Pastor, Congregation Celebrate Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

REV. AND MRS. DOCKERY S. THOMPSON
and Friendship Baptist celebrate

Some 300 members, friends and guests gathered at Martin's North Point Gardens recently to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Friendship Baptist Church of Turner Station where the Rev. Dockery S. Thompson has been pastor since its beginning.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, elegant in their evening attire, were seated in the center of the head table with their children and their spouses to the left and right of them.

During and after dinner a program was presented, by members of the church. The toastmaster for the evening was the Rev. Harold Dobson, minister of St.Mark's Institutional Baptist Church. The Rev. Clifford Johnson Jr., of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist church was the keynote speaker.

Solos were rendered by Mrs. Dorothy Johnson wife of the Rev. Mr. Johnson, Charles Williams, well-known soloist in the Baltimore area, Mrs. Annie Douglas of Friendship Baptist Church and Mrs. Katherine Goodloe, well-known soloist in the Washington, D.C. area.

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The invocation and benediction were given by Dr. James A. Everett of New Shiloh Baptist Church.

Honored during the program were the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Naomi Harris, Deacon William Reynolds and Mrs. Jannie Mitchell whose service and dedication has been an inspiration to the members of the church and community. They were presented beautiful plaques by Mrs. Jean Moore, Mrs. Marie Williams, Miss Patricia Reynolds and Micheal Johnson. A special presentation on behalf of the church was presented to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson by the Rev. James Jeffers, Associate Minister of Friendship Baptist.

Among those who cited the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and Friendship Baptist Church's service to the community were the Rev. W. L. Jeffries of New Shiloh Baptist Church, the Rev. Mark Riddix of Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church, the Rev. Leslie Dyson of St. Matthews United Methodist Church, the Rev. Joseph Hinton of Morris Chapel Baptist Church-Philadelphia, Leroy O. Dyett of Morton and Dyett Funeral Home and Dr. James A. Everett.

In addition to guests from the Baltimore area, guests were present from Washington and N.C.

The chairman for the banquet was Mrs. Bonnie Douglas. Miss Hattie McDaniels was the co-chairman.

Members of the Lend A Helping Hand Club gathered on Saturday and decided to help needy families this Christmas. Present at the meeting were: (seated from left) Mesdames Wilhelmina Allen and Macie Wilson. Standing from left are Mesdames Marie Taylor, Bertha Winston, Euther Taylor, Julia Jeffers, Alfreda Beckett, Julia Ann Brooks and Estair Hodges. More about the group in Club Notes.

Phi Delta Kappa Shares Christmas

There is no better way to show love than by sharing it. Christmas would not be Christmas without children expressing their joys and beliefs in our cultural heritage while young people show their talents through song, dance, and varied creative expressions. Adults add to the joys of the season by giving, sharing with their families and friends. Remembering God's great gift to the world and what Christmas is really about.

Gamma Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa celebrated Christmas at the Holiday Inn Downtown with a beautiful festive luncheon on Saturday.

Instead of honoring the retired teachers at this time, they decided to invite their families and friends to share in a timely and well-planned program which included the very young children, teenagers and adults. Some 175 guests assembled in the Roman Holiday Room of the hotel and for a few hours closed out everything evil.

They lived up to their theme, "Christmas Is Love." Everyone enjoyed this program so much they lingered around when the last song had been sung. Soror Willie Mae Stanley extended a hearty welcome.

Little children from the primary grades of William Alexander School No. 112 were special guests of the sorority. They charmed the hearts of everyone with their creative expressions, and dances. The group sat spellbound as a second grade group distinctly recited Clement C. Moore's poem, "The Night Before Christmas." This was followed by a Swedish Dance, "Cievogor," and two original dances done to the tunes, "Frosty The Snowman" and "Give Love On Christmas."

Several parents, teachers, and sides came to watch them share their love.

The Xinos, the youth group of the sorority came forth with varied creative expressions that caught the attention of all.

They shared "What Christmas Means to Me," and "What I Hope It Means To You." They used each letter in the word. Christmas, to tell their story. This was done by Romaine Taylor, president and members Simone Hunter, Valerie Moses, Delise Brown and Kym Crosby.

