SENIOR CITIZENS from the N.M. Carroll Manor Nursing Home, were among the group of citizens taken on a tour of the city Dec. 14. The bus trip was sponsored by the Frontiers International. Shown from (L) Mrs. Hilda Thornton, Jean Prettyman, Mamie Sharperson, Elizabeth Jackson and Bernice King.

METROPOLITAN UNITED METHODIST MEN who held the pre - holiday annual dinner last week included Edward Allor, Lemuel C. Blake, William Britt Sr., Robert Brown, Charles Carter, Joseph L. Clayton, James Datcher, Clarence Davis, Moses English, Benjamin Fleet, James Franklin, Thomas Grooms, Ominus Hamlett, Joseph Harris, Nanon Jackson, Clinton Jenkins, Edwin Johnson, George Johnson, Gordy Jones, William Kellum, Herbert Leonard, William Lyles, Earland McCallum, James McCallum, Linwood Moore, James Murray, Robert Redd, Harry Scott, Calvin

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Thomas, Eugene Turner, Sidney Tanner, Eugene Ward, Chester Washington, Leonard Watkins, Andrew White, Ezekiel Williams, Thomas Williams, Albert Mooney, Theodore Peters, Theodore Press and Ron Estreet.

SAM PHILLIPS' LAST APPEARANCE

Jolly crowd of educators attends fete for two School 63 teachers

The colors of red and white for devotion and service and roses and candles dominated the banquet scene last Friday as a jolly crowd of educators met to toast two retired teachers, Mrs. Evelyn Thomas and Mrs. Levada Hobson both of the Rosemont Elementary School No. 63 faculty.

With the principal Mrs. Dorothy Bennett as toastmistress, the event opned with cocktails and music by Eric Conway, a student at Randalstown High School and his group.

It was not an occasion of too many memories and tearful farewells but one of best wishes for days ahead in new adventures and service to young people as the two honorees had always done. Expressions were by the administrators, co-workers, friends and associates.

Among them were Clifton Murray, retired principal, Father George Lloyd, pastor of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin; Mrs. Mildred Forehand assistant principal, Harbor City Learning who spoke for Mayor Schaefer; Mrs. Marion Alston, retired teacher and friend; Miss Sharon Duncan, a Western High School senior; Mrs. Vera Taylor of the Douglass High School faculty; Mrs. Josephine Neal, No. 63 senior teacher and City Editor Elizabeth M. Oliver of the AFRO.

The merriment of the occasion was not marred by the appearance of retired principal Sam Phillips who showed no sign of fatal illness nor hint of his death the following day. Mr. Phillips who died at his home Saturday morning spoke at length at the retirement banquet and in his talk revealed many joyous moments when the two teachers were on his faculty at School 63. His speech was received with extended applause and he remained until the conclusion of the program chatting with friends and acquaintences and teasing the honorees.

Also on the program were Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Frances Parks her assistant principal who presented the honorees with the faculty's gifts a rose made of money for each and each an engraved plaque. After the response from Mrs. Hobson and Mrs. Thomas came closing thoughts and benedi ction by the Rev. Leslie Dyson, Pastor of Union Methodist Church.

Scores of gifts were received from each of the honorees co-workers their churches, freinds and associates. Dancing and cocktails followed the closing hour.

Mrs. Hobson was retired in June from Rosemont No. 63 after 22 years in Baltimore schools. Mrs. Thomas also retired from Rosemont after a career of 41 years.

School 63 parents present included Stella Lee, Ola Mae Wheeler, Roberta Cooper, Cora Guage, Catherine Fiser, Virginia Lynch, Emma Edwards.

Mrs. Bennett's guests were residents of St. James Apartments, Wiliw iliam Bush, Mrs. Gwen Bush, Deuiah Davis, Mary C. Spellman, Jessie Gro sss, Mabie Burke, Haroid Burke, John W. Jackson, Hilda A. Myers and Mazie Hall.

The banquet planning committee incuded Mrs. Bennett and Mesdames

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The banquet planning committee included Mrs. Bennett and Mesdames Edith Redmond, Margaret Conway, Harriett V. Washington, Doris Garrison, Judy Sparks, EUnice Merritt, Lisa Vincent, Joanne Bailey, Eleanor Broadway and Thelma Springer.

