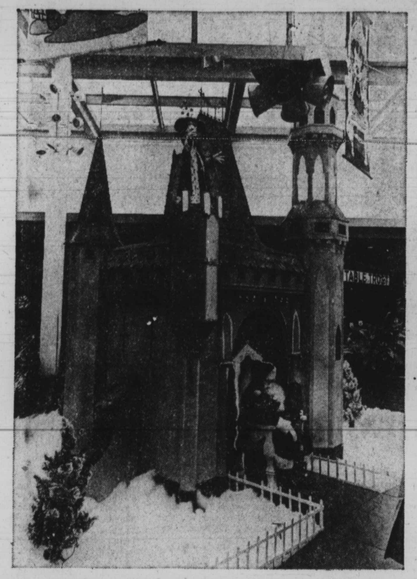
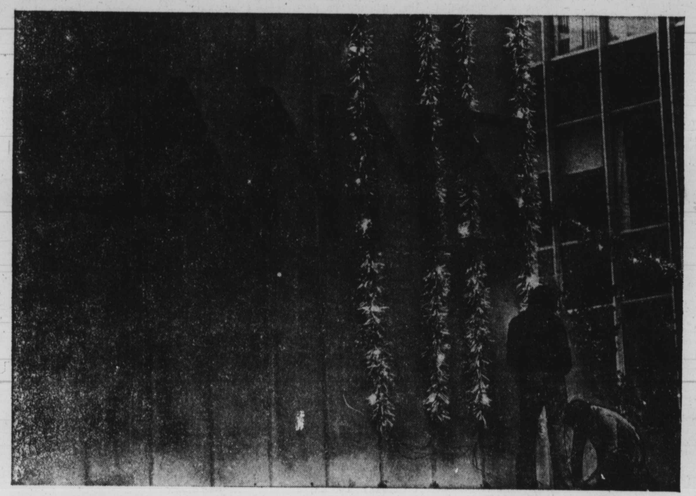
Christmas is just around the corner!



SANTA'S CASTLE—Santa's palatial home in Reisterstown Road Plaza (photo at left) looks inviting for youngsters to visit and tell Mr. Claus what they want for Christmas. But a closer look at Jeronica Perkins, 2½ - year - old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Linda Perkins, 3900 block of Parkview Avenue, shows her skepticis about this fat man in the red suit, despite his fancy house.

ONE OF SANTA'S ELVES stands in the snow in front of his workshop in Reisterstown Road Plaza.



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HANGING HOLIDAY TINSEL — Workman decorates a store at Park Avenue and Lexington Street.

ELEVATED TREE TRIMMER — A workman in a cherry picker puts the finishing touches on a huge Christmas tree that decorates Lexington Mall.

A CHRISTMAS TREE surrounded by presents and snow helps shoppers get in the holiday spirit at Reisterstown Road Plaza.

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Harambee: A market place for giving and sharing blessings

Christmastime is approaching steadily. The hustle and bustle has begun in department stores and many items have already been picked over.

The weather has turned cold and we've recently been drenched with rain while shopping.

Walking in and out of stores because no one store has everything we want to purchase for our love ones.

With prices sky high we're comparing prices of various items trying to find the best buys.

It has really been a drag!

But one of our community oriented churches has developed a solution.

The Bethel AME Church at Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street is sponsoring its first annual Harambee celebration with a market place featuring items with you in mind.

This celebration grew out of a recent discovery of talent recognized among the members.

They realized that people like to create and share their creations. What a talent bank!

Harambee market place is a concept conceived and developed by the Mortgage Committee of Bethel. This market place features crafts and other wares designed and made by the church members and others who wish to participate in sharing their wares with interested persons to be offered as Christmas gifts.

Visit Harambee
December 2—6-10 p.m.
December 3—12-6 p.m.
December 4—2-5 p.m.
December 9—6-10 p.m.
December 10—12-6 p.m.
December 11—2-5 p.m.
December 16—6-10 p.m.
December 18—12-6 p.m.
December 18—2-5 p.m.
December 19-24—12-4 p.m.
6-10 p.m.

