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My children were hungry last Xmas

Case 499 — My children were hungry last Xmas. I am waiting for a welfare check which I have not received. I just had my foot operated on and cannot get around too good. My children are three boys, ages 8 to 15. We need food for our table this year. Please help.

Case 500 — I have three children and I am pregnant with another. My children's father was killed and I put in for Social Security, but haven't received any yet. Could you help me give my children a nice Xmas? Their ages are 5, 4 and 1.

I've just come out of the hospital

Case 501 — I have just come out of the hospital just a couple of weeks ago. I am not able to give my family the things to help make their Xmas merry. I have five children and we all would appreciate anything that you could give to help me.

Case 502 — My family and I are not going to have a merry Xmas because our family is fatherless and I am trying to raise them the best I can. I have three children in elementary school and I would appreciate anything that you could spare to help make our Xmas brighter.

Case 503 — I am blind and have my five grandchildren with me ranging in ages 11 to 5. I would like to have a basket and some clothes and a toy for the children to help make a happy Christmas for them. Three of them were abandoned by their mother.

Whatever clothes you can spare

Case 504 — This is the time of year when we all need help. I am nearly blind and it is difficult for me to make Xmas for my three children. Their ages are 7 to 11. I am asking that you send me if possible a basket and whatever clothes that you can spare.

I haven't been able to find work

Case 505 — I have five children and a wife. I have been looking for work for nearly a year. I have not been able to find one. My gas and electric has been cut off. I don't have any money coming into the house. I want to know whether you could help us to have a nice Christmas by sending us a food basket and toys for my children.

I have a very good husband but...

Case 506 — I am a mother of three and have a very good husband, but in the winter he can not do much work on his job. We have done well in the past, but this Xmas we are in need of help. I come to you for a Xmas basket. I have one girl, age 7, and two boys, ages 4 and 2.

Case 507 — Can you please help my family and me this year with a basket. Husband has been out of work since last December 14, and his unemployment checks have run out and we have no money to buy toys for the children. Their ages are 10, 10, 15 and 16.

Case 508 — I have two sons in school and in need of a basket badly. I receive a disability check and would like to help my two sons.

My husband has no job

Case 509 — I am a married woman with 3 children. My husband is in the home and he had been out of work for three months and with no job, he has tried about everything. He is depressed because he won't be able to get anyone gifts for Xmas. We have 3 children; one girl, age 12, size 7, and 2 boys, ages 12 and 5, sizes 10 and 5.

I'm really strugling now

Case 510 — I am a mother of two fine children and time is hard for me now. I am not married and I am unemployed. I'm on Social Service which isn't much of nothing. I'm really struggling now as never before. We need food and clothes.

Case 511 — My husband was laid off from work two weeks ago. I have three small children and one on the way. We are really having it rough this year. My electric will be turned off soon, and the rent is due. Please send a basket. We need help.

Case 512 — Please send me a food basket this year. I can't afford to buy anything this year. I have my 92-year-old father living with me and my two daughters — one who is mentally retarded. The other has three small children and her husband left her. I am getting too old to work. I can't afford money for a tree or Christmas presents. Please send whatever you can.

Case 513 — I'm 22 and have two children — a boy 3 and a girl 5. I'm on welfare and feel very bad that I can't give my children a nice Xmas. They need all the help you can give. We need food, clothes and toys, and I need a pair of boots.

Please send a nice warm coat for momy

Case 514 — We would like for you to try to send a small Xmas basket and a nice warm coat for our mother. She wears a size 14 coat. She has been sick for about two months because she has had to undergo dental surgery two times already and still has to go back to have surgery one more time. Our mother doesn't know that we wrote this letter.

Mother of 18

Case 515 — Mother of eighteen living children with twelve living at home and on welfare. We need all the help that you can give us. We need a basket, clothes and toys.

Case 516 — I have two brothers and one sister and a niece who my mother has custody, ages 16, 14 and 12. My mother suffers with high blood pressure and her leg has fluid in it. Please help our holiday be pleasant.

