—R.S.V.P. with Marie

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Ellen McPherson of D.C.; Mattie Poole, Graham, N.C.; Aurelia Bolling and her husband, Langford of Princeton, N.J.

Other out-of-towners present: Wesley and Carolyn Stubbs, Chevy Chase; Beatrice Smith, and Geraldine Coleman, D.C., and the William Hemmstetters of Lutherville.

J.B.s Gathering

The J. B.'s, that group of matrons whose first names begin with the letters, held their annual Yule gathering on Sunday afternoon. Place was Hillsdale Road home of Bea and David Wright, which was beautifully decorated with the special kinds of decor for which the artistic couple is famous.

Other members of the group are: Bertha Forte, Annabelle Rawlings, Blanche Beckham, Jackie Spencer, Bernice McDaniels (who was still hospitalized, but is up and out now), and Helen Queen, whom members fondly called the "Queen B." Washingtonians here were Gwen and Bert Smith, Geraldine Coleman, Ben Smith, Salome Burton and John and Merca Toole. The Charles Hickses were down from Frederick.

Couple's Club

The Hickses were also guests at the meeting of the Couple's Club on Sunday at the home of Bea and Hiram Butler. Other guests Fred and May Adams, Maurice and Catherine Adams, Etta and Ted Phifer, Robert and Mary Ammons, McKinley and Mamie Howard, Eleanor and Wilbert Sisco and Margaret Ewing.

Members of this club, which has been organized over 20 years are: Bernard and Gertrude Cooper, Yvette and James Murphy, Donald and Barbara Patterson, Ethel Rich, who is president, and William C. Warrington.

A Wedding Date

Another out-of-town guest at the J. B.'s mentioned above, and at a number of other gatherings this week was Dr. Julia Fountain Jackson, the prominent Atlanta widow, who is wearing a sparkler on her left hand.

She and Baltimore's T. Shelton Coles have a date with the parson on January 1. Dr. Jackson heads the foreign language department and chairs the humanities division at Morris Brown College.

Her Baltimore kin include Dr. Cardrew Perrin, whose late wife, Lou, was Dr. Jackson's sister. Her niece here in Baltimore is Mrs. James Griffin (Cardrienne), who entertains the couple at a family Christmas dinner.

Mr. Coles, a founder of Advance Federal Savings and Loan and a retired educator, has been busy this week dismantling valuables in his Gwynns Falls Parkway home, as the couple plans to reside in Atlanta. The two first met years ago when they and their late mates resided in the Georgia city.

Vauls Entertains

Urban League exec Travis Vauls entertained on Sunday afternoon in honor of his wife, Virginia at the McKeldin Center at Morgan State University.

It was a "thank you" affair he and their son, Bryan, arranged to say how much they appreciated the cooperation of sorors of Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority which she served as basileus for four years. New Basileus is Idell Pugh.

Members of the sorority and their mates, who are called the "honey do's" were present.

The Chipperettes

Also on Sunday evening members of that longtime women's club the Chipperettes held a lovely Yule party at Cross Keys clubhouse using the theme, "Merry making is. . . ." they decorated the hall with balloons and streamers all in the Christmas motif.

All guests—and there were many of them—received token gifts from Miss Santa, who was beauteous Darlene Blackwell, the University of Maryland radiology student. She was dressed in a mini-skirted Santa costume.

Another highlight was a dance contest. Prizes went to Mildred and Errol Taylor, Earl and Inez Watson and Virginia Prettyman and Thomas Machem.

Members of the club are: Audrey Brooks, president; Pauline Blackwell, treasurer; Lucille Nixon, Louise Murphy, Dorothy Johnston, Elizabeth Edwards, Hermione Weaver, Anita Watson, Vonzella Murray, Bernardine Harrison, Berine Bundara, Arnetta Lottier, and Gwen Hillen.

Out of towners here were: Zenobia Hart, Lloyd Young, Walter and Edmonia Robinson, all of D.C., Althea and Larry Moore, Wheaton, Md., and Lt. Col. John Robinson, Silver Spring.

