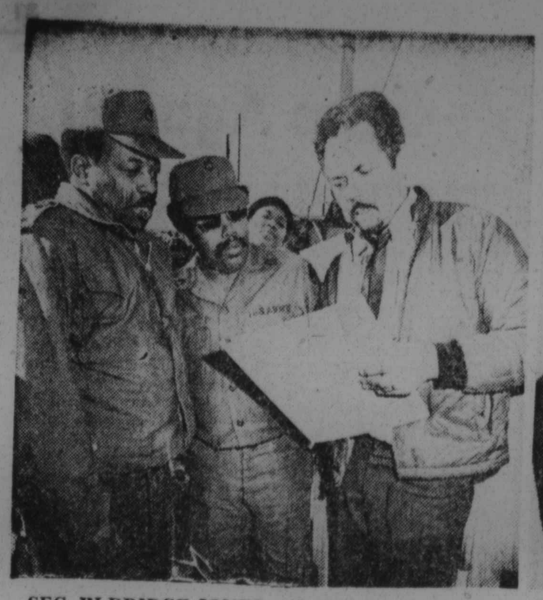

SFC. ELDRIDGE JONES and SFC. Thomas Halsey check with Mr. Peters, Manager at Super Pride, to make sure orders are correct.

ALPHA CHAPTER, Chi Psi Sigma Fraternity presents $150 to Mrs. Santa's helper. Left to right, William W. Freeman, secretary; Leonard W. Thompson, business manager; William Lyles, president.

FIRST MARYLAND Health Care Center, 1223 W. Mt Royal Ave. presented $75 to Mrs. Santa. Above, Earl Daniels, Community Relations; Elma Gorham, Organizer; Robert L. Young, Executive Director; Horace Davis, Community Organizer. Standing, Pete Johnson, Fin. Director; Rufus Powell, Dir. Ed. Trainees; Michael Broom, Marketing and Camel M. Keels.

Baltimore Afro American

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35,000 aged, blind, disabled set to get more money as of Jan. 1

Nearly 35,000 aged, blind and disabled Maryland citizens currently receiving public assistance from the State Social Services Administration will be transferred to the federal Supplemental Security Income Program on Jan. 1, 1974.

The new program will be administered by the Social Security Administration.

All persons who are eligible under the existing program as of Dec. 31, 1973 will be automatically transferred to the new program and need take no action on their own.

According to David T. Mason, Maryland Secretary of Employment and Social Services, as of Jan. 1, recipients in these categories who have questions concerning their benefits, or those who want to report lost or stolen checks, should contact their nearest Social Security Office rather than their department of social services.

Henry Johnson, principal of Carver Vocational Technical High School presents $90.65 to Mrs. Santa (Ida Peters). Center: Delores Mitchell, vice-pres. Student Council and Bernessa Weems, Miss Carver.

THANK YOU

MRS. SANTA'S HELPERS photographed on this page by Benjamin M. Phillips IV are partly responsible for the success of the 1973 AFRO Charities program. For more on the event which afforded many needy families a joyous Christmas, see inside this edition today.

DEL. TROY BRAILEY presented Mrs. Santa with $25 from the Afro-American Labor Council and $25 if his own, a total of $50.

BETA SIGMA TAU Fraternity presented $50 to Mrs. Santa's helper, Sharon Jordan. Above Richard Holley, president; Frank Smith, chairman; and Merriman Wilson, vice-president.

Coppin State College, Student Government Assoc., donates $200.00 to Mrs. Santa Fund. From left to right: Linda Smith, pres., James Patterson, comptroller; Adahzell T. Stith, public relations. Standing: Terrence Davis, Mallory W. Crawford and Edward Stanton.

Sub-teacher gets $50,000 at drawing

Miss Lois Smith, a substitute teacher, received her $50,000 State Lottery check today (Friday) at the drawing at Mondawmin. Her Dec. 13 ticket was 650936.

According to Paul Moore, lottery executive, Miss Smith bought her ticket two weeks ago and put it in a dresser drawer. After the drawing Dec. 13, she said something told her to look at it, and sure enough, she was a winner.

The Morgan State College graduate went in just before Christmas to report her good luck.

The 12 noon drawing at Mondawmin is expected to bring more winners who will indeed have a happy New Year.

The next drawing is Friday, Jan. 4 at Frederick, Md. Both today's drawing at Mondawmin and the one at the Frederick Shopping Center are on Fridays because of the holidays. The subsequent drawings will come back to the usual Thursday 12 noon time.

MORE SNOW fell over Baltimore last week, but changed to rain by Christmas day. In the background can be seen the finished mural created by the father and son team of Joshua Johnson, 16, and his dad Robert Johnson, 51. The painting is located on the back of the AFRO building, off Druid Hill Ave., and Jasper St.

(AFRO staff photo by Roman Hankewycz)

1974 school calendar

Here is a list of remaining holidays for Baltimore public school students and teachers.

Monday, Jan. 7 — Christmas/New Year's vacation ends.

Monday, Jan. 14 — Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Friday, Feb. 1 — Record Day (no school for students.

Monday, Feb. 18 — Washington's Birthday.

Monday, April 8-16 — Spring Break.

Monday, May 27 — Memorial Day.

Friday, June 14 — Last day of classes.

"All dates subject to change due to energy crisis.

Nathaniel Knight files for a divorce

Nathaniel Knight, of 900 block Linwood Ave. has filed for a divorce from his wife,

The divorce was filed Dec. 26 in Circuit Court 2. According to the record, Mr. Knight states he was a good and kind husband.