Case 517 — I just got out of the hospital from being perated-on. I have five kids ages 11, 14, 13, 16 and 18. Three need shoes, sizes 5½, 6 and 7. They need clothes sizes 12, 12 and 3 (in teens). We need a basket of food and toys. Please help.

Case 518 — I am the mother of two. My girl is 4 and my boy is 4. I am afraid that we will not have any food or toys for Christmas. I want them to have a nice dinner. We are really in need. Please help.

Case 519 — I am the mother of thirteen heads of children. I would like to have a basket of food or clothes for the children. By the time I paid rent, gas and electric and buy fuel for our home I won't have anything at all. I pray that you can help me in some way.

Case 520 — I have five boys who are in need of clothes and toys but I can't do anything for them this Christmas because I am not working. Their ages are 3, 8, 9 and 11. We need anything that you can possibly give us.

She really tries

Case 521 — I know a lady that has 7 children and really tries. Please get them a basket if you can. The girl's would like dolls — They are 3, 7, and 10. The boy's are 11,9,8, and 4. They need coat's and would like skates. Please help me to have a nice Xmas for them.

Case 522 — I am writing this letter for a friend who has two kids and is not able to provide anything for them this Xmas. She was robbed last week and lost everything. She can't pay her rent or buy her food stamps. Please send her a basket of food to put some cheer in her little kid's hearts.

Case 523 — I am in need for my children. I have four children two boys ages 2 and 4 clothes sizes 2 and 6. I also have 2 girls ages 6 and 8; their clothes sizes are 7 and 8. I am on welfare and by the time I pay rent and buy my food stamps and pay gas and electric I do not have very much left to muy my children toys or clothes for Xmas. I need a basket for a nice dinner. Please Mrs. Santa try and give my kids a nice Christmas.

We were burned out

Case 524 — I am the unemployed mother of a daughter 3. We got burned out of the house about a month ago. We lost clothes, furniture and food. I would appreciate if you could give my daughter some toys and food for the both of us.

Case 525 — I have three boys one is 7 and the others are 2, and 15 months. I also have one on the way. All that I am asking for is a basket of food for little family. I would appreciate anything.

Case 526 — I would like a basket for my children and some toys. I have six children, five boys ages 5½, 9,10,11, and 12; and one girl age 8. We need a basket and some toys.

Case 527 — Thank you for your past support for it was very much needed and appreciated. Again I come asking for help for my children, ages 7 (twins) and 9. Anything that you give will be most appreciated.

Case 528 — I am unable to provide a Christmas for my children. There are six of them: four girls 7,8,5,4, and 3. We would be more than happy if you could help us to have merry Xmas.

Case 529 — I am the mother of five kids, and I don't have anything for the kids for Christmas. Please help with anything that you can.

My friend lost husband

Case 530 — She has 7 children and 2 grand children. I know that she could use a basket for Xmas. Her gas and electric was cut off and she has gone hungry for days. Her gril is 10 years old and is blind. She just wants a doll baby for Christmas.

Case 531 — I am nineteen years old and and five months pregnant. I have no maternity clothes and hardly no furniture in my apartment. The baby's father had some sort of nervous condition and is in a state hospital. Anything that you can send me will be gratefully appreciated. I wear a size 18 blouse and 20 pants.

I need help badly

Case 532 — It seems as if everything is going wrong this year. The gas and electric was cut off last Friday and I don't have any food stamps. I have two children whose ages are 11 months and three years old. I do not have any money for Christmas, so please help me.

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R.S.V.P. With Marie

By Marie P. COOKE
Reflections Editor

Mary needed Joseph- Her labor pains had come.

Joseph loves Mary: By now the babe who had made his home in Mary's womb for the past nine months must have been causing her much distress—her labor pains clearly told her that the arrival of our King wasn't far off.

But she was not alone.

Joseph, her lifemate, was at her side—at the time she needed him most. Joseph loved Mary and wanted to do all that he could to make her comfortable.

The story of those hours just prior to Jesus' birth can only be told by Mary and Joseph themselves. But I'd like to think that the meditations of their hearts transcended through to the flesh and those hours were spent loving, caring and sharing.

May the spirit of Christmas transcend through our flesh now and throughout the New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy Kwanza!

