Point church has last funeral

Rufus Williams, 77, a long-time member of Union Baptist Church in Sparrows Point Thursday, became the last person to be funeralized from the church.

The church is being forced, as are residents of the area, to move because of Bethlehem Steel plant building plans.

The last regular services were held Sunday, and moving men were about to transfer pews and altar to a new Turner Station location on Monday, when it was learned that Mr. Williams had died in his home, 103 Oak St. that same day after a brief illness.

Mrs. Grace Williams, 72, widow, requested that her husband be buried from his life long church, and members agreed postponing the planned move.

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The Rev. Carlton Cook is pastor of the church, but due to illness, the Rev. Mark Riddix, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Waverly, officiated during the service.

Mr. Williams, a long-time Bethlehem Steel employee, was born Sept. 24, 1896 in Roland Park, Md.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Scott and Mrs. Mary Jones, and three brothers, Ralph, Morgan and Russell Williams.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Carlton Douglass Funeral Services. Interment will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Baltimore Afro-American

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B—16 DECEMBER 8, 1973 YOU KNOW BECAUSE YOU READ THE AFRO

AFRICARE—Douglass High School's Africare campaign ended with many dried foods and a check for $86.69 being collected for the hard-hit African nations suffering from a severe drought. From left are Miss Barbara Shearn, Miss Dolline Hunt, Ellihu Norris, instructor; Misses Helen Woodland, Leslie Griffin, Renee Hanna and Alma Shearin.

Douglass Hi Students Send Aid To Africa

The Afro-American history classes of the Frederick Douglass High School recently concluded a two-week campaign for money and dried foods to be sent to the drought-stricken area of Africa.

There are six nations included in this area. They are Senegal, Upper Volta, Mauritania, Mali, Niger and Chad.

It is reported that these countries have been without rain for more than five years. Their soil, the source of their livelihood, is fast becoming a part of the Sahara Desert which adjoins them.

One of the highlights of the drive was the appearance of the national director of Africare, C. Payne Lucas of Washington.

Lucas, who had just returned from the hard-hit African area, showed a 45 minute documentary which described in photographic accuracy the stark starvation being experienced in the area.

Douglass students, staff and faculty were asked to contribute toward the relief of the starving people. Contributed were some 40 pounds of dried foods and $86.69 in cash.

The contributions have been sent through the Africare Organization in Washington.

The student leader for the campaign was Miss Renee Hanna, an honor student and a senior.

Other students who gave of their time and effort were Misses Dolline Hunt, Gladys Raby, Barbara Shearn, Alma Shearin, Helen Woodland, Leslie Griffin, Jacqueline Johnson, Michelle Ricks; Guy Webster and Alvin Wells.

Ellihu Norris teacher of Afro-American History, was the faculty sponsor. Mrs. Elizabeth Adams is principal of Douglass.

Schools Close

Maryland public and private schools will remain closed Jan. 2,3, and 4, upon executive orders issued by Gov. Mandel, according to state officials.

The measure is being taken in efforts to save energy used in reheating buildings for a short three-day week.

New lottery said to be more simple

Under new, simplified lottery regulations, approved by the Board of Public Works, there will be twice as many $25, $100 and $1,000 winners with the majority of winners being $5.00 and still only one weekly $50,000 winner.

The $35 scramble winners will no longer be a part of the system, which will be put into effect early next year.

Officials said they had received several complaints that the old system was too complicated and people did not understand.

Christmas opens downtown Dec. 8

The Baltimore Promotion Council Christmas Program begins at 10 a.m. Saturday in Center Plaza with the official opening of Santa's Workshop. Santa will greet youngsters until 4 p.m.

"Professor Kool" will welcome Santa. Following a ribbon cutting ceremony youngsters will be treated to 45 minutes of "Professor Kool's antics.

The Post Office Jazz Band will play Sounds of Christmas throughout the morning.

The public is invited to come downtown and sing-along, visit Santa and stroll around Center Plaza while representatives of 40 Baltimore neighborhoods trim Christmas Spruce that will ring the Plaza throughout the holiday season. Neighborhood tree trimming is sponsored by the Citizens Planning and Housing Association. First, second, and third place awards will be presented for the most imaginatively decorated tree.

Mayor Schaefer will present awards at 12:30 p.m. in Center Plaza.

Monday, Dec. 10 to Dec. 24 Santa's Workshop will be open weekdays from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Public school youngsters will sing in Center Plaza each weekday from noon to 1 p.m.

A special Post Office substation has been set-up in Center Plaza to accommodate Christmas card and packages as well as mail addressed to the North Pole.

Fake sidewalk Santa Clauses

Christmas shoppers are warned by police not to give to the greedy but if they are sure, go ahead and give to the needy. Any doubt now there will be several fake sidewalk Santa Clauses showing up downtown and in various shopping centers along with persons asking for money for churches, the blind and the needy.

Some are not fake, but you must check first.