At Hutchins Home

The Friday evening gathering at the Forest Park Avenue home of Argin and Bernice Hutchins, was an intimate gathering of close friends. Over from Silver Spring were Edward and Marlene Allen.

Meritocrats Party

Jack and Stella Alston's elegant Mohawk Avenue home was the setting for the Meritocrats annual Christmas party on Friday evening. There was dancing to the music of Calvin Brooks and his combo.

Members gifted their wives and sweethearts with a variety of perfumes. The spacious clubroom was wall to wall and there was a variety of special dishes prepared by caterer William Carter.

This is the men's club which does a number of community projects, including providing $700 scholarships to high school graduates.

Members of the club are: Joe Obey, president; Earl Banks, vice president; Jim Edwards, treasurer; Ernest Murphy, secretary; Art Murphy, legal counsel. Henry Caraway, Clarence Hawkins, Armstead Jenkins, Alonzo Kilgore, Lloyd Mitchner, Claude Parker, Claude Patterson, Harry Peaker, Charlie Robinson, Alonzo Rodgers, David White, Vernon White, James Alston, Henderson Neal, and Thomas Waters.

Medical Association

The annual pre-Christmas cocktail sip given by the board of directors of the Monumental Medical Association, P.A., was also on Sunday at the Hilton Inn in Reisterstown.

This is the medical group of which Dr. Shirley R. Clinton is chairman of the board, and Dr. H. Garland Chissell, is vice chairman.

Washington guests here were: Dr. and Mrs. James Bradford (Gwen); Laura and Maurice Mayes and their lawyer-daughter, Laurice, and their son, Maurice Jr., who is a student at N.C. State. Also here, Dr. Clinton's brother and sister-in-law, Alvin and Mary Clinto Camden, N.J., and from New York, Emanuel an Ilona Halper.

The Chissells (Robbie), had as their guests her sister and brother-in-law, Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Ballard, (Portia), of Fairfax County, Va.

Commissioners Ball

Baltimoreans who attended the annual Commissioners Ball in Philadelphia over the weekend included Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Moore (Phyllis); the Rudy Wheelers (Doris), Dr. and Mrs. Simon Carter (Kay), Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Byrd (Mabel). Also there were former Baltimoreans Lou and James Gilliam, now of Wilmington. He is a member of the group.

MRS. WHITE OF UPW

Love, peace and caring was the theme carried out by Bernice S. White, president of the United Presbyterian Women of Trinity Presbyterian Church when she entertained the members of the UPW at her lovely Calloway Avenue home a Sunday ago. Guests were inspired by the beautiful program that Bernice had planned.

Marie Long briefed the members on the opening of the new center for Senior Citizens that has opened at St. Mary's Church and how they might help as volunteers.

Georgia Smith rendered two moving musical selections and Mildred A. Williams delivered the Christmas message. Members joined in singing carols and exchanging gifts.

Special guests were Dora Kerr, president of the Baltimore Presbyterial Association, and Lillie Ross, chairwoman of District I of the Presbyterial.

Those in attendance were Louise H. Jackson, Ruth Lee, Donna Mack, Thelma Haggans, Fannie Howard, Maude Brown, Susan King, Lorraine Green, Estelle Pinkett, Evelyn McIntosh and Marie Fraser. Unable to attend were Catherine Richardson and Gloria Jones.

ALPHA WIVES — Members of the club recently sent out invitations to friends inviting them to ring in the holiday spirit at their fifth annual Christmas Champagne Sip. Theme for the evening was "Silver Bells" when they gathered Monday night at the Village of Cross Keys, Hollyday Room. From L to R: Eleanor Anderson, Cinderitha Payton, Vivian Salters, Barbara Robinson, Ernestine Press, Sarah Elias, Elizabeth Ramsey and Vera Poulson.

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Woodlawn Highlights

. . . by Marjorie Green

'Tis the day before Christmas and families everywhere are busy planning turkey dinners, exchanging lavish presents, decorating beautiful trees and checking the mail box to see who has sent them a Christmas card.

Sometimes it is more important to people to find out who has not sent a card, because this could indicate the possible loss of friendship.

How nice Christmas would be if this holiday season became a religious festival and all mankind laid aside selfishness, greed, and striving for material things and worked to bring about good will and brotherhood. Many families have even forgotten that it is Christ's birthday that we are celebrating.

