R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

"Hi Ma, whatcha doin'?"

"Oh, I just finished eating dinner, they serve wine with your meals here. And you can pick the kind you want."

My, my times have really changed!

The above telephone conversation was with my mother, Dr. Elizabeth Murphy Moss, who was admitted to Church Home Hospital, Broadway and Fayette Street, Room 408 on Monday afternoon. That same morning her ailing leg was examined by her physician in his office, and within an hour she was at Church Home, now undergoing treatment.

Our good friend and former neighbor, Alfred Woolridge underwent surgery this week at Veterans Hospital. His wife, Janet, is at his bedside.

Also in the hospital is Agnes Reeves (Mrs. J. C.), who is confined to Johns Hopkins.

A pink card — eight pages — with words so beautifully organized to form a variety of holiday messages, reached my desk marked "personal" this week. "Merry Christmas from Mary 1976," read the cover. it was from my good friend and sister in Christ, Mary Carter Smith. On page two was found a poem by Sister Smith titled "Christmas Rose". It reads:

At this season
We remember
A Rose most precious
The Rose of Sharon
A Rose that was crushed
That we
Might be born anew
It blooms forever
In the part of us
That lives forever
Accept
And know
The joy
The peace
Sometimes the pain
The Rose of Sharon
Brings into our lives

Page seven holds a special message from the sender: "For many years creating and sending these cards has been a special joy for me. It is one time of year when I cam in contact with old friends and new. I relish opening your cards.

"Yet, because I must slow my pace, this may be the last year you receive this gesture of caring. That will not mean the ties of friendship are broken. They will always be alive in the inner part of ourselves."

(Editor's Note: Sister Smith is leaving her nine-room home on Caroline Street and moving into a Pentridge Road apartment. There she hopes to have time to read, eat at "odd" restaurants, to see movies and plays and to travel.)

NAACP Membership Drive

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips IV)

MEMBERSHIP GENERAL Solicitation Committee of the 1976 membership drive held its closing meeting on last Sunday. Committee members pictured in top photo from L to R: Iris Lloyd, Dr. Harvey Webb and Irma Daney. At bottom: Juanita Morton, Marie Henderson, James Alston and Rosa James.

Local club notes

By Michele L. McRae

TIAKA

For the past year, a group of interested women have been trying to establish a chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. on the University of Maryland Baltimore County campus.

At last, those efforts are being rewarded by the formation of an interest group known as TIAKA. Those Interested in Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Since November, Dee Dee Strum, a member of the Columbia graduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, has been working with 32 young women in efforts to receive recognition and establish a chapter on the UMBC campus.

The members of TIAKA are presently working on their constitution which will be submitted to the Student Government Association for approval and ready for their spring pledge season.

In order to prove themselves worthy of a charter, the members of TIAKA are in the process of sponsoring a series of long and short term projects in which future interest groups will also participate.

Among these projects are: a book drive that will be held for the benefit of the men incarcerated at Maryland Correctional Center during the week of December 14-21; and an Adopt a Grandparent Program, which is scheduled for mid-December.

On the agenda for next semester are: a Health Fair planned for the middle of February and an awakening which is to take place during the month of April.

TIAKA officers are: Andre Johnson, president; Marcia Williams, vice-president; Anna Williams, secretary; Sheron Miles, treasurer

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

Pi Omega Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity recently honored several city organizations for their contributions to the black community of Baltimore City.

Among those honored as a part of the fraternity's Achievement Week celebration were the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers, Baltimore City Public Schools, Baltimore Urban League, Interdenominational Ministers Alliance, Morgan State University and the NAACP.

As a part of its annual Achievement Week worship service at the Morgan State University Christian Center, the fraternity also honored Dr. J. Haywood Harrison as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year and Harrison

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Community calendar

Dec. 25 and 31

Annual Unity Fellowship Christmas Service at the Greater Spirit of Truth Church of God in Christ, Fremont and Pitcher Street, 11 a.m. Music by the combined choirs of greater Macedonia, Greater Spirit of Truth and Mt. Moriah Churches of God in Christ. The Rev. James Parson, pastor.