On the gift committee were Frances Parks, Irone Robinson, Doris Duncan, Agnes Carrington and Harriett V. Washington. Patrick Reed was host along with hostesses Margaret Conway, Edith Redmond, Azalee Porter, Judy Rainey, Sonia Lynch, Deiores Cherry and Agnes Carrington.

Phi Beta Sigma holds confab

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will hold its 65th anniversary conclave from Dec. 27-30 in D.C. at the Regency Hyatt Hotel on Capitol Hill. At least 1500 delegates are expected to attend the affair.

Carol Simpson, NBC news network correspondent, and George Weissman, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Philip Morris Incorporated will receive the James Weldon Johnson Memorial Award and The James Jackson Memorial Award during special ceremonies.

Delegates will be addressed on current issues of the day by Dr. Mabel McLean, president of Barber Scotia College of North Carolina and Congressman Parren Mitchell of Maryland.

Other speakers will include James Joseph, under secretary of the Department of the Interior and the Rev. Buster Soares of the New Jersey Leadership Institute.

"Our delegates will be asked to assess and seek pragmatic solutions to issues of the day which affect black America, " said Phi Beta national president Richard M. Ballard Jr.

The fraternity is one of the eight national black collegiate societies in the United States, and was founded in 1914 at Howard University.

Metropolitan Methodist Men open Yule season with banquet

Elizabeth M. Oliver
City Editor

The 43 members of the Metropolitan Men of the Metropolitan United Methodist Men last Friday served their annual Pre-holiday dinner to members, friends and neighbors and the elderly of the area, an event which has become a Baltimore tradition.

The gala party and full holiday banquet "from soup to nuts" was held in the dining room of the church at Lanvale Street and Carrollton Avenue and catered by Mrs. Doraee Ringgoud and her kitchen committee with the Methodist Men themselves acting as waiters.

The social hour and program were led by the outgoing president Chester Washington with choral invocation by the Men's Chorus under direction of Mack Statham.

Charles Carter is the incoming president. The Rev. Ernest P. Clark is pastor of the congregation which is one of the oldest and most historic in the city of Baltimore. The AFRO gave a citation to the Methodist Men for longtime service to the community. The Rev. Mr. Clark installed the 1980 officers.

Noteworthy were the audio-visual presentation the Methodist Men gave on their activities during 1979, the Year of The Child, by Thomas E. Williams and the Reflections of Christmas by James Murray, Leonard Watkins

Lending a solemn and impressive note to the occasion were the opening prayer and Lesson by Lemuel C. Bake and the Candlelight choral benediction with Yuletide carols by the Men's Chorus. The joyful occasion concluded as the scores of guests joined hands in singing.

The Rev. Mr. Clark who is due to retire in June, 1980, gave an inspirational Christmas message. The Salute to the Rev. Mr. Clark is set for Friday March 21, 1980 at the Reisterstown Hilton. Tickets for the semi- formal event may be had by contacting Eugene Ward, chairman and his committee.

Metropolitan's preparation for Christmas continued the Sunday after the Methodist Men's banquet and witnessed the entire congregation joining in praise, exaitation and awaiting the birth of Christ through the lighting of the Shepherd's Candle. The 11 a.m. service was almost an traditional hymns and anthems.

The ritual arranged by Mr. Statham included music which revealed the long-awaited birth of the Savior, retold the story of His birth and life and included songs of the Virgin Mary.

The Rev. Mr. Clark's sermon preceded the ritual of the decoration of the Christmas tree. The presentation of two cantas, The Magnificat by Bach and Utrecht Jubilate by George Frederick Handle came at 3 p.m. with Mary Anderson, Shirley Harris, Earl Booker, Evangeline Williams and Clarence Davis as soloists. Guest soloists were Margaret Lindsay and Clarlene Moore Cooper.

Mr. Statham, member of the noted Turner Station family, received praise as one of the town's most accomplaished musicians, organists and directors.