It is His birthday, but he doesn't get any presents. Can you imagine any one of us having a birthday party and everyone getting presents except us???

His Name At The Top

I had the nicest Christmas list, The longest one in town,
'Till Daddy looked at it and said, "You'll have to cut it down."
I knew that what he said was true beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say, "You've left your best friend out."
And so I scanned my list again, And said, "Oh, that's not true."
But Daddy said, "His name's not there, That Friend who died for you."
And then I clearly understood, "Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all I hadn't planned a cent!
I'd made a Christmas birthday list, And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take me long to change the list about.
And tho' I've had to drop some names of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most — because His name is at the top!

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—Local club notes

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Coppin State College, is a native Baltimorean and currently resides in Woodlawn with his wife and four children.

Jofidelo's

One of the newest fashion groups in town is Jofiedlo's who will entertain Baltimoreans on New Year's night Jan. 1 in a fashion show at the Other Barn, in Columbia.

The group was formulated by young models and designers interested in making a career in some area of the fasion industry.

Jofidelo'semblem is a long stemmed red rose and members of the group hope to travel and introduce their original designs and to promote their models.

Officers of the group are: Lawrence Brown, recording secretary; Joann Bordley, designer; Phyllis Davis, fashion coordinator; Denise Harper, treasurer; Debbie Kane, fashion coordinator; and Alexander Sivels, public relations.

Las Amigas, Inc

The Baltimore chapter of Las Amigas, inc. recently had installation services for three new members following their club meeting, at the home of Loretta Smith, president.

New members installed at the candlelight services were: Carolyn Marshall, Sandra Days and Pam Sewell.

Other members are: Carol Ball, Portia Badham, Dora Cox, Shirley Drew, Mary Eastman, Roberta Epps, Arnetta Gambrill, Geraldine Harvey, Doris Hayes, Audrey Randell, Dolores Street, Pam Widgeon and Lois Wysinger.

Las Amigas, Inc., is a non-profit national civic organization comprised of business and professional women. The purpose of the club is to increase culture for others and themselves through activities sponsored by the club; and to provide educational and civic activities to contribute to the betterment of the community.

Chesapeake Club, Inc.

The Chesapeake Club, Inc., held its annual election of officers and board of directors at its December meeting. Elected were Wortham Hall, president; Glen DeBeal, first vice president; Franklin Samuels, second vice president; Francis X. Bennett, third vice president;

Leroy Flanagan, recording secretary; William H. Samuels, assistant recording secretary, Charles Arthur, corresponding secretary; Howard Gross, assistant corresponding secretretary George V. Tibbs, financial secretary; John Widgeon, assistant financial secretary and Leon Brown, treasurer.

Board of directors include: George W. Battle, Charles.

The Creoles

The Creoles are busy as beavers this season preparing to spread their Yuletide cheer by making packages for the mentally retarded patients at Henryton State Hospital and giving financial aid to the Anna Mae Hunter Home.

In January, they are sponsoring a trip to the Hay Loft Dinner Theatre in Manassas, Va.

Recently two members birthdays were celebrated. They were those of Margaret Austin and Romaine Taylor.

Member Regina Nutter hosted the December meeting where Christmas gifts were exchanged.

Spinoza, Inc.

The men of Spinoza, Inc. recently held their annual pre-holiday raffle at the Village Restaurant and Bar.

First prize of $500 went to John Day, ticket no. 5784; second prize of $250 to James Thomas, ticket no. 6635; third prize of $150 to Peggy Washington, ticket no. 4750 and fourth prize of $100 to D. Carter, ticket no. 6305.

Saturday Matinee Ensemble

Ruth Russell was hostess for the December meeting of the club that carried out the theme, "The Spirit of Christmas", with beautiful decorations, dinner, and speaker. Dr. Arthur J. Payne, pastor emeritus of Enon Baptist Church, related an eloquent message on the theme.

Gifts and cards were exchanged by the members. Members present were: Esther Bailey, Gloria Barnes, Ruth Brown, Catherine Dixon, Viola Jackson, Odell Payne, Hattie Smith, Lucy Swain, Virgie Waters, Violet Hill Whyte, Bertha Winston, and Roslyn Wood.

