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causing problems. That one soul reached by the corner preacher is one less problem."

Dana Waters of the 300 block of Mount St. said it does not bother her at all. "Sometimes I listen, sometimes I don't."

The evangelists themselves feel very strongly about what they do. They deny any accusations of insanity or tyrannical thoughts.

Avery Montgomery, a blind musician who has been playing his accordian on the corner of Howard and Lexington Sts. for so long he doesn't remember, says he's not crazy, that he just loves God. "Hopefully, somebody will be reached. Music is always an inspiration anyway."

Evangelist Minnie Wooten has become one of the most popular downtown evangelists, sometimes seen at Howard and Fayette Sts., and maybe on other occasions at Howard and Lexington Sts., across from Mr. Montgomery.

Her little red wagon carrying the famous megaphone that delivers the soft-spoken voice to the ears of hundreds of downtown strollers becomes her pulpit right in the middle of downtown Baltimore.

"You know, it's funny," she says. "In spite of what people think, I'm preaching good news, nothing bad. The Word can attack people quick and peaceful. They are convinced before they realize it sometimes.

"Gosh no. I am never embarrassed. God just has not put fear in my heart. Instead he put power and love, and I know what I am doing is effective. I see it everyday."

Interrupted by a middle-aged woman asking for prayer for her husband, Evang. Wooten points to that as one of her proofs.

"People stop and talk to me all day, those that are not scared anyway." Sure enough two others come asking for prayer before she finishes her statement.

"People come up and say all kinds of things to me, some nice and some nasty, but my work is and never will be in vain. When I say people stop and listen to me and consult with me, I do not mean one or two, but on some days way over 20."

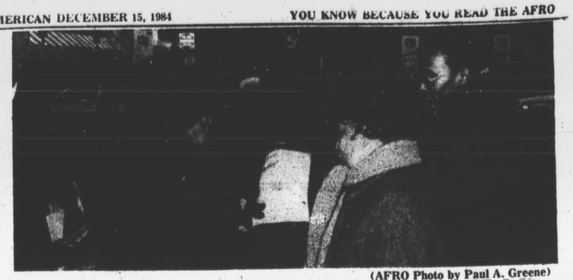
For two years she has been committed to her corner ministry, "making the best of it" as she explains. "I'm doing what God has chosen me to do. I do not force people to listen or beg them to stop.

On - the - corner-evangelism is not exactly illegal, according to a spokesman for the Community Relations Commission.

"That is a very touchy issue, and it must be dealt with very carefully. Freedom of Speech allows them to preach almost anywhere they choose. There is nothing to my knowledge that prohibits them from preaching about the town.

"There are some concerns about the use of voice amplifying equipment. Right now, we are trying to come up with some regulations for this kind of activity."

An AFRO survey taken earlier this week found that many people felt that the corner ministry is effective, but question it as right. Most said it had become a consistent occurrence and that it just had begun to blend in with the rest of downtown sounds and happenings.



JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES Stephanie Eldridge (glasses) and Vivian Thomas (scarf) talk to a passer-byer about their faith. "We are trained to handle this kind of ministry," said Miss Eldridge. "It is quite effective and it is not embarrassing at all."

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In His Cure-o-William Dawson

11:00 a.m.—Chancel Choir

Every Valley —John Ness Beck

Listen to the Lambs —arr. R. Nathaniel Dett


# —Metro church briefs

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### New Rehoboth Baptist

Hanlon Improvement Association will be holding their monthly meeting at New Rehoboth Baptist Church, 2504 N. Hilton St., on Friday, December 21, 8-10 p.m.

### Providence Baptist

Providence Baptist Church, 1401 Pennsylvania Ave., will be presenting the musical presentation, "A Night of Miracles", by the Young Adult Choir on Sunday, December 23, 7:30 p.m.

### St. James U.M.

Mass Choir of St. James United Methodist Church, 1901 W. Lexington St., will present its annual Christmas concert on Sun., Dec. 23, 6 p.m.

### Morning Star Baptist

Morning Star Baptist Church of Christ will present their annual Christmas Cantata featuring "Down From His Glory" as composed by John Peterson on Sunday, December 23, 3:30 p.m.

### St. James U.M.

Officers and members of St. James United Methodist Church, 1901 W. Lexington St., are enrolling guests for their first anniversary celebration on Sunday, December 30, 3:30 p.m.- Interested groups should call Mrs. Shelia Spruill, 233-2370 or Mrs. Lynknight McCray, 355-3253.