The Metropolitan church altar is now a mass of color decorated for the holiday season with scores of poinsettias given by the members.

The Metholist Men are Joseph L. Cayron, the Rev. Mr. Clark, Edward Allor, Lemuel C. Blake, William Britt Sr., Robert Brown, Charles Carter, the new president; James Datcher, Clarence Davis, Moses English, Benjamin Fleet, James Franklin, Thomas Grooms, Ominus Hamlett, Joseph Harris, Nanon Jackson;

Cunton Jenkins, Edwin Johnson, Gordy Jones, William Kellum, Herbert Leonard, William Lewis, William Lyles, Earland McCallum, Linwood Moore, James Murray, Robert Reid, Harry Scott, Cawin Thomas, Eugene Turner, Sidney Turner, Eugene Ward, Chester Washington, the 1979 president.

Leonard Watkins, Andrew White, Ezekiel Williams, Thomas Wiliams, Albert Mooney, Theodore Peters, Theodore Press and Ron Estreet.

President directs SBA to set up data base

President Carter has directed the Small Business Administration to develop a data base which will provide information to guide policymaking for the small business sector.

The president said in a memo to executive departments and agencies that the data base will help analyze the condition of small firms and measure the " contribution that small business makes to our economy. "

Milton D. Stewart, chief counsel for advocacy at SBA, has been appointed chairman of a policy committee which will coordinate interagency efforts to design and develop the data base.

White House assistant for domestic policies Stuart E. Eizenstat will be helping to pull together the needed cooperation from the various federal agencies affected. A preliminary report on the progress in establishing the data base is expected by January 1980.

Minority contracts increase

Secretary of the Army Clifford L. Alexander Jr. revealed last week that minority firms doing business with the Army were awarded over $ 350 million in contracts in the 1979 fiscal year.

Minorities were awarded $ 203 million in a government set-aside program and $ 127 million by competitive bidding, Alexander said. Another $ 21 million in construction arsenal and advertising subcontracts was also awarded.

Contracts to minorities for Army requirements range from simple services such as custodial duties to the manufacturing of highly sophisticated and complex goods including components and computer systems.

The Army leads all federal government units in contracting to minorities under the set-aside program, representing about 20 percent of all government monies in the program, and 40 percent of all monies set aside by the Department of Defense.

Alexander said that the minority contract goal for the coming year "will be higher than last year's and will continue to increase each succeeding year."

" This is the direction that has been set by President Carter... and we fully intend to follow his laudable goals, " he added.

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Mrs. Santa needs you

Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities is a non - profit organization of the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers which collects funds to aid the less fortunate at Christmas.

Goal this year is $20,000 to be used to purchase food baskets which will include all the ingredients for a meal and staples to last at least two weeks. Names are supplied by our readers, city agencies and AFRO block leaders throughout the city.

Pix with Mrs. Santa

If you decide to contribuie $50 or more please call Mrs. Santa at 728-8205 and we'll arran ge a picture with Mrs. Santa. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give.

Special Notes

If you know of a needy family or a burned out family, write and give us the full facts. Give the names, ages, sizes of children and why you think they need help. We will investigate and try to help. All families are listed in our files and in the paper by case numbers.

Share and care

We suggest that clubs and organizations send cash donations to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. We are able to purchase food in bulk and the basket will be delivered by the Maryland National Guard.

Send your check or money order to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw St.,

Clothes-toys

If you have good used clothes and usabie toys, bring them to Mrs. Santa's Store at 622 N. Eutaw St. We will write or call our needy families. If you can't bring things in, call us and we'll arrange for transportation.

Mrs. Santa fund $18,505.

General Electric - Employees Fund	$1,050.00
William C. March Funeral Home	1,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth O. Wilson	500.00
Lee-Dico Corp.	300.00
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Mrs. Santa's cases

Case 270: Could you please help me get my children something for Christmas? Also, we need some food. I have tried so hard to get help for Christmas, but my bills are too high and I can't pay them all off. I have one boy and four girls. Also I am on welfare.