As I said here last week Baltimoreans are truly beautiful people . . those who spend time helping others and taking time to enjoy themselves this Christmas season.

Like the members of the Downtown Charity Club who will be off for the fabulous Three Little Baker's Dozen Dinner Theatre in Kenneth Square, Pa., the day after Christmas.

They're looking forward to seeing "Guys and Dolls" and to enjoying the intermission dancing which is a feature there.

Members are: Mildred Jones, president; Mary E. Smith, business manager and treasurer; Elizabeth Colbert, secretary; and Doris Holmes, Wesley Jones and Alvin Smith.

Downtowners have been organized since 1965. The group of friends has undertaken a number of charity events during the years. This year's project was to clean and restore winter coats belonging to patients in the geriatric (elderly) unit at Crownsville Hospital.

Also this year, the club financed a Christmas party for 20 clients in Crownsville's handicapped unit. Each patient received a useful gift. Pocketbooks, purses, belts, scarves, ties, jewelry, stockings were in the Santa bag the club provided.

Carats

Unique Yule party was the Carats' third annual one staged Sunday for themselves and mates, who are called Carateers.

The affair—a round robin—began with cocktails at the home of Gordine and Clarence Blount, followed by a sit-down dinner at Roland and Minnie Smoots. Mrs. Smoot and club president, Joan Phillips (Mrs. Robert), prepared and served the sumptuous meal.

Then the group left for the home of Vera and Joel Carrington, but on the way they went on a scavenger hunt. They divided into five groups and rushed to gather up fun items like leaves, bobby pins, string, 1976 pennies. First there with the mostest received a prize. Winners were the Blounts, Ada and George Woodland and Frances and Vernon Pennington.

At the Carrington's, there were desserts and carol singing led by a guest soloist, Yvonne Green. William Syndor was at the piano.

After carol singing, members opened their Christmas gifts which turned out to be handsome sterling silver bells symbolizing friendship.

Other members of the club not mentioned above are, Helen Birt, Jeanne and Marvin Davis, Gerri and Lionel Desbordes, Lil and Thomas Jones, Yancey and Helen Whittaker, Janet and Alfred Woolridge.

Arrangements for the day were made by Vera, Gordine, Minnie and Joan.

The Carats round robin is really an opener for a series of events the club plans for its members with the aim of continuing fellowship into the New Year.

Day after Christmas all members dine with the Penningtons, and of course, watch the game. They'll repeat the activities New Year's day at the Phillipses and again on Jan. 9, at the Carringtons.

McPherson's Party

Christmas-time birthday was the occasion for the wall-to-wall gathering at the North Avenue home of Mary Catherine and Tom McPherson on Saturday evening. It was Tom's birthday and also the birthday of his longtime friend and Post Office co-worker, Ross Schiendecker, who was there with his wife, Mildred.

Tom's sisters were here from out of town, Mary

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Our Christmas message to you...

our readers: We send you our greatest gift. . . love.

RIGHT:
Marie Phillips-Cooke, Editor
LEFT:
Elizabeth Williams, "Catonsville Notes"
Pinnie L. Ross, "Columbia Capers"
Marjorie R. Green, "Woodlawn Highlights"

KNEELING:
Benjamin Murphy Phillips, Staff photographer-writer
Norma L. Spencer, Staff photographer
NOT SHOWN:
Michele L. McRae, Assistant to Editor
Lee Fitzpatrick, "Focus On . . ."

(AFRO staff photo by Norma Spencer)

TREE TRIMMING—Members of the 4-H Club of Baltimore were entertained last Saturday afternoon by the Epsilon Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. The sorority hosted a Christmas party for the kids at the Third Lutheran Church. From left are: Beverly Reid, AKA member; Roxanne White, Warren Neal, Vicki Washington, Julius Williams, Luvenia M. Draine, AKA member; Darlene Watson.

Community calendar

Dec. 29
The Social Security Chorus under the directorship of Norman McNeil, accompanied by Patsy Cornelius presents a Christmas Concert, Grace United Presbyterian Church, 2601 Banister Rd. at Greenspring Avenue. 7:30 p.m.

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.

