CHRISTMAS REHEARSAL — Baltimore City public school students are shown rehearsing for the fifth annual city-county Christmas concert to be held Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyric Theatre, 128 West Mount Royal Ave. The concert features the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the 200 voice choir of students from Baltimore City and County. Admission is free.

5th ANNUAL

Dr. Koontz to address King Memorial breakfast

The YMCA of Greater Baltimore has announced plans for its fifth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast.

The event will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1980 in the downtown Baltimore Hilton Hotel.

Tickets are $9 and can be purchased now at the YMCA, 24 W. Franklin St.

Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz, assistant state superintendent of schools in Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Koontz will be the guest speaker. Koontz is the former president of the National Education Association and former director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Dunbar High School's choir will provide the music. The choir recently returned from a European concert.

Supreme Bench Judge Robert B. Watts and J.Sydney King, a local television personality, will co-chair this year's breakfast. This is the fifth year for the Memorial.

Sponsoring groups include the King's Landing Women's Service Club, Mrs. Bettye Lindsay, president; and the Jeffrey Fund.

Richard M. Kelly is president of the Baltimore YMCA. Coordinating the event is A. Paul Moss, associate general executive emeritus of the Y. For more information, call Mr. Moss at 396-7846.

Places to go...things to do for the holidays

7th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CAROLS TO BENEFIT SANTA CLAUS ANONYMOUS— On Sunday, December 16th, at 3:30 p.m. the 7th Annual Festival of Carols will be held at the Mount Vernon Place Methodist Church, corner of Charles Street and Mount Vernon Place. The festival will feature a number of local area choirs and a children's handbell choir. Mayor William Donald Schaefer, the patron of the festival will be in attendence. A donation of $1 at the door is requested. For further information contact: Terry Farrell, 685-4830. — —

NEW SINGLES DISCUSSION GROUP IN TOWSON AREA—"Food for Discussion", a continuing Friday night singles event, is forming in Towson-Lutherville at the Towson Unitarian Universalist Church, 1710 Dulaney Valley Road. Beginning on Friday, December 14, at 7:45 p.m. (doors will close at 8:15 p.m.) singles of all ages are invited to participate in an evening of small-grouped discussion of a timely topic. A social hour will follow the discussion period. Admission is a simple "dessert for two", such as two apples, two pieces of cake, ten cookies, etc., and $1.50. Coffee and tea will be provided. Sponsored by the Unmarried Fellowship of TUUC, and held in the warm atmosphere of the Fireside Lounge of this lovely church in the woods, Friday evenings will be a wonderful opportunity for singles to gather for comfortable companionship, some delicious desserts, and stimulating conversation. The public is cordially invited to participate in this weekly event. Towson Unitarian Universalist Church is located 1 (¼) mile north of Beltway exit 27, on Dulaney Valley Road, just ¼ mile north of Seminary Avenue. — —

NEED A BABY SITTER FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE?—The Central YMCA is holding its FIRST New Year's Eve Sleep-In. Available for children from 6 to 14 years of age at the Central YMCA, 24 W. Franklin Street. The Sleep-In occurs December 31, 1979 at 9:30 p.m. till Jan. 1, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. Sleep-In includes games, gym activities, swimming and gymnastics. Children will also receive a mid-night snack and a good breakfast. The cost is $12.00 per child for members and $21.00 per child for non-members. For more information call 539-7350. — —

THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN—is sponsoring a free coffeehouse, featuring comedy films and entertainment for junior and senior high school students. The coffeehouse will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 7601 York Road, on December 14th from 8 p.m. until midnight. Interested students are encouraged to share their talents by helping to provide entertainment. More information can be obtained from the Brotherhood, by calling 823-HELP. — —

