Commander Daniel James gets 'rag to riches' award

HORATIO ALGER AWARDS—General Daniel James Jr., commander in chief of the North American Air Defense Command and the U.S. Air Force Aerospace Defense Command, receiving the 1976 Horatio Alger awards from Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, chairman of the awards committee.

General Daniel James Jr., commander in chief of the North American Air Defense Command and the Aerospace Defense Command has been chosen as a recipient of the 1976 Horatio Alger award.

General James, the first black to become a four-star general, is one of 14 prominent Americans from the business, academic and entertainment fields who was presented the award by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, the preacher, writer and lecturer, at a ceremony held at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on Nov. 12.

The award, named for the 19th Century author of dozens of "rags to riches" tales, is given annually to recognize achievements which demonstrate equal opportunity for advancement under the American enterprise system.

Although the backgrounds of the recipients vary, each is a living embodiment of the Horatio Alger "rags to riches" tradition.

One of 17 children, 10 of whom died before his birth, James was reared in a poor section of Pensacola, Fla. As a child he was inspired by the activity of the nearby naval air station and worked at odd jobs at the local airport to earn plane rides and flying lessons.

James completed pilot training in 1942 at Tuskegee Institute under the government-sponsored Civilian Pilot Training Program, a special program for blacks.

He served with distinction in World War II and Korea and flew 101 combat missions between 1950 and 1951. He was active in several protests to provide equality for blacks in the military.

General James' rise to four-star rank was phenomenal. In March 1970, he was assigned to the Pentagon as deputy assistant Secretary of Defense. During this period he became one of the nation's most prolific speakers.

He is universally recognized for its speeches on Americanism and patriotism for which he has been editorialized international publications. While serving in this capacity, he was promoted successively to brigadier general in 1970, major general in 1972, and following his appointment as principal deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs in 1973, he was promoted to lieutenant general.

In 1974, General James became vice commander Command at Scott AFB Ill., and was promoted to the four-star rank of General by President Ford on Sept. 1, 1975, when he assumed command of North American Air Defense Command - Aerospace Defense Command.

As commander in chief of these two major commands, General James has operational command of all U.S. and Canadian strategic aerospace defense forces and is responsible for surveillance and air defense of the North American continent.

The Horatio Alger Award was established 29 years ago by Dr. Kenneth J. Barbee of the American Schools and Colleges Association to perpetuate the belief that "the American way of achieving success offers equal opportunities to all regardless of origin, creed or color."

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MINI NEWS

Course set on thyroid

The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Department of Continuing Education is sponsoring a course on the purpose and significance of laboratory tests and diseases of the thyroid gland in January. The two 3-hour lectures and discussion sessions will be held Sunday, Jan. 16, and May 22. Directing the course will be Dr. Nicolas Zenker, chairman of the school's medicinal chemistry department. The course will be helpful to anyone in a health - related profession. Call (301) 528-7589.

Jaycees Santa visits jail

The Eager Street Jaycees, a chaptered Jaycee at the Baltimore City Jail, will sponsor a Christmas program for children called "Smiling Faces." The purpose of this program is to distribute toys to the children of the Baltimore City Jail residents (inmates). The children of the residents will visit the jail on Dec. 20 and 21 from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and be presented a toy by Santa Claus in the presence of both mother and father. A similiar program will be conducted for the female residents on Dec. 22.

School fuel cost high

If the high cost of heating your home and operating the family car are an increasing source of concern, consider the plight of the Maryland public schools. Energy for heat and light for 97.4 million square feet of school buildings last year consumed 55 million gallons of various grades of fuel oil, over half a billion cubic feet of natural gas, 7,600 tons of coal, 8.4 million pounds of steam, and 641 million kilowatt hours of electricity. Gasoline and diesel oil to run the state's 2,400 publicly - owned buses plus staff cars ran to 10.4 million gallons.

