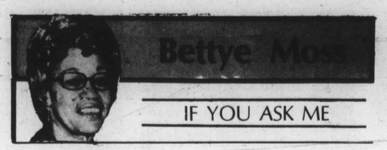


Bettye Moss

IF YOU ASK ME

Xmas

(A Make-believer Christmas Story)

"Don't worry, Mary, we will get you to a comfortable place in a few minutes . . . try to hold on."

"I'm doing the best I can, but I think our baby will be here in a few minutes. I am so tired . . . maybe there is a hospital nearby where we can go and they will care for me right away without having to see my Blue Cross number?"

"Don't you worry, Mary . . . I see a light over there, maybe it is a hospital or shelter where you can get relief."

I hope so, here comes a man with a doctor's bag, let me see if he can help us."

"Well, what did he say, Joseph, is that a hospital over there . . . can we get in?

"I'm not so sure, Mary, that doctor took one look at me and said I'd do best to try to find a city hospital—he said they would take everybody there including us black folks, but wait—he is in a barn over here . . . maybe we can find a place for you to rest . . . how close are your pains—can you make it over there?"

"Yes, Joseph, as long as I can hold on to you . . . I am getting so weary."

Five minutes later at the door of barn:—

"Look, Mary, this is not so bad . . . there is hay here, some newspapers and I think I see an old blanket...come, let me help you lie down. . ."

"Joseph, I can NOT wait any longer . . . our baby is on the way . . . here he is . . . listen to him cry . . .isn't he beautiful . . . and listen to that music in the background — maybe it's coming from the hospital over there?

"No Mary, those are the Angels . . . they are singing about our baby . . . listen to the words, "Glory to God in the highest for unto us a son is born. . ." They are singing about our son. Peace on earth and goodwill to all men...Hallelujah, Mary, you are the Mother of Jesus!

Yule Smiles

Christmas came early in our household this year with the arrival from Atlanta of daughter, Rachael, her husband, Vernon, and their youngsters, Carl, 5, and Giana, 2.

So we had a chance to go back in memory—yes we accompanied them to a toy store; we laughed as they confided to a Santa Claus, and looked in awe at shelves of toys.

And, we got an education, too. We had no idea things like entire kitchens are available in toy stores and they include stoves with microwave, dolls and animals that repeat what you say, and others that tell stories with cassette tapes, all for just $69.00! ! ! ! ! !

Our wide-eyed grands walked, and ran up and down aisles, like many other youngsters who were unable to believe their eyes.

At the check out counter we watched dozens of weary parents, loaded with boxes of toys, and we thanked God that we are grandparents and only have a chance to view this magic when our children come with their offspring.

Holiday Delight

The pretty red and white invitation from Harlow and Elnora Fullwood invited friends to a "holiday delight" on Saturday evening. Guests who arrived at their fabulous new Country Mill Court home in Catonsville found it to be that and more.

Handsome waiters dressed in Christmas uniforms greeted guests and directed them to various rooms of the spacious Colonial home where goodies were plentiful and tasty.

Guests oohed and as they moved from the dining room, where they tasted the cheeses and fresh fruit assortment, to the kitchen, where seafood and hot meats were served, to the clubroom, for vegetables, cold cuts and dips attracted.

The entire house was decked in Christmas colors and carried out in red, green and white in an assortment of cakes, sweets, mints and nuts.

Special Guests

Bond's Caterers were ever at one's elbow, king sure you were pleased. Faces in the crowd: Over from Rockville, MD., Mr. and Mrs. Frantz C. Wilson. The host recalled that Mr. Wilson gave him his first job with the YMCA as a counselor.

Today, Wilson is a health scientist administrator with the National Center for Health Services Research, and the host is proprietor of Fullwood Foods, Inc., featuring Kentucky Fried Chicken, at W. Franklin and Harford Rd. locations here in Baltimore. (Previously, he was a respected community relations officer with the Baltimore City Police Department, and he is admired for his boundless energy and contributions to a number of community efforts, including the Va. Union University Alumni Association scholarship program.)

Mr. and Mrs. Tamberg

More Guests

Business associates in the crowd:—Mr. and Mrs. Bravett Thomas—she is the only black franchisee with two Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurants in the Essex area; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reid, he owns DeDah, Inc., retail gas firm; Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Johnson, the owner of a 7-11 Franchise;

Rufus Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Payne, the McDonald franchisers, and Mr. and Mrs. William C. March, the morticians.

