The Meritocrats, Inc. were in the holiday swing last Friday night when they and their guests gathered for a Great Gatsby Ball at the Cherry Hill Union Hall. The affair benefited the group's scholarship fund. Pictured (L to R): Front, Mrs. Sarah Giles and Mrs. James Crowner. Back: Mrs. Isaiah White, Mrs. Eric White, Isaiah White, Mrs. Samuel Owings, Charles Robinson and Mrs. Mary Robinson. At right: Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Vance.

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R.S.V.P. WITH MARIE

Christmas spirit alive

By Marie P. Cooke
Reflections Editor

This is typical of the kinds of activities the club has planned for the current club year for these same children, with skating, bowling, sightseeing tours, etc. on their agenda.

In addition to the group's personal involvement with deprived youngsters, their charities include cash contributions to the YMCA and Camp Glyndon summer camp scholarship funds, Provident Search for Talent, and fees for college entrance exams for needy high school seniors.

Proceeds from the group's annual charity ball set for Saturday, December 28, will be used for their various charitable activites. Doris Smith and Mary Tucker are co-chairmen of this year's affair. Mrs. Priscilla Marshall is president.

Holiday Parties

A unique Sunday affair was Arty Unlimited at Cross Keys. It was here talented members of the club assembled to show the pretty items they had made or created during the year and wanted to share with friends.

As guests arrived at the beautifully decorated hall, the hostess had the guests put her name in a cup with her hostess' name on it for drawing their handiwork later.

They moved from there to a room where they were directed to an area where on display were art work, knitting and other creations of the hostesses.

After Champagne and delectables made by the hostesses served from gayly decorated tables and chatter, at the end when it was all over, each guest received a terrarium that members had made.

Members of the group are:

Jeanne Cummings, Lucille Venture, Adelle Foreman, Jewel Mosley, Viola Stokes, Bea Wright Dorothy Johnston, Clarice Parrish, Gwendolyn Tarter, Bernice McDaniels, Ruth Pratt, Mattie Gardner.

Mrs. Venture is president.

Equally as pretty a week was the affair given by The Club. That is the group which gave an elegant affair at Chestnut Ridge Country Club last year.

This year in keeping with the economy, instead of engraved invitations, guests received an unusual brown paper bag with lettering in green and red inviting them to the Yule party.

It was held at the home of member Alice Pinderhughes. There were the usual delicacies, fellowship, etc., but instead of formal attire and orchestra, guests wore what was called soul clothes to partake of the soul food. And, it was real soul.

Other members of this group are:

Merita Stokes, Robbie Chissell, Jimmy LaForest, Bea Wright, Gladys Daniels, Alice Pinderhughes, Jean Wilson and Harriett Trader.

Saturday Matinee Ensemble 5

What a "Merry Christmas," all enjoyed when Bertha Winston, a founder, entertained the Saturday Matinee Ensemble on Saturday.

The highlight came when Viola Jackson, related the story of "The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke.

There were games, carol singing led by Odell Payne and the exchange of gifts and cards.

Members about were: Esther Bailey, Gloria Barnes; Ruth Brown; Catherine Dixon; Viola Jackson; Odell Payne; Ruth Russell; Hattie Smith; Lucy Swain; Nellie Waters, Violet Hill Whyte, Bertha Winston, and Roslyn Wood.

Guests were: Irene Paige and Carrie Jackson.

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And still another Yuletide party. The Chipperettes and 125 of their friends were seen at the Village of Cross Keys Club House last Saturday. Folks say it was a swinging affair . . . good food, music by the Leroy Hawthorne Band, and a cozy atmosphere.

Members of the group are Berine Bundara, Pauline Blackwell, Hermoine Weaver, Vonzella Murray and Dorothy Johnston:

Louise Gee Murphy, Arnetta Lottier, Audrey Brooks, Bernadine Harrison; Anita Watson and Gwen Hillen.

Others include Elizabeth Edwards, Frances Murphy, Joan Walker, Lucille Nixon.

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The talk of the town is about that jack-in-a-us holiday party given by Drs. Sidney Downs and James Bell last Saturday night at the Village of Cross Keys.

The 200 invited guests who came from all over, including D.C., Annapolis, Md., Silver Spring, were dressed in their festive after-five attire.

The hosts' wives, Mrs. Downs and Mrs. Bell, greeted their guests in outfits they chose especially for the affair.

Mrs. Downs wore a Christmas red peau de soir gown with silver slippers and accessories.

Mrs. Bell was seen in a light blue gown of brocade with matching evening shoes and white accessories.

Guests are still talking about the way the party was laid out. There was a real raw bar with oysters, clams and shrimp on ice. And, a hot table with various pick-me-ups and fondue . . . roast beef, too.

The hosts, Dr. Downs and Dr. Bell head the Radiology Department at Provident Hospital.

LOCAL CLUB NOTES

Sweethheart Ball plans for Phi Delta Kappa

NATIONAL SORORITY of Poi Delta Kappa — The Gamma Chapter of the National sorority will sponsor its annual Sweetheart Ball, Jan. 31, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. at the Bluecrest North. The affair will benefit the group's scholarship fund.

Highlights will be continous buffet and music by Jimmy Lewis and his band along with the crowning of "The Sweetheart of the Year."

Soror Marjorie Hunt is chairman along with Sorors Nellie Bowie and Jeanette Johnson as co-chairmen.

