RSVP with Marie

Parties, giving highlight festivities

Our town was just jumping with activities over the weekend . . . with people dashing to shop for Christmas gifts, aiding the AFRO's Mrs. Santa, and taking time from their daily chores of helping others to enjoy themselves too.

Like the **Art Lamberts (Electra)** — he's the busy insurance exec and volunteer community worker. Their Shirley Road home was aglow with beautiful people on Sunday. It was their annual holiday open house. As usual, it was catered by Bluefield — with Charlie Harris coordinating things in his magnificent way. Mrs. Lambert's artistic decorations were as pretty as ever. Here for the event were her sister and brother - in - law Florence and John Taylor of Richmond.

Also on Sunday, the **J.B.'s** — a group of ladies who named their club for the first letters of their names, held their annual yule gathering at Bertha Forte's.

Other members present with mates or escorts — Bernice McDaniels, Bea Wright, Belle Rawlings, Blanche Beckham, Jackie Spencer and Helen Queen, who qualifies as the Queen B, a title given her since her name does not have the club initials.

And on Sunday evening, **Alpha Wives**, led by president, **Edwin A. Burke**, had a warm and happy champagne sip for guests — their annual — at Emerald Gardens, artfully decorated with lights and Christmas appointments. Eleanor Anderson coordinated the affair, along with the president, in the absence of Virginia Draper, the attorney, whose doctor tells her that she and her surgeon husband, Dr. Robert Draper Jr., may expect twins any day now.

Members were saddened that another member of the group had to cancel, **Mildred Campbell's** husband, Dr. C. R. Campbell, was stricken earlier in the day. He died on Tuesday.

Here from Los Angeles for the Alpha Wives was **Lucretia Frisby**, director of nursing at Compton College in Los Angeles. She is here visiting her father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Arnett Firsby.

Speaking of Emerald Gardens — guests have been calling to tell this column how beautiful it was on Friday evening when members of the Committee X-71 held their annual affair there.

The black-tie dinner-dance marked the eighth annual club holiday gathering. Members are George Barrick, Samuel Beasley, Charles Cephas, Malcolm Chamberlain, Marvin Davis, Ben Foreman, Cornelius Griffin, Wilson Henson, William Lockwood, Cyrus Marshall, Charles Mason, Robert Payne, Lewis Richardson, Wellington Ross, Paul Scott, John Ward and Alfred Woodland.

Just as lovely as could be was the very elegant luncheon **Blanche Lindsay** held on Saturday at her Ellamont Road home. It was the 20th annual gathering she has hosted bringing in childhood chums, former teachers, co-workers and church members. This was living proof that senior citizens do indeed have the know-how to entertain and enjoy themselves.

Mrs. Lindsay is the retired teacher — having left the classroom some 10 years ago, as have many of her guests.

About were: Ethel Hucles, Thelma Ashe, Charlotte Swan, Elizabeth Henderson, Audrey Norris, Hermione Wharton, Mildred Seaborne, Alma Harris, Edna Brown, Nellie Turner, Lillian Webb, Ida Berry, Emily Wharton, Jeanne Davis, Rosa Bright, "Perks" Williams, Dorothy Thompson, Alma Gray, Viola Wright, Flossie Wright, Ber Fitzgerald, Bennie Roey, Frances Eubanks, Mae Peck. And down from York, Pa. were Anna Dabney and Alice Meade.

The hostess' daughter, Blanche Beckham, assisted in receiving and making sure the catered affair was just perfect, and she and guests report it indeed was.

Christmas will be a happy time for another longtime resident — **Margaret Wilson** of Madison Avenue. Reports have it that her son, Robert, now Dr. Robert J. Wilson will be home for Christmas. He's on the faculty of City College of New York. Her daughter and son - in law, Margaret and Haywood Mayo of Baltimore, and son, Donald, now an administrative aide to Elk "Grand" Hobson Reynolds in Philly, may drop in too.

Algernon and Bernice Hutchins put together their usual tasty dishes for their annual Yule party on Saturday evening. Down from Gettysburg were Elsie and Stan Ali — she's on sabbatical leave from the Baltimore school system. Richard Britton came over from Silver Spring.

Another interesting Sunday evening to which guests report was full of fun and fellowship was the round robin members of Baltimore Chapter of Carats held with their mates. The day began with refreshments with Janet and Alfred Woolridge; dinner at Gordine and Clarence Blount's, and dessert with Merlene and Carl Adair, where the group sang carols and exchanged gifts. Bob Phillips, dressed as Santa, distributed gifts, with the help of his wife, Joan.

