500 baskets being delivered

Kenneth O. Wilson, vice-president Advertising, AFRO-AMERICAN, presented $500 to Mrs. Santa for himself and his wife, Jean.

Mt. Moriah #56 Lodge, F and AM-PHA, presented $150 to Mrs. Santa. Above, Senior Warden Clyde Barnes Jr., Worshipful Master Elmer E. Moore, Mrs. Santa, Past Master James Peacock and Cordell Hunter.

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Happy Ladies Charity and Social Club presented $50 to Mrs. Santa. Making the presentation is Mrs. Henrietta Cooper, pres.; to Miss Rhonda L. Frazier, Mrs. Santa's helper and Mrs. Hilda Greene, chaplain.

(Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

The Peers Inc., a non-profit charitable and civic organization, presented Mrs. Santa with $100. The group has been together 28 years. Above, Wendell White, president and Leonard Crosby, treasurer. Other members are Rossie McCoy, vice-president; Macalister Tyler, secretary; Leonard Thompson, business manager; Ernest Maker, custodian. Members, Charlie McLawhorn, Frank Russell, William Lyles, Grayson Williams, Calvin Styles and Thomas Edwards.

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The Baltimore Municipal Employees Local #44, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, contributed $250 to the Mrs. Santa Fund. Making the presentation is Raymond Clark, president, to Mrs. Santa's helper, Miss Rhonda L. Frazier and Val Wilson, vice president.

(Photo by Roman Hankewycz)

Ten Friends Social Club, a charity and social club that has been organized for 30 years and donates to various charities and nursing homes, presented $50 to Mrs. Santa. Above Mrs. Alice Williams, president and Mrs. Helen Tilghman, secretary. Members, Mrs. Vivian Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Rosetta Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Hazel Gause, business manager; Mrs. Mary Mitchell, Mrs. Constance Neal, Mrs. Thelma Rogers, Mrs. Clarice Tilghman and Mrs. Delores Young.

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The Special Aid Club donated $50 to the Mrs. Santa's Fund. Making the presentation, Mrs. Helen Croxton, to AFRO's Mrs. Santa and Mrs. Emma Sutton, chairpersons.

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The Baltimore Cossocks, Inc., an organization for the interest and unselfish service to civic and charitable endeavors of the community, contributed $50 to Mrs. Santa. Charles A. Marshall, vice president; Mrs. Santa's helper, Miss Rhonda L. Frazier and William N. Mason, financial secretary, making the presentation.