Other guests, Delta sorors of Mrs. Fullwood, Laure Knight, Hazel Parks, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Demory, Dorothy Polk, Stella Yarborough.

Other seen in the crowd: Messrs and Mesdames Willie Francis, Lee Lassiter, James L. Roberts, Francis Beverly, Leon Bowser, Michael Savage, Edward Jones, Cedell Robinson, Ackneil Muldrow, James Roberts, William Anderson, Harry McDonald, William Campbell, Allen Schiff, Barry Bondroff;

Sam Fullwood and Deputy Police Commissioner Edward J. Tilghman and Mrs. Tilghman.

And, Dr. and Mrs. Richard McKinney, Dr. Clayton Stansbury, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Smith and Dr. and Mrs. Carl Adair, Malcolm Dates, Everett Fullwood, Vernon Wolst, the Project Survival director; Joseph Green, the Black Church Magazine, publisher, and City Police Director of Community Relations George Christian.

Newlyweds

The Hamilton Street Club in downtown Baltimore was the setting for an intimate wedding reception for the newlywed Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Tamberg. It was given by Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lewis, (Jackie), who were just as happy as the couple. Bride is their beauteous daughter, Cathleen. (Cathy).

Present to greet the couple were family friends who had watched her grow up here in her native Baltimore.

The couple, both 28, married in September, now make their home in Alexandria, Va. She did her under graduate work at Yale University and earned her graduate degree there in biochemistry and Russian studies in 1983. She is an historian with the International Space Programs, Space Science Department at the Smithsonian in D.C.

The bridegroom, did his undergrad work at Dartmouth, earned his grad degree at Yale, in 1984, also in Russian studies. He is an editor for a Falls Church, Va., firm.

DANCING IN THE HOLIDAYS

Dr. Eugene Byrd and Camay Murphy take a turn on the dance floor.

Mrs. Rebecca Davis (left) and Mrs. Eugene Byrd enjoy activities.

Members of Committee X-71 social club held their 15th Anniversary Christmas party recently at Blue Crest North on Reisterstown in Pikesville. Among the participants were Mrs. Gwyn Seabourne (left) and Mrs. Mildred Taylor.

Charles Hicks (right) dances with unidentified partner.

A bit of repast is enjoyed by (L to R) Althea and Bill Williams and Rebecca Griggs.

All smiles from (L to R) Roberta Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adair.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Myers dance to the strains of the Anniversary Waltz as they celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary.

Clarence and Odessa Dyson trip the light fantastic at the X-71 party.

Mr. and Mrs. David Driver

A 40th Anniversary dance for Ronald and Elisa Scott.

The Living Church

A turning point for Catholic schools

By Archbishop William Borders

The history of Catholic schools in the United States is unique in the history of the Church. Over more than a century and a half, the American Catholic community has constructed the largest system of Catholic schools in the world. Historically, Catholic schools have served to educate and to help assimilate large numbers of immigrants into a new nation.

These schools have been instrumental in helping to form a basis for an American Catholic community and culture. In our own Archdiocese of Baltimore, the first in the nation, Catholic schools have been an integral and cherished part of the Church's presence and ministry.

We cannot recall the rich history of our schools without a deep sense of gratitude to the many women and men, religious and laity who have staffed these schools over the decades. Their dedication and religious witness is a vital part of the spiritual heritage of American Catholic education.

Neither can we remember this history without a profound sense of admiration for the many sacrifices of parents and clergy which allowed the building and maintenance of our schools, and which give eloquent testimony to the importance of Catholic schools to the American Church.

Indeed, the history of Catholic schools gives us much to be proud of, and the continuance of these schools provides us with an invaluable instrument for helping to shape the future of American Catholicism.

Today, the history of Catholic schools in the United States is at a turning point. These schools, which historically have served us well, have been experiencing increasing financial difficulty, which has closed some of our schools and which threatens the continuance of others.

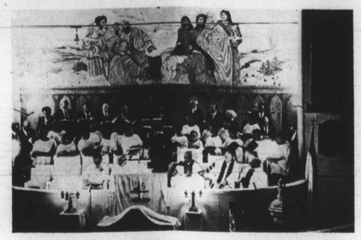
Moreover, the evolution of American Catholic schools has brought them to a point where they are seeking a renewed identity and purpose in fulfilling their task as part of the educational mission of the church.

