AIRING FASHIONS during the 'You Are My Lady' fashion show held during the celebration are (L to R): Carolyn Hill, coordinator of the fashion show and co-chair of the Christmas gala; Jean Tucker, Deborah Newby, Roxann Greene and Gail Dawson.

Annual Christmas Activity held for S.S.D. Clients

Saturday, Dec. 14 S.S.D. Inc. held its annual Christmas Activity at Lewin United Methodist Church, 4820 Reisterstown Rd. S.S.D. Inc. is a resident educational program under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia Hill, for the adult mentally retarded.

Greetings were extended by Mrs. Virginia Backmon, who also introduced guests following a musical selection by Roland Colbert. The invocation wa offered by the Rev. William Brown, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

"After feasting on a sumptuous buffet, Roland Colbert treated all assembled to a Melody of Music. The delicious food wa catered by Joseph Cook.

And just to show that you can help everyone to be a success the clients performed a skit, 'The First Christmas'. It was narrated by Heather Hill and directed by Mrs. Marion Wynn.

Characters were played by Anna Triplett (Mary); James Hennegan, (Joseph); John Dietrich (Inn Keeper); Tracy Kendall, Diane Loomis, Reginald Clapp and Teresa Farrier (angels); Edward Harcum, David Thomas and Michael Rott (Wise Men); Richard Klein, William Muller and Robert Shover, (shepherds).

The skit was well done and was followed by a solo, "Silver Bells" by John Dietrich.

The Christmas Committee included Joyce Cates, (costume designs); Marion Wynn (who wrote the play); Debra Wilson (scenery); Kevin Backmon and Mrs. Virginia Backmon, Program director.

The printed program was done by Anne Brown, the invitations by Joyce Cates. Mrs. Sylvia S. Hill, Executive Director, S.S.D. Inc. gave remarks and thanks to all who played a part in helping to make the Christmas activity a success.

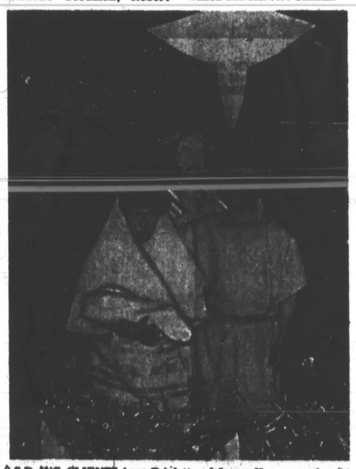
Hostesses were Doreathea Rice, Ella Thompson, Tommie Carter, Roberta Gaines and Debra Wilson.

CLIENTS AND STAFF of S.S.D. Inc. include—BEEHLER AVENUE: Resident Manager, Roland Colbert; CLIENTS- Paul Abremski, David Thomas, Reginald Clapp; COUNSELORS- Marion Wynn and Ella Thompson;

PARK AVENUE: Resident Manager, Sheron Okoro; CLIENTS- Arnold Silverman, Anna Triplett, Diane Loomis, Michelle Goodman, Robert Shover, Diane Robinson, Cynthia Simms, Teresa Farrier, Tracy Kendall; COUNSELORS- Annie Boulware, Doreathea Rice, Tommie Carter, Roberta Caines, Sandra Brown, James Crosby;

MADISON AVENUE: Resident Manager, Rogers Owens; CLIENTS- James Hennegan, Donald Sullivan, John Dietrich, Richard Klein, Michael Rott, William Muller, Edward Harcum; COUNSELORS- Kevin Backmon, Marcia Hull, Lydia Lashley, Warren Wheeler, Debra Wilson and Herbert Gilliam.

CLIENTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, pictured above are (L to R): Mrs. R. Klein, parent; Richard Klein, client; Joan Carlson, Richard's sister; Michele Goodman, client and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodman, parents.