Guests included: Elizabeth Brooks, Kathleen Newsome, Dr. Payne, Sarah Rayne, Ruth Rosedom, Marion Russell, Irene Templeton, Llewellyn Walker.

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of 1976, the Black Family Life Project surveyed 112 members of black families to determine what they saw as mental health needs of black families, how they would like to see those needs met, and ways they would be willing to help in bridging the gaps between services as they now exist in Howard County and what w t best meet the identif. needs.

Some 36 representatives of mental health and related agencies were also surveyed to determine ways the agencies themselves could be more effective in meeting needs of black families and ways the agencies would like black individuals and organizations to help in this effort.

Identification of needs, suggestions for meeting those needs, and possible sources of human and material resources were listed in the report under six general areas: black family unity, self identity, attitudes and feelings; education and awareness; environmental factors; facilities; services; and staffing of existing mental health and related services.

Based on the data gathered, the consultant for the project, Jean W. Toomer, made a series of recommendations, one of which, was the formation of a permanent task force on mental health needs of black families in Howard County.

In August 1976, the Family Life Center convened the first meeting of persons suggested in the report as a preliminary steering committee.

After several meetings, this steering group decided to incorporate and family members who volunteered during the survey were contacted to determine their interest in forming such an organization. The formal signing of the incorporation charter took place at the regular meeting of the group on Dec. 9, just four months after their initial meeting.

The purpose of the organization quoted from the charter document is as follows: "This corporation is formed for the charitable purpose of promoting the quality of mental health services to meet the needs of black families in Howard County, Maryland; this purpose also includes the promotion of mental health services to non-black families."

The Rev. John W. Holland, pastor of Full Gospel Tabernacle in Cookseville, is the temporary chairperson of the group. Some of the first tasks will be to set goals and objectives and determine the necessary structure to function effectively.

In addition the organization will provide linkages between the agencies and black individuals and groups in the community.

The organization meets on the second Thursday of each month with the location changing. For more information call the Rev. Mr. Holland, 442-2892; Carol Maiello, 997-0567; Theresa Collins, 730-7339 or Jean W. Toomer, 730-3334.

Copies of the report of the Black Family Life Project are on file at all Howard County libraries and at the Family Life Center in Wilde Lake.

Wishing you a holiday filled with happy hours and a new year filled with happy days.

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SEEN ONLY ON HIGH OCCASIONS are the Departmental Honor Guard Officers Tomex Murdock, James Smith, David Manning, Jason Smith and Gerard Heid, who raised the U.S. stat, Baltimore and Police Dept. flags when the national Anthem was sung by the Douglas Memorial Church Choir Jan. 11. Behind them are Baltimore's finest, the Tactical Squad and on the right, members of the city's Command Personnel, Col. Bishop Robinson, chief of Patrol; Majors Calvin Lewis, Wester; McNeal Brockington, Eastern; Harry Allender, Northwestern; Richard Connelly Northeastern; Richard Francis, Southwestern; Daniel Caulk, Southeastern; Clarence Hayes, Northern; Clarence Roy, Community Relations; Lt. Col. James A. Watkins, Deputy Chief of Patrol; James Kelly, Southern; Harwood Bullitt, Central.

Slave church high honors noted in year's events

The beginning of the Baltimore Bicentennial Year 1976 opened with the historic event, the official salute to Orchard Street Church as recipient of the nation's highest honor, listing on the U.S. Register of Historic Places.

Witnessing the unprecedented occasion in January, were officials from the federal government, state of Maryland and Baltimore city plus members of families whose history dates back over 100 years in the city and on the church's membership rolls.

Thousands of citizens attended church banquets, testimonials and installation services for new ministers in 1976.

Among affairs held was a banquet in October at the Lord Baltimore Hotel sponsored by John Wesley United Methodist Church.

The church now located at 3202 W. North Ave., began in 1813 in a carpenter's shop at Sharp and Montgomery Sts. Members of the church attended a banquet when the church's organizations united marked the 163rd birthday. Some 800 guests attended the event which crowned all Bicentennial occasions.

