Police Dept. entertains 800 kids at annual fete

Christmas came early for more than 700 inner-city children who were given a gala party, courtesy of the Baltimore City Police Department's Community Relations Division.

The annual Christmas party was held Dec. 20 at the Winchester Armory and included goodies and gifts for the children as well as music, food and entertainment.

Each child received a stuffed stocking and a gift. Officer Charles Clayton, better known as the "Magic Cop" provided magic tricks. Santa Claus also made an appearance to help in the gift giving.

Food and gifts for the affair were donated by several outside agencies.

In addition to the officers from the Community Relations Division, there were also outside volunteers who helped make the party a merry occasion for the kids.

NICOLE SPRIGGS, 9 months, sits in the lap of Santa Claus (alias Dr. Stuart Turner) during party.

THERE WAS MAGIC IN THE AIR — from the stunts and tricks of Officer Charlie, the "Magic Cop." The kids sat spellbound as Officer Charlie entertained

WHAM - O!!! Brian McClary, 8, gives the traditional Christmas Pinada a big swap during the festivities. As you can see, his efforts did not go unrewarded.

HAVING A GOOD TIME — Hundreds of inner-city kids played games, were entertained and treated on such goodies as hamburgers, hotdogs and sodas.

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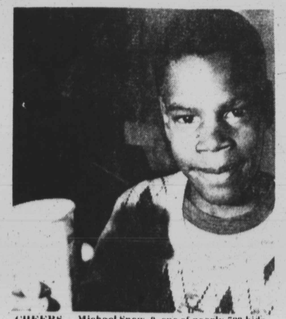
SHE'S KIND OF LITTLE — but with the help of Mark Jackson, 13, little Phelecia Blend, 3, was able to get her hamburger, along with everybody else. Doling out the food is Ms. Becky Blackson and Ms. Janice Snow.

EVERYBODY CHIPPED IN — to help distribute food to the more than 800 youngsters who celebrated Christmas with the City police Department. Shown here are Officer Dolly MacCausland and Sgt. William Woods.

UUMMMMMMM GOOD — Three-year-old Phelecia Blend enjoys a hamburger during the annual Christmas party given by the Community Relations Division of the Baltimore City Police Department Dec. 20.



CHEERS — Michael Snow, 9, one of nearly 700 kids who were entertained at the Police Department Christmas party, makes a toast with his cup of soda.

Inmates home for Christmas

By James M. Abraham
AFRO Staff Writer

Christmas will be a lot merrier for 245 state and local prisoners who had their sentences commuted by Governor Harry Hughes Tuesday.

The prisoners include 66 who will be released from local jails throughout the state and 179 who will receive commutations from state facilities.

The total is the largest amount of inmates released at Christmas since former Governor Marvin Mandel initiated the policy in 1975.

Fifteen of the inmates are from City Jail.

Steve Minnich, an official with the state Office of Public Safety and Corrections, said that four lists of commutation hopefuls were submitted to Hughes.

"What happened was that we submitted four lists to the governor," he said. "The first list was the traditional commutation list, which contained inmates who were within 90 days of release had served one half of their sentence, and who had not committed any violent crimes."

Minnich said that the second list included prisoners who had served a quarter of their sentence and had 90 days until release, and the third list contained inmates who had served sixty days and had at least six months left on their sentences. All of the lists were composed of inmates imprisoned for non-violent crimes.

A fourth list of inmates on work release was also prepared, but according to Minnich, the Governor referred that list to the state parole board for evaluation. Some of those inmates may be released as early as January, as their parole hearings will be expedited sooner.

In a related development, it appears that the state will be forced to request an additonal extension on the court-order end to double-celling and Maryland facilities.

In a press conference last week, Governor Hughes expressed annoyance at the repeated demands that the state reduce its population to an acceptable level.

The state managed to beat the last deadline by housing inmates in prison infirmaries, hallways and on the Maryland Penitentiary's death row, but according to Minnich, there will not be a repetition of those last-minute maneuvers.

Minnich said that the state will instead ask for another extension until June, when a new addition to the Jessup prison facilities and a new reception and diagnostic center will be completed downtown.

AFRO's Mrs. Santa made $28,050.01

Mrs. Santa delivered 450 baskets sent 1,100 families $20. food certificates helped 2,000

Bob Greene, Baltimore AFRO - AMERICAN Advertising Manager purchases $2,000 in food coupons from Ms. Kathi Leimbach of A & P Food Stores.

The Maryland National Guard, Cade Armory under First Sgt. Lloyd R. Scott delivered 450 baskets for AFRO's Mrs. Santa worth $6,800. In the group were Sfc Timothy L. Riley, SSG Eldridge G. Jones, Sgt. Lamont Graves, Sgt. Samuel N. Moses, Sgt. Rodney C. Washington, Sgt. Leonard G. Mackey, Spi Donald Allen, Spi Muriel Jones, Spi Malachi Morris, Pfc. Charles Lloyd, Pfc. Donald Brooks, Pvt. Tyrone Jones, Pvt. Leonard Mackey Jr. and Pvt. Thomas Riley.

