Mrs. Santa's Mail Bag

By Ida Peters

My dear Mrs. Santa:

We are aware of your great work with the poor and underprivileged people here in Baltimore at this holiday season. Of course being a black agency, we would like to contribute our services in getting food to these people so they too can enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Our agency, in cooperation with the William F. Taylor Lodge No. 57 of the Prince Hall Masons, are giving a Charity Cabaret and our admission price is a donation of canned food products for the needy. We will need a list of families to whom we may take these baskets to. We expect to distribute seventy-five to one hundred baskets on Sunday, December 22, 1974.

We would greatly appreciate your cooperation and attendance at this affair on December 20, 1974. Please send to us this list immediately so that we may distribute the baskets by the date we have set up.

CARROLLA SMITH

Mrs. Sarah F. Diggs writes "keep up the good work and God will continue to bless you for helping so many. Kindly accept my little mite in making so many folks happy."

The Rodman Harris family sent a "small contribution to a family in need of a food basket. It is unfortunate that some have so much and so many have so little."

Thank you Rev. C. L. Whitfield. He says "it gives me pleasure and satisfaction to have the privilege to again share in this worthy cause."

Many thanks go to the six ladies of Zona Gale Charity and Social Club who sent in a check for $15 by Mrs. Mary W. Beal.

More, more thanks to James H. Stephenson, president of Cochran, Stephenson and Donkervoet, Architects, who sent a check for $51 from members of their firm and staff under a Work Contribution Plan.

Thanks to William Wright who said "reading about these people makes me very sad. I hope this little bit will help." Editor: Yes, a little goes a long way when added to other contributions.

Mrs. Mary Hill writes that this is her fl charities and non-profit organizations. "The Lord laid on my heart this time to go a different direction. I hope you will put it where it's needed most."

Ten Wonders Social Club Inc. presented AFRO's Mrs. Santa with $75. Organized since 1964, the club each year donates to different charities including the AFRO and Maryland Baptist Aged Home. They held a raffle and cocktail sip this year. From left, Mrs. Hilda Wheatley, business manager; Mrs. Frances Taylor, secretary; Mrs. Catherine Harrison, president; Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Willie Lee Kenon, chaplain; Mrs. Lillie Mae Sanders, treasurer. Not shown, Mrs. Bessie Webster, lady to arms.

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Mrs. Santa's cases

'I feel like running in search of a hiding place'

Dear Mrs. Santa:

I am the mother of 6 children. We have been separated for six years. Since then, my family has been on welfare. Some days are harder than others.

Sometimes I feel as though I just can't make it. Many days my children and I have been hungry and without decent clothes to wear. I feel like just running in search of a hiding place.

I trust God. He always brings us through and we have learned to be thankful for what we have.

'I've been in auto accident'

Dear Mrs. Santa:

I have six children, 5 to 16. I was working until 3 months ago. I had to have an operation and the doctor says I have to stop working. I was in an automobile accident and my face and eyes are messed up. I didn't have a Thanksgiving and we need things bad. I need three beds. My children are sleeping on the floor. I know it's hard to give my children everything, but if they just get some of the things they need, they will be so very happy Christmas morn.

Case 239—I've been a widow for four years. I've been in the hospital for TB. I am the mother of six children; 16, 13, 9, 8, 7, 5. The money I get from Social Security is not enough for my children to have a happy Xmas. A basket, if nothing else will help. I really need a living room and kitchen rug and living room set.

Case 240—I am on welfare and don't have anything for my kidw. They are 6, 8, 10, 12.

Case 241—Please help make Xmas a little brighter for my 4 children. I receive Social Services but after bills there is hardly enough to buy the little extras you'd like for the little extras. We'd appreciate a small basket to help with the holiday dinner because I will be able only to purchase one-half my food stamps in order to get a nice toy apiece for them. Their ages are 10, girl; 9, 6, 3 all boys. The boy 9 needs a heavy coat, size 12.

Case 242—I really need your help. I am 16, my baby girl is 8 months. My baby's father is in jail for non-support. My new boyfriend, mother and father are helping the best they can. My parents have 5 children, so they can't do much. Any help will be appreciated.

Case 243—I am a mother and grandmother with 4 children to support. My husband is an alcoholic. I have two boys needing shoes. I don't make enough to make ends meet. Please help us with a basket.