Other members about: Phyllis and Marcus Moore, Frances and Vernon Pennington, Minnie and Roland Smoot, Ozella and Harvey Webb, Ada and George Woodland, Jean and Marvin Davis, Jerry and Lionel Desbordes, Lil and Tom Jones, Bessie and Wright Lassiter, Helen Birt, who was squired by John Cothorn, and Joel Carrington. Wife, Vera, was ill. Helen and Yancey Whittaker, the other members, are still vacationing in California.

Big Sisters' gathering on Friday evening at Cross Keys served a dual purpose — members fellowshipped, but before departing they made sure they had filled two huge boxes with canned goods which they donated to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Charlene Cooper coordinated the party.

More holiday party hopping: That was an elegant and unique holiday gathering members of the Chippettes Club held, and people who were there are still raving about the delicious luncheon, the holiday decor at the Overlea Hall, and the jumping music by the Leroy Hawthorne band whose featured singer sounds much like Ella Fitzgerald.

Members of the group who sponsored the daytime event a Saturday ago are: Bernadine Harrison, Dot Johnston, Arnetta Lottier, Vonzella Murray, Berine Bundara, Louise Murphy, Hermione Weaver, Lucille Nixon, Pauline Blackwell, Anita Watson and Gwen Hillen, who coordinated the affair.

More Sunday gatherings. **The Northeasteners** held their Yule party at the Dundalk home of the Ted Pattersons (Sylvia) . . . the Couples Club, also a Sunday afternoon gathering, was at Barbara and Donald Patterson's.

And **Enolia McMillian**, NAACP president, hosted a real party on Sunday afternoon at St. John AME Church where staff members and associates served delicious foods, and workers and citizens were honored for their efforts in the annual membership drive.

Plaques went to new life members and certificates to workers who excelled in various categories. Some 250 persons were in attendance. A highlight was the recitation of the Martin Luther King's famed, "I Have A Dream," by Rodney Green.

PARTY GUESTS — Mrs. Ruby Walker, Douglass Brown and Mrs. Ethel Payne (L to R) attended the Alpha Wives' sip at Emerald Gardens.

The Pacesetters

Stephen McDaniel

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Stephen McDaniel of Baltimore has joined the staff of The National Foundation-March of Dimes at its national headquarters here.

Mr. McDaniel coordinates March of Dimes exhibits at conventions and conferences throughout the country. He also supervises distribution of public health education films and maintains an up-to-date resource center of health information materials.

A graduate of the University of Maryland, Mr. McDaniel has a B.S. in sociology.

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This Christmas, it's time to think of more than trading presents. It's a time for giving from the heart and keeping the Spirit alive in all of us. Spend less time shopping and more time sharing. Pay a little more attention to the family and a little less to material wants. And above all, keep up the faith even after we've taken down the tree.

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Culinary institute opens enrollment

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The Institute is a training ground for future chefs, bakers, caterers, restauranteurs, wine stewards, maitre d's and other positions.

Students are provided experience in cooking, baking and table service, as well as nutrition, inventory and cost control, and sanitation.

The ICAI offers both a basic six - month and an additional nine - month advanced program. Following the 780 hours required for basic certification, a student electing the advanced course must first complete a three - month externship of 480 hours at a food service job before returning for an additional six months (780 hours), or a total of 15 months (2040 hours).

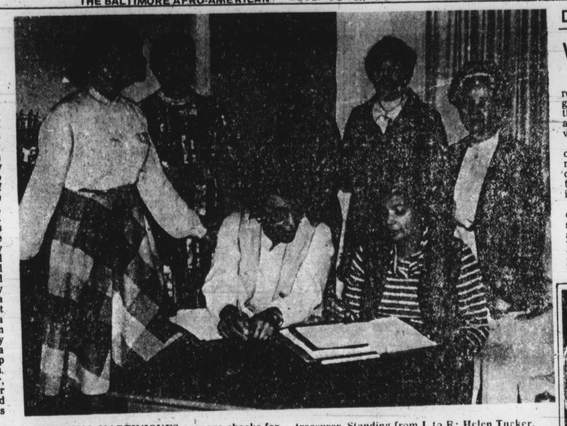
Students seeking careers in food administration or hotel - motel management may continue their education at either the Community College of Baltimore, to receive an Associate of Arts degree, or at the University of Baltimore, for a Bachelor's degree.

Located on the campus of the Community College of Baltimore's Liberty Heights campus until Dec. 22, the ICAI will relocate to the expanded facility at 19 - 20 S. Gay St., which will feature a total of 125,000 square feet of kitchens, classrooms, a 50 - seat demonstration theatre, lounges, a library and a bookstore, and a bakery and gourmet shop throughout its five floors.

A restaurant, raw bar, bar and a wine and liquor cellar run by advanced students will open this spring.

Applicants must be at least 18 - years - old and a high school graduate. Applications are also being accepted now for February enrollment.

