AREA OBITUARIES

Funeral services for the Rev. John Winfred Robinson, pastor of First Abyssinia Baptist Church, were held Saturday, Dec. 7 at the church. Shown are his wife, Mrs. Inez Robinson, and Herbert Nutter, mortician. Dr. Robinson died Monday, Dec. 2 after collapsing during retirement dinner in his honor at The Forum. Page One story ran in AFRO edition dated Dec. 7.

Miss Woolford dead at 88

Funeral Services for Miss Minnie Hazel Woolford were held on Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Leroy O. Dyett and Son Funeral Home, Inc., 4600 Liberty Heights Ave. She was 88.

Miss Woolford was born in Maryland on May 28, 1897, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel (Matilda) Woolford.

She attended the Morgan Academy and, later graduated from the old Morgan State College (now Morgan State University) where she received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education.

She received her Master's Degree from Temple University in Philadelphia and pursued advanced academic studies at the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and Columbia University in New York.

Miss Woolford was employed as a elementary and high school instructor in the Baltimore County Public Schools, as well as serving as Supervisor of Secondary Schools.

Formerly a member of Gaines A.M.E. Church in Elkridge, she joined Bethel A.M.E. Church in Baltimore in 1923 where, she remained active up until the time of her death.

At Bethel, she served as a usher, church trustee, taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and served as Chaplain of the Daniel Payne Scholarshipo Committee.

Surviving relatives include her sisters, Mrs. Nannie Duckett and Mrs. Georgia Stephens, four nieces, one nephew, and a host of loving relatives and friends.

She is buried at Arbutus Memorial Park.

Robert M. Armstrong

Family and friends gathered to say farewell to Robert M. Armstrong on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the All Saints Church, 4408 Liberty Heights Ave.

Burial was held at the Maryland Veterans Cemetary in Owings Mills, MD. Mrs. Armstrong died on Sunday, Dec. 1. He had recently celebrated his 80th birthday.

Educated in Baltimore City public schools, Mr. Armstrong enlisted into the United States Army had served in World War I.

After an honorable discharge, he found employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad where he worked in various capacities until his retirement.

He was a member of the All Saints (Church) Men's Club, the Knights of Columbus, Knights of St. John and the Elks Club.

His surviving relatives include his wife Elvira; a daughter, Mrs. Irma Thomas; one son, Jesse Armstrong; one sister, Mrs. Alice Roberts; one brother, Samuel Milton Armstrong; and many other family and friends.

Frederick A. Bailey

A service of life, death and resurrection was held for Frederick Alvin Bailey Sr. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Reisterstown, MD, who died of a massive heart attack on Nov. 29. He was 80.

The Rev. Marian Dunmore officiated and burial was in the Bailey family plot behind St. Luke's Church. Frederick Alvin Bailey was the son of Alfred M. Bailey Sr. and Ardella M. Bailey. He was born Jan. 26, 1905 in Reisterstown. He grew up in Baltimore County and attended public schools there and at Princess Anne Academy.

He spent his adult life working as an automotive mechanic and retired some years ago as General Motors Certified Technician from A. D. Anderson Chevrolet of Edmondson Village. His death was preceded by those of his wife, Mildred; a son, Conrad and a daughter, Helen M. Thompson.

He spent 40 years living on Denmore Avenue in the Pimlico area and for the past eight months lived at the N. M. Carroll Manor.

He is survived by a son, Frederick A. Bailey, Jr.; a daughter - in - law, Vivian M. Bailey; a son - in - law, Charles F. Thompson; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren and other relatives.

Mrs. Annette C. Johnson, school administrator

Mrs. Annette Colbert Johnson, a 35-year veteran of the Baltimore City Public school system and the first principal of Lake Clifton Senior High School, died after a lengthy illness on Nov. 27.

Funeral services were held for her on Dec. 1 at the Grace Presbyterian Church at Greenspring Avenue and Bannister Road.

A native of Chambersburg, PA., Mrs. Johnson, the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John T. Colbert, came to Baltimore when she was three years old.

A graduate of Frederick Douglass High School, Mrs. Johnson also attended Howard University in Washington, DC, where she received her B.S. degree in Fine Arts.

She later received a master's degree in school administration from Columbia University in New York City. She also pursued graduate studies at the Johns Hopkins University, Western Maryland College, the University of Connecticut, and the University of Maryland.

Active in educational issues, Mrs. Johnson spent much of her time in training young teachers who were interested in attaining administrative positions.

Mrs. Johnson also served on a number of boards. She was on the Board of Directors for the YWCA; was a member of the Kennedy Institute Council; was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and was an elder and choir member of the Grace Presbyterian Church.