Case 244—I have a baby about 6 months old and 3 older children. My baby has a very bad cold from staying in the basement of my mother's house. I need a bed for him.

After having my baby, I suffered a heart condition, as a result I stayed in the hospital for seven days. My children need shoe, clothes, coats, food and toys.

Case 245—I have eight kids. After serving 20 years in the army, my husband was discharged. He came home and went back to Germany. He doesn't send the kids anything. I'm trying to get help, but as yet haven't received any.

Case 246—I am ten, sister 2, brother 17. My brother can't find work because he stays sick with asthma. My mother can't do what she wants for us because we are on public assistance. We are in need of food and clothing.

Case 247—I have a baby and I go to school. During the week I go to school and the weekends I work. The money I get goes toward the rent and food. By the time these bills are paid, there isn't much left. I don t have enough to buy the baby clothing or toys.

Case 248—My mother is unable to work. She gets a check every month, but it is not enough to take care of 7 children. My father works, but after he pays the rent and the other bills, there isn't much left. We would like to have a food basket. The children's ages are 4, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Case 249—I have eight kids. I was unable to get but part of my food stamps. We won't hardly have any food left for Christmas.

Case 250—I am the mother of five, ages two to eleven. I don't have a husband. I get a small check from social services. I would like to have some boy clothes: coats, size 6; furniture and some toys. I have bad nerves, and I am unable to work.

Case 251—I am asking for my six children to get some clothes, toys, food and whatever you can do to help us. Their ages are 16, 12, 11, 10, 7 and 6.

Case 252—I have ten children. I am on the welfare. I am unable to give the children a nice Christmas. Anything will be appreciated.

Case 253—I'm writing this letter for my sisters, brothers, my daughter and myself. My father is dead and my mother is on social service. We are in need of some clothes and a food basket. I try to help my mother the best I can.

Case 254—I have two brothers and one sister living with my mother. My mother gets a check, but she doesn't have enough to buy food stamps. Please send us a food basket.

Case 255—I am a grandmother who would like to have a nice Christmas dinner for her grandchildre. I am unable to work. Please help.

Case 256—I am writing for my brothers and sisters. I am especially writing for my brother who is retarded. My mother and father are separated. She gets a check for us. Please send us a food basket and some clothes.

Case 257—I have four kids, three girls and one boy. My mother was very ill. I went to see her. She lives in South Carolina. The extra money I had for the holidays was spent on the trip.

Case 258—I have three children that all have the sickle cell trait. I get a monthly check from social services but can't afford a turkey or the trimmings. Please send my family a basket for Christmas.

Case 259—I am the mother of three boys that are badly in need of winter coats. I am sick and my husband left me about three months ago. I am not worried about the older children, but I would like to have something for the younger ones. Please send us a food basket and a few toys and three warm coats so the boys can stay warm.

Case 260—My little girl and I moved into a little apartment this month. I have very little money left to buy her any toys or clothes this year. Please help us this year by sending these things and a food basket.

Case 261—I am writing this letter for my sister. She has seven children and she can't see getting anything for her children this year. She was getting social services but for some reasons he has not received any money for about six months. The children need clothes, toys and a food basket.

AFRO's Mrs. Santa needs you

Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities is a non-profit organization of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers which collects funds to aid the less fortunate at Christmas.

Funds are used to purchase food baskets which include all the ingredients for a meal and staples to last at least two weeks. Names are supplied by our readers, city agencies and the Police Department.

SPECIAL NOTE

If you decide to contribute $50 or more, please call Mrs. Santa at 728-8200 and we'll arrange for a picture with Mrs. Santa. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give.

WRITE

If you know of a needy family, a burned out family, write and give us the full facts. The names, ages, sizes of children and why you think they need help. We will investigate and try to help. All families are listed in our files and in the paper by case numbers.

ADOPT FAMILY

We suggest that clubs and organizations send cash donations to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund. We are able to purchase food in bulk, and the basket will be delivered by the Maryland National Guard. Send your check or money order to: Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

If you wish to give clothing or furniture to a family, call Mrs. Santa, 728-8200 and we will arrange to give you the name and address of the family, or arrange for transportation.

Westside Elbow Benders Ltd.