CUT-A-THON for SANTA CLAUS AYMOUS- Sunday, December 16th, a Cut-A-Thon will be held at the Command Performance Unisex Shop in the North Plaza Mall to benefit Santa Claus Anonymous. The hours of operation will be from 12 noon to 5 p.m. All cuts will be $10.00 and the sponsors hope to raise $1,000 for the charity. For more information contact Terry Farrell, 685-4830. — —

SETON HIGH SCHOOL under the direction of Mr. Scott McNinney, who holds his M.M. from the Peabody Conservatory, will present its first program of the academic year on December 20 in Seton Auditorium at 1:45 p.m. The 35-member Chorus will offer a concert of Christmas music. "Three Songs for Christmas," an SSA arrangement of traditional carols will be complemented by the new r'African Noel" a centy composed carol, "Follow." Parents and friends of Seton are invited to attend the Christmas Concert. For more information contact: Sister Marie, Principal, 366-5600. — —

CPHA SEARCH FOR CHAMPION CHRISTMAS COOKIE BEGINS—The Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA) today announced that their first annual Christmas Cookie Crunch will be held on Thursday, December 20, at 7 p.m. The place: Baltimore's New Convention Center. All contestants should contact CPHA at 539-1369 for entry forms. The contestants are to bring a dozen of their favorite holiday goodies to the Convention Center. A distinguished panel of judges will then "Crunch" their way to the winner!" All potential contestants are asked to contact CPHA by Friday, December 14th. The Christmas Cookie Crunch is a part of the Winterfest at the Convention Center.

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DONAT?ONS N FOR PATIENT CHRISTMAS PAR?Y AT CITY HOSPITALS—Donations of food are needed for Baltimore City Hospitals' Community Psychiatry patient Christmas party set for Thursday, December 20 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The party will be held in the Community Psychiatry Outpatient Department, located in the "B" building, 3rd floor, south wing. Any businesses, churchgroups, civic or community organizations who would like to contribute refreshments or funds to purchase refreshments should contact Mary Jo Morrison at 396-8544. — —

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITYA progr for Christ music d readings will be presented Sunday, December 16, at The Johns Hopkins University. Sponsored by the Office of the Chaplain, the program will begin at 11 a.m. in the Listening-Viewing Room of the Hopkins Union on the University's Homewood campus. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided, and the event is open to the public without charge. Participants will include guitarist Richard Phillips and flutist Paula Hatcher. — —

TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN TO CULMINATE DECEMBER 15—The 1979 Marine Corps Toys for Tots Campaign will culminate on Saturday, December 15, with a fun-filled day of activities scheduled at estv? Do. Activities at Westview Dodge, located at 5717 Baltimore National Pike, Just off of beltway exit 15 east, will get underway at 11 a.m. and will continue until 6 p.m.

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Les Grandes Dames present 'evening of elegance'

STUNNING SOLOIST .... Mrs. Lillie N. Myers, left, soprano soloist and vice president of Les Grandes Dames, thrills guests with her singing of Christmas classics at the club's Dec. 2 affair at the Evergreen House. She is accompanied by Mrs. Almira Miller, right.

Evergreen House at 4545 N. Charles Street was all aglow with beauty and warmth and astir with Christmas music on Sun. Dec. 9, between the hours of 4 and 6 p.m.

The occasion was an evening of Christmas music presenting Mrs. Lillie N. Myers, soprano soloist and educator of this city.

Mrs. Myers was presented by the Les Grandes Dames Club, of which she is a member. The occasion was one of elegance as Les Grandes Dames are noted for giving.

Mrs. Myers gave a superb and stirring rendition of Christmas classics and old favorites.

Some included 'Ave Maria" by Bach - Gounod, "The Birthday of a King", arias from Handel's Messiah, "New Born" boy Boatner "Go Tell It On The Mountain," "I Can Tell The World," "Alleluin" by Mozart and O Holy Night."

Mrs. Myers has enjoyed an illustrous musical career in addition to her other professional job activities.

Accompanying Mrs. Myers was Miss M. Amira Miller noted music teacher of Baltimore, and accompanist for Mrs. Myers for over 45 years.