In 1975, Mayor William Donald Schaefer awarded her a certificate of honor and appreciation for her outstanding service in effectively promoting growth in Baltimore through the media in fine arts.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, Ernest B. Johnson, a sister, Mrs. Charlotte C. Mebane; and other relatives and friends.

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Mr. Maurice Murphy, MUS. D., Choirmaster-Organist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1985

8:00 A.M. ..... Holy Communion
9:00 A.M. ..... Family Service — Church School
11:00 A.M. ..... Choral Eucharist and Sermon
The public is cordially invited to attend.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1985
9:30 A.M. ..... Fellowship at School
11:00 A.M. ..... Fellowship at Worship
Rev. Dr. W. W. Payne, Pastor Emeritus
City Temple Baptist Church
6:00 P.M. ..... Birthday Musical for Pastor Griffin and Church, Sister Edith Poole and Company, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Tuesday night 7:00 P.M. ..... Bible Class
Thursday night 7:00 P.M. ..... Prayer Meeting
"A Church of Love and Faith"
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1985
11:00 A.M. ..... Morning Worship
Pastor Griffin, Preaching
6:00 P.M. — Our guest will be Rev. Dr. Leonda G. Brown Sr. and New Carmel Star Baptist Church
December Anniversary Month

UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
1219 Druid Hill Ave.
The Cultural Arts Committee
presents
The Senior Choir
in a
Concert of Choral
Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany
Janice Gunter-Forrest, Conductor
John Miller, Organist
Corine Anderson, Pianist
Sunday, December 15, 1985
5:00 p.m.
Reception Following, No Admittance Charged
The Rev. Dr. Vernon N. Dobson, Minister
Mrs. Leona Carpenter, Chairperson

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
2701 W. BALTIMORE STREET BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21223
ELDER C. GREEN, Pastor
"Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes" Luke 2:12b
Sunday, December 15, 1985
(Third of Advent)
9:00 A.M. ..... Sunday School (All Ages)
10:30 A.M. ..... Live Radio Broadcast WYST 10:10 AM Dial
11:00 A.M. ..... Morning Worship Sermon by Elder C. Green
4:00 P.M. ..... The Missionary Board will present Bro. Joseph Johnson in recital
Friday, December 20, 1985
At 8:00 P.M.
The Junior Choir will present their Annual Christmas Serve. A Christmas Pageant for the little people.
Sunday, December 22, 1985
3:00 P.M.
Annual Christmas Tree Drama & Musical featuring The Christian Community Players and The Radio Choir

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST
"The Witnessing Church"
1063 West Fayette Street
SUNDAY, December 15, 1985
8:00 a.m. ..... PRAISE & SPIRITUAL HEALING SERVICE
8:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH SCHOOL - Deacon William Nelson, Director
9:45 a.m. ..... CHURCH/COMMUNITY HOUR - Dr. Cynthia Neverdon-Morton, Chairperson
TOPIC: "Al-Anon and Al-Alateen"
SPEAKER: Mrs. Olivia Reverdy
11:00 a.m. ..... MORNING WORSHIP
MUSIC THE ANTHEM: "My Soul Doth Magnify The Lord" -Noah F. Ryder
THE SPIRITUAL: "Wonderful Counselor" -Jester Hairston
Bro. James R. Peterson, Director
PREACHING: Reverend Clarence Fowler
Wednesday, December 18, 7 p.m. Martha W. Preston Bible Class
Reverend Dr. Samuel Ray, Pastor

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at
ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1000 W. Saratoga St.
on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1985 at 11:00 a.m.
"Go Ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
ST. MARK 16:15

Mardel W. Barber

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Lafayette and Madison Ayes
"The People of the Way"
Dr. Marion Curtis Bascom, Minister
James S. Hammond, M. Music
Juanita Hall Davis Organist

Sunday, December 15, 1985
8:00 and 11:00 Services
Officiating Minister: Dr. Marion C. Bascom

MUSIC:
8:00 A.M.—Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee —J. S. Bach
Come, Peace of God —Eugene Butler
A Virgin Most Pure —Arr. Charles Wood
11:00 A.M.—Mary Had A Baby —Afro-American Melody
Calypso Allelu —Jill Gallina
—Children's Choir

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'Dream Girls'...fabulous

THE DREAMS- LueCinda RamSeur, Deborah Burrell and Arnetia Walker. These are the sexy, Vivacious ladies from the Broadway musical hit "DREAMGIRLS" which is playing at the Lyric Opera House, now thru Jan. 4. This show is a must see!!!

photo by Vanessa Johnson

Photos by Vanessa Johnson

"Gotta have soul" says Herbert L. Rawlings Jr. who stars as James Thunder Early in the hit musical "Dreamgirls" as he partys the night away with Baltimore's-own "Fushia" Jackie Walker, a graduate from the Baltimore School of the Arts. Ms. Walker is in the chorus. Read next Friday's AFRO for interview on her.