Toastmasters Club rated one of best

The Westinghouse-sponsored Gaveliers Toastmasters Club has been selected as one of the 10 best Toastmasters clubs in the world for the year 1975.

At the public speaking organization's 47th annual convention in New Orleans, Gaveliers' club past president Al Whittaker accepted the "Top 10"-club award from Toastmasters International president George Scott.

The award is presented yearly to the 10 chapters judged best from the more than 3,000 clubs located throughout the world. Clubs are evaluated on the excellence of club operations including management, programming and community involvement, the rate of educational progress of its membership and the rate of sustained membership growth.

The Gaveliers club was selected, in part, for its ability to maintain the maximum number of members allowed during 1975 and for having had six of its members achieve the Able Toastmaster certification, one of the international organization's highest honors.

The Gaveliers club is one of seven such chapters sponsored by Westinghouse's Defense and Electronic Systems Center.

The aim of Toastmasters is to provide its members with a professionally - designed program to improve their abilities in communications and to develop their leadership potential. Participants have the opportunity to deliver prepared speeches and impromptu talks which are then evaluated by the membership.

TOP HONOR—Westinghouse Cavaliers Toastmasters Club past president Al Whittake proudly displays the club's "Top 10" award received for 1975 from the international public speaking organization.

State Police delay job action

(UPI) — State Police delayed a job action scheduled to begin Wednesday until they discuss their demand for an 18 per cent pay hike with Gov. Marvin Mandel.

The troopers planned to write fewer speeding tickets to protest the pay raise offered by state officials. Representatives of the Fraternal Order of Police were expected to meet Mandel Thursday to discuss the matter.

FOP Lawyer Benjamin R. Wolman said Mandel "is obviously interested in trying to find some solution to the problem. That's very encouraging.

"It's pretty apparent that he's willing to discuss something for over all improvement," Wolman added.

The police requested an 18 per cent raise but the state offered 10 per cent, they did not get a raise last year.

Mandel is commited to a 5 per cent pay hike for other state employes, but has made no final decision on police wages pending Thursday's meeting.

Minimum state trooper salary is $10,091 a year. The proposed minimum is $11,101. During negotiations, state officials said a 10 per cent increase would cost an additional $2 million and 18 per-cent would cost $3.9 million.

Col. Thomas S. Smith supported his men's request for higher wages, but said 10 per cent was fair.

The troopers rejected a strike over the wage dispute, preferring to stage a "work study" designed to reduce the number of speeding tickets written and therefore lowering state revenue.

Each year, the state receives up to $10 million from traffic tickets, Wolman said.

The troopers intended to "go by the book" when writing tickets, meaning they would spend more time with violators and thereby reduce time spent checking on other traffic problems.

Wolman said the threat of a job action remains, but refused to discuss future plans.

Tree-cycle program begins

Mayor William Donald Schaefer has announced a new city program to recycle live Christmas trees bought by families for home holiday decoration.

Called "Tree-Cycle," the program will enable Baltimore to become involved in special forestation programs across the city at a fraction of the usual cost for such efforts.

"I hope that this program, supported by many area nurseries and garden centers, will give families a strong intraditional holiday joy only a live tree can bring," said Mayor Schaefer.

"As a further inducement, the cost of the live tree is tax-deductible when donated to the 'Tree-Cycle' program, and the tree will be collected from the donor's home after the holidays are over."

MLK milestone awards set

The Martin Luther King Milestone Award Program will be held Jan. 15, 1:30 p.m. at the MK Center Ballroom, Morgan State University.

Luncheon Banquet begins at 11:30 a.m. Key figures from the Baltimore Metropolitan area will be honored along with the six (6) finalists of the Committee sponsored Milestone Award Essay Scholarship Event. Tickets are available through the MK Center Box Office and the donation is $12. For ticket write the Committee to Observe Martin Luther King's Birthday, P.O. Box 3607, Balto., Md. 21214.