Other activites during the elegant program were dramatic Christmas readings by club members Mrs. Marguerite Wilkins, Mrs. Barbara Mitchell and Mrs. Nathalia East Roberts.

A reception followed the recital on the first level of the beautiful, historical Evergreen Theatre House.

Guests gathered for fellowship and enjoyed champagne and delectable hors d' oeuvres prepared by La Grand Dame Palestine Anderson.

One of the goals of this club, which is a cultural - civic - social group, is that each member portray patterns of excellence in the use of their many talents and skills. This was most evident at the Evergreen House on Sunday.

Officers of the club include: Mrs. Bernice White, president, who narrated the entire program; Mrs. Lillie N. Myers, vice president and star of the program; Miss Phyllis Eley, secretary; Mrs. Marguerite Wilkins, chaplain; Mrs. Nathlia Roberts, treasurer; Mrs. Catherine Howard, historian; Mrs. Flossie M. Johnson, public relations; Mrs. Reva Lewis, artist and Mrs. Barbara Mitchell, sergeant - at - arms.

Mrs. White, who is in Public Relations at Social Security Adm., was selected as one of its top 50 employees for 1979.

Other members are Mrs. Palestine Anderson, Mrs. Ella Edmy, Mrs. Arnetta Lottier, Mrs. Mary Robinson and Mrs. Mary Thompson.

Among the guest attending were: Messeurs and Mesdames Dennis Mellow, Henry Goodman, Gordon Graig, Robert Hubber, James Benton, Jessie T. Holmes, James J. Johnson and Henry Hall;

Also Messeurs and Mesdames Frederick Bailey, Sherman Abraham, E. Stafford, David Driver, Robert Nelson, Samuel Johnson, Otis Denbobo and Joseph Felton;

Also Mrs. James Woodlon, Mrs. Barbara Hill, James Myers, Edward Wilkins Jr., George White, Mrs. Ida Gales, Mrs. Beatrice Pitts, Dr. John Brown, Mrs. Doris Holmes and George Roberts:

Also Mesdames Ida Gayles, Blanch Curry, Elizabeth Burnett, Kathryn Prsiby, Clarice Parrish, Blanch Curry, Elizabeth Burnett, Kathryn Frisby, Clarice Parrish, Sandee Brooks, Flossie O'Neal, Elizabeth East, Frederick Medder, Isoline Crowner, Rebecca Quille, Justine Boyd and Elaine Smith;

Also Miss Deobrah Curry, Miss Lillian Lewis, Ms. Sandra East and Miss Nedra East.

ENJOYING THE SCENE — Pictured at the Les Grandes Dames elegant affair at the Evergreen House, Charles St. on Sun., Dec. 9 are (L to R): Mrs. Flossie M. Johnson and Mrs. Nathalia Roberts, club members and Mrs. Andrea Abraham, guest.

Me-De-So's host reception for new members

NEW ME-DE-SO MEMBERS — Pictured at the reception hosted for them by the Me-De-So Club on Sun., Dec. 9 at the Me-De-So clubhouse, 1800 Eutaw Place are new members (L to R): Dr. Keiffer Mitchell, new member, Mrs. Phyllis Desbordes, Dr. Fabian Desbordes, new member, Dr. Garth Samuels, new member, Mrs. Ann Samuels and Dr. Phillip Byrd, new member.

ME-DE-SO OFFICERS — Attending their Dec. 9 reception for new members at the Me-De-So clubhouse are (L to R): Drs. Roland Williams, president; Gilbert Banfield, treasurer; Eugene H. Owens, recording secretary; Bernard H. Christmas, financial secretary; I. Bradshaw Higgins and Lionel Desbordes, co-chairmen for the affair.

By Pattie Hodges
AFRO Staff Writer

On Sunday, Dec. 9 the Me - De - So club members held a sparkling reception from 1 until 3 p.m. The purpose of this gala affair was to introduce, welcome and get better acquainted with their new members.