Jan. 2
The Inspirational Choir of Gillis Memorial C.C. Church fourth anniversary, 4016 Park Heights Ave., 5 p.m.

Jan. 6
"Identifying Behavior of Children" will be discussed by Mrs. Bettye Floyd at the meeting of the Child Study Association of Maryland, Inc., 8 p.m. Old Court Junior High School, 4627 Old Court Rd. in Pikesville. Call: 358-3555.

Jan. 15
"History and Horizons of Bowie" sponsored by Bowie State College and the Bicentennial Committee. Free State Mall Annapolis Road, Bowie, Md., 10 a.m.-3 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. 18
"Education and the Bicentennial Tradition" sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Bicentennial Committee Board of Education. Riva Road, Annapolis, Md., 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 23
Ed Heath's Troubadours present "An Evening Song to Jehova," featuring Ed Heath and the Marie Walker Singers at the University of Baltimore, Maryland Avenue and Oliver Street, 7:30 p.m. Call: 327-5763.

Jan. 25
"Roles in the Family Grandparents, Parents and Children" sponsored by Bowie State College. Bowie Public Library, Bowie, Md., 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 27
"The Effect of the Vietnam War on Amricans' Sense of their National Tradition" sponsored by the University of Maryland. New Carrollton Library, Prince George's County, Md., 8 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.

Columbia Capers

By Pinnie L. Ross

Some 50 members of black, white and interracial families and some persons affiliated with mental health and related agencies have supported the incorporation of an organization whic will be known as Black Family Life, Inc.

The organization is the first step in the implementation of recommendations of the Family Life Center sponsored Black Family Life Project Report. The report was titled "Bridging the Gaps."

Conducted in the spring

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Local club notes

By Michele L. McRae

As the New Year begins, remember to send your club news to: Local Club Notes, C-o AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS, P.O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md., 21203

Christmas is loving...

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin Phillips IV)

NEVER TOO LATE — Ms. Eva Barnes repeated wedding vows with Steven Satterfield recently in services at the Wyman House performed by the Rev. Willard L. Clayton. Ms. Lucille Jones was maid of honor and John Morris was best man for the double ring ceremony.

Jack and Jill of America

Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Baltimore Chapter, held its second annual Christmas cocktail party for parents on Dec. 11 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Keiffer Mitchell. Party platters, whiskey sours and champagne punch were enjoyed by mothers and fathers of the various Jack and Jill age groups.

While the organization continuously focuses on activities for children, it encourages parents to meet and share ideas and experiences. Efforts are made to increase parent involvement and participation through such activities as Jack and Jill "Fathers Only" meetings, Family Fun Days, "Jack and Jill together" workshops at area churches and theatre parties.

Mrs. Marion Patterson is president of the Baltimore Chapter. Mrs. Rita Selby served as chairperson of the Christmas party and was assisted by mothers representing the various age groups.

Hotel Sales Management Association

Ronald D. Ferguson has been elected president of the Hotel Sales Management Association, Maryland Chapter, for 1977. Ferguson, who is slaes manager for the Holiday Inn downtown at Howard and Lombard Streets, formerly served as the Association's secretary and member of the executive committee. He is well-known in the black community as "Mr. Holiday Inn."

The Hotel Sales Management Association is an international organization that works, through education and communication, to improve the understanding and practice of sales promotion in the hospitality industry. Its Maryland Chapter, composed of representatives from hotels and allied industries, was started in 1969 and currently has a membership of 86 people.

Ferguson, a graduate of

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Christmas is fellowshipping...

COMMITTEE X-71 — Sixth annual Christmas party by this men's group was dinner dance on Saturday evening at Emerald Gardens. From left are: Jean and Marvin Davis, he's vice president; Lewis Richardson, president and wife Catherine and Wellington and June Ross, he was chairman of the affair. Other members of club include George Barrick, Samuel W. Beasley, Melvin Callaman, Charles W. Cephas, Malcolm Chamberlain, Ben H. Foreman, Cornelius Griffin, J. Wilson Henson, William V. Lockwood, Cyrus Marshall, Charles C. Mason, Robert L. Payne, Paul F.

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