Food baskets delivered and purchased from Food-A Rama Stores included two chickens, flour, oranges, bread, celery, potatoes, rice, beans and other staples.

Reginald Jones of the Francis M. Wood School made airplanes for Mrs. Santa. George Martin is his shop teacher; Arthur Pierce is principal.

Western Community Relations Team of the C and P Telephone Co. presented Mrs. Santa with $250. Seated are Eloise Jackson, Betty Matthews, Rose Smith. Standing Samuel Johnson, Carl E. Smith, Harriett Stanley, Adelaide Dargen, Michele Lumpkin, Jerome Richards and Ray Wilder.

Last minute contributions

Telephone Subscription Drive	$2,079.00
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth O. Wilson	1,000.00
Mrs. Louise G. Murphy Poinsettias	848.00
North East Baltimore Good Guys	650.00
Parkway Records - Rod Armstrong Ernie Donaldson	600.00
Baltimore Municipal Employees Local No. 44 AFL-CIO	250.00
Naomi Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star	250.00
Baltimore City Retired Teachers Pace Setters	200.00
Student Government Edmondson High School	200.00
Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity	150.00
Delegate Larry Young	100.00
Elizabeth A. Phillips Funeral Home	100.00
Loving Care Day Nursery	100.00
Alpha Chapter Beta Sigma Tau Fraternity	50.00
Minority Trucking Assoc.	100.00
Career Services	100.00
Iota Epsilon Chapter Omega Psi Phi Fraternity	50.00
Auxiliary to Monumental City Medical Society	50.00
Shelton Stewart	50.00
James O. Randall	50.00
James and Isabelle Randall	50.00
Dr. Billy Davis	50.00
Modern Maiden Social Club	50.00
Gary and Pearl Cole	25.00
Willie and Benjamin Dickerson	25.00
William G. Ross	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Fullwood	25.00
Charles W. Johnson	25.00
William G. Ross	25.00
The Lend A Hand Club	25.00
Marsha Baker Fuller	15.00
Iota Koppelles	12.00
Mrs. Nell Sheridan	10.00
Robert Dickerson	10.00
Chuck Linhart	5.00
Eva Brooks	5.00
Mrs. Lessie Alston	2.00
Dr. Nelson Fain	25.00
Mrs. Harriette C. Howard	25.00
Parkwood Liquors	25.00
Douglass High School February Class, 1935	25.00
Jim Abe	5.00
Mrs. Eliza J. Jupiter	10.00
Mrs. Rebecca Sumrell	20.00
John Scott Jr.	25.00
Mrs. Doris M. Ferguson	25.00
Margaret D. Pagan	5.00
Gregory P. Mulligan	15.00
Irvin T. Durant	28.25
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Evans	10.00
David N. Cooper	10.00
Wardell F. Clark	5.00
Ernest L. Nash	10.00
Patricia A. Lee	15.00
Student Council, Herring Run Junior High	75.00
Ethel F. Craven	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. McLeod Sr.	20.00
Miss Evelyn C. McLeod	25.00
Charmettes, Inc.	50.00
Mrs. Elizabeth M. Peters	10.00
Inez and John Blake	25.00
Ms. Betty Parker	5.00
Les Bontemps Club	25.00
Helping Hand — New Union Baptist Church	25.00
Frank Johnson Jr.	25.00
Mrs. Roberta W. Clark	10.00
Alvester Saunders	10.00
Morgan State University Celebrity Basketball	20.00
Lowell E. Whitehurst	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lymas	10.00
Joanne Rambaran	10.00
Hilda E. Ford	10.00
Major Richard M. Lee	20.00
Jerome S. Johnson Sr.	20.00
Earlie H. Francis	20.00
Romie Johnson	40.00

Mrs. Anna Kerber, AFRO neighbor who attends the Waxter Center, made wreaths for Mrs. Santa along with Mrs. Susan Lack. Mrs. Kerber spent long hours in Mrs. Santa's store.

North East Baltimore Good Guys gave a dinner last Saturday and presented Mrs. Santa with $500. plus $150. from the sales of Poinsettas. Above, Larry Causlon, business manager. Gary Causlon is president. Other members are Robert Cragwell, Gary Rodwell, Dwane Press, Eugene Guy, Terry Armstrong, Rodney Causlon, Wilson Causlon, Russell Williams, George Scott, Mark Scott, Tyrone Cromwell, Andrew Carter, Calvin Sherman and Michael Moore.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Edmondson High School has a tradition of raising money at Christmas for a needy family. Above the Student Government Association presented $200. to Mrs. Santa. Gerald Garshick is sponsor; Glascoe Catlin is administrative advisor; Mrs. Susan S. Jones, is principal. Students above are Zena Barr, Anita Stewart, Melinda Greene, Byron Hill, president; Josephine Gorman and Chris Murray.

Russell Parks of Young's Express Transportation Association of Maryland delivered large baskets of food to Mrs. Santa from the Minority Trucking