Call Mrs. Santa
728-8205

GIFT OF LIFE—Officers Ronald Hyde and Carolina Hawkins, regular Red Cross blood donors with the Baltimore City Police Department, say "We're giving the greatest gift of all this holiday season, the gift of life." A community blood donor visit is scheduled at the War Memorial Building from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 23. The public is invited to join Officer Hyde, a four-time blood donor, and Officer Hawkins, a two-time donor, in giving the gift of life and insuring an ample blood supply for the community during the holiday period. Call Red Cross at 467-9905, to make an appointment to donate.

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R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

Christmas bells and spriggs of holly,
'Tis the season to be jolly.
But the real meaning for those who care,
Is not the pretty gifts we share.
But that Jesus was born so those who live
Will know the greatest gift is the LOVE we give.
Gertrude Steele

For many years, a larger cross-section of Baltimoreans has rallied to support community endeavors—the AFRO Mrs. Santa, the NAACP drive and others, but when these same groups take a little time to entertain themselves — I never get a chance to mention them.

So, as this holiday season begins, this column is pausing to mention some unique events about our town.

The holiday season actually started with that elegant dinner dance The Swags held a Friday ago at Blue Crest North. It was billed as "an evening of harvest festivity" and Bluefeld's "velvet touch" — the decor and floral arrangements were a sight to be hold.

Members of this longtime men's club are: Elmer Patterson, president; Samuel Daniels, vice president; Theodore Brown, secretary - treasurer; Dr. Ulysses G. Brown Jr., Dr. Thomas Clayton, Talmadge Hill, Dr. James V. H. Johnson, Henry G. Parks, Jr., Dr. Theodore Pfifer and Orville Roy.

Swags special guests were widows of deceased members, Mrs. Edgar Ewing (Margaret), Mrs. Bill Stanford (Cathryn), Mrs. Louis E. Harmon (Margaret) and Mrs. Pat Woodland (Maude).

A unique gathering at Cross Keys Village Club this past Sunday was "A Christmas Affair." It was sponsored by members of Arts Unlimited, that group of talented matrons who make artistic things all year and then invite friends in at Yuletime to see their works.

They displayed their paintings, macrame, needlework, etc. and all hostesses wore caftans they made themselves.

Hostesses gave each guest an original corsage, a balloon shaped like a Christmas ball. Corsages with the lucky numbers earned guests special handmade gifts. Winners were Alice Payne, Alease Clark and Evelyn Hayabert.

Members of Arts Unlimited are: Lucille Venture, Adelle Foreman, Viola Stokes, Gwen Tarter, Jewel Moseley, Ruth Pratt, Bea Wright, Jean Cummings, Clarice Parrish, Mattie Gardner, Dot Johnston and Bernice McDaniels. (Bernice who is president was absent because she had been rushed to Provident Hospital the day before for emergency surgery. She is reported improving satisfactorily.)

Another interesting date this coming Monday, Dec. 20 is the salute to a beloved minister and civic leader, the Rev. Edmond Meade of Israel Baptist Church.

The event at the Hilton Hotel will mark Rev. Meade's retirement as pastor of Israel and his services to the community—particularly his 40 years work with the Baltimore NAACP which he now serves as honorary vice president.

A number of club groups hold their holiday events this weekend.

The Meritocrats, tonight (Friday); the Moles and Committee X on Saturday at the Emerald Gardens, the Chipperettes at the Village of Cross Keys and Monumental Medical Society cocktail sip at Hilton in Reisterstown.

Also on Saturday Big Sisters. Yule events begin with brunch at Mary Robinson's and skip hops to Bernita Fuller's for exchange of gifts with members, including Mae Chamberlain who has been ailing, will be out of the hospital and able to join them.

Alpha Wives Yule social is Monday evening at Holyday Room in Cross Keys. Also on top this afternoon a reception honoring Maude Harvey, the retiring head of the Department of Public Services. It's at the Roland Park Home of Charles Obrechts.