Dancing up a breeze is Vicountess Payne at the "Dreamgirl" cast party on opening night. Ms. Payne is an active Arena Player performer.

AFRO talks to Cissy Houston

By Ida Peters

Cissy Houston will bring her rich variety of musical styles... her full earthy voice to Baltimore's Ethel Place for Christmas shows next week.

This exciting lady who has made more than 600 recordings with the likes of Elvis Presley, Bette Midler, Seals and Crofts and her neices Dionne and Dee Dee Warwick, talked to the AFRO from her home in East Orange, N.J. last week.

When she comes to Ethel's Place she will be backed by Chico Ridner on bass guitar and Frank Fuchs on guitar and Bernard Purdie on drums.

Cissy says she has been cooling it recently. Just doing some background work with Aretha Franklin and appearing with her on four club dates in Detroit and Chicago.

She is very proud of her background work with Aretha and Luther Vandross on the hit album Jump To It." Then she hopped over to New York for the Urban League's Equal Opportunity Day honoring Dr. Jerome (Brud) Holland.

And, besides her various club dates, she's planning to perform "Gospel Fuse" with the Rochester Symphony, Isaiah Jackson conducting on Martin Luther King's Birthday, Jan. 18, 1986. She has performed with the Flint Symphony, Cleveland Symphony and the San Francisco Symphony.

And, in 1986, she is looking forward to the Grammy Awards as her daughter Whitney Houston... one of the hottest new artists in the country... is sure to be a winner

Cissy Houston

Cissy says that her daughter Whitney started singing in the studio when she was only 14 and 11 years old in church. Cissy, is Minister of Music and Director of the Radio Choir of New Hope Baptist Church in Newark. Her cousin, Dionne Warwick also got her singing start in her New Salem choir. Her sister, Ann Moss directs one choir and Ann also has a talented daughter, Felicia Moss.

How does Cissy feel about her daughter Whitney being out on the road alone Cissy says that Whitney is not alone. Her son, Michael, 24, is assistant road manager. Her oldest son, Gary Houston, 28 is backup singer for Whitney. He attends DePaul University and played basketball with the Denver Nuggets.

What will you be singing when you come to Baltimore

Cissy says she never knows in advance. She has to judge the crowd and how she feels that day.

She'll probably be singing 'Tomorrow," Make It Easy On Yourself," I Wish It Would Rain," Do Right Woman," and "I Believe."

TOP HITS

Top Jazz Albums
1. Magic Touch — Stanley Jordan
2. Harlequin — Dave Grusin & Lee Ritenour
3. Dancing in the Sun — George Howard
4. Alternating Currents — Spyro Gyra
5. Vocalese — Manhattan Transfer

Top R&B Albums
1. In Square Circle — Stevie Wonder
2. Rock Me Tonight — Freddie Jackson
3. Who's Zoomin' Who — Aretha Frnnklin
4. Whitney Houston
5. Emergency — Kool & the Gang

Medina Temple No. 1 & 2 entertain Baer School at Rotunda

By Ida Peters

Mrs. Santa Volunteer

The Medina Temple No. 1 and 2 entertained more than 200 handicapped children at their annual Christmas Party at the Rotunda Theatre Thursday. The AFRO's Mrs. Santa, Vanessa Johnson was on hand to take pictures.

The group presented candy canes, T-shirts and Fezes to each child along with a large toy-filled and goodie-packed stocking. They were entertained by a magician and saw a short movie.

The Clown Unit was out in full force. They entertain at more than 50 functions a year at various churches, schools and hospitals. They include a Santa, cowboy, and various clown figures. They were founded as a unit by Wardell Young and when they left the Rotunda they visited him at Bon Secours Hospital, where he has been confined for a month from a triple heart bypass.

Mrs. Waetina Coles is principal of the Baer School and she was assisted by Mrs. Sharie Huene, Assistant Principal and Ms. Edna Hall. On hand also was the Oriole Bird and representatives from the Mayor's Office, Roscoe Herring, Mrs. Alma Bell and Lester McCrae.

Noble Thomas Williams is Potentate of Medina Temple No. 2 and Joe Stokes is Potentate of Medina Temple No. 1. Noble Columbus McNeil is Imperial Grand Potentate. Noble James L. Mosley is chairman of Public Relations.