Mrs. Santa's fund

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Dr. & Mrs. Emerson C. Walden	25.00
Dr. Ruth Brett Quarles	25.00
Ms. Delores Whidbe	25.00
Mrs. Susie Taylor & Andrew Kent	25.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Blake	25.00
Rev. & Mrs. Kelly L. Jackson	25.00
Iota Phi Lambda Sorority Kappa Chapter	25.00
The New Jockey Club	25.00
Mr & Mrs. Emerson Anderson	25.00
Councilwoman Victorine Q. Adams	25.00
Mrs. Alicia Myers	25.00
William S. Roddey	25.00
The Forget Me Nots Members	22.00
Bolton North Tenant's Assoc.	20.00
The Eight Cotillion's Social Club	20.00
Ms. Thelma E. Kelly	20.00
Norman Holt Florist, Inc.	20.00
Miss Ruth Fegley	20.00
James Payne	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. Harrison Vessells	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clifton A. Turner Jr.	20.00
Mr. & Mrs. William P. Allen	20.00
Mrs. Maggie M. Quiffe	20.00
Ms. Eva S. Rawling	18.00
Ms. Lottie Mullen	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Reed	15.00
Rev. Oscar R. Christmas	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Young	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. William Blackmon	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Rodman O'Harris	15.00
Ms. Beatrice Johnson	15.00
Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Thompson	10.00
Mrs. Irene Dorsey	10.00
Mrs. Margaret R. Jefferson	10.00
Ms. Cora Cammon	10.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Jefferson	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. James Roman Jackson	10.00
Mrs. M. Thomas	10.00
Ms. Lorraine E. Burke	10.00
Hamilton Young	10.00
Ms. Lisbeth D. Baker	10.00
Mrs. Gladys Wallace	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore R. Tate	10.00
Mrs. J. Ruth Biddle	10.00
Ms. Frances C. Harris	10.00
Robert W. Waltz	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Johnson	10.00
Junior Matrons of Concord Baptist Church	10.00
Ms. Ethel E. Craven	10.00
Mrs. Eloise M. Jones	10.00
William Lee	10.00
Mrs. Peggy Hagood	10.00
Ms. Patricia Lee	10.00
Mrs. Lucille H. Nixon	10.00
Ms. Marietta Long	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Clarence R. Stewart	10.00
Mrs. Margaret E. Holland	10.00
Dr. & Mrs. Cyril F. Atkins	10.00
Ms. Eva P. Brooks	10.00
Mrs. Mamie C. Woodford	10.00
Mrs. Marguerite J. Campbell	10.00
Ms. Ruth Crawford	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Smith	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Viller T. Brown	10.00
Mrs. Adelle M. Foreman	10.00
Mrs. Josephine D. Brown	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Landon Godsey	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. Marshall	10.00
Jerome Johnson	10.00
Basic Recreation Group of Bolton North	10.00
Ms. Delores J. Wallace	10.00
Miss Dorothy Jackson	10.00
Ms. Edith V. Brooks	10.00
Herbert Clardy	10.00
Mrs. Verniece W. Reynolds	10.00
Mrs. Cussie M. Harris	10.00
Douglas Richardson	10.00
Miss Brenda Sykes	10.00
Rev. & Mrs. Riley M. Davis	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Rayner	10.00
Mrs. Essie Sutton	10.00
Mrs. Blanche W. Pettiford	10.00
Mr. & Mrs. Arvel E. Owens	10.00
Mrs. Mamie Lee Duff	8.00
Charles Brown	7.00
Mrs. Louise H. Robinson	6.00
Ms. Leone N. Thompson	6.00
Herman R. Phillips	5.00
Ms. Tanya E. Smith	5.00
Mrs. Florence Lyles	5.00
Robert L. Dickerson	5.00
Rev. Joseph R. Cashon	5.00
Dr. Therman B. O'Daniel	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. John Rascoe	5.00
Ellsworth C. Wilson	5.00
Charles Thomas	5.00
Hazel & Mildred West	5.00
Milford Du Bose	5.00
Miss Bernice Johnson	5.00
Ms. Annie W. Harris	5.00
Mrs. Mildred Hopkins	5.00
Mrs. Beatrice Snowden	3.00
Ms. Wanda Dixon	1.00

Merry Christmas from all of us

Photo by Vanessa Johnson

King Douglass Grand Lodge and Adah Grand Chapter, International, Free and Accepted Modern Masons, contributed $87. Presenting the contribution is Deputy Grand Master Melvin Simpkins. Worshipful Master, Brother George Pettis; of the Adah Grand Chapter, Grand Matron, Sister Estelle Clarke and Assoc. Grand Matron, Sister Bertha Carter.

Photo by Robin McGinty

The Ways and Means Committee of Zerubbabel Grand Lodge and Deborah Grand Chapter, OES-AR, 2105 McCulloh St., donated jointly $200 to the Mrs. Santa's Fund. Making the donation is, seated, Sister Hilda Bannister, chaplain; Sister Dorcas Jones, Sister Mary Jefferson. Standing, Brother Robert Powell, treasurer; Sister Losi Lipscomb, chairman; Mrs. Santa, Ida Peters and Brother Flander Dunham Sr., chairman of dept.

—State educators

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When asked about the letter, Fleck said he knew about it and admitted that the woman had never been employed by the Department as a Stockman I.

"I attempted to give advice to her division if they wanted to make her a selection, exploring several possibilities," Fleck told the AFRO during a telephone interview.

"There was some paperwork set up to that effect. That position (Stockman I) never materialized in that time frame. Had she got the appointment (to Stockman I) that (the letter of resignation) would have been valid."

Joyce Powell, a black woman and a former employee of the Department of Education's Office of Organization and Personnel, said she was fired because she would not cooperate with the demands put to her by Fleck, to hire the woman.

"I guess Fleck found out I was not going to go along and he figured his best thing was to get me out of there," Ms. Powell told the AFRO.

"The library did not want to hire the veterans. The only reason they gave me was that they (the vets) wouldn't do a good job. Once they found out they couldn't hire (name deleted), I was called into a meeting where Fleck had her fill out a form resigning from the Stockman I position. She was never a Stockman I."

James Murray, director of the Library for the Blind, said the white woman is not working at the Library now but he would not answer questions to the allegations that he had also been pressured to go along with the scheme.

