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By Marie Phillips-Dodson
AFRO Women's Editor

HIS AND HER NIGHTTIME GLAMOUR—Glitter, glamour, high chic—even razzle dazzle—it's all there for the Holidays. The newly created Black Hair Is Design Team, a division of Glemby International, create the mood of elegance and glamour and come up with a bit a nostalgia. For her—is the look of the small, neatened, well-conditioned head braided along with hairline. A bit of point d'esprit veil and a flirt of a hat ties it all together. For him — casual elegance is achieved with partially relaxed hair for easier care and super texture.

The silver and gold bells — truly signs of holiday fare — both inside and out, are on the trees as well as in the spcious Worth Avenue home of the Charles Howards (Audrey), both local attorneys.

Even the centerpieces for the variety of festive dishes were frosted fruits, also with the gold and silver bell decor, and the molds which she designed herself, causing even the caterer to give her a special salute — because they were so tasty.

Needless to say, the Howards seven month old was the center of attention (who wouldn't be, for the earlier part of the evening he was dressed in his red velvet Christmas outfit. And when it was time to go to bed, he was decked out in red and white pajamas inscribed "My first Christmas," while sister, Amy looked on.)

There were well to well people there including the Gastons (her folks from the famed Birmingham family.), andsa number of Lattimores, from North Jersey.

His brothers and sisters - in - law, Judge and Mrs. Joseph C. Howard, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Howard, were also about, and any number of townsfolk from all over, too numerous to name.

This holiday season has been one of people caring and giving and gathering at family reunions.

Like the Lionel Deshordeses (Jeert) had with family from D.C. (his brothers and sisters - in - law) Calvert and Lorraine and Clarence and Dot Desbordes, and her sister, Frances Faithful of Flint, Mich.

And Jesse and Ella Hughes were happy that their son, David, who won a recent promotion with the Air National Guard and is now enrolled at U. of Md., was home for the big day.

Dr. and Mrs. William Garner (Wilhelmina), hosted a brunch at their Morgan Park home on Christmas Eve for relatives of Lennie Sprull Jr., (he's the McCormic Co. exec). He and their daughter, Wilhelma (Billy) Garner Haskins will marry on New Year's Day. She is a director at the U. of Md. Medical School.

It will be a quiet home ceremony with the Rev. W. L. Clayton (Macedonia Baptist), officiating. He is a chum of the bride - to - be's late grandfather, the Rev. M.C. Allen.

Present for the brunch were Mr. Sprull's mother, Hazel; his daughter, Anita; his sister, Saundra Goins; his aunts, Bernice Brown, Agnes Willis, cousin, Dr. Marsha Brown.

Also, the bride - to - be's sister and hubby, Pat and Charles Ray Jr. were over from D.C. with his sister - in - law, Veronica Gray. And the matriarch of the family, Mrs. M.C. Allen (Wilhelmina), was there, too, presiding with her usual grace.

The Royal Weavers (Hermione), have as their house guests their son, Kenneth and his bride - to - be, Marnell Davis, who flew in from Los Angeles, where he is an insurance auditor, and she is a medical unit manager. A May wedding is planned in Los Angeles.

The James T. Dorseys (Ruth), had an old fashioned family gathering. Her father and stepmother, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Mason (Marie), were up from Atlantic City. He's 92 and looking 60, much like he did when he was our town's leading foot doctor for many years before his retirement.

Ruth's sister, Sarah Hutchins was down from N.Y., and some 40 other family members from the Baltimore areas were there.

One of my longtime friends was stricken on Christmas week — Mrs. Sarah Bohannon, whom I've called "Miss Sarah" all my life. She fell in her home, suffered a broken leg and heart attack, but praise God is much improved at Lutheran Hospital. She's in room 212 - B.

This is the season of the year when people love and care and share and renew their commitments to their faiths and do so many kind things, one wishes the Christmas - Hanukah was year - round.

For example, folks came by plane, train and auto from far away places to comfort one of our favorite sisters, Mrs. Mildred Campbell, the widow of Dr. C. R. Campbell, the beloved physician and community worker who was buried the day before Christmas.

Like his nephew, Irving Johnson, who came from Bierut, Lebanon, where he is with the U.N. Economic Mission . . and his niece, Lurine Johnson, the Ontario, Canada nurse.

From Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., nieces, Pearl Nairon and Doris Harper, the Ernest Johnsons (Mervis), Cedric Johnsons (Pearl), all from Brooklyn, N.Y. More kin here, Lorraine and Michael Johnson, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Pennsylvania area friends and relatives who came: Mrs. Grace Asberry, Lamott; Franklin and Rose Walker, Franklin Walker Jr., Vera Lambert, Mildred Harris and Richard and Adelaide Guions, all of Philly.

