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By Pinnie L. Ross

Last weekend was the ending of the holiday galeies I suppose. There were several held here in the new City. One was that of Robert and Delores Harper. What a "great!" party and a beautiful gathering of fine people.

As always, the Harpers have that special touch of graciousness in their entertaining.

It was a lively party with approximately 80 guests in attendance in their spacious split level home. The house was decorated nicely. It glowed with illuminated wreath, bells, and misletoe, and tiny lights clicking on and off.

Friends were warmly received by the Harper family in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Harper, Christy, Robin, Jessoea, and Robert Jr., who is a student at Hampton Institute.

The food was colorful, appetizing, plentiful, and delicious. Guest lined up to get a drink of Mr. Harper's egg nog which he is noted for.

I was told at the party to go upstairs in the kitchen and check out the happenings on the sweet table, well . . . it was a "sight to behold." A beautiful decorated table with all kinds of goodies. Mrs. Harper really "did her thing" to those cakes and pies. Her pineapple chuncks dipped in a special dip were much too much!

Needless to say, at 1:30 a.m. party goers were just beginning to "get down" with it. They stayed beyond the closing hour. The reason, the gracious hospitality provided by the Harper family kept them staying on and on. It was a "great" party.

One of the nicest New Year's Eve dinner parties was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rosevelt (Maurine) McKinney in their cosy Green Mountain Circle home.

Mrs. McKinney high fahioned as always, greeted her guest in a bright multi-colored caftan, at home gown while Mr. McKinney (Rosevelt) was dressed in a casula gray sport outfit, and played the role of a perfect host while his wife kept busy preparing the goodies in the kitchen.

Cocktails, music, conversation, and food was provided at the party. This party was another of the elegant zesty affairs held in the new city.

Mrs. McKinneys' table setting was beautiful. She chose a gray lacetable cloth trimmed in black, her china was accented with black edged. Believe me, she served with crystal stem wear which had bits of black on the stem.

Champagne flowed in the glasses just before twelve and at twelve came the usual thing, the toast.

The son and daughter of the McKinney's were home, Michiel, who is a second year business student at Boston University, and Toney, a graduate of Spellman College, Atlanta who is a buyer in one of the clothing stores in New York.

About the evening and having a great time was Dr. and Mrs. George (Mary) Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Crargeon, she works with the Housing Opportunity Commission, Silver Springs. He is an assistant professor of Social Work, Howard Univerasity; Dr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Floyd, Bethesda. Dr. Floyd is associate executive, National School Board of Education. His wife Clara, Montgomery School teacher; Mr. and Mrs. Grouer, (Marcella) Humphrey, she is a social worker and Mr. Humphrey is an electrician technician, Annapolis Md.

HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Thought for today. It isn't the common man at all who is important. It's the uncommon man.

Lady Nancy Astor

HOLIDAY GATHERING — The Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 15 was entertained recently at the home of Mildred Pitts. Shown with the hostess are from left: Mrs. Helen W. Jones, Mrs. Gloria J. Handy, Mrs. Pitts and Mrs. Daisy E. Moody.

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Catonsville Notes

... by Liz Williams

Many, many thanks to you for the beautiful cards that you sent to during the holidays. My husband, daughter and I wish all of you a happy, blessed and prosperous New Year. May the year 1977 be the best one ever.

"Sympathy" cards to Dean Thelma Bando (McDonal). Dean Bando's sister, Mary Ellen Perry died suddenly during the holidays. Cards also to the family of the late Mrs. Esther R. T. Cole, the mother of Mrs. Esther Arrington, Dr. Pearl Brackett, Mrs. Audrey Johnson, Judge Harry A. Cole and the late Richard Cole. Services were held for the late Mrs. Cole during the week. Funeral services were also held during the week at Morning Star Baptist Church for the late Doris Douglass (William).

"Sympathy" cards to the family of the late Mamie Noel, sister-in-law of Roy Noel (Carrie). Cards also to the family of the late Mrs. Blanche Brooks who died while attending Sunday service at Grace AME Church. Mrs. Brooks' sisters are Mrs. Rachel Waller (Richard) and Mrs. Fannie King (Turk).

"Happy Birthday" cards to William — "Billy" (Eva) Brooks, who celebrated his birthday on January 4. Our family would like to congratulate all of you who have birthdays this month, especially our close family friends, Eula and Shirley Watkins, who celebrate their birthday on the 11; they are not twins and I will not tell who is older or younger because they are both looking good and enjoying their retirement. Their lovely mother, "Aunt Vonnie" is to be congratulated for having such lovely daughters.

There are many people who are on our "Get Well" list. Space does not permit me to list the hospitals where they are, so just send cards to their home address. Among the sick and ailing are: the Rev. Reginald Boston, pastor of Grace AME Church, Mrs. Julia Williams, William (Nathan) Walker, Russell Frisby (Catherine), Charles (Mary) Thompson, Effie T. Payne (Charles), James Bundy (Sarah), Charles (Blue) Dolson, Sam Young (Nettie), William (Bill Lampkin and Art Murphy, who is now on the mend. Please call or write to me about those who are ailing or who are in the hospital. Ellen Fisher' mother is in the hospital (I heard this while I was writing this column; also cards to "Pop" Lindsey, father of "Bea" Wright (David).