Case 271: I am writing you to please help my two children and me. We need toys and a food basket. Our sizes are boy's 5 clothes, shoes 6½; daughter size 6 clothes, shoes 8½. I wear size 18 pants and 8 shoes.

Case 272: I have two children and I get a check once a month and that isn't much. After I pay rent, gas bill and insurance I don't have any money left to buy the baby shoes. I can't afford to buy or get anything for Christmas. I am sick and not able to work. I have heart trouble and high blood pressure.

Case 273: Will you please send my three children and I a basket and some toys. I don't have any outside help, only from social services and after I pay my bills I don't have any money to get them toys and clothes.

Case 274: I am writing you because I am a needy parent with two teen - age children. We receive social services, but have no money left after paying bills. My son wears size 16 clothes; size 8, shoes; my daughter wears size 7 junior, and size 7 shoes. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Case 275: Could you please help my two children and me? We need a basket for Christmas and few toys. This winter's gas and electric bills is really taking all or of my money. I hope you can send us something.

Case 276: We are in need of a basket this year. I have been laid off for eight months and have been doing odo jobs to make ends meet. I would like to have a beautiful dinner if nothing else is possible for my family.

Case 277: I would like a basket for Christmas. I had death in my family, I lost my father earlier this year and my brother last month. It took all that I had to bury them both. I have six children. We need food, clothing and toys.

Case 278 - I have no place else to turn. Please see that I get a small basket, some under clothes and warm gloves for school for my three children ages 11, 10 and 9.

Case 279 - I have been taking care of my sister's mom and my niece's children for 7 years since their parents died. I also support a 16-year-old grandson. I have no husband. I am asking you to send me a Christmas basket.

Case 280 - I am in need of food, toys and clothes for my two boys, ages 17 months and 2 and one half years, so that we can have a decent and enjoyable Christmas.

Mrs. Santa

Case 281 - It is going to be a sad Christmas for us because everythin everything is so high we can't make ends meet. Please help us any way you can.

'Wife sick'

Case 282 - My brother is an epileptic and has two boys 11 and 7. His wife is sick and unable to work. You have been helping needy people for many years, so please try to help my brother and his children have a nice Christmas. They could use a basket and some toys.

Case 283 - I have been in the hospital due to a stroke and high blood pressure. At one time I was not able to walk or talk. I have three children, 11 12 and 17. I would like a basket for Christmas. My daughters wear size 12 and 14 skirt. My son needs a coat and a pair of shoes. He graduated from school and does not have a job. Please help us. We need some heavy blankets and nice warm clothes.

Case 284 - I am a 73-year-old woman unable to work and not able to go out without assistance. I need help me. I would like very much to receive a Christmas basket. I would also like some heavy gowns for sleeping, size 4X, because my place is not warm in the winter. Thank you.

Case 285 - I am a 55-year-old woman who is unable to work due to hypertension. My food stamps dor last from month to month because of the high cost of food. I would appreciate a small basket for Christmas dinner.

Case 286 - I am writing for a friend who is now separated from her husband who was very mean. She has two kids but does not have enough food for herself and them most of the time. Please help her.

'Robbed'

Case 287 - Yesterday I was robbed of all my food stamps and money otherwise this letter would have never been written. I try to supply my children with the necessities of life but things have been very hard this year. We have no money for food, toys or gifts. I would greatly appreciate a tree if possible. I have five children ages 16, 14, 11, 8 and 8 months. Anything I receive will be welcomed.

Case 288 - I have only been out of the hospital two weeks following surgery on my throat. Before that I hadn't worked in four years. Please send me a basket for my three teenage boys and two grandchildren. Anything you can do will be appreciated.

Case 289 - My husband left me and my five children and we are on welfare. After I pay rent and the other bills, the money is gone. We would be happy if you would help us to have a good meal for Christmas.

'need oil'

Case 290 - please help me. I need oil because we are heating from the stove. My children 16, 12 and 7 are in need of boots, coats and other clothes. My husband is ill and unable to work. We are on social services but we don't have enough money to cover our bills. I have seven children but I only want help for the above three. I am having my share of bad luck, my water was turned off today and I don't have any money to have it turned on. Please help me in any way that you can.