Consequently, this is a time when we, as American Catholics, must reclarify in our own minds the values which have inspired our creation of the world's largest system of Catholic schools.

I am deeply grateful to the members of the Task Force for their difficult and creative work, and to all those who have participated in the deliberations of these issues.

The Task Force sought to articulate principles of Catholic education, and to suggest manageable and supportable methods for financing our schools.

The response to their recommendations reflected general agreement on many of the principles behind Catholic education, but there also emerged a lack of consensus on the means of financing the future of Catholic schools.



The Cathedral Choir, the Gospel Choir and the Male Chorus of St. John A.M.E. Church presented their Annual Candlelight Christmas Celebration at St. John, 810 N. Carrollton Ave. Mrs. Jacquelyn Hardy was organist.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Maryland have formed a partnership with the Black United Methodist Preachers (B.U.M.P.) to help troubled youths. (L to R) front row: Ms. Lynn Rosenberg; Ms. Debra Shelton; Mr. Bob Lavallee; Revs. Kelly Jackson, James H. Smith, Alfreda Wiggins and Daniel McLellen; back row: Revs. Lloyd Marcus, La-Ressa Smith, Eugene Mathews, William Peters, Sr., Roscoe Williams, Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin and Mr. Raymond Cain.

Group home planned

In memory and honor of the late Rev. Jentry E. McDonald, Sr. pastor of the Morning Star Baptist Church in Catonsville, a new and unique project is about to get underway.

Officials of the Jentry E. McDonald, Sr. Group Home project are planning to open a group home for abused children.

These children must be removed immediately from their homes and placed in a proper setting. And this has caused a serious housing problem. This ongoing problem gave us the incentive and motivation to begin planning for this new residential home.

The new group home will be named "The Jentry E. McDonald, Sr. Group Home. The need for such a home is long overdue and will be a first for the City of Baltimore and the surrounding area.

We will be conducting several fundraisers to help us get underway. Set up costs are estimated at $75,000 and we are both excited and anxious to reach that desired goal.

Any suggestions or services are welcomed. Please send them to: The Jentry E. McDonald, Sr. Group Home, Inc. 2705 Mt. Holly St., Baltimore, MD 21216.

Remember, our children are our future. They deserve the very best that we can afford them. Let's not sell them short in any way.

Help for wayward boys

This program involves a partnership effort between the Black United Methodist Preachers (B.U.M.P.), and Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Maryland, Inc.

It is recognized that there is a substantial number of youth whose present behavior is harmful to themselves and others. The future of these children looks bleak. It is also recognized that the caring attention of a responsible adult will establish a relationship that can lead to positive change in the lives of these children.

The Big Brothers and Big Sisters agency provides the careful matching and supervision of the youth in the program. The church utilize their influence to encourage members of their congregation to become involved as Big Brothers and Big Sisters in a further effort to show their Christianity.

This partnership will provide improved futures for many more children. It will also provide supportive services to the adult Big Brothers/Big Sisters. It will result in an improved quality of life in the community.

Church Briefs

New Methodist Intern

Wayne L. Salter, Richmond, VA., has begun his work in the United Methodist Board of Church and Society here as the denomination's first George H. Outen Intern.

The internship was established in response to a request by black staff members of national denominational agencies. It honors the late general secretary of Church and Society who suffered a fatal heart attack on Christmas Eve of 1980.

Mr. Salter is a 1984 political science graduate from Fayetteville (N.C.) State University. He will work for a year in the Church and Society department of social and economic justice.

The new Outen Intern has worked as a tutor in urban ministries in Richmond, and spent four months as an intern with the Fayetteville, N.C. human services commission.

The United Methodist internship program is intended to introduce active lay and clergy ethnic minority United Methodists to a variety of church vocations. It also is designed to enable such individuals to use their technical skills in the mission and ministry of the church.

Methodist Student Day

The last Sunday of the year is designated for the annual Churchwide observance of United Methodist Student Day. The theme for 1986 is "Your Gifts Will Help Tomorrow's Leaders."

The financial gifts support the student loan and scholarship programs of the denomination. These programs provide financial aid to University of Maryland students in denominational and other accredited colleges and universities.

Last year United Methodist gave $450,000 to the Student Day offering. It is hoped that the 1986 offering will reach $600,000 to meet the increasing need for student financial aid.