S.S.D. INC. CLIENTS Anna Triplett and James Hennegan play the roles of Mary and Joseph during the skit 'The First Christmas' performed by S.S.D. clients during their annual Christmas Activity at Lewin United Methodist Church, 4820 Reisterstown Rd., Saturday, Dec. 14

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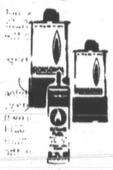

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COLUMBIA CAPERS

DEJOUIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Holiday galeties were held in and around the Columbia area. These parties brought many well wishers out to celebrate the spirit of Christmas in their own way, such as the beautiful gathering of members of the Dejouir members.

The Christmas party was held at the lovely split level home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Kensler.

The house was decorated nicely. It glowed with illuminated wreaths, bells, mistletoe and tiny lights clicking on and off.

Mrs. Kensler, high fashion as usual, greeted her guests in a bright red chemise dress that hung loosely over the body. It had long sleeves with a plunging neckline, and a drop band below the hip. Past president, Maurine McKinley also chose one of the Christmas colors, in a bright green. It was a stunning two piece silk pantsuit. Charming Eloise Lee, retired government employee, who is the Club's president, looked just marvelous in a silk dress with a combination of Christmas colors.

Some of the members chose black, a color that is favorite for most women, like the pretty ones worn by Ruthie Young, Hazel Rayford, and vice president Helen Fitzpatrick. Other members were pretty in fabrics of crepe, silk and wool. They were "Little" Hazel Ervin, Celeste Uselle, Delores Burgess and our special lady Lorraine Dorsey.

Guests were downstairs at the Kensler's as well as upstairs enjoying themselves.

It was time to be served and they knew it by the tone of the cute little silver dinner bell that president Lee had the privilege to ring and had fun doing it.

The table was set beautifully with a white linen tablecloth. Nancy used Christmas linen napkins in red, green and naturally served on her china with sparkling silver.

Leading the food line were special guest friends of the Dejouir members. They were: Mr. and Mrs. William Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rotan, and Mr. and Mrs. Iris Snell.

The food was colorful, appetizing, plentiful and delicious. The sweet table was just too much. There was rum cake, coconut cream pies, name them and the Dejouir ladies had them there.

After dinner was served the ladies exchanged gifts, the guests received gifts also.

It was fun to see the expressions on the husbands faces when they opened their gifts. Each one had the privilege to take the gift from each other. Therefore, the gifts were shifted from one to the other. The very last person was the "Good of Guy" Roosevelt McKinley. He surprised all of the men by not choosing any of the previous gifts that they all raved about. The last gift was the one he wanted and kept it.

Needless to say at 1:30 a.m. the guests were just beginning to enjoy themselves fully.

I hear that some stayed until 4:30 a.m., well! well! well!! For me I had to slip out for church the next morning.

May the spirit of Christmas transcend through our flesh now and throughout the New Year — Happy Kwanzaa.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Rejoice at your life for the time is more advanced than you would think.

Marjorie Green

WOODLAWN HIGHLIGHTS

STOP SQUAD HOSTS HOLIDAY PARTY

The Baltimore City Police Department's STOP Squad took time off from their official duties last Saturday evening to party at the Greenspring Valley home of Elzie Street.

The champagne fountain bubbled all night and the dinner menu consisted of steamship round beef, savory chicken, seafood salads, tossed salads and other delicacies that satisfied the appetite of every guest.

Sgt. Andre Street, popular commander of the energetic law enforcement squad and Street's number one son, were the official hosts for the 100 guests who attended the STOP squads' Annual Christmas celebration. Disco man Henry Sampson supplied the continuous music for dancing and listening entertainment.

KLW'S CELEBRATE XMAS

The King's Landing Women's (KLW) Service Club celebrated the Christmas holidays at the Springdale Ave. home of club member Mary Smith.

Guests socialized and exchanged gifts while the busy hostess decorated the dining room table with holiday stuffed chicken breasts, and all the trimmings that help add additional pounds to those of us who love to eat during this favorite time of the year.

