Thank you for sharing and caring

Terry Chappell presented Mrs. Santa with $100 from Chi Kappa Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Naomi Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star presented Mrs. Santa with $250. Seated Mrs. Thelma Griffin, Mrs. Mary A. Pettus and Miss Ruth Clayton, chairman of Charity. Standing Mrs. Helen M. Carter, Grand Worthy Matron and Mrs. Ardessa Pitts, Assistant Grand Matron.

The Spotlighters Charity Club presented Mrs. Santa with $100. Above, Mrs. Nannie Towler, president; Mrs. Daphne Perry, treasurer and Calvin Towler, financial secretary.

Miss Louise Redfern of the Mayor's Office made creative reading books for AFRO's Mrs. Santa's party at city jail last Sunday.

Career Services presented $100 to Mrs. Santa. Above, seated Marc Williams, Mrs. Gwendolyn Harvin and Row Horton. Rear, Warren Ross, Andrew Jordan.

Mondawmin Merchants Association donated trees to George B. Murphy Homes. Above Carl Stokes, president and Mike Mesaros with Mrs. Gloria Burton and Mrs. LaVerne McWhite, manager.

Haywood Barnes of the Original Mrs. Santa. Bernard Bynum is Gentlemen Ten Inc. presented $150 to president.

Leonard Ballentine, Student Government Association and Cheryl Bailey, president, International Studies Club, Coppin State College sent toys for Mrs. Santa. Above, Ballentine and Percy Mack.

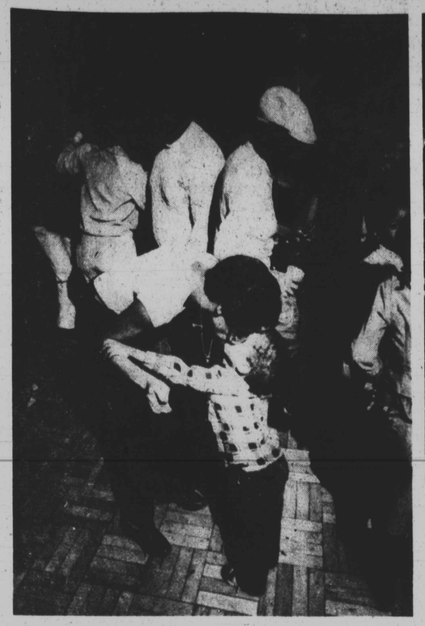
Baltimore Municipal Employees Local No. 44, AFSCME AFL - CIO presented $250 to Mrs. Santa

Medina Temples, of Shriners of Most Worshipful Hiram Grand Lodge entertained children of the Bear School with toys, candies, books, fruit and entertainment. Above, Tommy Lee, Clyde Cole, Ron Hayes, Herman Lee, William Day and the Oriole Mascot, Big Bird.

Medina Temples entertained children from the Barr School at the Rotunda Theatre. Above, Columbus McNeil, Mrs. Mary Clayburn, Elrod Hendricks, Lloyd Cure, Oriole Bird, Denver Blackwell, Potentate Wardell Young, Mrs. Wallya Cole, principal and George Greenhill, Potentate.

Season's Greetings

AFRO Mrs. Santa party at City Jail

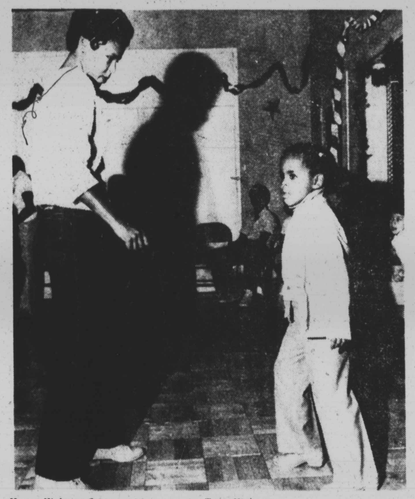


Dorothy Taylor, inmate kisses her son William Laurens Jr., 3.

Delana Watkins, Dorothy Taylor, William Laurens, Lakia Perkins and Cheyenne Ward spent a happy Sunday as mothers and children enjoyed a Christmas party at the Women's Detention Center, City Jail. Mondawmin Merchants Association provided money for party and AFRO's Mrs. Santa provided toys and kites.

Christmas is for children and mothers at City Jail were able to enjoy their children thru the efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Scribner and the entire staff and the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers's Mrs. Santa. Above, Ms. Debbie Johnson and Joenika Koger.

