READING TO HELP OTHERS—Mark James, 10, completed the Multiple Sclerosis Read-a-thon this year at Fort Worthington Elementary. Mark lives in the 2700 block of East Chase Street. Other Fort Worthington students who participated in the program are Antonio Baynes, Henretta Brown, Wanda Burrell, Vertrell Oliver, Veronica Pinckney, Brian Price and Melissa Price.

Food Stamp truck schedule

The food stamp truck schedule for the month of January 1979 is as follows:

Jan. 2, Tuesday — 502 N. Central Avenue

Jan. 3, Wednesday, — Brooklyn Homes.

Jan. 4, Thursday, — Hollander Ridge Homes, Claremont Homes - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and 1 to 4 p.m.

Jan. 6, Saturday, 23 E. North Ave.

Jan. 8, Monday, 2638 E. Baltimore St.

Jan. 9, Tuesday, Brooklyn Homes.

Jan. 10, Wednesday, Claremont Homes, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; and Hollander Ridge Homes - 1 to 4 p.m.

Jan. 11, Thursday, 5210 York Road, - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 601 Wyanoke Ave., - 1 to 4 p.m.

Jan. 12, Friday, 2638 E. Baltimore St.

Persons not receiving Public Assistantance who wish to apply for Food Stamps should call 234 - 2782 to get information on eligibility requirements.

All times are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

MSU regents approve new urban programs

The Morgan State University Board of Regents approved plans for three new urban - oriented programs, as mandated by the State Board for Higher Education.

New master level programs in transportation studies, business administration, international management and public administration wait final approval by the State Board for Higher Education, said Dr. Andrew Billingsley, University president.

The Master of Science in Transportation (MST) Program is designed to provide graduate curriculum in transportation and provide training for students to obtain knowledge about the socio - economic and technological factors shaping modern transportation systems.

The master's degree in business administration, with a concentration in international management, is designed to prepare students for managerial positions within international and multi - national business operations; for careers in the import - export business, international financing, commerce and investment banking.

The degree would equip students with the knowledge and skills to operate international businesses and prepare students for careers in local, state and federal government agencies concerned with business, industry and finance.

The goal of Morgan's master of public administration policy program is to prepare graduates for middle and senior level executive and technical positions in local, state and national public service and for professional research in public administration.

This program is designed to provide a program of studies in which students can acquire knowledge, and skills for public service careers; encourage cooperative research activities among students, faculty and public agencies that seek solutions to problems; provide preparation for students wishing to pursue the doctorate in public administration and to provide links between the University administrators through in - service training programs.

THE NUMBER of American families with credit cards has increased by 26 percent since 1970. According to a Federal Reserve survey, about 50 percent of families had credit cards in 1970, while today about 68 percent have them.

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UM may use satellites to broadcast courses

The University of Maryland is looking at the possibility of using satellites to extend nationwide a program in which students use television to take courses at home, the director of the program said.

Douglas Hines, director of the school's open university program, said the use of satellite relays would broadcast classroom lectures to the "non - traditional" student across the country.

The UM program now serves 1,000 students who take courses at homewith special text material and TV programs developed by the university.

"What we're doing is seeking better ways to reach the non - traditional student," Hines said. "The multimedia system designed for the older, part - time student is the wave of the future."

Hines said the university would contract with other schools to set up the national network. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting would handle the production and transmission of the classroom lectures, while the University of Maryland would provide written materials.

The proposed plan is based on the British Open University, which serves 60,000 students in Great Britain and is the primary source there for adult education.

Hines said he has applied for a Carnegie Foundation grant to study the program's feasibility.

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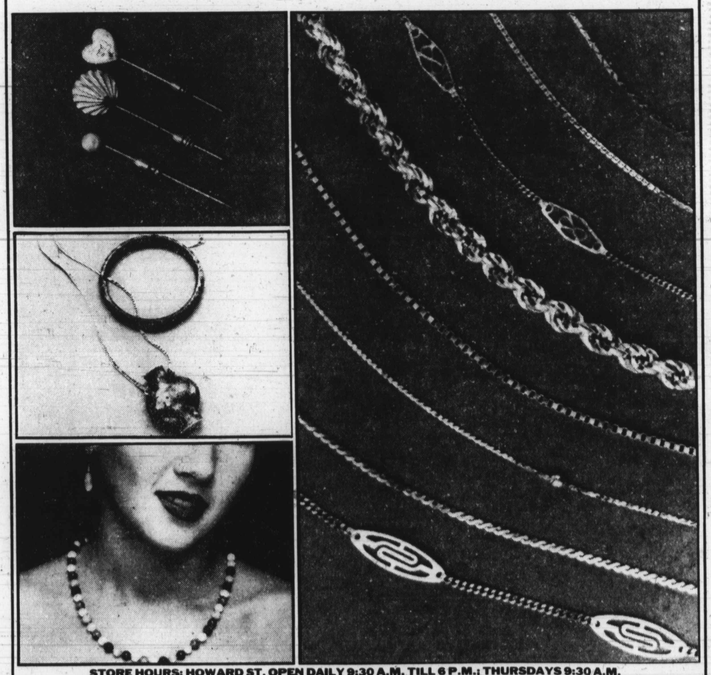