Club members who arrived early and stayed late with their guests to enjoy the Smith hospitality were Helen Miles, Mary Upshur, Doris Street, Myrtle Harrod, Roberta Keets, Helen Tucker and Geneva Small. Mrs. Gwendolyn Clarke is president of the well - known women's group.

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Maryland Dental Society hosts Yule Gala

On Saturday, Dec. 21 the Maryland Dental Society hosted a festive Christmas gala, which included not only Dental Society members and their wives, but staff people and assistants from the various dental offices in Baltimore.

Held at the Control Data Processing Center, Druid Park Drive, the affair, which began at 8 p.m. and lasted until 1 a.m., attracted more than 200 folks for an evening of zesty fun.

The goodies were endless, included finger bits of fried chicken, Swedish meat balls potato salad, dips, chips, pickles, and lots of sippables.

During the festivities, guests danced to the lively disco music while munching, sipping and engaging in lively party patter.

Special highlights of the evening included a fashion show, coordinated by Carolyn Hill, who also was co-chairperson for the gala, and an awards segment, during which Dental Society Members were honored.

Theme for the fashion show was 'You Are My Lady' and models were either dentists and their staff people, with special guest models Gwen Kellam and Barbara Brown of Flair Studio and Broderick Hawkins, a professional free lance model of Baltimore.

The show was uniquely commentated by Dr. John Maupin, who, as he introduced each model, stated "and from the house of...and then gave the surname of whichever Dentist's office the model was representing.

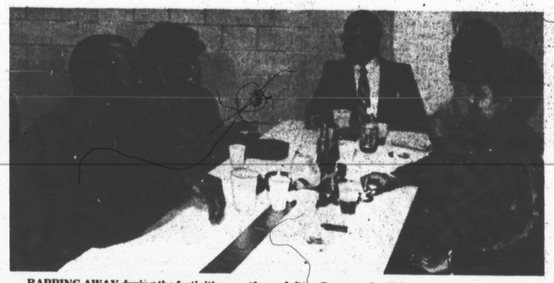
Modeling were Dr. Ben Shelton, Jean Tucker, Dr. Ernest Colvin, Joan Bannesit, Kim Evans, Rhonda Johnson, Carla Jones, Glendoya Allen, Dr. Robert Phillips, Valerie Clark, Dr. Billy Davis, Dr. Fabian F. Desbordes, Deborah K. Newby, Roxann Greene, Gail Dawson and Carolyn Hill.

Dr. Curtis Adams, past president of the MDS, was presented a lovely plaque clock for his dedication to the Maryland Dental Society, the presenter adding humorously "because he's always late."

Certificates of Honor were presented to other MDS members, including Drs. Gladstone Davis, Benjamin Shelton, John Maupin, Luther Mathias, Howard Leslie, Kenneth Simmons, William Mumby, Linda Miles, Kenny Hooper, J. Laws Nickens, Davis Ashford, Curtis Adams, Roosevelt Bush, Joyce Park, Ernest Colvin Nelson Fain, Lawton Pierre and Fabian Desbordes and Letitia Williams, chairperson for the gala. Dr. Desbordes is current president of the MDS.

Photos by Parks

ENJOYING THEMSELVES during the Christmas Gala hosted by the Maryland Dental Society Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Control Data Processing Center, Druid Park Drive are (from left): Shirley M. Hunter, Angela Walker, Naomi McArthur, Kandi Wynne and Sheila Charles.



RAPPING AWAY during the festivities are (from left): Gregory L. Telp Sr., Theresa E. Telp, Delano Bee, Thomas Minor and Jenell Jones.

ALSO IN ON THE ACTION are (from left): Ann Hinton, Annette Washington, Kea Dales, Angie Washington and Kim J. Evans.

GGOG's host annual Christmas luncheon

The Alpha Chapter, Government Girls on the Go (GGOGs) held their 27th annual Christmas luncheon recently at Blue Crest North, Reisterstown Rd.