Members of King's Landing Women's Service Club (KLW) had good news at their Wednesday evening meeting.

President Gwen Clark received word that already 680 paid reservations are in for the second annual Martin Luther King Memorial Breakfast on Friday, Jan. 14 at Hilton Hotel.

KLW and the Jeffrey Fund are underwriting the expenses for the event sponsored by the YWCA of Greater Baltimore. Guest speaker this year will be Charles W. Bowser the silver - voiced Philadelphia attorney and urban specialist. For reservations and information call the YM's executive office at 539-7350.

The Bonne Coeurs exchanged gifts at their Christmas meeting at the home of Leone Felton who is president. Upper Ten used their Christmas meeting at the home of Jean Wilson to gather gifts for needy.

The Martiniques' Christmas meeting was at the home of Myrtle Thompson last Saturday. Member Pearl Bonner was present but the next day she was in Union Memorial Hospital where she is still confined (Room 818).

Another Baltimore clubwoman, We Wives president, Agnes Reaves had surgery on that troublesome back on Monday. She is in Hopkins Hospital.

Christmas is caring. The PSTAs of Fort Worthington Elementary School No. 85 and Lakewood Elementary No. 86 are holding a joint Christmas luncheon on Dec. 22 at No. 85. Here's what's on the menu:

— A large portion of fellowship;

— A generous helping of hope for '77, and

— A blend of commitment, loyalty and love to the students of 85 and 86

Christmas is helping — all the year long. The Baltimore Marketing Association held its Ninth Annual Award Dinner last Friday evening at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

This year's honorees, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lacewell, like BMA have an outstanding history of helping and caring for people.

The Lacewells own and operate La Cosmetique, a Fuller Products franchise located in Metro Plaza.

Many have come to know the couple, whose marriage extends further than their home — they are a team.

Since their arrival to Baltimore in 1965, they have made tremendous strides. Some 20 full-time and part-time self-contracted sales people are supplied through their distributorship.

In addition, they conduct lectures and demonstrations in the schools and for local organizations.

But the Lacewell team extends even further. Both are actively involved in the community. They include: the YMCA, Advance Federal Savings and Loan, NAACP and voter registration, scholarship and church activities.

Others have recognized the couple's service: Council of Equal Business Opportunities (CEBO), Morgan State University,

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Me-De-So Wives Yule party

(AFRO staff photo by Norma Spencer)

ME-DE-SO WIVES — Wives of the Medical and Dental Society of Maryland recently hosted its annual Christmas party at the clubhouse located on Eutaw Place. Members of the group are front: Mrs. Albert (Jimmy) Laforest; second row from left: Mrs. Clarence (Rae) Hillen, Mrs. Bernard (Vashti) Christmas, Mrs. Charles R. (Mildred) Campbell. Back row from left are: Mrs. Donald (Jackie) Chambers, Mrs. Eugene (Louise) Owens, Mrs. William (Alice) Russell, Mrs. John (Arnetta) Gambrill Jr. and Mrs. Martin (Phyllis) Anderson.

Sigma Gamma Rho sings

CHRISTMAS CAROLS — The Aurora Club of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Gamma Mu Chapter sang Christmas carols for the patients at Provident Hospital, Saturday, Dec. 10. The young ladies from various colleges in the community are from left: Robin Brown, Angela Harris, Brenda Paige, Karen Smith, Patricia Ricks, Elizabeth Matthews.

Baltimore Marketing Association gives ninth award

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips IV)

AT RIGHT: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard (Ann) Lacewell, proprietors of La Cosmetique, a Fuller Products franchise located in Metro Plaza were honored Friday evening at the annual awards dinner of the Baltimore Marketing Association. Also shown are relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Neville (Grace) Mines, (left), from Nassau. At left: Mayor William D. Schaefer proclaimed Friday, Dec. 10, "Baltimore Marketing Association Day." As members of the group gathered in his office to receive the proclamation. From L. to R: Dwight Smith, Zerita Thornton, Harold Young, Mayor Schaefer, Helen Stafford and Attorney Richard Johnson.