Leonard Flowers, president, Westside Elbow Benders Ltd., presented AFRO's Mrs. Santa with $100 this week.

Organized in April of this year, they held a Hobo Cabaret in October. Dorsey Skinner is vice-president; Ronnine Eaton, secretary; Wayne Kess, treasurer.

Members are Charles Epps, Willie Mitchell, William Eaton, Maxwell Moses, Edward Marshall, Vernon Davis, Alfred Rouse, Floyd White and George Shell.

Ernie Boston, Public Affairs director for WCAO, interviewed AFRO's Mrs. Santa last Sunday. Master Sergeant Arthur Hargrove of the U.S. Marines, Tbys for Tots will be his guest on WCAO at 10 a.m. this Sunday.

VSQ Inc. give $200.

James Lucas, president of the VSQ's Inc., a non-profit social club, presented the AFRO's Mrs. Santa with $200 this week.

Organized in November, 1966, its membership is composed of a cross-section of professional and non-professional people. They have been active in many charitable and social activities including Santa Claus Anon, Walk-A-Thon, Little League and Negro College Fund.

They hold an annual dinner dance, various domestic and foreign trips and have just returned from a fabulous week's stay in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Officers of VSQ Inc. are James Lucas, president; Earl Washington, vice-president; Thomas Neverdon, secretary; James Hickerson, treasurer; John Green, business manager; W. Wayman, financial secretary.

Members include C. Johnson, T. Morton, G. Carter, J. Holmes, A. Montgomery, D. Phillips, J. Ware, R. Quick, B. Jackson, J. Johnson, E. Mason, B. Jackson, J. Johnson, R. Nixon.

Mrs. Santa's helpers

Omegas

The Delta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at Coppin State College are holding a raffle to buy Christmas baskets for Mrs. Santa and benefit their scholarship fund. The drawing will be held at Coppin's Christmas program on Dec. 19 at 8:15 p.m.

U. of Baltimore

The Black Student Union at the University of Baltimore is attempting to reach its goal of providing 100 baskets of food for needy families.

This is an annual Christmas drive which will continue until Dec. 20, 1974. The food baskets that have been col nd faculty/staff at the University of Baltimore will be distributed to needy families in the Baltimore metropolitan area.

Cash donations and/or canned goods are presently being collected and turned in at the Black Student Union's office at the University of Baltimore in room 122. The dean of student's office is also serving as a collection center at the university.

Brighter Day Charity Club presented $25 to Mrs. Santa. Above, Mable Crosby, president; Beatrice Moses, vice-president; Raza Moore, financial secretary; Volia Cald well, recording secretary; Beatrice Lawson, treasurer; Bertha Edwards, business manager; Bessie Epperson, chaplain; Lelia Wilson, Minnie Montuga, Mary Wilkins, Pernell White, Pearl Waters, Sedell Black and Rachael Price.

CCB Christmas concert for AFRO's Mrs. Santa families

The AFRO's Mrs. Santa has free tickets available for all families on her list to attend "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Community College of Baltimore, 2901 Liberty Heights, Campus Theatre of Fine Arts Center, Saturday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m.

To get your free tickets stop in at AFRO's Mrs. Santa office, 628 N. Eutaw St. Volunteers wanted as chaperones.

The young Turks grow up

By Don and Val Hymes

The State Senate chalked up a lot of firsts that busy Wednesday in Annapolis.

It was the first open caucus in history, climaxing the first open campaign in history for the presidency of the upper chamber.

It was the first time a man of such tender years — Steny H. Hoyer is only 35 — was chosen to head that body, and it was the first time since suburbs were invented that one of their own attained that powerful office.

About the only thing that wasn't a first was the meddling of Gov. Marvin Mandel, who is too smart a politician to leave anything that important to chance.

That alone cast a slight pall over the Democratic caucus Dec. 4, because it appeared that the Young Turks, just as they came of age, were in the back room puffing cigars with the Old Guard.

So while youth prevailed, it was not the same type of victory the Young Turks are boasting on Capitol Hill. The loser, Sen. James Clark, may be 55, but he fell victim to the Old Guard because he held onto the one trait the young Insurgents can't compromised. Independence.

It was a sad day for the soft-spoken Clark, long the Senate's patron saint of Young Turks, who was eaten up by one of his proteges. Clark, with his typical low-key stubborness, refused to make deals on committee chairmanships to gain support. Hoyer didn't hesitate.