During the time from 12 noon until 4 p.m. guests enjoyed, along with a delectable luncheon, a fashion showing by the Cancetts. The clothes were ready-to-wear from Lexington Lady, Mondawmin Mall, and designer garments by Gloria Jennings, local and nationally acclaimed designer. (Cuff Note: Fashions seem to be a big part of some of this year's holiday fetes).

Modeling were Angie Browning, Cindy Butler, Sherryl Ford, Jennine Fleming, Carolyn Sessions, Cynthia Salley and Gloria Winder. The coordinator and commentator was Mrs. Delores G. Brown.

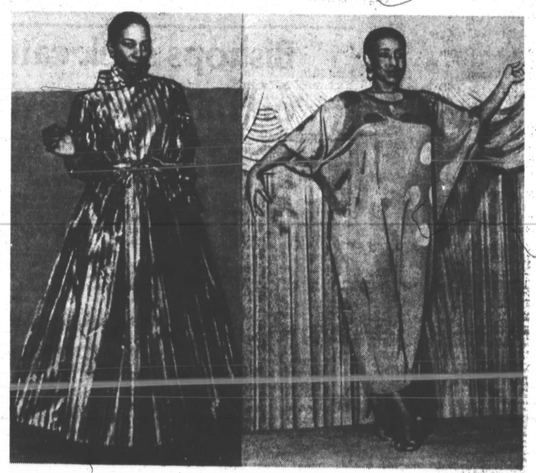
Music was furnished by Abe Riley and his Music Machine.

Chairperson for the event was Eileen Manning. Co-Chairperson ws Carolyn Mello.

Officers are: Mary L. James, president; Bernice Tyson, first Vice President; Gardenia Hall, second Vice President; Mamie C. Jones, Treasurer; Betty Hubbard, Secretary; Elizabeth Taylor, Financial Secretary; Eileen Manning, Publicity & Historian; Carolyn Mello, Hospitality and Rachel Briley, assistant secretary.

Other members are: Marcelene Clerkley, Barbara Gorham, Dorothy Pettaway, Brenda Rigby, Pauline Turner, Hazel Woods, Mignon Wratchford, Rose Tucker, Sarah Gross, Mamie C. Jones and Carolyn Mello.

Founders are: Hazel Woods, Sarah Gross and Mamie C. Jones.



MODELS Angie Browning (L) and Carolyn Sessions show off lovely party fashions during the fashion segment of the luncheon.

HANDS RAISED IN A JOYFUL MOOD these guests and GGOG members also raise their voices in celebration of the holiday season.

Table knives are a rather late innovation. Until about 1600, diners brought to the table their own knives, which served as daggers between meals.

Kelly Hill

SINGLE PARENTING

COMING TO GRIPS WITH YOURSELF

Looking for someone to make you happy? Have you just gotten over your separation and divorce and you are waiting finally for your knight in shining armor? Surely you've talked to other single parents and you found out that all of you have the same thing in common.....that special person just for you is out there somewhere.

For the countless number of single parents who feel that it is someone else's responsibility to make you happy, you are in for a rude awakening. It wasn't until Shirley had been separated and divorced for five years that she really found out what life is all about. For five years she longed for a loving and fun filled relationship with a man. She wanted someone who could make her laugh and feel good about herself....someone who liked to do the things that she liked, someone who would take care of her and her children, and somebody whom she could call her own.

At the work place, there were other single parents; females who all seemed to feel the same way about what life had in store for about what life had in store for them. Since their previous marriages didn't work out, they were quite confident that they had married the wrong person.

When we talk about what makes a person happy, the person who has self confidence will find happiness first. It is not the responsibility of your mate to make you happy. It isn't the responsibility of your family to make you happy. Come to grips with yourself.....It is up to you to make yourself happy.

For after all, you are the only person in the world who can make you happy. You are the only person who can understand you fully. Single parents longing for long and lasting relationships (or companionship), should stop depending on other people to make them happy.