Case 291 - I have one brother and two sisters. My brother works everyday trying to send us to school and pay bills. My father left us. After my mother pays the oil bill and buys food, there's not much left. If we could get a basket it would be a great help and I could surprise her for Christmas.

Case 292 - I am an 82-year-old widow suffering from a stroke. I receive a small pension but after paying my bills. I don't have anything left. I can not walk and have a little child staying with me. If you can help me please, I will be so thankful for anything.

Case 292 - I am a 60-year-old handicapped woman, unable to walk and bedridden. I have a 19-year old daughter who lives with me but she does not have a job. Trying to take care of her and myself is very hard. I have a homemaker who come to my house three times a week to help me. Please send me a Christmas basket.

Case 294 - I have two sons, one daughter, two grandchildren and I would you to send us a basket for Christmas. Please help us have a merry Christmas.

Case 295 - I hope you can help my four children have a pleasant Christmas. I wrote to you last year and received no response. I received a small check from Social Services but after paying rent, utilities, insure nce, etc., there's hardly anything left. I would appreciate a small basket of fruit, nuts candy and holiday cookies for my children.

Case 296 - At the present time I am staying with friends but I will have to move any day now. I am on the welfare and have two daughters, age 6 and 10. I am about at the end of my road. I need help badly. If you can help in any way we would be so happy.

Case 299 - My husband is incarcerated and we have two children, 4 and 2 years old. I went to Social Services and they gave me $240. My rent is $190 and I have to pay the gas and electric bill. I put in for food stamps but they said it would take about a month. Please help my family with a basket.

We're desperate

Case 300 - My family is in desperate need for Christmas. We have 4 children between the ages of 4 months and 9 years and our only means of support is Social Services. My husband has been out of work for a year now. He has looked for work, but has been unable to find anything. We are asking for your help. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated.

Case 301 - My two children and me are in need of clothes and a basket. Last September I had a fire in which I lost my 10-month old son. I have to start over again. I live in a project and I need a bed, pots and pans, clothes and anything else. I am using a table that belongs to a friend until they move and they will be wanting it back. Anything you can do will be appreciated.

'Asbestos poisoning'

My friend will not have any kind of Christmas this year without your help. He is a victim of asbestos poisoning. He has applied to Social Services but hasn't received anything yet. He is 61 and would appreciate a basket for Christmas.

'Sleep on floor'

Case 303 - I am in Union Memorial Hospital and just had brain surgery. I have three boys, 10, 9 and 6. They are in need of clothing, shoes and coats for school. My children sleep on a pillow from an old couch on the floor. We need blankets to stay warm.

Case 304 - I am a diabetic with five sons and a small income from Social Services. I am unable to get around without my walker. Please send us a basket.

Case 305 - I have five children, ages 2 to 8. Before the end of the month I run out of food, bread and everything. My youngest son has asthma. I will appreciate anything you send.

Disabled couple

Case 306 - My husband and I are on disability and don't get enough income to buy dinner for the holidays. We would appreciate a gift certificate to buy a meal.

'Food stamps reduced'

Case 307 - I am writing for a Christmas basket. This year is very hard for me. They have cut my food stamps down and I have a baby on the way. I already have three children ages 14, 11 and 2. We will be grateful for any help you can give us.

'Uses space heater'

Case 30 - en, one girl, age 1 and two boys ages 2 and 8. I am on Social Services and have a space heater which coals me an arm and a leg, but I have to use it to keep the house warm for the children. Please send us a basket and some toys.

Case 309 - I am 88 years old and have no children. I am asking for a little help because I have arthritis very badly and can not get around good. I will appreciate anything you can give me.

Case 310 - Somebody broke into my house and stole all my things, clothes and food. Please send me a basket. I need it very badly. Please send it to me where my house was. Thank you.

'Father in jail'

Case 311 - Please help me with my babies. If you have any more clothes, please keep me in mind. The baby's father is in jail and it is really rough. I have four boys, ages 5, 8, 10, 12 and a 3 year old girl.