### Miss Christian Teen

Registration forms are now being accepted for the Miss Christian Teen Pageant through January 1. For further info. call 687-4905.


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# —Community Calendar—

### College Job Fair

A job fair open to all college seniors and recent graduates will be held on Thursday, Dec. 27 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Towson Center on the Towson State campus, located off Osler Drive.

The job fair is sponsored by participating businesses and the Personnel Association of Baltimore and by the career development and placement offices of universities and colleges in the Baltimore metropolitan area. Last year, 60 businesses and organizations participated and over 1,100 students and graduates attended.

Francis LeMire, Director of the Career Placement Center at Towson State University, is the chairman of the job fair. For more information, students may contact the placement or career development office of their school or the TSU placement office at (301) 321-2233.

Both courses are being offered by the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics. Classes for the spring semester begin January 23, 1985. General registration is Jan. 16, 17; late registration is Jan. 23-25. For more information about the courses and registration, call the Modern Languages Department at 455-2109.

### Crafts holiday sale

Seton Hill Manor, a 300 - bed long term health care facility at 501 W. Franklin St., will hold a holiday sale featuring crafts and ceramics on Friday, Dec. 14, 1984, 10 a.m. in The Coffee Shop. The holiday sale is open to the public. Monies raised will go to the nursing home's Resident Council Fund. For more information, please call 837-4990, ext. 33.

### C.P.R. courses

The Community College of Baltimore is offering a series of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.) courses. Through its Continuing Education Program, the college will offer American Heart Association Basic Rescurer, Heartsaver, and Instructor courses.

Re - certification courses will also be scheduled. Upon request, the college will teach the CPR courses at area businesses, schools, churches, clubs and other organizations.

If your organization is interested in offering this worthwhile program or if you need more information, call the Community College of Baltimore at 396-0382 or the American Heart Association at 685-7074.

### "Wrap With Stars"

Local sports and media celebrities will join volunteers from the community to raise funds for The Holiday Project of Baltimore and its annual "Wrap With the Stars" event at Security Square Mall, Dec. 20-23. While shoppers have their gifts wrapped, they'll be able to chat with the celebrities at the special mall booth.

Proceeds from the wrap will be used to finance the activities of the non - profit charity. The Holiday Project will visit people in nursing homes, hospitals, shelters and prisons this Dec. 25 to celebrate both Chanukah and Christmas. Volunteers will give small gifts to each individual visited.

Those wishing to participate in the visits can sign up at "Wrap With the Stars" or by calling the Holiday Project Office at 366-1622.

### Children's Chorus

Children's Chorus of Maryland is holding auditions for the second semester. Boys and girls, ages 6 to 8, need no musical experience. Children, aged 9 to 14, with some musical experience, may audition for Training Choir and Concert Choir levels. Training classes and rehearsals take place at Towson State University on Tuesday evenings and Saturday evenings. For more information call 821-8040.

### Baltimore Ballet

The Baltimore Ballet School will hold scholarship auditions for the 1984 spring semester on Saturday, Dec. 15, 1984.

Auditions are open to all children and dance students up to 17 years of age, and will take place at the Baltimore Ballet Center, 1398 W. Mount Royal Ave., in Baltimore.

Times are as follows: 9:45 - 11:30 a.m. ages 15-17 advanced class 11:30 - 1 p.m. ages 11-14 4 years experience, 1:15 - 2:30 p.m., ages 7-10, no experience.

For more information call the Baltimore Ballet School at 225-0850.

### Fairmount Hill PTA

Fairmount Hill Vocational High School No. 453 is holding a special PTA event at the school, 100 N. Ann St. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Kill above para.

### Latin America Courses At UMBC

Two evening courses offered in UMBC's spring, 1985, semester will focus on Latin American issues.

Events in countries from Mexico to Argentina, but especially in Central America, now have a heightened importance for North Americans. These two courses will involve students in the process of learning about Latin America through different media and will allow them to begin to see current developments through the eyes of the participants.

## TWILAH SAYS. . .

This past weekend a brainstorm came over me. I always take my weekends and do a few things for me and for me only. I love going out into the community and getting down with my community friends. Like always, I meet new area friends.

So I decided to ask a few friends "What does Christmas means to you?" With this question, I really had long-minded thoughts, but it really made conversation, holy and holly.