Court records state Mrs. Knight deserted her husband Sept. 10, 1972. The record reveals, "Mrs. Knight committed acts of adultery with diverse men in the state of Maryland." The couple was married Sept. 20, 1969.

Rites held today for Rufus Tucker

Last rites were held today (Friday) at St. James Episcopal Church for Rufus A. Tucker, 75, 3414 Auchentoroly Terrace. Mr. Tucker was born March 3, 1898 in Cockeysville, Md., the son of the late Joseph and Mrs. Amanda Dorsey Tucker.

A Morgan State College graduate, Mr. Tucker was retired after 47 years service in the post office.

Mr. Tucker was active in community, fraternal and church affairs.

He was a 32nd degree Mason of Hiram Grand Lodge; Past Master and recording secretary of Friendship Lodge No. 1; Noble of the Order of the Mystic Shrine and Honorary Past Potentate and Assistant Recorder of the Prince Hall Affiliation, Shriners.

His other interests were the Morgan College Varity "M" Club and the St. Andrews Guild of the St. James Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Rhea H. Tucker; daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Edwards, Mrs. Gloria T. Brown and Mrs. Peggy T. King, Chevy Chase, Md.; sisters, Mrs. Elsie Richardson, Baltimore and Mrs. Marie Davenport, Cockeysville; brother, Alfred Tucker, Cockeysville; seven grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Tucker is buried in Basil AME Church Cemetery in Cockeysville.

Unusual Christmas greetings

Congressman Parren Mitchell's Christmas card was one of the most unusual ever seen, it portrayed the soul, spirit, love and tenderness that is inherent with the black mother and child.

Some of the others were: a lively card in gold from the President of Liberia and Mrs. W. R. Tolbert Jr.; a black and white picturesque colonial style card from Mayor William Donald Schaefer; a blue and gold card from Maryland Surveying and Engineering Company, Inc., saying Peace in the shape of all religions. Also a lovely silver and white card with the College Chapel of St. Augustine College in Raleigh, North Carolina from The Robinsons and last, but not least, perhaps the card which expresses our thoughts to you, from Rebecca and Lawrence Young, saying: "He touches all hearts with his eternal love." A Blessed Christmas and a Happly New Year.

More than 2,000 attend Native Son job bank

Some 22,000 college students and graduating seniors will have attended the two-day Operation Native Sons and Daughters job bank when the final count is taken today (Friday) at the Civic Center. The event ends today at 3 p.m.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Baltimore as well as local business and college communities, Native Sons and Daughters has made an effort to introduce college graduates from the Baltimore area to available career opportunities since 1964.

Although the program exists in seven other states and 10 cities, Baltimore's program is considered to be one of the best.

Last year for example, 2,500 students attended the program, 600 of whom or one out of every four, received job offers.

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Unfortunately, the number of black students who take advantage of the program is not as great as many officials feel it should be.

"With out a doubt, there is definitely room for improvement in this area," noted Ted Daniels, one of the co-chairmen of Operation Native Sons and Daughters.

"There hasn't been enough advertising in this respect and something extra needs to be done to attract more black students," Daniels added.

As in most areas, however, black imvolvement has increased in the program and a proportionate number has been employed as a result of their participation.

"In fact," says Mr. Daniels, "as it stands now, qualified black females are the No. 1 candidates on the job market."

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This is not to say that males are excluded, he added. "There is now a strong emphasis, Daniels continued "for major companies to hire competent black men and women."

The important word, however, is 'competent'.

The conference will wind up today (Friday) at 3 p.m., but if past statistics are an omen of things to come, the convention will be the beginning of bright careers for a number of students.

Mrs. Johnson, longtime at St. Peter Claver

Mrs. Julia Johnson, 1804 Walbrook Ave., formerly of 2514 McCulloh St., died Wednesday at Provident Hospital. Last rites are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church where she was a longtime member. The family will receive friends tonight (Friday) at the church. She will be buried in Arbutus Cemetery.

Mr. Abrams found dead at home

Frank Abrams Jr., 66, 2307 Division St., longtime employee at the Department of Social Services, was found dead at his home Thursday morning. He was at work Wednesday and complained of no illness, coworkers said. A son, Joseph Abrams, is employed at the Coast Guard. No funeral arrangements had been made at AFRO pressime.

A GOOD CITIZEN is registered and prepared to VOTE. Do so TODAY at Supervisors of Elections, People's Court Building, Fayette and Gay Sts. Next election is Sept., 1974. Register from — 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

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NOTICE

The Advertising Department of THE AFRO-AMERICAN WILL BE CLOSED TUES., JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY

THE TUES. PAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED MONDAY.

All display (block type) ads for our Tues., Jan. 1st paper should be in this office before 5 p.m. Friday. All classified (per word) ads should be in this office before 12 noon Saturday, Dec. 29th.

Phone 728-2400 or 728-8200

Father P. H. Franklin held for murder

A 54-year-old minister of a West Baltimore church is charged in the shooting death of James Lee Gregg, 18, 4300 block Adelle Terrace, in an argument shortly before midnight Thursday. The incident is the 32nd murder of December.

Homicide Det. Howard Corbin told the AFRO Father Patrick Henry Franklin of St. Martin's Church of Christ located at 405 Orchard St. is being held pending bail hearing today (Friday).

Police said the shooting followed an argument between the Pikesville-Holiday Inn worker and the minister at about 11:55 p.m. at Thomas and Westwood Aves.

Investigators did not reveal what the argument was about, but they stated the youth was shot once in the neck during the heated argument. He was pronounced dead of neck wounds at 12:15 a.m. shortly after arrival at the Lutheran Hospital, according to homicide police.