Dec. 31

Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge No. 1107, IBPOE of W sponsor New Year's Eve Party at the Elks Home, 2009 Frederick Ave., 10 p.m. Call: 624-4794.

Jan. 1

Jofidelo's Goes Italiano at the Other Barn, Columbia, Md., 5851 Robert Oliver Place, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Tickets at For-the-Record, Eutaw Street.

Let the sunshine into your life. Have a good week!

—Women

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tingtown, Md.; a brother, Carl Griffith of Bradbury Heights, Md.; and a cousin, Cornelia Lake Smith of Baltimore.

Chairman of the affair was Bessie Tyler. Committee members included: Ursula Wiggins, Viola Trott, Mary Rogers, Gladys Hurt, Gordy Tyler and Samuel Brown.

Music was rendered throughout the evening by Katie Oliver.

Mrs. Hammond retires from the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company after 18 years of serving thousands of policyholders.

A native of Calvert County, Md., Mrs. Hammond is the wife of the late David Hammond of Frederick, Md.

—Holidays' best buys

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December than at any other time of the year. Stores are well stocked this year with a bountiful supply of peanuts, almonds, and walnuts. The supply of pecans is lighter than last year due to the alternate-year bearing pattern of pecans suggesting that 1976 is an "off" year.

Deciding which type of nutmeat package and preparation to choose, can be influenced by many thigs. Time for nut cracking is important. It may be your own time or it may be the time of those who want to help. Space for getting the cracking done will have some influence. Space for storage may be important too. A pound of nutmeats takes much less space than 2 pounds of nuts in the shell (2 pounds is about what is needed for 1 pound, roughly 3 to 4 cups of shelled nutmeats).

Spacing the baking over the next few weeks will help to lighten the grocery bill and relieve the cook of too many preparations at the last minute. Dried prunes are the only inexpensive dry fruit for baking this year.

The outlook for butter and milk supplies is good and prices should be reasonable. Special treats that feature sugar will be less expensive to prepare with sugar prices lower than last year.

Shopper will find fewer raisns, dates and figs. Prices on dates will be 50 per cent higher than last year. All figs must be imported this year and will be double last year's price. Raisin prices are noticeably higher.

Adding coconut may be a bit more expensive this season because supplies and shipments are smaller. Chocolate prices are rising after a poor cocoa bean harvest. Demand for eggs is up with holiday baking. Look for higher prices on eggs until after the holiday baking season is over.

Pork prices are still attractively low with bacon, loin cuts, and some hams being featured. Beef is a "best buy" although prices may go up after the first of the year.

Enjoy nutritious and delicious fresh oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, and tangelos. Lettuce prices are beginning to lower after higher prices this fall because of the California rains.

CHRISTENING — Claudia Elizabeth Hutchins, four-months-old shown being held by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Argin (Miriam) Hutchins was christened a Sunday ago at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church. Also shown standing with couple are the baby's godparents at left: Matthew Adams and Robyn Boles.

(AFRO staff photo by Norman Spencer)

—Cookies

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ping. Press remainder onto bottom of a 13 x 9-inch baking pan. Bake in preheated 350 F. oven 15 minutes. Cool 15 minutes. Spread jelly over crust.

For filling, beat together cream cheese and sugar. Beat in eggs and milk. Add lemon juice and vanilla. Turn into pan; sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Bake in 350 F. oven 35 minutes. Cool on wire rack; cut into bars. Store in refrigerator.

Yield: 36.

Peppermint Eggnog

1 quart dairy eggnog
¼ teaspoon peppermint extract

Beat together eggnog and peppermint extract. Chill.

Yield: 4 cups.

Cookie Recipes

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MISS 30 FLAT, INC.—Evangeline Melton was crowned 'Miss 30 Flat 1976-77' last Saturday evening at the annual pageant. Pictured with the new queen from L to R: Eleanore Smith, third runner-up; Gail Paul, second runner-up and Cleveland Brister, president of the club.