At Harambee there is no hustle. No bustle. No waiting in long lines. Personalized services and a feeling of warmth in the atmosphere

Mary E. Robinson, chairwoman of the Mortgage Committee says. "The Harambee market place is a unique shopping area where family members of the church, friends and the community can come together with a feeling of sharing and giving.

"Christmas has become commercial with the purchasing of large and expensive gifts. Many have lost the true meaning of this glorious day.

"Harambee was specifically designed to bring people back to the church and the true ideals of Christmas."

Members of the Bethel AME Church Mortgage Committee include: John R. Bryant, pastor; Julia Ball, Nathaniel Brown, Herman Carter, Charlotte Clemmens, Marie Phillips-Cooke, Robert Dashiels, Charles Flemings, Leonard Habersham, Michael Hamilton, Bernice Haynes, Edith P Hill;

And, Patricia Holtsclaw, Eugene Johnson, Lorraine King, Aloha McCullough, Elizabeth M. Moss, A. Paul Moss, Mary Moore Murray, Hensie Page, Dorothy Parker, Norma Parker;

Also, Charles C. Robinson, Herbert Singleton, Joseph Smith, Percival C Smith, Ruth Travis, Joan L. Wharton, Oprah Winfrey, and Mary E Robinson, chairwoman.

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HARAMBEE AT BETHEL All sorts of items are on sale at the Harambee market place at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Avenue and Lanvale Street. From left are exhibitor, Evonne Simpson; Shopper, David Allen and exhibitor, Dorothy Parker

BETHELITES AND COMMUNITY business owners are participating in the Harambee market place at the church. The gift center is being sponsored by the Mortgage Committee of the church. Shown are Caraileer Plater and Patricia Faltsclus.

HOLIDAY RECIPES

Home-baked gifts always say 'I care'

Does the thought of Christmas shopping make you tired? Relax. Stay at home and show your friends that you care, deliciously—with a gift from your kitchen.

Home-baked goods show special warmth and regard.

Holiday Gift Cake, a rich pound-type cake made with margarine and cream cheese is studded with nuts and maraschino cherries, glazed lightly and garnished attractively with nuts and cherries. These delightful cakes can be baked in standard loaf, tube or bundt pans as well as in many sizes of food cans. In fact, you can bake up batches using as many empty cans as you can collect—coffee cans, shortening cans and sauce cans all creative attractive shapes for Christmas giving.

Recipes given will yield one bundt cake, three coffee-can sized loaves, four shortening-can sized, five 6 x 3½-inch loaves or even eleven mini-loaves baked in 8-oz. tomato sauce cans. Baking time varies for each size, with the mini-loaves taking only 35 minutes of oven time.

Holiday Gift Cakes can be wrapped securely and frozen for four to six weeks. So bake some extras to give away during January and February too. And don't forget a bundt-sized cake for your own Christmas brunch. For gifts, bundle the cakes in a clear wrap and tie with a colorful bow. They're remembrances worth giving, at Christmas or any other time of the year when you want to say, "I care."

HOLIDAY GIFT CAKE

Holiday Gift Cake
1 8-oz. pkg. Philadelphia brand cream cheese
1 cup Parkay margarine
1½ cups sugar
1½ teaspoons vanilla
4 eggs
2¼ cups sifted cake flour
1½ teaspoons baking powder
¾ cup chopped maraschino cherries, well drained
½ cup chopped nuts
½ cup finely chopped nuts
1½ cups sifted confectioners sugar
2 tablespoons milk

Combine softened cream cheese, margarine, sugar and vanilla, mixing until well blended. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Gradually add two cups flour sifted with banking powder, mixing well after each addition. Toss remaining flour with cherries and chopped nuts; fold into batter.