So when Baltimore County's Roy Staten, the most loyal of the Mandel Old Guard, gave up his quest for the presidency, he approached Hoyer, who in turn picked Staten to be majority leader. That arrangement was acceptable to Mandel, especially when another loyal follower, Baltimore's Harry McGuirk, was also promised a committee.

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But that's just the name of the game. Even the most revered Young Turk, John F. Kennedy, whose vitis to Maryland in 1960 originally inspired Hoyer to enter politics, was a master wheeler-dealer. A politician who doesn't play politics often ends up unemployed, and Hoyer, though basically an independent, always seemed to know when it was time to compromise.

Newspaper accounts labeled him as an ally of Mandel. Often he was — when it was necessary to get a bill through — but he was his own man, too.

It took a nudge from the governor, however, to climax his six-month campaign for the Senate presidency. Mandel lobbyists prowled the marble halls pointing fingers, and uncovered a few of the holdouts into the executive office upstairs.

Hoyer, it was over. Hoyer insisted he would maintain the independence of the State Senate. As for Mandel, he said, "I got along well with the governor, but I'm not the governor's boy."

Hoyer feels he could have won without his help, because he had his own eight-member Prince George's delegation solidly behind him, and when Staten came over he brought Baltimore County with him.

Some liberals called Hover's deal with Staten a sellout. Not, so, he explained. He needed someone with the peculiar skills to "work the floor" and, as the rules provide, to be budget chairman as well. Staten filled both bills.

Clark, Hoyer insists, has the qualities to be Senate president and Finance Committee chairman, but not majority leader. So Clark will head the newly weakened Finance Committee, while Staten heads its offspring, Budget and Taxation.

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When Clark shook hands with Hoyer and declined to contest the election next month when the Republicans get to vote, it signaled harmony once again.

Hoyer declines to attach any label to his victory. He scoffs at words like "revolution." He feels his support was broad — some young, some old, some black. It was just a successful political campaign against someone he still likes and resnects.

But for the first time since 1963, when William S. James first took that podium, the Senate will be an unknown quantity.

James — over the statesman — held the Senate on a dignified and deliberate course. With Hover at the helm and one-quarter of the member-ship under 35, it will never be the same.

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The Senate may not change its political course markedly, but it will be more dynamic, perhaps even — heaven forbid — flashy, and surely more flexible.

It's a new era in Annapolis. The Young Turks are on the rise, sparked by idealism but ambitious enough to be practical.

It remains to be seen whether their youthful image prevails once they no longer have to scramble for recognition.

In other words, how long does it take for Young Turks to become Old Guard?

Earl L. Hagan named Douglass Hi principal

"It's been a life long ambition of mine to be a principal. Now I'm principal at my own alma mater."

This was the statement made by Earl L. Hagan, 48, following his appointment as principal of Douglass High School.

Mr. Hagan, formerly Baltimore Polytechnic Institute assistant principal, was appointed on Thursday at the School Board meeting.

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Replacing Mrs. Elizabeth Adams who resigned from the position in September, Mr. Hagan becomes the first male principal at the school in 18 years.

A native Baltimorean, Mr. Hagan was a graduate of Douglass in 1944. He served in the Navy and later attended New York University.

His 23 year teaching career started at Dunbar High School in East Baltimore.

Mr. Hagan is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Provident Hospital Building Fund and the Episcopal Church.

EARL L. HAGAN

He is married to the former Mrs. Gloria Basfield, coordinator for Special Pupil Services for the School Administration.

Mr. Hagan has a daughter, Allyson, 14, by his first wife, Estelle, who died in 1972 and two step-daughters, Gloria and Linda, 23-yearold twins.

Aside from school activities, Mr. Hagan is involved in a single-handed job of building a recreation room in his home.

Other interests include amateur photography, reading and working with stereo systems.

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Want to rent an apartment?

The Nathan Hackerman Lodge B'nai B'rith Building, a new high rise dwelling, primarily for older adults of all faiths will be open for tenant occupancy early Winter of this year.

Applications for leases will be accepted now at the Jewish Family and Children's Service Building, 5750 Park Heights Ave.