Catonsville Notes

... by Liz Williams

A longtime Catonsville resident has received a well-deserved honor.

Leslie W Gundy Sr., of Old Frederick Rd., the president of Winslow Construction Co., was recently cited for outstanding work.

He was presented the craftsmanship award by the Building Congress and Exchange of Baltimore in recognition of exceptional craftsmanship shown in the restoration work of stone masonry for Union Baptist Church at 1219 Druid Hill Ave., in Baltimore.

The citation also singled out the Winslow Construction Co.'s mechanics led by Charlie Dorsey.

It was signed by James B. Green president and Harry W. Miller, chairman of the craftsmanship awards committee.

In addition to the Winslow Construction Co., the general contractors, also cited for the Union Baptist job was the Leon Bridges architectural firm.

Mr. Gundy is a native of Baltimore, who has resided in the Catonsville area for 28 years. He has been general contractor for a number of churches, new and remodeled in the Baltimore area, including the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Ames Methodist Church and recently completed renovations on Douglas Memorial Church in Baltimore City.

In Cherry Hill he built the new structures for Heningway Temple AME Church and the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church. His Winslow Construction firm and Winslow Construction firm has also constructed new homes in the Catonsville area, Ashburton, Morgan Park and Columbia.

In Columbia, Winslow constructed three complete shopping areas and a day care center for the Rouse Co., developers of Columbia.

Mr. Gundy is a deacon of Macedonia Baptist Church in Baltimore city, where he renovated and installed a $40,000 organ and chaired the church committee to raise the funds. He is president of the men's club of the church, and has served as Sunday School superintendent for 14 years.

Mr. Gundy is a member of King David Lodge No. 18 of the Prince Hall Masons.

His wife, Mrs. Carlean Gundy, is also an active member of Macedonia, where she serves as a trustee, member of the church's Shower Circle.

She belongs to Calvary Chapter No. 32 of the Order of Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliation, Mr. national while Mrs. Gundy is a member of the Frontiers Club International while Mrs. Gundy is president of the women's auxiliary. They have three children and eight grandchildren.

The children are: Leslie W. Gundy Jr., of Catonsville, a contractor like his father; Mrs. Florence Henderson, Baltimore, a Social Service Department supervisor; and Mrs. Joyce Sands, a Cooksville, Md. teacher.

Send sympathy cards to the family of the Evelyn Carter (nee Nelson) of Shipley Avenue. Mrs. Carter was the sister of Grace Jackson, Ethel Nelson, and Harvey Nelson. Funeral services were held at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, here in Catonsville, where she was a lifetime member.

Sympathy cards also to the family of Mrs. Alice King (Paul). She was the mother of Paul E. and Calvin W. King. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Mrs. King is a native of Catonsville but moved to Baltimore City many years ago. She, however, came to Catonsville every Sunday to worship at the church in which she was raised (Grace AME)

Get-well cards to Bettye Murphy Moss who is at Church Home Hospital (room 403). Send cards also to Ruth Tibbs, former volunteer director at Provident Hospital. Ruth was robbed and beaten last week, while shopping. She was taken to Provident Hospital but should be home by now. Continue to send cards to all of our known sick and shut-ins.

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To all of you who have known our friend and neighbor, Addison Joyce, kindly send him a Yuletide card or message. His address — Lexington House — 3916 Chesterfield Aves., Charleston, West Va., 25305.

The Golden Age Group and the Lunch Plus Program (Bannaker Recreation Center) honored Mrs. Louise Lynch (Matthew) last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are leaving our community to live in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Lynch succeeded Mrs. Hattie Smith as the director of the Lunch Plus Program, but due o illness, Mrs. Lynch was forced to give it up.

Florence (Joseph) Jenson is the new director and is doing a great job. Even though Mr. and Mrs. Lynch are moving to another state, they have let us know that we may see them back in our community at any time. We will certainly miss this beautiful couple.

Dora Henderson, recently entertained Grace Lewis at dinner. There are many items that I would like to include but space does not permit.