REV. DR. W. W. PAYNE

Citizens from all walks of life attended the four hour banquet honoring the Rev. Dr. W. W. Payne, pastor of City Temple Baptist Church. The 56 - year - old minister told the guests, "I am very humble and I am doing what the Lord wants me to do."

REV. DR. ALFRED C. D. VAUGHN

More than 1,000 guests saluted Rev. Dr. Alfred C. D. Vaughn in January at a tesimonial, which honored Grace Memorial Baptist Church's 50th anniversary and 10th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Vaughn, who is also president of the Baptist Ministers Conference.

DISTINGUISHED LEADER RETIRES

Rev. Arthur Jerome Payne, 81 - year - old distinguished leader, retired May 2 after serving 53 years as pastor of Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St.

The Rev. Dr. Payne is described as one of the best known and best loved ministers in Baltimore. He has been outstanding in both church and civic affairs for more than a quarter of a century.

INSTALLATION

Rev. William E. Johnson, 40, is the former pastor of Timothy Baptist Church. He was installed as pastor of Union Baptist Church in Turner Station on Jan. 23 and succeeds the Rev. Carlton Cooke who died in April 1974. He began his profession at Timothy Baptist Church, where he was ordained and licensed.

REV. JOHN A. LUNN

Week long installations services for Rev. John A. Lunn were held at Berean Baptist Church, 5200 Denmore Ave., in October. The Rev. Mr. Lunn, 28, was installed as pastor of Berean Baptist in November, when more than 500 guests attended the services.

The Rev. Mr. Lunn was the former youth minister at Wayland Baptist Church and is married to Mrs. Pamela A. Campbell Lunn.

UNITED HOUSE OF PRAYER

Bishop Sweet Daddy W. McCollough was the speaker at the 50th annual Holy Convocation of the United House of Prayer for All People in August at 600 W. Preston St.

The celebration was attended by 5,000 people from 22 states and the baptizing ceremony was held in the new pool on the Argyle Avenue side of the church.

EBENEZER BAPTIST

The 80th anniversary of celebration of Ebenezer Baptist Church and the third anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Clarence Poole was observed Feb. 9, at a banquet.

FAMED OLD CHURCH which dates pre-Civil War, 1837, Orchard Street Church is a fine example of Gothic architecture although built by candlight held by the wives of the dedicated slaves. Underneath are tunnels used in the Underground Railroad freedom movement led by Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman.

A SHEPHERD WENT OUT—This was the inscription in the engraved plaque that went to Rev. W. W. Payne in April, when he was honored at a banquet. The plaque was presented on behalf of the congregation by Rev. Cecil McClary.

REV. DR. ARTHUR JEROME PAYNE retired as minister of ENON Baptist Church in May. A retirement banquet was held in his honor at the Hilton Hotel.

REV. PORTER W. PHILLIPS JR., was installed as the new pastor of Enon Baptist Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St. in June. He succeeds Rev. Dr. Arthur Jerome Payne, who served as pastor of Enon for 53 years.

NEW MINISTER of Berean Baptist Church is 28 - year - old Rev. John A. LUNN. Installation services were held for the Rev. Mr. Lunn in November at 5200 Denmore Ave.

2118-26 MADISON AVE., is the new address f Father Patrick Henry Franklin's new church. Participating in the first services held at the church were (L to R) Rev. Charles Ranson, Father Patrick H. Franklin and Bishop Charles H. Baker.

REV. DR. ALFRED C. D. VAUGHN was honored by members of his church, ministers, relatives and friends in January at a banquet. Family members shown from left are Corrogan Vaughn, Mrs. Lillian Vaughn, the Rev. Dr. Vaughn and Lynnette M. Vaughn. Not shown is his youngest daughter, Cassandra Vaughn.

BRYANT FAMILY members (L to R) are Bishop Harrison J. Bryant, Mrs. Edith Holland Bryant, wife; Mrs. Cecelia Bryant, daughter - in - law and Rev. John R. Bryant, son of Bishop and Mrs. Bryant. Bishop Bryant retired in June and is now living in Baltimore.

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