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The Pimlico Hotel was the recent setting for the Homecoming luncheon hosted by the Gamma Chapter where AFRO's Public Relations Director, Mrs. Ida Peters was guest speaker. Her topic was "Getting news ready for publiction."

Those attending were Lucille Johnson, basileus; Lois Kyler, Thelma Rice, Mildred Harriday, Mary S. Thompson, Dorothy Bennett, Gladys Wallace, Mildred A. Williams, Ethel-Clarke, Allegra Taylor, Louise Dennis, Bennie Roly, Bernice Turner;

Elizabeth Young, Roberta Waters, Virgie Walls, Delores Winston, Anne Larkins, Parona Dorsey, Laura Randolph, El-

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YWCA ski trip registration is closing

Parents seeking an unusual Christmas gift for teenaged children or couples wanting a gift which permits them to travel together could dive a weekend skiing trip to Binghamton, N.Y., 24 to 26.

Sponsored by the International Division of the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association), the trip to New York State was arranged to insure snow on a choice of two ski areas — uncrowded Innsbruck, 15 minutes from the hotel and the Greek Peak ski area, a further distance. Transportation is provided.

Price includes bus transportation, hotel, four full course meals, ski equipment and one ski lesson. Tips, taxes and a professional tour escort are also included. Cost is $70 each for four persons per room; $75 each for three per room; $80 eadh for two per room.

A few places are still available. Participants must register before Christmas, and entire fee must be paid by January 11. For information call 685-1460.

No trash collection on Yule day

No municipal refuse collections will be made in Baltimore City on Wednesday, Dec. 25, Christmas day.

The public is requested not to put refuse out for collection on Christmas day. Materials will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled collection day. Christmas tree pickups will begin Tuesday, Jan. 7.

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HERBERT FRISBY Historical Society — Members recently held their Christmas meeting at the Calloway Ave. home of the president, Ms. Bernice White.

Members of the group were introduced to the inductees of the society by Mrs. Ruth Rosedom, chairperson, who gave remarks based on the presentation of the new members.

Highlights of the purpose of the group were given by Mrs. Mildred A. Williams.

New members about were: Evelyn Burrell, Gwendolyn Harmon, Catherine Howard, Thirkiel D. James, Mary Lewis, Ida Mae Swanson, Arnita Woodlon, and Barbara Faw.

Other members included, Rosa T. Gaskins, Palestine W. Anderson, Louise G. Turks, Maimie C. Woodford, Martha G. Bradford, Doris D. Oswell, Margaret K. Ross, Naomi Camper, Kathleen B. Newsome, Sarah S. Rayne, Eleanor Anderson and Phyllis Eley, Ruth L. Russell and Jacqueline Felming, Dr. Herbert M. Frisby.

CONTINENTAL PLEDGE — Mrs. Elmira M. Mason, member of the Baltimore Chapter of the Continental Societies, Inc.'s Charities-Program Committee, presents $500 check towards the club's pledge to the Provident Hospital Building Fund. Dennis A. Gowie, assistant executive director at the hospital, accepts. She also presented the group's $300 check for the Provident Hospital's Sickle Cell Clinic to Dr. Lionel Ross. (See R.S.V.P. for more about the Continentals.)

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Marriage Licenses

FLEY-McCOLLUM — Willie W., 40, 2228 W. North; Esther J., 26, 1919 W. Hollins.

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HEFNER-GOTZE — Michael R., 21, 9 Seventh; Judy C., 22.

DAVIS-SIMONS — James L., 21, 2556 Virginia; Carol A., 23, 746 Old Riverside.

SELL-WAGNER — Steven B., 41, 702 Morave; Shirley L., 31, 235 Shagbark.

LUGGINS-DORSEY — Pernell, 32 4418 LaPlata; Minam R., 40, 4754 Alhambra.

LEE-HARRIS — Lawrence E., 23, 4631 Park Heights; Renee V., 23.

HATHEWAY-HEROLD — Albion G., 39, 1627 Cereal; Patricia A.

LIPEDE-JACKSON — Adedontimu, 27, 4609 Marblehall; Janis D., 28, 3815 Clifton.

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FREEMAN-FITZHUGH — Walter P., 22, 3935 Fairhaven; Edith E., 28, 728 Light.

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SHIELDS-GREEN — Herbert H., 30, 2437 Barclay; Barbara, 35.

WEIPPERT-SWEET — Richard L., 18, 2120 Eagle; Teresa L., 17, 203 McCurley.

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GARNER-KEELE — Stuart E., 55, Dallstown, Pa.; Ruth E., 50, york, Pa.

'Way Up Program', Madison Avenue Y

A program to provide basic skills in reading, language and arithmetic to adults, 16 and older, will be offered at the YWCA (Young Women's Christian Association), 1912 Madison Ave., beginning January 13.

Classes will meet on Mondays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Registration will be held January 9 to 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the YWCA. The program is free to participants. YWCA membership is desirable.

Titled the "Way Up Program," the course enables students to receive the Maryland 9th grade certificate and ultimately the Md. High School diploma.

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The class begins with a standardized adult test in the areas of reading an arithmetic. At the end of each instructional period (approximately 20 weeks), the class is retested in the same areas for the purpose of evaluating the total program.

The Way Up staff is composed primarily of teachers who have taught or are teaching in the regular school system and have training in adult education.

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