A Variety Dinner and Bake Sale will be held at the Cresent Lodge, Elks Home, Saturday, January 15 at 11 until. Catherine Stewart, chairperson; Thelma Hardy, chairperson, Dpt. Ruler, Doris Coales and Mary Robinson, district deputy.

Mrs. Dorothy Gross Johnson and her sister Mrs. Catherine Franklin, longtime member of Grace AME Church spent the holidays in California, visiting Mrs. Johnson's son and family. They also visited a niece. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Franklin are the daughters of the late Columbus and Ethel Gross who were longtime members of Grace Church.

Taking the night plane to Georgia last Sunday night were Carmelita Hayes (Clark College), Josie Fordon (Spellman) and Debbie Williams (Clark). They did not see each other until they arrived in Atlanta.

Congratulations to Donna Harris, daughter of Col. and Mrs. William Harris (Box and Ivy). Donna recently graduated from Cheyney, majoring in Special Education. Donna has been on the Dean's list during her four years in College. She also joined her sister Barbara and her mother when she became an AKA soror. Congratulations to Rachel Phillips who graduated from Virginia State with honors.

Visiting in our community last week were Lisa (Squeaky) Guishard, a student at Livingston College in New Jersey and Michael Van Diver, an engineering student. Michael is the cousin of Clifton Sherrard (Camilla), whom he vitisted while here. In talking to Clifton, I learned some interesting things about his family which I will share with you next week. He did however, send me a poem that he had gotten at a family reunion and thought that the readers of this column would like it. Due to the length I will have to print a little each week.

I Had The Meanest Mother In The Whole World

As a child I had the meanest mother in the world. She was real mean. When other kids ate candy for breakfast, she made me eat cereal, eggs and toast. When other kids had Coke and candy for lunch, I head to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from other kids. (To be continued.)

Woodlawn Highlights

... by Marjorie Green

The national record keeping headquarters for the Social Security Administration in Baltimore houses one of the largest groupings of electronic data equipment that can be found anywhere in the world under one roof.

In today's modern world, almost everyone is aware of the vital role that computers are playing in every major commercial and governmental endeavor.

Eleven years ago when Yvonne Harris was preparing to graduate from Eastern High School, no one guessed that she would choose a career in the magical field of electronic data processing with the Social Security Administration. Yvonne entered government service as a keypunch operator nine years ago.

In 1970 she became a medium scale operator in SSA's Electronic Data Processing section and has since become a technician computer specialist. She hopes one day to become a computer programmer and is currently working for a degree in Data Processing at Catonsville Community College under the Upward Mobility College Program sponsored by SSA.

The night shift special work week that Mrs. Harris enjoys, enables her to find time to bowl in a mixed league of twelve teams. Most of the bowling team members attend school during the day and help to keep the computers operating at night.

Employees in this night shift group also sponsored a special Christmas party for the children at Rosewood Hospital, distributed gifts at the J.F.K. Center, and furnished baskets of food for several needy families. Nathaniel Batty and Greta Taylor spearheaded this volunteer activity.

The Social Security Administration will present a special lunchtime program in memory of Martin Luther King on Friday, January 14, in the Altmeyer building. On the same day, one thousand Marylanders from all walks of life will participate in the Y.M.C.A.'s Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast at the downtown Hilton Hotel. Guest speaker will be Charles W. Bowser, Esquire.

Music will be furnished by the Social Security Chorus. SSA members of the Kings Landing Women's Club sponsoring group are: Betty Lindsay, Mamie Jones, Doris Street, Helen Tucker, Mildred Nelson, Roberta Keets, and this writer.

Best wishes are extended to Leo Malinowski who retired December 31, 1976. Samuel Berlin and Glen Wratchford are both looking forward to retirement in late January, 1977.

Sunday, January 30, at 2:30 p.m. The Fire, Renovation, Expansion, Drive Committee, (F.R.E.B.) and the trustees of the Maryland Baptist Home for the Aged plan a groundbreaking ceremony at 2801 Rayner Ave. The public is invited to attend. The Rev. Arthur E. Jones, SSA employee is president of the home.

People under 72 who get social security retirement or survivors checks can work and earn as much as $3,000 in 1977 and get their full social security benefits. People 72 and over get their full social security benefits regardless of how much they earn. Different rules including medical considerations, apply to people getting disability benefits.

Community calendar

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Feb. 12

The Professionals First Annual St. Valentine's Cabaret. Elks Home, 1528 Madison Ave. Purchase tickets at the Record Room, 1700 Gorsuch Ave. or call: 362-8964.

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.