And, Donald White and Howard Miller of Mt. Airy, and from N.Y., Gladys Gekalb and Elaine Shoemaker. Norman Ashton came from Bethesda and the Brad Bradforth (Mildred) from D.C.

And to show you how kind we Baltimore folks are in times like these — members of the Alpha Wives, Morgan University Women (Dr. Campbell was the university's longtime physician and advisor to athletic department), Monumental Medical Association, St. Martha's Guild at St. James P.E. Church, were where the funeral was held, made sure out - of - town guests wanted for nothing, having dinner for them and lodging too.

The Players Nine, that bridge club of Baltimore area matrons held their annual holiday luncheon at the Columbia home of Betty Fultz on Wednesday.

Members are, Frances Finney, Bernice McDaniels, Joan Phillips, Minnie Smoot, Bernice Robinson, Ada Woodland and Fonjola Priest.

The WNM's frolicked on Tuesday evening at the Regency Terrace. Members are, Kay Carter, Hortense Perkins, Ellaworth Rhetta, Robbie Chissell, Helen Odom, Marietta Stokes, Barbara Patterson, Gladys Daniels, Jimmy Laforest, Gwen Carter, Ivy Harris, Nikki Randolph and Norma Maiden, who is president.

Harriet Trader, Bea Wright, Bernice McDaniels, Blanche Beckham, Marg Land and Mary McPherson were among Baltimore Moles who attended the annual holiday luncheon given by Washington Mole, Geraldine Coleman on Tuesday.

Woodlawn Highlights

By Marjorie Green

The spirit of Christmas was carried out by the Social Security Woodlawn Toastmistress Club when they visited the John L. Deaton Medical Center on South Charles Street.

During the visit the group sang Christmas carols, presented gifts to the patients and served refreshments in the holiday decorated dining room.

Past president, Verna Day, opened the program with a beautiful Christmas prayer in which she prayed that persons all over the world would be able to put aside all differences not only at Christmas time but all during the year. The patients, all confined to wheelchairs, listened as Ms. Day explained the legends associated with each of the Christmas carols.

The highlight of the program was the unique way in which president, Bernadette Smith encouraged each of the patients to tell how they enjoyed Christmas as a child. The president closed the program by thanking each of the volunteers and faculty members for assisting the wheelchair patients and participating in the activities.

Special thanks was given to Mrs. Annie Schuster, Director of Volunteers and Recreation, for the warm welcome extended to the group.

Ms. Betty Gardner was project chairperson. Among those contributing to the project were: Bernadette Smith, president; Martha Puryear, first vice president; Carol Walker, second vice president; Betty Brown, third vice president; D. Dorothy Chavis, secretary; Robert Crum, treasurer; Dorothy White, couffell delegate.

Other members helping were Devera Redmond, Thelma McArthur, Eva Miller, Harriet Miller, Gwendolyn Moore, Mildred Nelson, Betty Gardner, Phyllis Reaves, Raymona Robinson, Ernestine Smith, Edna Sparks, Jacquelyn Watts, Beverly Baker, Pauline Carter, Blanche Dugger, Lenora Jones, Eloise Johnson and Mary Hydes.

Mrs. Irene Terry, Disability Authorizer in the Dickinson Building was one of the many Pennsylvania born residents of this city who braved the cold weather and traveled home to spend Christmas with her family in Scotdale, Pa.

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Holiday Dinner — 14 Pt.

High on the list for Christmas merriment was the jovial family holiday dinner hosted by James and Helen Fitzpatrick of Columbia, Md. on Christmas evening. There was much gaiety as the family enjoyed cocktails, a gourmet dinner of mammoth proportions, music, dancing, games and the lively exchange of gifts.

In the Fitzpatricks' lovely Celestrial Way home, the stars of many states were represented. Family members feasting and funning were: Irving and Dorothy Green with son, Kenneth of Ferndale, Md. and daughter, Debbie, now a new Columbia homeowner; Evelyn Brown and daughter, Jackie of Plainfield, N.J.; Warren and Emma Jordan, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Jordan formerly of California, now residing in Maryland.

Bill and Marjorie Albright and son Billy of Roxboro, N.C.; Shirley Fields of Richmond, Va.; Howard and Doris Fields, son and daughter, Reggie and Cheryl of Stanford, Conn.; James Hodges Jr. of Baltimore; Mrs. Queenie Green, also of Charm City, formerly of North Carolina; Mrs. Annie Fields of Water View, Va. and Kevin Fitzpatrick, son of the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

Hostess, Helen, is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Fields and the late Chris Fields, and is a Home Economics teacher in Columbia. Host, James is formerly of Covington, Va. and is employed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the Treasury Dept. in Washington, D.C.

Holiday Travel — 14 Pt.