The building is an equal housing opportunity project and all applicants will be serviced without regard for race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The structure at 5713 Park Heights Avenue is built on the grounds of Beth Jacob Congregation under the HUD Section 236 Program.

Food stamp staff request

The Dept. of Social Services' recommendation and request for the hiring of more personnel in the food stamp program has been referred to the Expenditure Control Committee for further study.

The request, according to Director Mrs. Maude Harvey, is for more workers to process food stamp recertification applications. "A larger staff would clear up the backlog," she said.

The request was originally sent to the Board of Estimates.

Christmas play set at CCB

The Community College of Baltimore will present three performances of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" this weekend at the College's Campus Theatre, 2901 Liberty Heights Ave.

Performances will be at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15. The public is invited. Admission tickets are $2. Senior Citizen tickets are 50 cents and CCB student and faculty tickets are $1.

DEATH NOTICES are accepted by AFRO Classified up until 10 a.m. on Tuesday and Friday, our days of publication. Make sure your mortician inserts the notice in your community newspaper so your friends and relatives will know when you lose a loved one.

Mrs. Mae Hunter thanks helpers

Mrs. Anna Mae Hunter has expressed her gratitude to all who have rallied to help her home for the blind, 1321 Eutaw Pl., stay alive through the winter.

In a statement to the AFRO, she said, "I wish to thank all churches, civic organizations, fraternal orders, charities, social clubs and individuals who have helped."

She especially thanked Mrs. Mabel Malone who sponsored a fund drive which netted Mrs. Hunter's fuel fund $562.63.

She also wished all a Merry Christmas and thanks the AFRO staff for its cooperation.

CAPPING CEREMONY — These 'angels of mercy' received caps during Tuesday evening ceremony at chapel adjoining Smith Guest Home on Shirley Ave. From left, Ms. Brenda Watson, Mrs. Jacqueline Banks, Mrs. Shirley Yocom, instructor; the Rev. Ella Alston, administrator of home; Ms. Selma Cromwell, and Ms. Retha Dorsey. A secondary nursing home, the northwest Baltimore facility accommodates 20 residents.

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips IV.)

'Our home is operated on love'

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of my brethren, ye have done it unto me." These are the words of Jesus.

"Our home is operated on love. If you have love, you will go beyond just pushing a pill or giving a bath."

These are the words of the Rev. Mrs. Ella Alston, administrator of the Smith Guest Home for the Aged at 2020 Shirley Ave.

The Rev. Mrs. Alston or Evangelist Smith as she is known to many, operates an intermediate or level B nursing home.

The residents here are not confined to bed simply, require supervision such as receiving medication, being kept well groomed and assisted with their personal needs such as seeing that they spend their money wisely.

When their physical condition deteriorates they go to the next level type home.

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Because the Rev. Mrs. Alston believes that the elderly should be kept happy, healthy and encouraged to stay young, her aides are not only taught the rudiments of nursing care, but how to deal with senior citizens.

Ordained in Miracle Valley, Arizona, under the late Rev. A. A. Allen, the Rev. Mrs. Alston is pastor of the Miracle Deliverance Church located next door to the nursing home.

On Tuesday night, caping services were held in the chapel. Shirley L. Yocum, RN, assistant administrator, capped Retha Dorsey, Thelma Cromwell, Jacqueline Banks and Brenda Watson, supervisor of the nurses.

The Rev. Mrs. Alston awarded the certificates.

Other members of the staff include [illegible] thews, housekeeper; Barbara Blair, laundry; Louise Bailey, Beatrice Smith, Christine Jones, cooks; Carolyn Gray and Kenneth Powell, nurses.

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The Rev. Mrs. Alston is the daughter of the Rev. Mrs. Christine Williams, of Coatsville, Pa. She was born in Rocky Mount, N.C., and received her nursing training in Philadelphia.

In her evangelistic field, she could see while working as a nurse, the deep need for more than just giving patients a bed to sleep in, seeing that they are fed and cleaning them up now and then.

It was in 1958, in a small place in East Baltimore on Wolfe St. she decided to show people that you can take the funds supplied by the city and the state and make older people feel like they are wanted and somebody.

The Rev. Mrs. Alston is married to Elwood Alston. they have a son, Wallace Lee Perry, by a previous marriage. He was here for the ceremony along with her mother.

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