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OUR WORLD

How to return gifts

It's true that it's the thought that counts, not the size of the gift, and certainly not what it cost, however, some gifts may be too small, too large, too short, too long, impractical, broken, chipped, snagged, clipped, etc. They must be returned to the stores where purchased.

To keep something you'll never be able to use for one reason or the other is a waste. Decide whether you want your money back, an exchange of colors of items, a repair job, or a replacement. Then pack those items up to be returned!

The first thing to do, if something doesn't live up to your expectations, is to return it to the dealer from whom you bought it. Tell her what is wrong with the product and whether you want it repaired, replaced, exchanged, or your money returned.

Always carry your receipt and the item itself, or its serial number. Be calm and polite, but firm. Most complaints can be settled at this stage.

If you have no luck, however, the next step is to contact the manufacturer's customer relations department. Many large companies have special toll free telephone numbers you can call or people to write to with complaints. Provide all relevant information, including photocopies (keep the original for yourself) of cancelled checks and correspondence.

Find out the name of the person to whom you should address the letter — a personal contact is more efficient. Similarly, keep track of the names and positions of people you speak to on the phone, so you can call them back if necessary.

If you are still dissatisfied, write to the president of the company. If you can't get the president's name from company personnel, most libraries have copies of Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives, or Moody's Industrial Manual, which list corporate executives.

Send copies of the letter to local, state, or national consumer agencies, Better Business Bureaus, or local newspapers. Make certain you indicate that you have done so in your letter to the company president.

For government help in pursuing your claim, decide if your problem lies under local, state, or federal control. If it is local, contact your city's Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau, and the consumer affairs office, which are listed in the telephone book under "city government."

Local consumer affairs, departments, depending on their power, can investigate the complaint, then try to work out a settlement; it may sue on behalf of a consumer, issue violations notices, hold hearings, fine a company, or revoke or suspend a company's license to operate in the city.

Many towns and counties also have consumer protection agencies. States, too, offer aid to dissatisfied consumers. Usually, it is a part of the Attorney General's Office. Write or phone the Attorney General (attention Consumer Protection Office), in your state.

Nationally, one may write to the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580, or to the nearest Federal Trade Commission office.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission, a federal agency created in 1973, as a toll-free number, 800-638-2666, where you can find out if a particular product has been declared unsafe or file a complaint about one you believe is hazardous.

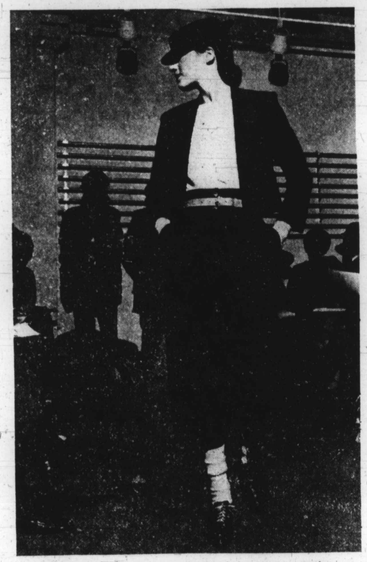
Also, try contacting your local Better Business Bureau or, if there is no bureau in your area, the Council of Better Business Bureaus, 1150 17th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

For a complaint against an airline (fares, baggage, service, delays), write Office of the Consumer Advocate, Civil Aeronautics Board, Washington, D.C. 20428.

AFRO photo by Roman Hankewyz

Miss Priscilla Jones returns a blazer that was "just the wrong size." She was only one of the thousands who had to make the Christmas gift return trip.

Top designer Willi Smith's garments join headliners for 'Anniversary Show of Stars'



This garment is just one example of the smart creations designed by Willi Smith, a top New York designer. Here the model wears a cotton casement waiters jacket with high rise slim skirt.

Lawrence Parker, producer - director for the "Aniversary Show of Stars", has announced that Willi Smith, vice president and designer for WILLI WEAR LTD. of New York City, has joined the impressive list of top New York designers whose garments will be shown at the "Anniversary Show of Stars."