Do not forget to attend the performance of the Sanctuary Choir at Enon Baptist Church. The 50-voice choir will present the Incarnate Word by Robert Elmore and Robert Reed, Sunday, December 12.

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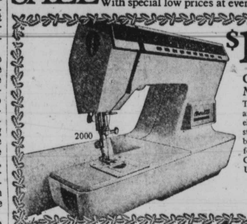

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Woodlawn Highlights

... by Marjorie Green

The Social Security Chorus under the direction of Norman L. McNeil will furnish the music at the YMCA's—Martin—Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast, Friday, January 14, 1977 at the downtown Hilton Hotel. Charles W. Bowser, Esquire, Chairman of the National Association of Urban Coalition Directors will be the guest speaker.

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Mrs. Helen G. Tucker, coordinator of social affairs at the Spring Grove Hospital and members of her committee successfully entertained some 300 patients at the hospital in late November. Their outreach effort was sponsored by A.F.G.E. Local 1923.

Mrs. Tucker is vice president of the Local and a member of the Kings Landing Women's Club, a sponsoring group for the Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast.

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Benefit authorizer, Roy Scott recently received a $200 cash award in recognition of superior work performances. An employee in the Bureau of Disability Bureau of Disability Insurance since March 1973, Roy displayed exceptional skills that were far beyond his job requirements.

The old timers among the program participants at the retirement party honoring Thomas D. Smith, reminded guests about the early 1960's when according to State Senator Clarence Mitchell, "A great deal of progress was made at SSA in the struggle fo civil rights because of Tom Smith's leadership."

The year of 1960 was the beginning of the continuing struggle for equal opportunity for minority employees working in the Social Security headquarter buildings. Tom Smith and others like him were pressing management from in side SSA while community leaders working as part of an advisory committee were actively supporting their demands for policy changes in order to guarantee equal opporunities for all employees.

The Rev. Henry Turner delivered the invocation that signaled the beginning of the buffet dinner. After dinner. toastmaster Louis Glovagnorio yielded the floor to actress Verna Day who opened the program with a hilarious skit that set the pace for the evenings program. Commissioner Cardwell who was unable to attend the affair, sent a letter in which he cited many of Tom's contributions to SSA.

Other greetings came from absentees, Louise Zawatsky, associate commissioner Robert Bynum; Mrs. Jaunita Jackson Mitchell, and former deputy commissioner, Arthur Hess. Mrs. Marie Henderson, former employee now employed at City Hall, brought greetings from the mayor and from her mother, Mrs. Marguerite Campbel. Mrs. Henderson recalled the days when Tom Smith fought to get secretarial jobs for minorities in SSA.

It was Walter Snead who told us that Tom was responsible for the elimination of the work starting bell system. Del. Troy Brailey spoke of pleasant memories and his long association with the honoree. Irving Becker, Joan Cooper, Paul Chalson, Art Zimmerman, Eleanor Anderson, Ralph Scott and national union officals, Nick Nolan and Tom Bradely were given time to share some of their working experiences with the former union president.

Associate commissioner, Frank DeGeorge stated in his remarks that "Tom and I have a good deal in common. We both rose in the ranks of the Marine Corps." One of the earlier speakers had stated that Tom ran the union office as though it were a marine base.

It was a memorable night for Tom and his wife Jane, who sat at his side and smiled as her husband accepted gifts and responded to the speakers by acknowledging that "Friends are people who know all about you and like you anyway." He stated that his retirement was not an ending, but was a renewal of his committtement to continue his involvement with people. His son and daughter along with several other family members were also present.

Committee members responsible for the buffet dinner and program were: Eleanor Anderson, Joan Cooper, Verna Day, Diane Druding, Sandy Jones, Wynn Mauler, Joyce McGarry Naomi Parsoh and Sandy Perlman.

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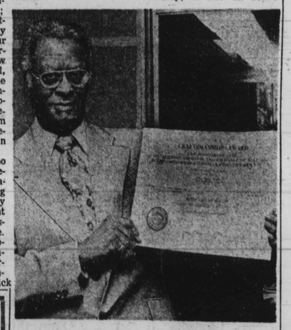

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