During the program's 120-year-old history, more than 200,000 students have been helped by loans or scholarship supported by the program. During the past five years $9 million in loans and $7 million in scholarships have been awarded to more than 22,000 students in higher education.

The rate of default on student loan repayment is phenomenally low for a multi-million dollar loan program — less than 0.5 of 1 percent.

Watch Night Service

The Christian Life Fellowship Church will host an End of Year Revival and Watch Night Service, Claiming Souls Before Midnight" Dec. 28 through 31.

Sunday service begins at 6 p.m., on Monday and Tuesday, the program begins at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday's activities begin at 10 p.m.

The church is located at 8521 Winands Road, Randallstown. Elder Stanley M. Butler is pastor.

A Candle Service

New Life Inspirational Church, 2621 Oswego Ave., will sponsor its Second Annual Candle Lighting Service on Sunday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Cecelia Bryant of Bethel A.M.E. Church will be the guest preacher. For more information call 367-0900.

Revival At New Psalmist

The public is invited to the Annual Revival at New Psalmist Baptist Church, Cathedral and Franklin Streets, Monday, Jan. 5 through Friday, Jan. 9. Worship services begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Dr. Walter S. Thomas, world renown evangelist and president of Ministers Conference of Baltimore City will be revivalist for the week.

Christmas Concert

You are invited to the Christmas Concert and Anniversary of the Mass Choir of Edgemere under the direction of Mr. Calvin Statham.

The concert will be held at Shiloh Baptist of Edgemere, Sycamore Avenue and Sparrows Point Road, on Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. Rev. Heber Brown is pastor.

Gospel Musical

A benefit gospel musical, "That's What Friends Are For," will be held Sunday, Dec. 28 at 3:30 p.m. at Evergreen AME Church, Old Frederick Road at Hilton Street.

March against drugs

The Baltimore Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference sponsored a "Children's March Against Drugs" last week.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church, along with other churches in the area, also helped organize the march. Organizers said public school administrators strongly supported the concept.

Marchers assembled at Howard Park United Methodist Church and other locations before marching to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Trim-Plex, a rapper from New York brought his anti-drug message to Baltimore for the Children's March Against Drugs.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS
FROM THE
PASTOR, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

You are cordially invited to attend the installation services of the 1987 officers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1986 3:00 P.M.
At The Greater New Hope Baptist Church, Inc.
2716-20 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, MD

Guest Speaker: REV. DR. ALFRED C. D. VAUGHN, chairman of the Board of Directors at the Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va.

The following presidents and chairperson are to be installed.

DEAC. CHARLIE FAISON, Chairman of Board
TRUSTEE, CODL McCLAM, Chairman, Trustee's Board
TRUSTEE JEAN BROWN, Church Clerk
TRUSTEE, STEPHNEY OWENS, Church Secretary
TRUSTEE, HUGO STOKES, Treasurer
JR. DEACON, SHAWN HOLBROOK, Jr. Chairman
SIS. ORA SUMMERVILLE, Superintendent, Church School
Lift Bible Crusade College, Dr. Leonard E. Hicks, Dean
The Deaconess Bd., Mrs. Doris Demory, Chr.
The Missionary Circle, Mrs. Eloise Barnes, Pres.
The Senior Choir, Mrs. Delores Shelton, Pres.
The Gospel Chorus, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Pres.
The Progressive Male Chorus, Mr. Lamar Smith, Sr. Pres.
The Sanctuary Choir, Mrs. Maureen Holbrook, Pres.
The Pastor's Aid Circle, Mrs. Florence Hubbard, Pres.
The New Members Circle, Mrs. Ardie Sebree, Pres.
The Flower Circle, Mrs. Emitt Grant, Pres.
The Nurses Unit, Mrs. Lillian Jones, Pres.
The Youth Choir, Miss Jenifer Knight, Pres.
Mrs. Mae Blackstone, Matron
The Joint Usher Board, Mrs. Thelma Jefferies, Pres.
The Hospitality Committee, Mrs. Janice Clark, Pres.
Bus Committee, Bro. Muro F. Basilio, Director

The pastor wishes to give thanks to the many friends and well wishers for your part in helping this church to open their Senior Citizens Home at 2725 W. Walbrook Ave. You are invited to attend the Ribbon Cutting on Sunday, January 11th at 3:30 P.M.

Rev. Dr. Leonard E. Hicks, Pastor
Deac. Charlie Faison, Chairman
Mrs. Jean Brown, Church Clerk

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