July 23

The Epitome of Beauticians presents "Bermuda 1977," a seven-day cruise abroad the Thess Statendam. Deposit must be made by January 22. Call: 367-8218.

—Inauguration gala

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ministration. It will be hosted at the Cannon House Caucus Room. Guests will be received by top local, state and national political personalities. Other highlights include an elegant gourmet buffet, open bar, and continuous entertainment by the Moments. The cost is $25 per person. Call 462-1918 for reservations.

The seven-person committee consists of: Lillian Jones, Del Henson, Alice Press, Charles Harvey, Johnnie Stubbs, Alfred David Watts, Ms. Perry.

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Miss Johnson, Mr. Warren

Miss Shirley Ann Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilfred Johnson Sr. recently repeated wedding vows with Floyd Kelsey Warren Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelsey Warren Sr.

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The wedding was held at the home of the bride's parents on Carrollton Avenue followed by reception activities.

Maid of honor was Connie Walker along with Walter L. Williams Jr., best man.

Flower girl was Natalie R. Simmons.

The couple who will make their home in Owings Mills, Md. honeymooned in New York City.

MRS. FLOYD K. WARREN JR.
(former Miss Shirley A. Johnson)

(AFRO staff photo by Benjamin M. Phillips)

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. David (Kisiah) Lyle were honored at a reception-dinner party recently marking their 50th wedding anniversary. The affair was hosted by the couple's nine children. They include: Grace Patterson, Mariam Stokeling, Ralph Lyle, David Lyle, Joseph Lyle, James Lyle, Louisa Brown, Elissa Williams and Barbara Mock.

Miss Mallory, Mr. Howard repeat vows

Mrs. Pauline Mallory announces the wedding of her daughter, Miss Brenda Lee Mallory to Thomas Sylvester Howard Jr., son of Mrs. Anna F. Parker, of Gambrills, Md.

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The wedding will take place tonight, Friday, Jan. 7, 7:30 p.m. at the Temple of God, 1342 Durham St

O.C. Dixon will give the bride away.

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Activity schedule constant

By Gertrude M. Parker

The United Methodist Women of Mt. Winans United Methodist Church are sponsoring a study on "Southern Africa, a Dilemma for Christmas." The program will be on Sunday, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Barbara Lavery, leader. Mrs. Blanche R. Powell, president of the Methodist Women. The Rev. Joseph J. Mack, pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Levi Sr. of Hollins Ferry Road attended the wedding of their cousin, Marva Regina Harris to James Watson. The wedding was held at the chapel of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

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Mrs. Robin Nell Ware has returned to Stanford University after spending the holidays with her parents. She is the granddaughter of Gertrude M. Parker.

The Women of Mt. Winans United Methodist Church have selected for their Women's Day chairperson, Mrs. Gloria Clements and co-chairperson, Mrs. Shirley Harris. Women's Day will be on Sunday, April 24, 1977. The Rev. Joseph J. Mack, pastor.

The Homemakers Club of Mt. Winans and Westport Extensions held their Christmas party on last Sunday at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Hill on Cecil Avenue. Mrs. Francis Sigale is president of the group.

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Miss Myers inducted into honor society

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Among the many purposes of Pi Lambda Theta is to recognize persons of superior scholastic achievement and high potential for professional leadership. Other purposes are to foster leadership and to endeavor to improve the status of persons in education.

Miss Myers is a 1974 graduate of Coppin State College and is the dsuchter of Mrs. Delores Hawkins of Beltimore.

Prior to attending the Indiana University, Miss Myer's was employed by the Baltimore City Public Schools as a teacher at both Edmondson and Southwestern High Schools.

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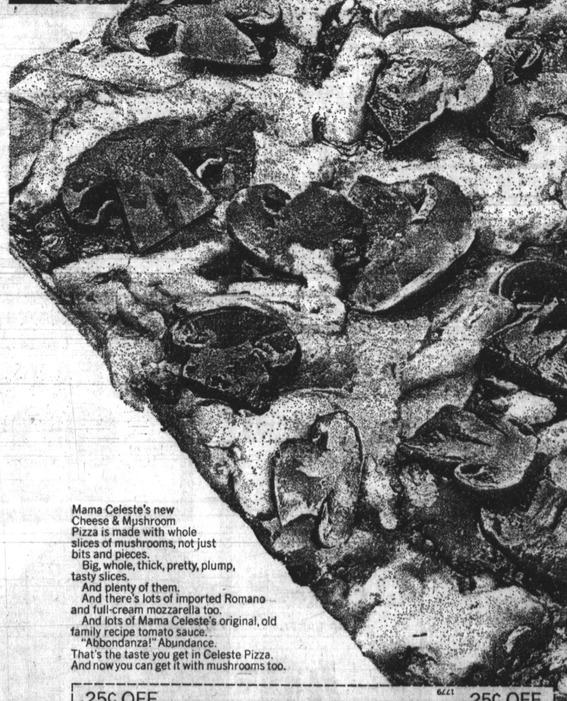

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