Soror Rose Gallon gave a most inspiring Christmas message based on the theme and Sorors Frankie Wilson and Lois Kyler recited prose and poetry for the occasion.

Christmas carols were never sung more beautifully with Soror Arnita Woodlon at the piano.

The committee responsible for this activity included: Sorors Mildred Hardy, chairon; Anne Larkins, co-chairman, Elmira Collins, Parona Dorsey, Leana Terrell, Agnes Hill, Wynona Rhock, Thelma Rice, Maudenell Wilson, Arnita Woodlon, chairman of music and Lucille Johnson, basileus.

They Were There

The great group from William Alexander School was made up of the children from the primary grades and their teachers: Mesdames Mary Crowder, Sara Howell, Victoria Jones, Mildred Harriday, and Evelyn Scott. Also the parent liaison worker, Mrs. Oletha Canty, the head custodian, Mrs. Elizabeth Wall, and friends and parents, Mesdames Barbara Marsh, Ava Lee, Charlene Davis, Barbara Brown, Rosie Campbell, Renee Campbell, Lydia Hopkins, Shelia Davis, Betty Davis, Shelia Brown, Cherry Lee, and Barbara Ann Hopkins.

In the performing arts groups from School No. 112 were: Paula Robinson, Paulette Robinson, Delores Tate, Angela Johnson, Norma Hawks, Pamela Thomas, Patricia Smas, Angela Noel, Jay Montgomery, Ricky Morris, Kevin Davis, Demo Taylor, Neal Wilson, Michael Jones, Kevin Stokes, Charles Moses;

Joshua Smith, Arnita Green, Carita Green, Cherry Bradford, Aneela Rich, Sharon Robinson, Jacqueline Robinson, Terry Floyd, Anthony Jones, Kenneth Lee, Tyrone Tates, Larry Thomas, James Hawks, Denise Smith, Edwina Knight, Kimberly Stith, Angela Oliver, Loreanna Hawkins, Cassandra Sterrett, Angela Shivers, Francina Reese, Keith Lucas, Charles Baker, Michele Worsley, Teressa Brown, Sharon Peters, Lisa Carey, Yolanda Marsh and Annette Stewart.

Also Seen Saturday

Other sorors and their guests were: Sorors and Mesdames Della W. Macer, Jean A. Beckett, Emma L. Davis, Helen M. Hull, Mertha J. Thompson, Bertha W. Cross, Vonzella J. Ford, E. Romaine Jones, Shirley E. Watkins, V. F. Fowlker, E. B. Stith, Erma H. Maddox, Winifred Ashby, Ruth H. Fauntleroy, R. Bailey, Carolyn Griffin, Victoria Jones, Elsie Harris;

Sorors and Mesdames Dolores A. Parker, Dorothy F. Bennett, Sara E. Howell, Margaret P. Butler, Elmira T. Collins, Gwendolyn Wright, Helena Wright, Ruth Richardson, Catherine W. Adams, Roselle Hunt, Patricia B. Page;

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Also, Sorors and Mesdames Marjorie E. Hunt, Gladys E. Wallace, Wanda J. Wilson, Lucille Johnson, basileus; Vernice D. Matthews, Ethel J. Hunter, Analee J. Portee, Mandell S. Wilson, Lois J. Kyler, Bettie Parker, Evelyn J. Scott, Thelma C. Rice, Rosetta Stith;

Also Sorors and Mesdames Parona Dorsey, Julia B. Dorsey, Dr. Flossie M. Dedmond, Dr. Frederick Dedmond, Frankie Wilson, Virgie M. Walls, Willie Mae Stanley, Nellie H. Bowie, Wynonia S. Rhock, Lena C. Ferrell, Ardena Dixon, Ida M. Eley, Sheila M. Eley, Doris Countess, Ethel A. Clarck, Beatrice Avery, Florence Dixon, Gilda Williams, Rhonda Avery;

And Sorors and Mesdames, Alverta; Holmes Romaine Taylor, Fannie Lawson, Frances Thompson, Anne Larkins, A. J. Bacote, Terrie W. Gilmore, Agnes Hill, Kym K. Crosby, Mary Booze, Lillian Booze, Rose J. Gallop, Elizabeth Young, Rev. Harvey E. Walden, Valerie Moses, Anne Carson Payne, Simone Hunter, Mary Crowder and Orangie Epps.