The show will premiere on Sunday, Jan. 28, 8 p.m. at the Baltimore Civic Center. Other top designers garments included in the show will be those of Stephen Burrows, James Daughtery, and Jack Fuller.

The young and talented Willi Smith, a native of Philadelphia, won grants from the Parson's School of Design and New York University thus enabling him to expand his talent and skills as a respected international designer.

Willi continues to grow in stature as an innovative designer of clothing ideally suited to today's less structured style of life. His clothes are fun — witty — and functional.

After stints at several ready to wear fashion houses, he began free - lancing, and two years ago opened WILLI WEAR LTD. in partnership with Laurie Mallet. Having his own company has really spurred Willi's total development. Understanding and operating a business have enhanced Smith's ability to be even more creative.

Willi enjoys using natural fibers because of their comfort and utility. As textile designer for WILLI WEAR he is enthusiastic about the look their properties lend to his clothes. The shape of his clothing is unconfining and he likes to work with fabrics that echo his feelings about ease.

Willi indicates that "things get wrinkled as people wear them, so I use fabrics that look better as they wear. My customer doesn't want to worry about cleaning and pressing and smoothing out creases."

Willi has also garnered his share of prestigious awards. He's been nominated for the 1978 Coty American Fashion Critics Award and as Top Designer of 1978 by the Fashion Academy Awards Committee of International Mannequins. His imagination and inventiveness has also led him to designing patterns for the Butterick Company, furniture for Kroll Associates and textiles for the Bedford - Stuyvesant Workshop.

Willi has now branched off into men's wear and with partner Laurie Mallet has formed WILLI WEAR MEN. Willi indicates "I took a look at what was going on in men's clothing and decided that the American man lags far behind his female counterpart. The man's still 'stuck' with his old image. He doesn't want to be forced into the collar and tie routine, but there isn't much around that allows him to be comfortable yet look presentable. I use the same approach for my men's line as I do for my women's. I'm not out to replace classic design, but to 'bridge' the gap between jeans and suits."

Producer Lawrence Parker indicates that Anniversary Show of Stars goers will not only witness sensational designs when they hit the runway at the Baltimore Civic Center on January 28, but will be receiving excellent direction for the Spring - Summer fashion scene in 1979.

In addition, Mr. Parker announced that Dr. Kenneth A. Keeling Sr., clarenetist and holder of the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the Catholic University of America will serve as musical director for the "Anniversary Show of Stars."

Dr. Keeling is conductor of the newly formed Morgan State University Orchestra whose performance will be witnessed at the show. Dr. Keeling and Mr. Parker are currently finalizing the music for the January 28 event which will feature selections from "The Wiz", "Mahogany", Richard Strauss' "Sprach Zarathustra" and other musical selections that will be used as background music for the models.

Dr. Keeling, who is chairman of the Department of Music at Morgan State University has announced plans for a 60 piece "full orchestra" for the affair in January, which will result from the augmentation of the Morgan State University Orchestra with young professionals from the Peabody Conservatory of Music along with other professions.

Party Line

By Michele L. McRae and Pattie Hodges

Truly significant of the "giving spirit of the Christmas season" was the Christmas party given by Andrew McNeil, owner of the AM Machine Shop. This is true because even though Mr. McNeil was taken ill and hospitalized a few days before he was to host his party, he told his guests: "Come anyway — the party will go on." And it did with his good friends playing hosts on his behalf.

On the upper level of Mack's business establishment at 1300 Curtain Avenue, his friends came from late afternoon until on Friday, Dec. 22. Even though the host had to be absent, there were delicious catered party trays and lots of cocktails for everyone.

Among the guests who made merry and drank to their host's speedy recovery were: Delores Cornick, Melvin Duncan, Mary and Jimmie Goode, Linwood Jennings, Jerry Jones, Vivian Connor, Charles Stills, Berkley Mosely and Shirley and Maurice Robinson.

Incidentally, Mr. McNeil's machine shop, which makes General and Precision machine parts for contract operations, is one of the very few black owned shops of its kind in the country.

Christmas-Birthday Brunch

Beginning Christmas with the jovial yuletide spirit were Mr. and Mrs. William (Evelon) Jordan Sr. On Christmas day, at their festively decorated Dolfield Avenue home, they hosted a scrumptuous Christmas-birthday brunch from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m., in honor of their son, Billy Jordan Jr.

Billy, who was in town to celebrate his birthday and Christmas (both falling on the same day) with his folks, now lives in Groton, Conn. where he is with the Electric Boat Submarine Division of General Dynamics.

Hostess Evelon (she works at Social Security, Woodlawn) really put it all together to get Christmas off to a zingy start. For openers, there was mimosa (champagne mixed with orange juice), which made everyone bubbly and gay. There was chicken-a-la-king, chicken livers, wings, ham and other assorted breakfast meats, homefries, rice, sweetbreads.

