R.S.V.P. with Marie

At the December meeting of the Philomathians held at the home of Frances Murphy, club member Althea S. Cornish read a most inspiring prayer, which summed up the true meaning of Christmas. It read:

Christmas is the season for giving so may we give much that we may experience a warm, wonderful feeling, that of joy. Help us to contribute to another's happiness.

May we offer words of encouragement, expressions of appreciation and gestures of understanding during this Yuletide season. Let us smile, that we may lift another's spirit. Make the giving of time to share our talents with a neighbor, friend or relative an experience which will enrich our lives and others.

Help us have a generous and forgiving attitude as we give of ourselves as loyal, selfless members interested in the Philomathians as a whole. Forgiving is an ever-present force of good which increases, like sterling silver, in value the more it is used.

May the spirit of Christmas enter our hearts and stay with us throughout the coming year as we give of our knowledge, experience, cooperation, smiles and talents for it really IS more blessed to give than receive.

Big Sisters

The Ramada Inn was the setting for the annual Christmas party given by the Baltimore chapter of Big Sisters. Guest day it was a swinging affair.

Members of the club are Glodine Adams, Willa Bouldin, Vivian Burnett, Lucille Brown, Mae Chamberlain, Imogene Douglas, Norma L. Felder, Bernita Fuller, Sara Giles.

And Mamie Greene, Frankie Hinchen, Madora C. LaPorse, Bernice McDaniels, Elizabeth Moss, Ida Nicholas, Gladys Parker, Ernestine Press, Mary E. Robinson, Phyllis Shamwell.

And Lilyan Slater, Cathryn Stanford, Grace Walker, Credella White, Doris Wiggins, Iris Williams, Bernice Watson.

Seen at the gala Big Sisters Yule party were club member Sara Giles and Armstead Jenkns.

and her guest, Wavelon Talley.
Big Sisters swingers, club member Bernita Fuller
(Photos by Moss)

Baby Christening

The Columbia, Md. home of Vashti and Stan McKenzie was the setting for a Sunday afternoon reception and later dinner for a large number of relatives and friends.

Earlier they had joined in services at St. James Episcopal Church where the McKenzie's first born, Jon Mikael was christened. Father Donald O. Wilson and associate Father Joseph Forrester had officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Young, Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. John Penson of Portland, Ore. and Dr. Roland B. Williams, now of Washington, D.C. are the godparents.

The baby is a fourth generation member of the Carl Murphy family to be baptized at St. James.

The McKenzie's invitation for reception and dinner, green and black, read: "As the sun starts a new day, so our son begins his life."

Present for the event were the baby's maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. John Peters (Ida), and Mr. and Mrs. S. Edward Smith of Garrett Park, Md.

Also, the baby's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Luke McKenzie who came from Miami.

Also here for the event, the infant's uncle Carl Edward Murphy Smith of Pittsburgh.

For his big day, baby wore a white eyelet lace gown with ribbons and lace around the capped sleeves along with white satin shoes. At home Jon-Mikael wore a white sweater set, a gift from his grea-aunt, Mrs. Carlita Murphy Jones of Buffalo, N.Y.

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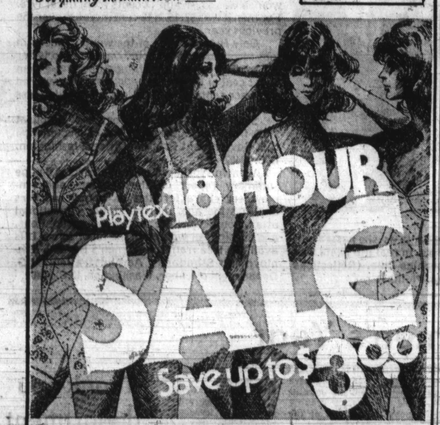

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A Christmas Program

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Next, appreciations' seasoning
With a dash of friendship fill.
Stir the mixture well with reasoning,
Do not set to chill.
Add a bit of understanding
With a pinch of humor, strain.
Skin off querulous demanding
Sprinkle love in, grain by grain.
Take large doses, night and morning,
Never put it on the shelf,
And — we hereby give you warning,
You'll Enjoy It Most Yourself

Amy Greif

The above was given to me by my daughter and she thought that AFRO readers would like it. My mother gave it to her when she was quite young. Thank you, Debbie.

Not too long ago, one of our good friends asked me to pay a tribute to Samuel Torsell, fondly known as the "Black Mayor of Catonsville."

I am sure that Mr. and Mrs. Torsell must have used the above recipe, because of the beautiful and long life that they have had together. Mrs. Torsell is still playing the organ at her church every Sunday morning, but Mr. Sam is not able to get around like he used to. The Torsells live in the house on Winters Lane, where he was born. It was built by Mr. Torsell's parents (Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Torsell in 1881). Mr. Sam retired as the choir director of Grace AME Church, in Jan. of this year, after having served for 30 years.