The Me - De . So Club house, fine, old and impressive, located at 1800 Eutaw Place, was festively decorated.

A lovely Christmas tree, with all the trimmings, stood in the main drawing room, and there were other holiday touches that made for a 'true Christmas atmosphere.'

As the old members welcomed the new, much lively conversation took place to the background of Christmas music which played throughout the entire reception.

To tempt the palate there were delicious hot hors d' oeuvers and continuously flowing champagne.

New members and their wives welcomed at Sunday's reception were; Dr. and Mrs. Garth Samuels (anne); Dr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick Wilson, (Juanita); Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Leacock (Yvonne); Dr. and Mrs. Fabian Desbordes (Phyllis); Dr. and Mrs. Keiffer Mitchell (Nannette); Dr. and Mrs. Tony Timoll (Sondra); Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Small (Laverne); Dr. and Mrs. Healey LeCator and Dr. Phillip Byrd.

New members not present were Dr. and Mrs. David Ashford and Dr. and Mrs. Prendis Bennett.

The Me - De - So Club is an organization consisting of doctors, dentists and pharmacists, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in April of this year.

The Club's most highlighted activity is its Annual Debutante Cotillion, which serves as an elegant coming - out ball for many of Baltimore's young ladies.

The Me - De - So Club was the first black organization to give a debutante ball free of cost to the debutantes.

Upon its inception, the Me - De - So's original purpose was to be a community service organization.

One of its first (and continuing) projects has been aiding the NAACP. Another is the Me - De - So Manor, a 65 unit apartment complex 200 Eutaw Place, which the Club purchaed, renovated and which is fully rented.

It April, '79 when the group observed its half - century mark, the mayor issued a proclamation to the Me - De - So Club commending them for service to the Baltimore community.

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Holidays, Inc. open Yuletide season with cocktail dance

By Pattie Hodges
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Sunday, December 2, Baltimore Chapter of Holidays Incorporated opened the Yuletide season with their 3rd Annual Christmas Cocktail Dance at the Forum.

The Holidays Inc., a National Bridge Club has roots steming from Winston, Salem North Carolina and includes chapters in Charlotte North Carolina, Greensboro, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, Washington, Halifax County N.C., Baltimore, Raleigh, Petersburg, Chicago, Houston Texas, Norfolk Va. and Virginia Beach Va.

The local chapter was organized in April 1977.

The purpose of Holidays is not only to play bridge but also celebrate each holiday with a social activity.

Charitable projects include national support for U.N.C.F. United Negro College Fund.

Local Chapter Officers are : President Anne Emery, Vice President Norma Bracy, Secretary Carrie Langley Treasurer Mary Ellis Parliamentarian - By Laws Carolyn Boston, Hospitality Dorothy George.

Bridge Consultants are: Millard Dorsey, Delores Ridgely, Liston George.

Labor Day Coordinators are: Joe Bracy and Ed Richardson

The December 2 Cocktail Dance was elegant in every sense.

Guests enjoyed an array of hot and cold canapes and or'doeurves, and other sumptuous delicacies.

The music by Billy Cummings characterized, jazz, soul, and mood music of the forties, fifties and sixties.

The Cummings repertoire of music accomodated guests' requests and set the tone for a warm and festive occasion for members and their guests.

The Dance Committee members were: Norma Bracy, Carolyn Boston and Chairperson, Mary Ellis.

The members of Holidays include: Vallen & Anne Emery, Joseph, Carolyn Boston, Norma & Joseph Bracey, Millard & Gloria Dorsey Aaron & Mary Ellis, Erroll & Mildred Taylor,

Also Johnnie & Ann McKee, Charles & Delores Ridgely, Liston & Dorothy George, Wallace & Delores Baden, Edward & Loretta Richardson and Millard & Carrie Langley.

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