Nobles on hand to help with the children were Morris Stanley, Denver C. Blackwell, Richard Ward, Thomas Williams, William Johnson, Joe Stokes, Willie Harry, Winston J. Hall, John Wood Jr., and James Yarbo.

The Daughters of the Sphinx, Queen of Sheba Chapters No. 1 and 2 were also on hand to help and included Dt. Sandra Houston, Dt. Myrtle Blackwell, Dt. Margaret Scott, Most Worthy Grand Matron; Dt. Helen Benton, State Deputy and Dt. Beulah Black, Queen of 1986.

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HELP!!!- The AFRO Mrs. Santa Program will give a Christmas Party at City Jail Saturday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon for more than 60 children of the inmates. This enables children to visit and each child receives a gift from his or her parents.

We are in need of HELP. In order to make these children happy we need new toys. We are happy we are able to provide candy canes, fruits, nuts and cake.

THANKS to the CHUMS, Mrs. Elizabeth Moss, president. They have already presented some new toys. The need is great so give Mrs. Johnson a call at 728-8205.

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MAILBAG- Thanks again to you wonderful people out there who are helping the AFRO's Mrs. Santa take care of needy families during the Christmas season... helping them have... at the very least... a good dinner.

From Maceo T. Howard, Washington, D.C.- Congratulations! I am glad to see that you are back in business this year. The needy families of Baltimore are fortunate, once more, to have a group such as yours, to care for them at this season of the year.

I would like to contribute $700. as a memorial gift in memory of my wife, the late Peggy T. Howard. I hope that it will help the wonderful success you have been having in your many years of caring for the needy at this most holy and charitable season of the year.

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Mrs. Annissie Johnson of Harlem Avenue writes Mrs. Santa, Mrs. Vanessa Johnson that she has been crocheting for 32 years and God told her to do something for needy children this year. She donated a dozen dolls, a clown all in different colors and trimmings. THANKS.

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A Group of Friends of Carrollton Avenue sent a note with a check for $50 saying "we do hope our contribution will help you to help some needy family for Christmas. We do hope you will meet your goal and be able to help the many persons in need of help."

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A note from Mrs. Sarah S. Rayne with a check for $15 to help the Mrs. Santa Fund. "Sorry I cannot give more. I am sick and spend much time and money with the doctors." To this very loyal friend... we say Thanks! Every little bit helps and our prayers are with you.

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THANKS also to Mr. & Mrs. John B. Myers who sent $100 to help Mrs. Santa and also $50 extra in memory of their mother, Mrs. Jennie Carrington.

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FROM COPPIN- The Nursing Students Association of Coppin State College Helene Fuld School of Nursing wish to continue their tradition of donating a food basket to a needy family. (The basket was delivered to a family at Thanksgiving and was generous with a large ham and turkey). One of the objectives of the Nursing Students Association is to promote and encourge participation in community activities that support the improvement of Health Care.

The letter was signed by Gail Marshall, president; Diane Bishop, vice-president; Loretta M. Richardson, R.N., Ph.D., Dean, Division of Nursing; Ruthie Hall, advisor and Alice Cornelison, Advisor.

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THANKS for $100 from the Ceronas, a circle of friends who attempt each year to provide services to the community. Members are Mesdames Barbara Bennett, Betty Bonas, Charlotte Brown, Louise Brown, Dean Evans, Jan Gross, Roselyn Hammond, Jesela Jones, Sylvia Law, Alice Lee, Frankie Iartin and Sonja Morton.

Korean Business League donates 200 food baskets to AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Shown are: Bong H. Chung, Vice President; Jun B. Daik, President; Ken Wilson, Vice President-AFRO; Mrs. Myung O. Lee, Ex. Director and Joseph Y. Oh. The League and Mr. Wilson are planning a regular Korean Supplement to start in the AFRO early in 1986.

(Photo by Paul Greene)

The A.M.E. Ministerial Alliance presented a check for $1,000 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund to help feed needy families at their meeting Monday at Bethel A.M.E. Church. Above seated are Rev. Oscar Christmas, treasurer; Rev. Reginald Boston, vice-president; Rev. Jonathan Weaver, acting secretary; and Rev. John Harvin. Standing from (L) Rev. John R. Bryant, Rev. Millie A. Swann, Rev. Sandra Moore, Presiding Elder Edward C. Wilson, Mrs. Ida Peters, Mrs. Santa's helper; Rev. Willie K. Woods, president; Rev. Perry Tilghman and Rev. Roy Munson.

Monumental City Friends- a group of ladies who are among Mrs. Santa's biggest helpers presented the fund with $270.00. Shown are Mesdames Barbara Owings, Vice President, Bernice McDaniels, Chairperson and Loraine Brown, Committee Members.