'Amputee robbed'

Case 312 - I am writing for a Christmas basket. I was robbed last week. It was reported and the story was in the paper. It was $715, all my money, plus my watch and rings. I do not work because I lost my right arm five years ago. I get a check to take care of my six kids. Their ages are 6, 4 and 6 months. The boys are 9, 5 and 1 years old.

Case 313 - I am a mother of four, two girls ages 8 and 10 and two boys, ages 6 and 7. I have been layed off for the last six week and was just called back to work. However, I will not have any income until after the holidays. Please help me make my children's Christmas merry one.

'Work is scarce'

Case 314 - I am a mother of seven boys. Their ages range from 4 to 19. The older boys are in school. The 19 year old finished in June and is looking for a job. My husband is a hard working man but work has been slow for some time. Trying to keep food and a roof over our heads is all he can do. Thank you kindly for any help you can give us.

Case 315 - I am writing in behalf of a good friend. She has five kids and she has an illness that keeps her back and forth in the hospital. I am sure they will be thankful for a basket and some warm clothes.

Case 316 - I have four children, three of which live home with me. All we want is a nice dinner for Christmas. I work everyday but it is very hard to have enough to buy food. Please send us a Christmas basket. If anyone has a refrigerator to give away or sell very cheaply, please let me know.

'Evicted'

Case 31 - We were evicted from our home about a month ago because I could not pay the rent. My two sons, 7 and 8 are staying with a friend of mine who is pregnant and has three kids of her own. We are occupying the living room and my furniture is all in her way. I feel as though we are imposing on her and she is under a lot of pressure. My money has been taken several times, but I could not accuse anyone. I can not afford to get anything for Christmas but this is a bigger problem. If you can help me with the housing Aumority, I would appreciate it.

Case 318 - I am in need of food and clothing for my eight children and me. The girls are ages 2, 8, 10 and 11 and the boys are 11, 2, 5 and 4. I just had an operation last month and have been off from work for the past two months. My husband and I are not together. Please help us.

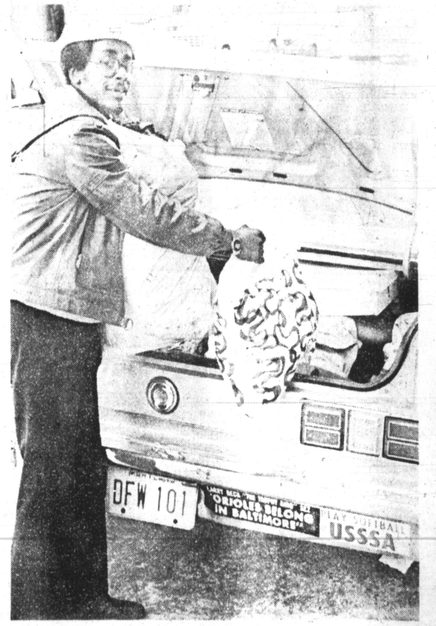
Case 319 - Please send me a Christmas basket so I can have a good dinner for Christmas. I am sick and not able to work. My husband left me when the doctor told me I had a heart attack. Thank you for whatever you can do.

'Father walked out'

Case 320 - I have three children and soon will have one more. They are all girls, ages 9, 7 and 8. I do not have any money to get them anything for Christmas. Sometimes it's hard to get them something to eat because I have no help. The father just walked out on me. Please help.

Sweethearts of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc. from Coppin State College are helping to collect toys for the Mrs. Santa drive. Michelle Johnson, treasurer; Sharon Miller, president; Shirley Hudnall; Mrs. Ida Peters and Marsha Ford. (Photo by Mark Gail)

Mrs. Santa's store located at 622 N. Eutaw St. houses toys, and clothes donated by different clubs, organizations, elementary, junior and senior high schools, colleges and concerned citizens to enable the needy andsless fortunate for Christmas. The sore is manned by Mrs. Anna Kerber a volunteer worker and Floyd Cockran. Photo by Mark Gail



Raynor Banks, of M.T.A. is a faithful volunteer for Mrs. Santa. For the three years Mr. Banks has volunteer his days off to pick-up clothes for Mrs. Santa. Photo by Vanessa Johnson