It was Sig-Shangri-La Night recently when the Alpha Beta Chapter of Sigma Tau fraternity and hundreds of their friends were at La Fountain Bleu. Pictured at left are Richard Holley, chapter president, and Merriman Wilson, vice president. In right photo are: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waters (Margaret), Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griner (Parrish) and Mrs. James Thornton. (More about the affair in Club Notes).

Women

Social Calendar

DECEMBER 21

X-71 Dinner Party, Emerald Gardens 4210 Primrose Ave., 7 p.m.

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Chi Pi Sigma Xmas benefit, La Fontaine Bleu, 3120 Erdman Ave., 10 p.m.-1 a.m.

DECEMBER 22

Wedding of Miss Deborah D. Monroe to Terry Waldon Taylor, Heritage United Church of Christ, Liberty Heights Ave., 2 p.m.

DECEMBER 23

Me-De-So Club Debutante Reception, Me-De-So Clubhouse, Eutaw St., 5 p.m.

DECEMBER 25

Wedding of Miss Eleanor Barksdale to Ray Thompson, United Methodist Church, Edmondson and Stricker Sts., 5 p.m.

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Wedding of Miss Jacqueline Cannaday to Andre Moore, 4104 Bateman Ave., 5:30 p.m.

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

The New City people are steadily chattering about the swanky Holiday party given by Columbia's most popular couple, Robert and Dolores Harper.

The Harpers are the owners of the first black dry cleaners to be established in the New City.

In my opinion, the Harpers certainly have captured the familiar touch of graciousness and fun in entertaining, which was exemplified to the many guests as they arrived at the party. Believe me, not one host or hostess greeted them, but several. The guests were graciously greeted by simply a "well together" family, either by the father, Robert Sr., or handsome Robert Jr., or the charming mother, Dolores, or their pretty daughters, Jessica, Robin or Cristy.

After the guests were received and welcomed, they were ushered downstairs to the recreation area where the "happinessings" for the evening were held. First of all you met beautiful people there, heard the beautiful sounds of stereo music; and I would say a variety of drinks such as flowing whiskey sours prepared by Mrs. Harper, egg nog prepared by Mr. Harper which he is noted for, punch, pineapple and grapefruit juices for the weight watchers, and naturally the usual cheer added to the fun.

The Hostess

Lovely Dolores circulated among her guests with enthusiasm making all of her guests feel relaxed and comfortable. She chose for the evening a long hostess skirt of lavender and gold metallic. The slinky fitted skirt was complemented with a long-sleeve gold metallic blouse with matching slippers. Robin, the Harpers' daughter, looked very stunning in a long green frosted velvet skirt with a deep plunge, front long-sleeve blouse; she chose fashionable platform shoes to complete her outfit. Another daughter, Jessica, charmed her way among the guests dressed like the roaring twenties, wearing a two-piece green crepe sleeveless outfit. The semi-maxi skirt complemented the tiny snakehelli strap top, and to complete the total look of the twenties she wore extremely high heeled black suede sandals. Both daughters are students at Morgan State College.

Sip and Dip

While the guests continued to converse and sip their drinks, Mr. Harper kept a steady pace adding more food on the long table which reached from corner to corner. The food included hot Swedish meatballs, hot meatballs wrapped with noodles, roast beef, ham, chicken, shrimp, assorted salad and delicious mouthwatering pieces of hot baked spareribs and rolls. What a pretty table that was and even better tasty too.

Now you must know for those young ladies who were watching their diets, or should I say calorie frighteners, the gracious Harpers had the center table prepared especially for them. The table consisted of all kinds of cheese, celery, crackers, cauliflower ... name it, they had it.

Enjoying the hospitality of the Harpers were over fifty charming and well-dressed people.