Some folks have taken off to other places to enjoy the Christmas season. On Christmas Eve, Warren and Joan Robertson and children, Carl and Shelia of Gambrills, Md. took off for a five day Christmas vacation in Nassau.

They are staying there at the fabulous Hotel El Greco, and will be going on several pleasure jaunt while in the area.

Among these are a trip to Paradise Island and a visit to the Playboy Club as well as their enjoyment of sun and surf. Warren is a computer programmer and technician supervisor at Goddard Space Flight Center. Wife, Joan, is a schoolmarm in the Gambrills area, where son, Carl is a fifth grader.

Daughter, Shelia, who is a senior at Arundel Sr. High in Gambrills, is also a highly successful young designer. She has already designed clothes which have been modeled at several fashion shows. For a nice change of scenery, this family will be saying Merry Christmas in a sunny, warm climate.

FIRST RETAIL SHOWING—The first retail showing of The Joyce Moncella Collection, a new line of cosmetics for today's black woman, was held at Blush Cosmetics Boutique, 2213 N. Charles St. Coordinating the showing were from left: Celia Shorter, Blush's owner; Joyce Moncella Thomas, Lavern Smith, Levette Smith, Gregory Pindelton and Vanessa Smith, seated.

MCH nurses program

The MCH Clinical Division will hold a program on Monday, Jan. 15,' at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Washington Children's Hospital, 1708 W. Rogers Ave., in Baltimore.

0.1 CEU will be given A fee of $1 for MNA members and $1.50 for non - members will be charged.

An alternate date of January 22 has been set in case of extreme weather conditions.

Miss Donna C. Walton off to the Orange Bowl

"Miss UMES," Donna C. Walton, senior in art education at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, has been selected to represent the State of Maryland at the Orange Bowl Festival. She will join 50 other Agree All - American Homecoming Queens at Miami, Fla., on Dec. 26 - Jan. 3. The Johnson Wax Company, maker of Agree hair products announced.

Miss UMES
Donna C. Walton

Donna is a perpetual Dean's List student, a member of the National Honor Society, and a prize - winning artist. She has been an art instructor and counselor for the UMES Upward Bound Program, a member of the Search Committee for the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, a resident hall assistant, and a tutor.

President of the UMES chapter of the Wesley Foundation and of the Art Student's Union, Donna is listed in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." She is a native of Martinsville, Va., a graduate of Laurel Park High School.

In her spare time, she enjoys sports, traveling, and the visual arts. After she graduates in June, she plans to work toward an advanced degree in graduate school.

One homecoming queen from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia is selected annually for participation in the festival, which is sponsored by Johnson Wax.

Auxiliary installs new officers

Federal Unit No. 19, American Legion Auxiliary, held its installation of officers for the administrative year 1978 - 79 recently at their newly remodeled post home located at 1502 Madison Ave.

To show appreciation for the work she has done and is still doing in the interest of the auxiliary as well as the post, the auxiliary members gave a life membership to Mrs. Frances Awkward, past president.

The officers for 1978 - 79 are:

President - Mrs. Evelyn Hughes;
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Color bearer - Mrs. Mabel E. Armwood and
Color Bearer - Mrs. Lucy Mae Woodcock.

Rubella screening

Rubella screening for young women of child-bearing age is now a routine medical service at Planned Parenthood of Maryland, according to Elizabeth Eggleton, C.N.M., director of clinics for the statewide health agency.

Rubella, or German measles, is a leading cause of birth defects and a screening procedure during a regular examination can determine whether a woman has been exposed to the disease. If she has not been exposed, she can receive innoculation at Planned Parenthood. There is no extra charge for the screening service.

Black women doctors featured in magazine

"Black Women Doctors on the Maryland Scene" is included in the current winter issue of MARYLAND Magazine.

The article by Dr. Frances N. Beckles of Morgan State University spotlights four women representative of black women helping fill the great need for physicians.

Interviewed were: Dr. N. Louise Young of Baltimore, the first black female physician licensed in the state; Dr. Nina Cole Rawlings, medical director of Provident-Druid Children and Youth Developmental Center; Dr. Brenda Cley of Columbia, radiologist at Group Health Association of Washington, Denefield, of the staff of the North Baltimore Center Inc.

Also included in the Winter edition are features on: the unique collection of old, rare children's books by a Baltimore couple; a look inside maryland's historic state capitol at holiday time; the first in a series on out-of-the-way-fare — lunch on board the French container ship, Atlantic Champagne — and another in the continuing series on old Maryland mansions, this time featuring Baltimore's Mt. Clare.

The magazine is published quarterly by the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development.

—Local club notes

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Geraldine Gates, Ruth Giles, Carole Johnston, Mae Medders, Mabel Murray, Dorothy Short, Frances West, Ella White and Helen McDonald treasurer.