Small-time film-flammers are ruthless before holidays. Con men pick this time to don red suits and white beards to deceive unsuspecting yule shoppers.

TRY TO FIT THAT IN YOUR LIVING ROOM — Workmen at the new Lexington Mall raise a giant Christmas tree, hopefully, to bring some joy to shoppers in the downtown area. The AFRO hopes that everyone has fun during the Christmas season.

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R.S.V.P. with Marie

It Was A Lovely Way To Spend The Evening

By Marie Murphy Phillips Cooke
AFRO Women's Editor

In a large metropolitian city such as ours, where there's always something going on, one can easily tire from constantly running about, here and there. But this was no the case last weekend.

For this writer the weekend began on Thursday of last week with the N.M. Carroll Home benefit (see story in this edition), and did not end until late Sunday evening following the Model of the Year contest (this story is also in this edition).

Friday night found this town's theatre-goers in high fashion at the Lyric. It was a benefit presentation of "Save The Children" sponsored by the local chapter of the NAACP.

Invitations asked guests to carry out its theme "Return to the Fifties—The Look of Elegance"... many of them did.

One of our town's top fashion models was seen, lookin' elegant in yellow and black. She was cute Miss Cee Cee Stokes in an original one shoulder design. Her complementing six inch platform high heels reminded one of yesteryear.

And speaking of fashion, and good looks: Henry L. Dunklin was there in navy and burgundy; and his pants with those deep cuffs and the new Edwardian-type midi-length suede and knit coat and, of course, matching platform. (Note: Mr. Dunklin, formerly of Chicago, is a young man making it big in the advertising and photography in the entire Md. area.) Read about the "Save the Children" program in Columbia Capers and Monumental Music Hall.

Pierians—"Beyond Illustration"

Sunday also found this writer at the swanky Fifteenth Anniversary Celebration of the Pierians, a local group of art enthusiasts.

The group in cooperation with the Morgan State College Gallery of Art, presented an exhibition "Beyond Illustration" The Art of Playboy (Magazine).

It was 7 p.m. when guests began to enter the Carl Murphy Auditorium where they were greeted by junior hosts and hostesses, many of whom were the children of the members. Like Millie, Sylvia and Wanda Wilson, daughters of the Rev. and Mrs. Donald O. Wilson (Mrs. Theda Wilson is one of the newest members of the Pierians), were seated at the guest book, pretty as ever in their long formal dresses.

Have a nice day!

It was a black tie affair. And speaking of black ties: Dr. Haywood Harrison, V.P. at Morgan had his on that night along with his deep yellow ruffled shirt trimmed with black. . .really good looking.

Also seen was Miss Moni Tenebe, a Nigerian student at Morgan, majoring in physical education, in a hand-woven cocktail length three-piece suit she made of cotton loops. The skirt, called a a s o-oke, was wrapped neatly around her petite body. It was topped with a matching headwrap.

It was interesting to note some of the names given the works on display. Like "All She Needs Is Love" a real life oil painting by Herb Davidson; "Pregnant Woman," sculpture of plaster, wood and canvas by George Segal; "O You New York Girls," ink and water color on canvas, by Seymour Rosofsky, and "How To Survive In A French Restaurant," water color on paper, by Tomi Ungerer.... some of those titles were something else, as well as the works. The exhibition will continue through Friday, Dec. 21. You can see it for yourself any day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Back to the fashions: Between the glasses of bubbly champagne and chit chat, this writer spied Mrs. Charles Wynn in an original gown of gray knit with metallic gold threads. Pearls and chains added even more sparkle; Mrs. Peal Brackett, in brown knit with metallic black and gold...simply beautiful; Mrs. Essie Sutton in winter red and Mrs. David Wright in black silk.

Guests were treated like guests that night thanks to Misses Robin Russell, Janice Young, Herbert Mosley and Devereux Starette and members of the Pierians: Mesdames Emerson Walden, president; Glenn Tarter, vice president; G. James Fleming, recording secretary, Glenford Mussenden, corresponding secretary; G. Luther Washington, financial secretary; Saul Perdue, treasurer, and Ernest Johnson.

Other members are: Mesdames Thomas M. Briscoe, Lionel Desbordes, Raymond V. Hayshert, I.

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"The Look of the Fifties" was the theme of the Friday night benefit sponsored by the local chapter of NAACP. Lookin' good were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson.

Folks came out in high style to see "Save The Children" at the Lyric on Friday evening. AFRO camera caught Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson entering the theatre.

Mrs. Earl Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. David Wright, seen at the 15th Anniversary celebration of the Pierians Sunday evening.

Miss Janet Waters, artist, and her friend, Michael Gambrill, a student at the University of Md. Baltimore County, share their views on one of the works displayed at the Sunday gathering.

Miss Larkins weds Mr. Rees

Pretty Miss Mildred Elaine Larkins, daughter of Mrs. Annie Larkins became the wife of Frank L. Rees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Rees in a double ring ceremony recently at Martin's West.