"I can't say anything. That situation is still pending. We are still looking at the records on that," Murray said.

The Office Assistant II position has not been filled since July. One reason is that other officials at the Department found out about the attempt to hire the woman and stated their objections.

At least five memos were circulated between high ranking officials in the Department. The first, dated Oct. 2 was from Woodrow B. Grant Jr., director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, and sent to Deputy Superintendent Joseph L. Shilling.

"I call this (the Merit System rule) to your attention because I feel this is a situation we need to head off immediately before it causes us undue trouble," Grant said in the memo.

Shilling, after receiving the memo from Grant, then wrote to Edward Fleck, director of personnel, in an undated memo asking Fleck to explain actions taken by the Office of Organization and Personnel.

"It is not my intention to intervene or monitor every personnel transaction of the Department," the memo began.

"However, it has been reported to this office that we may be violating State Department of Personnel policy by bypassing two veterans who were on the list of eligibles for this job without appropriate approval. Please let me know if you are doing otherwise."

Fleck responded to Shilling with a long memo dated Nov. 9 telling him that his office was completely innocent.

"Regarding the Office Assistant II position in the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, we have not violated any State Department of Personnel policy," the memo began.

"What is alleged is not only a violation of State policy but a violation of the law. This is something that I would not do either for someone else or myself.

"Although (name deleted) was in the top five as prescribed by Merit System law, there were two veterans ahead of her on the list which gives them mandatory preference in that Merit System law also states that a veteran may not be bypassed for a non-veteran who although in the top five appears to be lower on the list.

"Since (deleted) could not be reached it was Miss (Nettie Taylor's decision to appoint (name deleted) contractually in lieu of recruitment."

Finally Fleck asks the question in his memo: "Does the Maryland State Department of Education wish to employ (name deleted) by virtue of her experience and long association with the Department or ignore that service and select from an open eligible list."

"I can do either one equally as well without violating policy or law," Fleck said.

In another development, one source at the Department said morale has not yet been restored following State School Superintendent David Hornbeck's appointment of his friend from Philadelphia, Richard Deasy, to assistant superintendent for instruction.

When Hornbeck made the appointment he overlooked Loretta Webb, a black female, who many Department workers expected to be promoted from her number two position as director of the Division of Instruction to the assistant superintendent position.

Miss Webb left the Department three weeks ago to accept a position with the Montgomery County Department of Education.

—Del. Harrison appointed

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Sources, however, say that Mrs. Harrison got the appointment after a series of political moves by Baltimore eastside politicians who seek control of at least three powerful spots in the assembly.

Prior to her appointment, Del. Harrison was said to be a serious contender for the chairmanship of the Baltimore city delegation.

She bowed out when several westside politicians dropped their support for her claiming that black eastside politicians made a deal with the white eastside politicians, ignoring their peers on the westside.

While the rules committee is not one of the standing bodies in the House it is a key committee that determines House procedural rules and executive appointments.

In a statement to the AFRO late Wednesday, Del. Harrison said she was "very happy to be chosen to head the committee."

"It's a first," she said proudly. "It's a big job and I hope my appointment is the first of many. I appreciate the faith folks have in me and I hope it opens the door to other leadership positions for black politicians."

In announcing Del. Harrison's appointment Cardin also made tentative appointments for four other committees, new vice - chairmen for two committees and promised other vice chairmanships announcements and possibly the floor leader positions by the new year.

Cardin named Del. Frederick C. Rummage, D - Prince George's, to take over as chairman of the Economic Matters Committee from John W. Wolfgang, D - Prince George's, who was shifted to vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

He also named Dels. Torrey C. Brown, D - Baltimore, Environmental Matters Committee and Tyras S. Athey, D - Anne Arundel, Ways and Means Committee.

Cardin insisted the change was not a demotion, that his new appointment "allows him to have a lot of influence in an area he is expert in." Brown will succeed Del. Arnick, and Athey moved up from vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee to replace Cardin, who relinquished the post when elected earlier this month to succeed retiring Speaker John Hanson Briscoe.

Cardin said he has not decided who will succeed Arnick as majority leader or who will become majority whip considered two of the most powerful positions in the House. He did recommend to the Democratic Caucus, however, that Del. Daniel J. Minnick Jr., D - Baltimore county, be elected speaker pro tem and conceded that Delegates Donald B. Robertson, D - Montgomery, and R. Clayton Mitchell Jr., D - Kent, are frontrunners for the two floor leader positions.