Pamela Camphor as Santa Claus is delighting the youngsters at City Jail. One TV station gave credit to Santa Claus Anonymous but the party was given by AFRO Mrs. Santa, this newspaper and Mondawmin Merchants.



Karen Webster dances with her niece Teon Webster, 5.

Santa Claus also gave out toys and presents

'The Best Little Whorehouse' coming

"The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas", the smash Broadway musical, now on its third national tour, will open at the Morris A. Mechanic Theatre on January 6, 1981 for a three - week engagement concluding January 24. Tickets will go on sale Monday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. both in person at the box office and through mail order.

Based on an actual incident involving the closing of a notorious Texas brothel called the Chicken Ranch, the play was co - authored by Larry L. King and Peter Masterson. Mr. Masterson co - directed the musical with Tony - winner Tommy Tune, who was also responsible for the choreography. Carol Hall, composer and lyricist was awarded two Drama Desk awards for her tuneful songs. Produced by Universal Pictures, "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" is now in its third year on Broadway, and is soon to be a major motion picture starring Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton.

Larry L. King's now famous Playboy magazine article about the closing of the Chicken Ranch in Larange, Texas in 1973 came to the attention of Peter Masterson, who prevailed upon the award - winning journalist to collaborate with composer - lyricist Carol Hall in musicalizing the remarkable tale. Francie, Mendenhall heads the large cast as Miss Mona, the madam who runs the Chicken Ranch. Christopher Wynkoop is featured as the sympathetic sherrif, and Susan Beaubian appears as the bordello's maid, Jewel.

History series

A look at Christmas Past!

A report on the SSS Club founded in 1906

By Alma Harris
1961

About the turn of the century a small group of amiable Baltimore Ladies met weekly to embroider linens for hope chests, to sew for trousseaus and layettes, to exchange helpful household hints and recipes, and to enjoy the hospitality of the hostess, served in the lovely Haviland, Hawkes cut-glass and the Kirk and Stieff of the early nineteen hundreds.

In a meeting at her home at 1029 Druid Hill Avenue, Miss Katie Hall later Katie Hall Brown 1906, suggested the forming of a club. Ably co-sponsored by Miss Rose Murphy, later Rose Murphy Oliver, named S.S.S. Embroidery Club or Signed, Sealed and Settled Embroidery Club by her sister, Miss Frances M. Murphy, the amiables were soon meeting each Wednesday at eight O'clock and enjoying a usual repast of cocoa and tea biscuits.

In the more than half a century of weekly or monthly meetings the word Embroidery has been deleted from the group's nomenclature; activities and menus have blended with the changes demanded by progress and time; and new members enrolled mainly from the families of active members. Through the years the roster of teachers and housewives has listed: Rose Murphy Oliver, Frances Murphy, Nettie Murphy Gilbert, Lillian Murphy Thompson, Sara Clemons Murphy, Vashti Turley Murphy, Elizabeth Murphy Phillips, Grace Hughes Murphy, Florence Hughes Carter, Isabelle Hughes Clarke, Mary Hughes Proctor, Bertha Hughes Hatchett, Bertha Hurst, Addie Lane Cuyjet, Edwardie Lane Anderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Beatye Bradford Hawkins, Margaret Gregory Hawkins, Gladys Jackson Hawkins, Katie Hall Brown, Edna Hall Brown, Alma Johnson Harris, Fannie Alexander Cardozo, Laura Dickerson Wheatley, Edna Farnandis Reid, Nettie Murray Brown, Louise Wheeler, Florence Mallory Toomey, Eulalia Reid Callaway, Irene Marie Blay, Alice Mitchell Hall, Alice Mead Gittens, Anna Mead Dabney, Alice Morris Mead.

Do you know?

The present roll of membership includes five groups of cousins, two groups of mothers - in - law and daughters - in - law, two sisters - in - law, two groups of sisters, two daughters of deceased members; one, the daughter of a founder, the other a daughter of a deceased member, a niece of one of the founders and a niece to five former members.

Members of the SSS Club at a Christmas meeting in the early 1940s. In pix is Miss Frances Murphy, Benjamin Brown's mother; L. Clements Nixon's mother; Cab Calloway's mother; Judge William Murphy's mother; John Murphy III's mother and the mother of Ida Peters and Bettye Moss.