It is such an honor for this writer to be doing the same thing for this community that "Mr. Sam" did for many years. You have really been an inspiration to me. The Catonsville community say "Carry On" Mr. Sam and Mrs. Ida. We wish for the two of you a most blessed and happy new year.

In the beginning, I told you about the good things that the young folks are doing here. Well, they proved themselves again on Sunday afternoon, when they presented their annual Christmas program at Grace AME Church. Other programs have been great, but I understand that this surpassed them all. The church was beautifully decorated with red and green lighted candles, holly and mistletoe.

The Candle Ensemble Phyliss King's classes at Arbutus Junior High School. There were only two black students in the group. Mrs. King is a resident of Catonsville and a member of the church. The Baltimore County School System should feel quite fortunate in having a black teacher such as Mrs. King. Let them find more qualified blacks such as this dedicated teacher.

I wish I could tell you about this entire program, but that is totally impossible at this time. During the second part of the program, the youngsters gathered out on the church lawn and began to sing carols through the open church windows. The church was darkened, and the carolers came inside, bundled in heavy winter clothing and continued to sing carols around a brightly decorated lamppost.

This was followed by a prologue, "Mister Santa." Here, we "young heart" had a chance to rock and clap, along with the chorus. This was followed by a pantomine, "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Miss Ava Fields and the students from her dance studio performed. It was a sight to behold — the children all snug in their beds, the reindeer and Miss Fields, herself, as Santa Claus. As I have said before, the youth of today is your church of tomorrow. Who would have ever thought of choreography in the church? Isn't that one of the talents that God gave us? Our young people are using all of their God-given talents right where it should be.

In his remarks to the audience, the pastor, the Rev. Reginald Boston spoke about the close relationship that exists between the young and the old in his church, and as the result, love permeates all over. This was seen on Sunday, when the young performed for the old. I would really like to see these young people perform for the citizens of Baltimore City and throughout the state. Don't take my word. Ask those began the program, singing "Adeste Fideles."

The members of this group are students in Mrs. who have seen them sing and dance.

It was a real pleasure to watch Mrs. Carol Hayes beaming at her group. She is, as you know, the director and accompanist for the choir. Mrs. Lillian Cornish and Granger Fields are her assistants.

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Mrs. Hayes is an accomplished musician, and during the concert, she directed, played the piano, organ and the flute. Even though Mrs. Hayes works daily at the U.S. Public Health Service (since 1958), she has found time to develop the talents of the young people.

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I am sure that there are many other residents in our community who have talents or hobbies that we don't know about. Let us share your talents or hobbies with our youth and with each other.

Spied in the audience were Dr. and Mrs. John Cox. Dr. Cox is the presiding elder of the AME Conference. Also the Rev. Eugene King and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Boyer and their family. Mr. Boyer is the first black to be appointed to the Baltimore County School Board. Another first for Catonsville.

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Among the Catonsville students who are having a respite from college after exams are: Dede Foreman (Williams College, Williamstowne, Mass.); William "Hank" Bruce (CCB); James Brightful (UM-College Park); Stacey Alston (Smith-Mass.); Carol and Judith Barber (Villa Julie - Greenspring Valley, Md.); Leslie Gundy "Skipp" (Towson State); Stephen Boston (CCB); George Allen, Claudis Allen and Linda Langhorn (Morgan State); Carolyn Jones (Cullinery Institute of America); Myra and Crystal Coleman (UM-College Park) and Carmelita Hayes (daughter of Mrs. Carol Hayes) and Deborah Williams (Clark College-Atlanta, Ga.).

Another delightful youngster whom I met was Danita Hill. Danita is a senior at Woodlawn Senior High School. She is the president of the Student Council and plays the clarinet in the school band. Her mother, Mrs. Helen Hill, is the librarian at School No. 48 (Balto. City).

I cannot end this column without mentioning the lovely ladies who served as ushers. Those gals could have put on a fashion show on their own. They were: Anita Mayhin, Ella Mae Webb, Delores Lynch, Iris Hebron, Thelma Perkins, Marion Banks, Audrey (Ray) Boston, Geneva Ebb and Ruth Webb. Ladies, they were looking good.

1975 will be in before you read this column again, but I do want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped me to write this column. Your kind words, advice and just little things that you have done in general have been a tremendous help. This is what my family and I wish for each and everyone of you — May God love, bless and protect you and your families always.

Have A Blessed and Happy New Year.

Recently celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at their Catonsville home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes, (Fannie) where they entertained a few relatives at a dinner party.. The bride and bridgegroom replica on top of the cake had been preserved since their wedding day.
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