He added though, I'm not restricting myself to them."

In other appointments Del. John R. Hargreaves, D - Caroline, and R. Charles Avara, D - Baltimore, were reappointed, respectively, chairman and vice chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Del. Charles J. Krysiak was also reappointed chairman of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee, even though he is expected to be named early next month by Acting Gov. Blair Lee III to the state Workmen's Compensation Board.

Cardin also named Del. Helen L. Koss, D - Montgomery, as Krysiak's vice chairman, putting her in line to succeed him and become the most powerful woman in the House.

Cardin said he was aware that Krysiak was under consideration for the compensation board appointment, but said it was premature to speculate on who might replace him.

He said he was unable to discuss the appointment with Mrs. Koss because she has been out of the country.

Del. Joseph E. Owens was also reappointed chairman of the Judiciary Committee and Del. Gerard F. Devlin was named vice chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

Vice chairmen for the Committees on Economic Natters and Environmental Matters are still to be named.

—P.J. urges

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"It seems ironic and cruel that all the employees would be terminated (for illegal gambling) . . . when the state of Maryland runs a lottery gambling operation under the cloak of law," Mitchell said. "Maryland's lottery gambling operation would collapse if black citizens throughout the state simply would not participate in 'lawful, unlawful' gambling."

Mitchell urged blacks to boycott the lottery and added "I hope our churches would take on a crusade against the legal rip - off of black citizens."

He referred to the lottery, known as the Daily Numbers Game, as an "immorality," and said people are encouraged daily to play the game.

"We have our stars around the state on television every night, espousing this 'legal, illegal' gambling," he said. "All facets of the media remind us, 'You gotta play to win (the state's slogan for the lottery).'"

State Lottery Chairman George Mahoney refused comment on Mitchell's call for a boycott, but said, "If people didn't do it with us they would be doing it illegally."

Mitchell also said Baltimore's contract with the Rouse Co., the developers of Harborplace, should include hiring minority contractors and workers.

An agreement between the city Board of Estimates and the Rouse Co. will be signed next Dec. 27. Mitchell said the contract made no mention of minorities to be used in the construction of the facility, nor of minority employment opportunities.

He said a letter setting forth the company's general goals for minorities will be attached, but noted the letter has no legal significance.

"I believe we in the black community must insist upon more than a good faith agreement," Mitchell said. "I know I speak for many black citizens who advocated for Harborplace in the November election."

Mrs. Santa's cases

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Case 413: I'm hoping that you can help my kids and me have a Merry Christmas. We need everything. I have three growing girls. Two of my girls wear women sizes and they are only 10 and 12. The baby is 8 and a little "Tom Boy" and is very hard on shoes. I would like for my kids to have some warm clothing, shoes, toys and games, and a nice dinner. Please help us, Mrs. Santa.

Case 414 — Please help my grandmother who is 70 years old. She has 10 children and is not able to have a nice Christmas this year. She is a diabetic and has heart trouble. She wears a size eighteen dress and needs some food for Christmas. It would be most appreciated if you can send her a basket of food and a nice dress. May God Bless You.

'Rough year'

Case 415 — This year has been really rough. My father is unemployed and I have been sick and have been in and out of the hospital. My mother has two little girls ages eleven. She has a son age fifteen and another daughter age seventeen. They are all in need for quite a lot. My husband is not working and there is no way that we can help them. They don't even have enough chairs to sit in and the house is falling apart. The refrigerator just went up last week. Please, Mrs. Santa, try to help us have somewhat of a nice Christmas. Please help.

Case 416 — I have eight children and three grandchildren. None of us has a job and we need food real bad. Please a Christmas basket will help us a very great, great deal. Their ages are 1 to 16. We sleep on the floor, but that's O.K. as long as we get some food. Please help us.

417 — My mother is caring for my niece and has been since she was 9 months old. My mother was working, but she had to stop because became very ill and had to have 2 operations doone at the same time. She wants to have a nice Christmas dinner for herself and my niece, and I can't afford to help her. Please send her a food basket and anything else.

'Unemployed'

Case 418 — I am a widow. I get a Veterans Pension every month but it is hardly enough to get by. I have worked most of my 55 years and now I am unemployed. If possible, I would like to have some food for Christmas.

'Mother in jail'

Case 419 — Please help this needy family. I am in need for 2 little girls ages 1½ and 7. Their mother is incarcerated. They need shoes and coats. I have been laiyed-off for 2½ years and welfare doesn't go were e much. There's no way Christmas will be happy this year unless you help. We need clothing, food, coats and shoes.