Founder's Day

Columbia Section, Region 2, National Council of Negro Women celebrated their first Founders Day last week at the Interfaith Center.

Mistress of ceremonies for the special occasion was Mrs. Barbara Bray followed by an enchanting piano prelude by Mrs. Fredericka Mathews, after which Miss Janine Augustus gave the invocation and dramatized the legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune. Mrs. Jean Toomer introduced the guest speaker.

The guest speaker for the affair was Mrs. Lucia S. Hawthorne, associate professor of speech at Morgan State College. She spoke on a symbol for black women. Music was rendered by the St. John Gospel Choir; special spirituals were arranged for this special ceremony by Dr. Leroy Giles, director of the choir. Mrs. Vera Wilson, president of the Columbia Section, thanked those in attendance for coming out to the program in spite of the inclement weather. She gave special thanks to the platform participants, praising each one for the duties they had performed. Mrs. Wilson had just returned from Washington where she was sent by her members with all expenses paid to attend the National Convention.

Many Thanks

In addition, Mrs. Wilson called Mrs. Wilhelmina Kelly to the podium and complimented her on the manner in which she had led the organization last year.

(Cuff note): Mrs. Kelly was the first president and founder of the Columbia Section; a very charming and quiet type woman, who really laid the groundwork for the organization. Mrs. Wilson said A surprise presentation was intended for the lovely Mrs. Kelly, but was not ready in time for the program. Last, but not least, she thanked the very fine program committee, headed by Mrs. Bernice Long, vice president of the organization, for a job well done. Her committee included Mesdames Barbara Bray, Jean Goggins, Yvonne Howell, Margaret Langford, Dolores Thomas, Jean Toomer and Minnie Toure.

After the program, refreshments were served.

A Beautiful Woman

(Cuff note): Mary McLeod Bethune was an educator and founder of Bethune-Cookman College in 1904. Listed as one of fifty greatest women America has produced, she was truly a beautiful black woman. I personally didn't see Mrs. Bethune as an ugly woman as most people called her. After much research, I saw this great woman as a person with inner beauty which flowed outward and made her one of the prettiest black women God has ever created.

She was a woman who has over the years encouraged black women to assume leadership roles and serve as catalysts for social change. This encouragement came about since the National Council was founded back in 1935 — an estimate of 25 national organizations which has involved individuals with an outreach to four million women throughout the country. The National Council has sought to mobilize women from all walks of life, ages, political persuasion, economic and social backgrounds to address themselves to the problems which plague all of the deprived people of the nation.

National Council

The National Council programs are based on a philosophy of committee, unity and self-reliance. Unity in my unity and self-reliance. Unity in my opinion is what our black brothers and sisters don't have. Why? Because they are so busy fighting against one another, instead of helping one another. They are trying to pull each other back.

Speaking of unity — Black people wake up and start uniting together; you'll find the surroundings around you surely to be a better place to live; and most of all, if you'll do the best you can in so far as helping other people, then your living will not be in vain.

Mary Bethune left behind her an open will to the American people. Out of the nine wills, I personally like the last two better which say: "I leave you faith, for faith is the first factor in a life devoted to service. Without faith, nothing; no nothing is possible, and believe me, with it nothing is impossible. Faith in God is the greatest power, but a person is the greatest when he has confidence and faith in himself.

I leave you racial dignity. Black

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City Temple Baptist Church Site of Lee-Davis Wedding

A lovely double ring ceremony uniting Miss Bonita Rochelle Davis and Leonard Lee, officiated by the Rev. William W. Payne was held on a recent Saturday afternoon at the City Temple Baptist Church.

Beautifully attired in a gown of white lace and taffeta veil, the bride carried a white satin Bible with matching corsage and ribbons.

Attended by Miss Joyce Parker as maid of honor, bridesmaids serving the bride were: Misses Toni Davis, Colleen Williams, Jacqueline Walls and Edith Dunbar. They were a vision of beauty in pale colors with complementing accessories.

Best man was Rodney Walls along with Lawrence Purdue, Denny McNally, Ralph Mezginson and Michael Curtis as ushers.