Community calendar

Dec. 18

The Senior Choir of Bethany Baptist Church, 2615 Ridgely St., Mt. Winans will hold their "Candlelight Service," 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. The Rev. James H. Reynolds, pastor.

Rummage Sale, Hollins Market. Sponsored by Mrs. Beulah Murray and co-workers, 9:30 a.m.

Deluxe Bull and Oyster Roast sponsored by Medina Temple No. 1, AAONMS. Central Social Hall, 901 E. Eager St., 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., sponsors a Christmas Party for children of the 4-H Club. Third Lutheran Church, 30th Street and Hillen Road, 1 p.m.

Missionaries of Northeast Baptist Church Bicentennial Service and Dinner. Call: 889-1718.

Dec. 19

The Sanctuary Choir, Men's Chorus, Tones of Faith, and Graham Gospeletes Choir of Knox United Presbyterian Church, Broadway and Biddle Street will present a Christmas concert, 5 p.m. The Rev. Lonnie J. Oliver, pastor.

Young Adult Choir of Provident Baptist Church in concert at the Greater Madedonia Church of God in Christ, 429 Robert St., 4 p.m. The Rev. Clarence E. Powell, pastor.

Dec. 20

The Concerned Citizens of East Baltimore will meet 7 p.m. at P.S. 75, Lakewood Ave. and Oliver St. Citizens from all sections of the city are invited to join the fight in opposing the placing of a prison at the Continental Can Co., on East Biddle St.

Dec. 28

Meeting of the Governor's Youth Advisory Council (Region One), at Notre Dame Council, Knights of Columbus, 201 Homeland Ave., 2 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pre-filed legislation.

Dec. 31

Spirit of Chesapeake Lodge No. 1107, IBPOE of W sponsor a 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.

Jan. 10

An illustrated talk will be given by Charles Wagandt in the Society's Jacob and Anita France Auditorium entitled, "Oella: A Struggle for Survival" — a case study in historic preservation, 8:15 p.m.

Jan. 16

Gilbert Sandler will present an illustrated talk at the 1977 meeting of the Jewish Historical Society and the Maryland Historical Society. The talk is entitled, "The Years Between — Baltimore From the 1920's Through Today — Nostalgia As History." Maryland Historical Society's Jacob and Anita France Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Jan. 28

Shriner's Ball, Martin's West, 10 p.m.-2 a.m. Call: 523-2800.

Feb. 13

A Chinese New Year Celebration will be held at the Jacob and Anita France Auditorium, Maryland Historical Society, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 14

Norman Rukert presents the annual Maryland Historical Society Maritime Lecture entitled, "A History of Fells Point," Jacob and Anita France Auditorium, 8:15 p.m.

Ideal tree for small apartments

Apartment dwellers with limited space will welcome the Norfolk Island pine, a natural mini-Christmas tree, that is a charming houseplant all year as well. It requires a little water about twice a week and flourishes in full sun through the winter. Trimmed with tiny ornaments it is lovely, indeed. To keep the branches from sagging, hang the trimmings in a bit from the branch ends.

Tempting holiday candles

You have only to light a candle to fill your home with the tempting smells of holiday fare. Cranberries, gingerbread, nut bread waft through the air whetting family appetites. Hollyberry and fresh pine scented candles add to natural greenery and give an elegant touch to a mantle or dinner table. Scented candles, newly available, add to the festive mood of Christmas. To make candles last through the holiday season here are some suggestions:

* Tapers on a dinner table should be at lip or chin level. The soft glow is flattering to all.
* When blowing candles out hold your finger in front of the flame to keep the hot wax from spattering.
* Scratching through the outer layer of wax with your fingernail, will release additional fragrance from scented candles.
* Store candles by laying them flat in a dark, dry place. For slow and even burning, place candles in refrigerator overnight before using.

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