Grease a 10-inch bundt or tube pan; sprinkle with finely chopped nuts. Pour batter into pan; bake at 350 degrees F, 1 hour and 20 minutes. Cool 5 minutes; remove from pan. Cool thoroughly. Glaze with mixture of confectioners' sugar and milk. Garnish with cherries and nuts, if desired.

VARIATIONS:
1. Omit finely chopped nuts. Pour 2 cups of batter into each of three greased 1-lb. coffee cans. Bake at 350 degrees, 1 hour.

tattle•tales

LIVIN' IT UP IN THE CITY! Did you know that one of our favorite city morticians is having a ball in the inner city? We hear he's rented an apartment in a plush downtown highrise.

His living expenses must be extremely high. Just think. Poor thing has to buy all that gas to travel between downtown and his plush west Baltimore home where he lives with his lovely wife.

OUR LAWYER FRIEND, BILLY MURPHY — Ooops, sorry. We promised you we wouldn't discuss him for a while.

AND HE ISN'T THE ONLY ONE! One of the city's most prominent businessmen finally brought his OTHER woman out of of hiding. Can't imagine why — unless he's planning to pay alimony. Anyway, they were snuggling in the darkest booth all the way in the back of a downtown

hotel bar. Thought nobody saw them. Well, TATTLE - TALES DID! We see everything and you know how hard it is for us to keep a secret.

AIN'T NOTHING LIKE THE REAL THING: Honey we've just got to do something about all these brothers out here giving what really belongs to us — to THEM! You ought to see them hanging all over those blonds in shopping areas.

Toys that can shock

Electrical toys—including the popular toy stoves, electric football games and miniature irons—are not meant for young children.

Under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, *all* electrical toys must bear labels stating the ages for which they're recommended. If the toys have heating elements, they can't be recommended for children under eight.

When adults ignore these warnings, it's often the children who pay the consequences. Many youngsters have suffered burns and severe electrical shocks simply because their parents assumed they were "advanced" enough or "mature" enough to handle sophisticated electrical toys. Even older children can get hurt, either because they mishandle the toys or because the toys are damaged and don't work properly. It's a good idea to teach your children to disconnect any electrical toy or appliance by pulling on the plug, not the cord.

Electrical toys should be examined regularly for broken parts, frayed cords, and damage to sections that enclose wiring. The older the toy, the more often you should check it. Make sure the plugs of these toys fit snugly into wall outlets or extension cords (no prongs should be exposed).

The Pacesetters

Baltimoreans doing things in business, the professions and community service

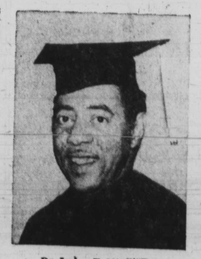
Dr. Weptanomah W. Carter

Dr. Weptanomah W. Carter has been appointed by Mayor William D. Schaefer and confirmed by City Council as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Community College of Baltimore to a term of six years expiring June 30, 1983.

Dr. Carter is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. T. Robert Washington of Philadelphia, Pa. and is a native of Ossining, N.Y.

She is a graduate of the Philadelphia High School for girls. Received the B.S. degree from the State Teachers College in Millersville, Pa. Is the first woman to have earned the Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Seminary in Lynchburg, Va. She was also awarded the honorary Doctor of Literature from the same school.

Dr. Carter is married to Dr. Harold Carter, minister of the New Shiloh Baptist Church.



Dr. Joshua R. Mitchell III

Dr. Joshua R. Mitchell III became a fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians in a convocation ceremony held in Las Vegas last month.

The degree of fellow, established by the 1971 Congress of Delegates, is the academy's avenue for recognizing outstanding members' efforts in the area of continuing education.

To qualify for this degree, a member must either have passed the certifying examination in family practice administered by the American Board of Family Practice or have completed 600 hours of academy approved continuing education since becoming an active member.

Dr. Mitchell is a 1951 graduate of Morgan State University and graduated from Meharry School of Dentistry.