Shirley could finally say that she was quite satisfied without having a steady boyfriend. She knew how to surround herself with other resources and people that she liked being with. Not only did Shirley realize that relationships and companionship are one, but it takes two people working at the same goal to make it work.

There are too many single parents trying to change others, force others to make them happy, and pushing themselves onto others. I could not help but laugh at Fran (an agreement) on how she approached the situation of getting her boyfriend to send her flowers. Fran said "He just isn't the type of person who sends flowers....I knew that he loved me dearly and, if I wanted flowers he would go out and buy the most expensive.....but I like to receive them frequently so I go out and purchase them myself....when he arrives at my house I say to him.....aren't these lovely flowers that you bought for me....and he would say yes.....and he would reimburse me for the flowers without hesitation, just so long as I was happy....

Instead of forcing someone to make her happy, Fran's idea was quite acceptable to her partner.....what more could you ask for?

BSO will have its monthly new membership meeting for new members. If you are interested in joining Black Single Parents, the meetings will be on Thursday, January 9, from 7-9 p.m. at 4908 Liberty Heights Ave.

On Saturday January 11, the general business meeting will take place at the 32nd Street Plazha from 2-4 p.m.

Lunch will be served.

For more information call the BSP hotline (301) 466-5554.

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FOLKS SEEN AT CONTINENTAL GALA

The guest list of beautiful people enjoying the mellow tones of the Bobby Felder dance, Sunday evening at the Continental Societies Christmas gala included many Social Security employees and retirees.

It was hard to identify most of them with the 9 to 5 everyday workforce when they danced by our table dressed in their dazzling array of black tie formal wear.

Fashionable Doris Street and Charlotte Conway paused long enough to exchange greetings. Longtime friends Gwendolyn Reid, Bernice Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hillen, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Blackwell, Tom Greene, Filmore Hart and Roy Compton stopped to say hello. Also seen mingling in the crowd were Catherine Ricks, Valerie Lee, Ruth Perkins, Helen Gantt, Leola Coles and Doris Odum.

Sharing our table as guest of Magdalene Pennell were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells (Margaret). Also Joan Johnson and John Bethea.

MAKE SOMEONE HAPPY

It was a few days before the ringing in of the year 1986. Not a family member was laughing — No one could even force a weak smile. The small cluttered two - room structure with its cold cement floors and hot wood - burning stove was empty of the comforts that many Marylanders take for granted. There were no bathroom facilities and no hot water to turn on when needed. The family was all huddled together with high hopes that a mission - minded friend would demonstrate a sincere concern to activate the true principles of the Bible by adopting the family as an on - going mission project.

The scene is one that is duplicated throughout many counties in the state of Maryland. The region, state and local branches of the NAACP in a partnership with the religious community are attempting to bring happiness, security and hope into the lives of these families through the Adopt - A - Family program.

In an effort to assist persons who have resolved to do better in 1986, and reach out to improve the living conditions of their unfortunate brothers and sisters, an invitation is extended to individuals, organizations and churches to participate in the Adopt - A - Family program initiated by NAACP Regional Director, Dr. Emmett Burns.

The program is one that enables persons to do as little as much as their own circumstances will permit.

For additional information about this program, contact the local NAACP office or call (301) 523-7733.

Remember: Freedom is not free. Join the NAACP in its fight for freedom. You can make the difference in 1986.

Best Wishes for a Happy, Happy New Year.

Remember the NAACP Jubilee Day Program on Sunday, January 12, 1986, 4 p.m. at Brown Memorial Baptist Church, 3214 Belvedere Ave. Congressman Parren J. Mitchell will be the keynote speaker.

CHIEF COORDINATORS for the highly successful and fun-filled 27th annual luncheon-fashion show held recently at Blue Crest North and hosted by Alpha Chapter, Government Girls on the Go (GGOGs) are (from left): Carolyn Mello, co-chairperson and Eileen Manning, chairperson.