But the piece-de-resistance was Eggs Gascon, a French dish which combined eggs, eggplant and other goodies, that were simply delicious. There was a huge submarine shaped birthday cake (green and white with red candles) and a wassail bowl for toasting.

Evelon even had lovely little gifts for her guests — colognes, bath oils, cookie cutters and for those who needed something after the wining and toasting, there were miniature bottles of bufferin. Now here's a hostess who thinks of everything.

Among those seen enjoying this merry Christmas gathering and celebrating with Billy Jr. were: Dorothy Hutchinson of Laurel, Md., Cardoza Collins, Thelmon Brown, Malcolm M. Shabazz, Ruth Turner (of Baltimore City School OPPMA), Tom Dawson Sr., and children Tom Jr., David and Debbie.

Also about were, Marlene Garner (she's the Physical Education Department head of Greenspring Junior High), Buddy and Ann Griffin and children, Michelle and Chip (who's now in the Navy), Helen and Clascoe Swinson, Fronnie Redd, James Hodges Jr. and Jackie and Rob Hilson and daughter, Gail (she's a Yale University student). What a delightful way to begin Christmas day!

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Club notes

Local clubs highlight the holiday season

A Christmas tree decorated with slippers was donated to the pediatric ward of Provident Hospital by Women Organized to Motivate Action Now (WOMEN, INC.) as that group officially began service to the Baltimore community. The group also donated several musical crib mobiles.

Organized in the spring of 1978 by Ms. Mary Conaway, wife of Del. Frank Conaway, the group is dedicated to raising the political consciousness of the community. The 23 black women who comprise its current membership are also committed to community service; the group plans to engage in several public activities throughout the year.

It chose Provident, according to group spokesperson, because of that institution's long-standing history of service to the community, especially the city's Black population.

The live scottish pine tree, donated to the hospital by the Watson Garden Center, will be planted on the hospital grounds after the Christmas season. It was decorated with slippers, according to Ms. Christine Worsley, member of WOMAN, Inc. because it "seemed that the children should receive something for Christmas they could actually use inside the hospital." There were slippers for children ranging from toddler age to pre-teens.

Ms. Worsley said that the group plans many more special activities for Provident in the coming year.

Pinochle Bugs — 9 Pt.

Fifteen women, all residents of Baltimore County, recently became the seventeenth chapter of the National Pinochle Bugs Social and Civic Club, Inc.

The group received its charter and was initiated in an impressive ceremony by the organization's national president, Mrs. Clarine Roberts of Portsmouth, Va. and national vice president, Mrs. Clara Richardson of Virginia Beach, Va.

The Pinochle Bugs is an inter-city organization with chapters in Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. It is comprised of women with similar social and civic interests.

Members from all the local chapters meet annually at a national convention and make a sizeable contribution to a charity selected by the hostess chapter. The husbands of the Bugs are called Pests.

The Washington, D.C. chapter of Pincohle Bugs was the sponsored group for the new chapter.

Newly inducted members are Frances Jolley, president; June Chapman, vice president; Janis Langley, secretary; Faye Bridgeforth, financial secretary; Cornelius Johnson, hospitality chairman; Yvonne Gainer-Watson,

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Ms. Gayle Love is a first—again!

Of the mere handful of women nationwide in the competitive truck leasing field, Ms. Gayle Robertson Love is again a first. To date, she is the first and only black woman to hold the position of Lease Account Manager with Ryder Truck Rental, Inc. in Baltimore.

Ms. Love has experienced a unique history of setting precedents in several business situations. She was the first woman in the country to hold a national marketing management position in office furniture with Oxford Pendaflex in New York. Prior to that she was the first black Marketing Support Representative in the New England region of IBM's Office Products Division.

At Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in Social Psychology, she became the first black Resident Assistant Advisor of a coed dormitory. As a senior in high school, she won the title of being the very first "Miss Junior Achievement of Cambridge, Mass." her hometown.

This recognition led her to obtaining a receptionist position at F. W. Woolworth's Regional Office during the summers while attending college, a first white - collar position there for a black individual.

In addition to being first, Ms. Loveesays, "I've consistently had the opportunity of having exposure to companies that are considered to be best in their industries."

On a more personal side, Ms. Love was a former Ebony Magazine "Eligible Bachelorette", and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Now a divorcee residing in Silver Spring, Md., Ms. Love proudly claims to hold two full - time positions: career woman and mother of an "adorable and very energetic" three and a half year old daughter named Tiffany.

Though she has found both situations to be demanding she definitely enjoys them, and describes both as "fascinating and challenging."

Ms. Gayle R. Love