This time of the year I feel so good and so joyful. I value this time of the year. It takes me way back to the time when I believed in Santa Claus and actually leaving a cup of hot ginger tea for him and a note to say, "Dear Santa, please don't forget to leave something for the children in Shields Place, something for Christmas and help yourself to any grandmother's homemade fruit cake and grandpa's homemade grape wine."

Now, then I did that, but now today as I write and think more about it, it really took nerve because grandpa cherished his homemade spirits (smile). But, it's true that part of Christmas, my grandpa worked hard and was the head of the household.

We had a grapevine in our backyard on good old Myrtle Avenue and between my grandmother, and papa, the grape wine was plentiful and stored in our basement (then called the cellar) on the shelves.

I guess I better stop now, or I'll get away from the thought "What does Christmas mean to you?" Here you'll read a few inward remarks from my community interviews:

Shanele Driver - age 9 years old. Shanele is in the 4th grade at the Winfield Elementary School. Shanele says, "It is the time when Jesus was born and a time you received gifts."

Jammomme Driver - brother of Shanele, age 11 years old says, "Jesus Christ was born. God gives you parents and the strength to give presents. Jesus Christ was born on Christmas Day."

Geraldine Edwards says, "A beautiful time of the year for giving and has a real meaning for thanking God for all the goodness that he has stored upon me for the past year and the present."

Irene Green says, "One more time to praise God and to thank him for what he has done for me and my friends and family and a time for family gathering and friends."

Gale Driver, "Christmas is when my Saviour was born, He came to earth to save all mankind."

Still going around in my community and still feeling good and really super and the gang talked on and on. It was actually like I had a prearranged Christmas Talk Show (smile), but really it was great. So, let's move on and talk more.

"What Christmas means to me - a time for family reunions, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, and cousins; laughing and talking about the past in order that the younger generation can focus in on the present and the future." These were the words of Sonya Moore.

Now don't laugh, but I've got to put this in - like the Jeffersons - moving on up. Fisher Paige from New York City, now making Baltimore his second home said, "Christmas means so much to me. It means mother, my mother and the Holy Mother. My dad trying to make Christmas for the eleven of us kids."

Mallory Paige, - age seven years old and a student of Friends School, says, "Jesus was born to save us and receive presents too."

Thalia Paige, tossed between New York and Baltimore, says, "What Christmas means to me is family and remembering old times, good times, the warmness and the goodness of God and love."

To all my friends and my readers:

The happiest time of the year for me is the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanksgiving causes me to stop and count my blessings. Christmas tells me that God has more surprises in store for us around his corner!! So, this season finds me thankful to God for

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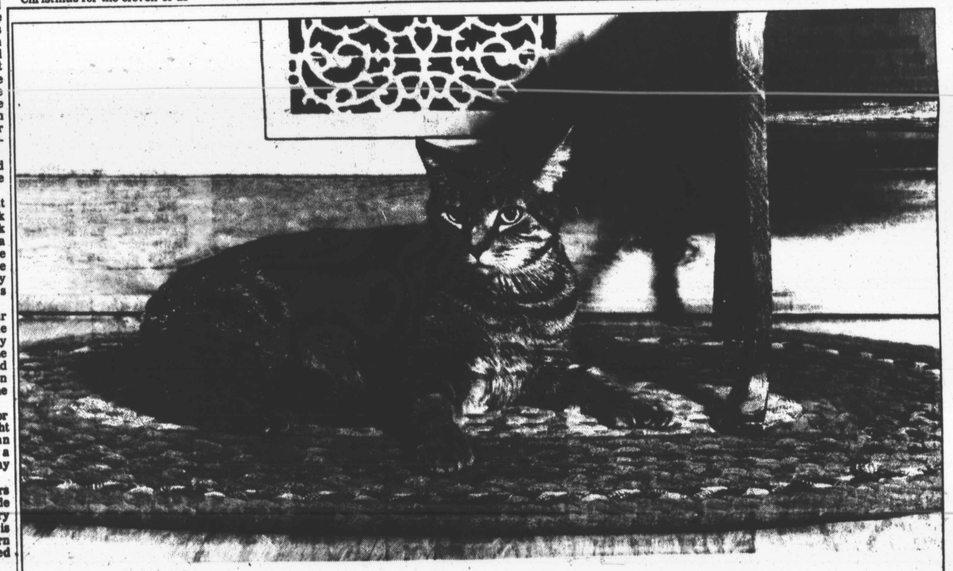


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