Case 420 — I can't work because my foot is broken, and I only have a small income. I have 5 children ages, 1½, 3, 5, 7, and 9. My husband is deceased and there is no one but me to raise these children. I would like to have a food basket for Christmas. Anything you can do will help us.

Case 421 — Please help me and my four children this Christmas. My children need toys, and I don't have any money. Our only hope is you, Mrs. Santa. Anything will help.

'My children won't have anything'

Case 422 — My children won't have anything for Christmas. I don't have a bed for all my children, or shoes, and I know that their feet are cold. My house was on fire and they moved me out of my house. Now, all that I had is gone. I have six children — sizes 2 to 10. Please help us.

Mrs. Santa's helpers

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bags and bags of can goods, clean, warm clothes and a check for $13.

The Urban Services Agency of St. James Teen Centers, combination of centers B,D,E,F, and G contributed $50 to Mrs. Santa. Misses, Yolanda Harlee, Cheryl Hawkins, Brenda Leach, Dwan Monroe.

Kaffo Sortman's Club has been in existence for five years. It started one evening as four or five of the present members were sitting around talking after a game of basketball. In their five years of existence they have given four scholarships, donations to Annie Mae Hunter Home for the Blind, City Temple Baptist Thanksgiving baskets and annually to AFRO Mrs. Santa. James Drummond, treasurer, David Johnson, Irvin Drummond, Edward English, president; Hugh Robinson, vice president; Charles Payne, Charles Leslie, Charles Minor, secretary; Eroll Ellis, Otto Rawlings, Glenn Waltington and Joe Williams.

MRS. SANTA NEEDS MORE FUNDS. PLEASE HELP.

Models from Pauline Brooks Boutique in Mondawmin contributed more than 100 itesm, some almost new, including shoes to AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Above, Paula Brooks, Roxanne Miller and Verna Brogden. Contributions were lso sent from Mrs. Brooks' club, The Clever Kiquejays.

(A. Paul Moss Photo)

Big Sisters at their Christmas Party collected canned goods to go into baskets for Mrs. Santa. Mrs. Rosa Lewis (L.), a guest, gives Big Sisters canned goods at group's annual Yule party. (R.), members, Mesdames Charlene Cooper and Ernestine Bland.

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Youth Department collected toys, clothes and canned goods for Mrs. Santa. The church presented $50. The Rev. Olin P. Moyd is pastor. Above, Beverly Hicks, president of the youth group; Mrs. Marie E. Moyd, advisor and Olivia Moyd, coordinator.

Decision on C&P's 411 charge delayed

The state Public Service Commission delayed Wednesday the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co.'s plan to charge for information calls.

The commission voted 4-1 to uphold a lower-level hearing examiner's handling of the plan to charge for information or 411 calls.

The examiner, Kirk Emge, said C&P's directory assistance plan of charges and exempt calls was "unreasonable and not in the public interest." His ruling came after six months of public hearings.

The company must submit another plan and go through additional hearings if a charge is to be approved.

C and P said it could save $3.2 million a year if it charges for certain 411 calls. In addition, the charge would bring another $1.8 million to the company, a spokesman said.

The charge has been pegged at 20 cents a call after a monthly allowance of 12 free calls for C & P's 1.5 million home customers.

Dr. Miles is first female dental resident at Provident

Dr. Linda Miles, a 1978 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, is the first woman to be admitted as a dental resident at Provident Hospital.

Dr. Miles, a native of Cambridge, Mass., received a degree in medical technology from the University of Massachusetts in 1970.

After completing an internship at the U.S. Public Health Hospital in Baltimore, she joined the staff of Provident as a registered medical technologist.

She decided to change her career to dentistry after being promoted to lab supervisor at Provident because, she said, she felt dentistry would afford her a challenge, job security and an opportunity to provide a service to the community.

She continued to work at Provident on weekends while a student; she also worked under Dr. Crutis Adams, a local Baltimorean dentist.

Dr. Miles says she was one of two females to be graduated from her dentistry calss.

Married and a resident of Baltimore, Dr. Miles is currently studying dental anesthesiolcgy at Provident under Dr. Sylvan Shane.

She says that knowledge of dental anesthesiology should allow her more versatility within the field.

She hopes to practice in the Baltimore area upon completion of her residency.

Dr. Linda Miles