Flower girls were Nadia Davis and Rayna Garrison while ringbearer was Master Dereck Brooks.

Musical preludes were rendered throughout the ceremony by Correll Williams, organist and Miss Roslyn Collins as soloist.

The couple was feted following nuptial ceremonies in the church hall, following a honeymoon in Matthews County, Va., the couple will make their new home on Kossuth St. in Baltimore.

-R.S.V.P.

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fred Smiths and their two children, Karen and Charles.

Cassells in Puerto Rico

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cassell were the guests of honor at a Bon Voyage party given by Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Gaskins at the Chelsea Terrace Home. The Cassells boarded the S.S. Veendam last Thursday en route to Puerto Rico.

Among those well-wishers who were at the Dec. 8 affair were:

Messrs. and Mesdames Preston Darraja, Buddy Autry, Walter Jones, Edgar Smith, George Jones, Buddy Thornton, James Johnson, Joe Mills;

Also Messrs. and Mesdames Donald Cary, Stanley Williams, Rudy Smith, Walter Stokes, Ronnie Morgan, Henry Cotton and Ralidean Coates. And, Mesdames Lenora Grady, Carlotta Davis and Kimelda Jews.

MR. AND MRS. LEONARD LEE
former Miss Bonita Davis

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority

The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. became the first black sorority at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus recently with the initiation of nine young women.

The young women initiated into the Eta Epsilon Chapter were: Misses Paulette Bennett, Winifred Cannon, Dorshia DuRant, Elizabeth Foster, Cynthia Hampton, Carolyn Mason, Cheryl Randolph, Alice Scott and Michele Young.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was organized at Howard University on Jan. 16, 1920 by five young women: Sorors Arizona Stemmons, Myrtle T. Faithful, Viola T. Goings, Fannie Watts and Pearl Neal. These women were inspired by two members of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Charles Rollett Taylor and Langston Taylor, who felt the need for a sister organization.

The objectives of Zeta, which are Finer Womanhood, sisterly love and scholarship, have brought together women in higher fields of learning who are interested in working toward civic and social betterment throughout the world.

Zeta sponsors a juvenile delinquency project which functions throughout the country. Included in this program are Foster Home Care, Youth Conference, Vocational Guidance Clinics, tinker stops and the development of youth groups and a national March of Dimes project entitled Storks Nest.

There are over 200 chapters of Zeta in this country and Africa thus making it an international organization.

The sorority will celebrate its 53rd anniversary at Martin's West on Jan. 13 from 5-9 p.m. Reservations may be made by contacting Sorors Ieolene Crawner, 367-8569 or Elizabeth F. Johnson.

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Spreading the Christmas spirit at a celebration given by the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Gamma Chapter on Saturday were (seated from left): Kevin Davis, Paula Robinson, Angela Johnson, Ricky Morris, Kenneth Lee, Anthony Jones, Sharon Robinson, Paulette Robinson, Angela Rich, Yolanda Moses, Carita Green, Annita Green, Michelle Worsley and Angela Oliver. Second row from left are Cheryl Bradford, Pamela Thomas, Cassandra Sterrett, Terry Floyd, Neal Wilson, Edwina Knight, Lueanna Hawkins, Angela Shivers, Kimberly Stith, Francine Reese, Sharron Peters, Lisa Carey, Delores Tate, Denise Smith, Theresa Brown and Jacqueline Williams. Third row from left are Michael Jones, Larry Thomas, Mrs. Mildred Harriday, Mrs. Victoria Jones, Charles Baker, Mrs. Evelyn Scott, Keith Lucas, Mrs. Sara Howell and Mrs. Mary Crowder.

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people, especially young people, should maintain their human dignity at all times. When black children are small they should be taught that they are beautiful, and there should be an awareness of their individual and collective beauty. Develop positive attitudes about themselves as human beings; then when they mature to men and women they will not have an inferiority complex about the color of their skin or their physical beauty. They will be able to stand up with dignity at all times."

Thought For Today

Life's greatest achievement is the continual re-making of yourself so that at last you know how to live.

Winfred Rhodes

DECEMBER 30

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Annual New Year's Party, Mondawmin Mall, 10 p.m.