The bride was beautifully attired in a pure white gown of silk organza with flowered embodiery bodice. Her veil was of lace and fell shortly below her shoulders. She carried a bouquet of white and blue carnations.

The Rev. Thomas Smith presided over the ceremony.

The bride was attended by Misses Vernetta Bullock, Patricia Larkins, Donna Tawny, Cynthia Harvin and Sylvia Graves.

Best man was David Roles while ushers were Brian Pillinger, Durant Harvin, Tony Lovecchico, Mosses Bullock.

The couple honeymooned in Atlanta, Ga., Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The bride is a graduate of the Frederick Douglass High School and is employed at Social Security.

The bridegroom attended schools in England. The couple will make their new home on Gatehouse Drive in Baltimore.

MRS. FRANK L. REES
(former Miss Mildred E. Larkins)

Black teenage pageant

The Maryland Production Committee for the Miss Black Teenage World Pageant has already launched its search for contestant sponsors in each of the Maryland counties for 1974.

Sponsors may be either church, civic, community, or social organizations or citizens groups organized for the purpose of sponsoring a contestant. Local sponsors must purchase the franchise rights to hold an official pageant within their county.

Females between the ages of 15 to 17 who are single and never married, amulled, divorced or separated are eligible for the contest.

The contest will be sponsored this year by the Pride Unlimited NAACP Youth Council of Dorchester County.

Social Calendar

DECEMBER 7: The Baltimore Marketing Association's Sixth Annual Awards Dinner honoring outstanding black businessmen, Holiday Inn, Downtown, 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 8: Baltimore Chapter of Las Amigas, Inc. presents "A Nostalgic Experience. In Oldies But Goodies — Then and Now." Village of Cross Keyes, Hollyday Room, 5100 Falls Rd.

DECEMBER 9: Madison Avenue YWCA presents an All Children's Fashion Show, 1912 Madison Ave., 3 p.m.

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32nd Anniversary and Retirement Program honoring Miss Dorothy Anderson New Elizabeth Baptist Church, 4901 Park Heights Ave., 3 p.m.

Testimonial honoring the Rev. Dackery Thompson, Friendship Baptist Church, Northpoint Gardens, Northpoint Blvd., 7-11 p.m.

Are You Getting Married?

When's your big day? Let the AFRO know. Brides-to-be may send for special wedding blank from which a full wedding story will be written. All you have to do when you return it is supply the picture (black and white glossy). Write: Wedding Form, AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203. There is no charge. Pictures will not be returned.

Club Notes

By Michele L. McRae

When does your club meet? Let this column know about your meetings and programs. Address news release to: Miss Michele L. McRae, c/o Club Notes, AFRO-AMERICAN, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

ALPHA WIVES — Members of the club have their second annual project well on the way with the committee being led by Mrs. Eleanor Anderson, chairman.

Other members of the club are: Mesdames Mildred Shelton, Doris Reese, Sarah Ellis, president and Eleanor Anderson, secretary.

The theme of the affair will be "Champagne and Mistletoe."

Members will invite friends on Sunday, December 16 to the Hollyday Room of the Village of Cross Keys to share with them in the gala occasion.

The Rivers Chambers Orchestra will furnish the entertainment for the evening.

HERBERT M. FRISBY HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Members held challenging meeting last week at the lovely home of Mrs. Phyllis Eley. Mrs. Bernice S. White kicked off the meeting with a discussion of the plans for the upcoming year.

The group finalized plans for their weekend trip to Atlanta, Ga. Miss Lota Howard is the chairman of that committee.

Members of the club, Mrs. Naomi Camper and Lena K. Lee, will be featured soon on Channel 13, North Star, in a panel discussion entitled, "Women Of Today."

Finalizing the meeting was a delicious repast and surprise shower honoring Mrs. Lena K. Lee, originator of the Herbert M. Frisby Historical Society. Mrs. Lee is also the society's former president.

Those present for the meeting were: Dr. Herbert M. Frisby, Mesdames Rosa T. Gaskins, Kathleen Newsome, Mildred A. Williams, Naomi Camper, Allegera M. Taylor, Ruth T. Rosedom, Louise S. Turks, Mary S. Thompson, Fannie S. Holmes, Sarah S. Ryan, Queenie S. Lane, Mamie C. Woodford, Margaret K. Ross, Palestine W. Anderson, Barbara Smothers, Dr. Clara Adams.

Also there were Misses Jessie M.

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The Alpha Wives are busy making last-minute preparations for the gala Champagne and Mistletoe gathering to be held on Dec. 16 at the Village of Cross Keys, Hollyday Room. On this year's committee are from left: Mesdames Alice Shelton, Mildred Campbell, Eleaner Anderson, chairman; Pearlie Corley, recording secretary; Josephine Kimbers, Doris Reese and Geraldine Deshordes. More about the affair in Club Notes.

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