Here from the Washington Pinochle Bugs for the service were Mattie Taylor, one of the organization's founders; Carolyn Bowman, Hazel Ballard, Vivian Childress, Lois Estes, Rosemary Estes, Naomi Henry, Ida Pinkney, Flora Washington and Hattie Wells.

Also on hand were members of the Baltimore chapter of Pinochle Bugs, including Delores Jessup, Esther Wiles, Helen Thornton, Margaret Land, Vera Shell, Goldie Wood, president; Florence Williams and Julia Stovel.

Baltimore Pests who went along were: William Faison, Charles Griffin, Ralph Williams, George Stovel, Joseph Wiles and Judson Wood.

Out-of-town members included Vessie Davenport, Newport News, Va.; Sidney and Elaine Estes, Suffolk, Va.; Clifton and Naomi Jeter, Richmond, Va., and Queenie Frazier, Norfolk, Va.

Also here from the Philadelphia Pinochle Bugs were Legora Ragland, Inez Gilyard, Sonja Bond, Cordelia McDonald, Jean Gibson and Verna Taylor.

Top Ladies of Distinction

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., a national organization of community women, held its December meeting at the Sylvan Drive home of Jonell B. Ray.

The warmth of the Christmas season prevailed as members completed the formulation of the chapter by-laws and heard reports of community activities of which Top Ladies of Distinction are actively involved. Following the meeting members stuffed stockings with toilet articles to present to senior citizens at the Dukeland Nursing Home. With Christmas music playing in the background, TLOD's stuffed stockings to donate to 104 patients at the home. Chairpersons for this project are Ann Wood and Ruby B. Lee.

Keeping with the major program thrusts of sponsoring and promoting the Top Tears of America, programs for the aged, improving the status of women and community beautification, the group's top teens, advised by Lady Marie Harvin, made colorful yarn dolls to give to hospitalized youths at Christmas time.

Leading up to the Christmas season, Top Ladies of Distinction held their first fund raiser, a Thanksgiving Shopping Spree raffle, chaired by Jonell Ray, whose committee members were Evelyn B. Faulk and Cynthia Harvin.

The raffle drawing featured three prize winners: first prize of $150 to Mr. J. H. Parson; second prize of $50 to Mrs. LaVerne Vines; and third prize, a turkey to B. P. Morgalis.

Fannie B. Foulson is president of the chapter. Other officers are Cynthia Harvin, vice president; Jonell Ray, recording secretary; Ruby B. Lee, treasurer. Other members are Mary Ames, Helene Gwynn, Geraldine Hooper, Doris B. Austin, Ann Wood, Zora Peters, Evelyn Faulk, Carolyn Peters, Emma Arnelle, Marie Harvin and Renthia Kelly.

—Woodlawn

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Christmas Day found Ms. Jackie Martin, another holiday traveler heading back to Baltimore. The snow covered Pennsylvania roads and cold weather caused her to shorten her visit.

This writer traveled to Pittsburgh by telephone. We found our family and friend enjoying the holiday festivities in spite of the threatening weather that keeps us away from Pittsburgh in the winter months.

Early in December, the Pittsburghers of Baltimore held a Christmas Theater Party at the Arena Playhouse. Proceeds from the activity went to the NAACP ACT-SO project. Charles "Chuck" Thomas is president of the Pittsburgh group.

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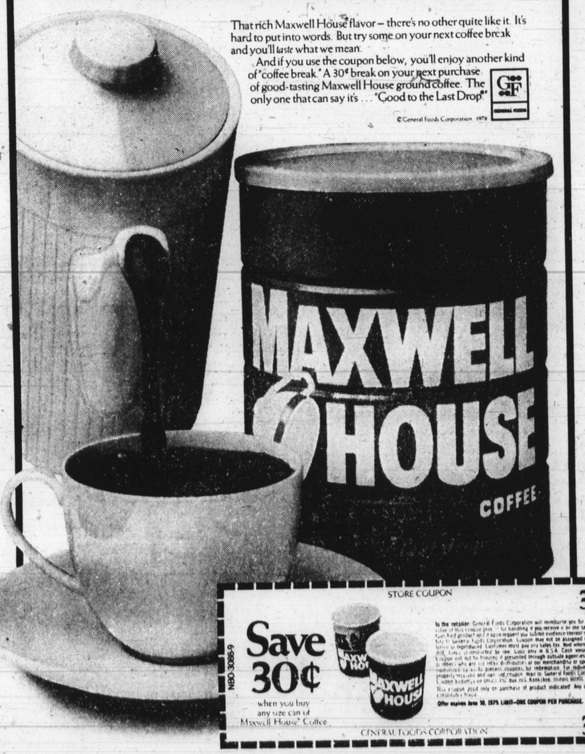

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