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National Advisory Council. This was the 19th annual affair dating back to 1955.

For the 300 guests who attended they were treated to the sounds of the "Railroad Gang" and the "Soul Explosions." Hosting the affair were Brothers Richard Holley, president; Clarence Williams, Joseph Parham, Walter Cole, Merriman Wilson, vice-president; Robert Griner, Brawley Davis, Oscar Jones, James Thornton, Arthur Scribner, Harry Gross, William Dease, Melvin Watts and Louis Jones.

LEND A HELPING HAND CLUB — The group was organized in 1944 and since that time members have gathered once a month in the homes of members and enjoyed the hospitality and getting together of business.

Each year the group contributes to charities including, The Aged Home and The Anna Maw Hunter Home for the Blind.

This year the group will make annual contributions to the needy.

Members attended Mesdames W. C. Allen, president; Euther Taylor, secretary; Julia Brooks, Gertrude Barrow, Estairor Hodges, Helen Flemings, Julia Jeffer, Bertha Smith, Euther Taylor, Marie Taylor, Mazie Wilson, Bertha Winston, and Alfreida Beckett.

W.O.F.F. CLUB — The Wives of Fire Fighters met at the Lynchester Rd. home of Mrs. Bernice Redmond where a regular business meeting was held and then Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Plans were made for a Get-Acquainted Affair for prospective new members to be held on January 26, 1974.

Members present were Mesdames Judith Martin, president; Mildred Goodwyn, Hilda Leach, Mary Deshields, Tina Dyson, Dorothy Gaines, Margaret Dorsey, and Michaelle Nesbit.

Members unable to attend were Mesdames Delores Davenport, Shirley Holley and Irma Taylor.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY — Members of the Kappa Chapter met a Saturday ago at the home of Soror Blanche Williams on The Strand.

Reports for the year 1973 were given by various committees. Members were elated over the success of their projects.

Christmas donations were made to the Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind. A supplementary contribution toward the scholarship of Miss Mary Louise McClinton was given to Duke University where Miss McClinton is in attendance in Trinity College.

Plans are in the making for the February celebration of Negro History Week. Soror Mary Ervin is chairman.

Officers for the year 1974 were installed by Soror Isabel McConnell. They are as follows: president, Soror Blanche Pettiford; first vice president, Soror Evelyn Faulk; second vice president, Soror Marion Ransom; recording secretary, Soror Esther Jewett; corresponding secretary, Soror Mildred Ayers; financial secretary, Soror Mabel Waters; treasurer, Soror Gladys Ball; dean of pledgees, Soror Sylvia Martin; journalist, Soror Vivian Young.

After the installation, Sorors turned their attention toward enjoying the holiday season. Gifts were exchanged and carols sung. A delicious repast was served by hostesses Sorors Vivian Young, Evelyn Wilkey, Blanche Williams and Mabel Waters.

Others in attendance were sorors Mary Ames, president; Delores Davenport, Mary Ervin, Evelyn Faulk, Hazel Hyman, Sylvia Martin, Isabel McConnell, Blanche Pettiford, Fannie Poulson, Marion Ransom, Margaret Robinson, Doris Browning, Mabel Waters, Blanche Williams, Vivian Young, Phoebe Webster, Josephine Williams, Aliceteen Mangrum, Clementine Williams, Lillie Powell Johnson, Mildred Noel and Helen Weatherford.

Businessmen exercise

A special one month's trial membership for city businessmen in need of exercise is being offered by Central branch YMCA.

Through Dec. 31, businessmen can pay $20 for a one month membership in Business Men's Athletic Club. At the end of the trial period, the fee may be applied to the $200 annual fee.

Exercise classes under YMCA supervision are held Monday through Friday, from 12:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Other activities available to members are handball, basketball, weight training, track and swimming. Members can also use the branch's sauna bath, steam room, showers, sun lamps, whirlpool baths and massage service.

For more information, or to register, contact Central branch YMCA, 24 West Franklin St., 539-7350 extension 36.

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The weekend before Christmas, as well as Christmas Eve, will be other good times to make calls.

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