For additional enrollment information, call 396 - 7989.



ORIGINAL MARTINIQUES prepare checks for their favorite charities: AFRO's Mrs. Santa, St. James Episcopal Church Organ Fund and Santa Anonymous. From L to R seated: Hester Greenway, secretary and Myrtle Thompson, treasurer. Standing from L to R: Helen Tucker, Ethel Fuller, Edna Weldon, Alma Lyles Perry, Susie Moore. Not shown is Victorine Q. Adams, president.

Diet Workshop

What do reindeer eat?

What do you feed a reindeer? All good little girls and boys are asking that question as they await Santa's annual visit.

Tradition has it that a carrot or two for the reindeer and a plate of cookies for Mr. Claus is a thank - you from the inhabitants of the house.

The children are right on target for the reindeer, says Helen K. Fleischer, area director of The Diet Workshop. But she thinks Mr. Claus could also use fresh vegetables.

"I'd also like to see some celery sticks, green pepper rings, radishes, and cucumber rounds with a yogurt dip for Santa. He's really overweight; he doesn't need those tons of cookies. He needs diet direction!"

She also suggests giving a box of oranges shipped directly from the grove, personally addressed. For adults, an assortment of cheeses or some of the exotic fruits is a change from the usual fruitcakes and heavy desserts, Ms. Fleischer said.

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Columbia Capers

Epicureans party for holidays

By Pinnie L. Ross

The kind of Christmas we have will be the kind of day we make it, for Christmas starts in our heart.

Take a minute and think about the birth of Jesus and relive its wonder, beauty and meaning. When you do, you will anew the birth of Christ within you.

Regardless of one's circumstances, one should feel blessed. When you start complaining, look around. Others are far worse off then you, so don't complain, just count your blessings.

Even everyday things and happenings take on new and delightful meanings as we meet each day with joy and peace and expectancy, as we give love, faith and peace and expectancy, as we give love, faith and understanding.

We give in many ways—sometimes just a nod, a smile, a word of praise.

The Columbia Chapter of Epicureans treated their members and husbands with a delightful evening of fun, food and beauty.

It all took place at the beautiful home of our charming member Ruth, and hubby Clifton Felton in the Longfellow section of Columbia.

Christmas lights were sparkling all over the house.

The hostess was dressed in a kelly green jump suit with green lounging slippers.

Everything was happening downstairs, music, with the latest records, bar with drinks, and a beautiful decorated Christmas tree loaded with Chirstmas gifts underneath.

It was nice seeing Eunice Langely, faithful member of the group who has undergone an operation, but thanks to God she is just fine now, and looking good.

What a tasty dinner Ruth had prepared. Those baked spare ribs just melted in your mouth . . . Mrs. Felton (Ruth) had baked two, three-layer cakes which called for seconds, and I won't mention names of who went back for seconds, but there were more than two-s and three's.

The highlight came near the end of the evening when members gathered downstairs to exchange gifts from their secret pals.

The surprise came when gifts were given out to the husbands, each husband received two miniature bottles of whiskey — Dr. Arthur Boone replied "Let's have a party."

Gloria Haggan is the president of the Columbia chapter.

Gloria Massey, another member of the Epicureans had a fabulous party last week in Laurel, Md. Due to the flu, this columnist was not able to attend, but I heard she had over 200 guests and as usual she prepared all of her food for this special annual affair, as usual, it was just "out of sight."

Thought for Today

Love is the nicest gift of all.

Holiday safety hints

Christmas rose, holly, and mistletoe are holiday plants and they have something else in common — they are all poisonous. Before you bring these or any other holiday plants into your home or give them as gifts, get to know more about them.

The Maryland Poison Information Center (MPIC), a division of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, says that there are some winter plants that are poisonous or irritating to the skin.

MPIC suggests that you know the botanical names of any plants you have or may receive as gifts. Any potentially poisonous plants should be kept out of the reach of children and pets.

Other holiday tips to keep in mind are:

— Do not put toxic gifts, such as perfumes and after shaves, under the Christmas tree and keep out of the reach of children and pets.

— Put away art materials for decorations, such as paint, glue, pins and scissors, as soon as you are finished with them.

— Keep tinsel and angel hair, which are poisonous, off the low branches of your Christmas tree and out of the reach of children and pets.

— Ask grandparents and relatives to poison proof their homes before you bring children for a visit.

Do not let Christmas turn into a tragedy. If there is a holiday emergency, however, the Maryland Poison Information Center is open seven days a week, 24 - hours - a - day.

Call the Poison Center at 528 - 7701 in the Baltimore metropolitan area or toll free at 1-800-492-2414 from other parts of Maryland.

Provident dinner

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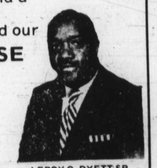

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