Editorial Page

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Don't Be Funny, Mr. Mayor

In an interview last week, Mayor Howard W. Jackson stated that he would not compete with Governor Nice in the matter of making colored appointments.

This, of course, is the mayor's prerogative.

In that same interview, and more pointedly in a letter to Robert W. Coleman, Mayor Jackson also stated that he would make no appointment based on racial lines.

In his reply to Mr. Coleman's letter asking him to appoint a colored member of the school board, he says:

"I do not think I have any more right, at this time, in advance of any vacancy, to promise that I would appoint a colored person than I would to promise any other group that I would not make such an appointment. I don't think appointments should be made on any such basis."

One would gather from the substance of the mayor's statement that he does not think anyone should be appointed to the school board solely because of color or creed, and that his primary thought is to select persons best qualified without prejudice.

That might be an ideal situation and ordinarily has a fine ring to its tone, but unfortunately we live in a practical world rather than an ideal one. No one knows better than Mayor Jackson that in Baltimore the question of race, group and even creed is, and has always been, a practical matter of consideration at the city hall.

No mayor has, yet, made that statement to the Jews, to the women, or to the German element of our city. The first woman appointed to the school board was appointed because she was a woman, and the question of her qualification came second.

The same thing is true of the first Jew. We have had a German-American on the board for years. And if these considerations are made in reference to Jews, Germans and women, why should it not be true with reference to colored citizens, who in every phase of life are set aside as a race and treated as a distinct group?

We want the same practical politics played for our group as has been played by the mayor's office for several decades in reference to other groups. In fact, there is even more reason why Mayor Jackson should appoint a colored person to the school board. No other element of the population is shunted into segregated schools except colored people. There is nothing ideal about separate schools.

The AFRO-AMERICAN and every colored citizen is opposed to this situation, BUT WE HAVE TO ACCEPT IT.

But when the application of this policy to the rule of fair play in making proportionate appointments is raised, the mayor becomes devoid of all racial consciousness.

Well, we fail, and even refuse, to follow you, Mr. Mayor.

If you have come to the point where you disregard all racial considerations in making appointments, how does it happen that there is not one colored stenographer in your office?

How does it happen that throughout the entire city hall there is not a colored clerk or executive?

Under such a non-racial policy of appointment as you proclaim, how could it have been possible that with the thousands of appointments at your command, less than one in every hundred are colored, while more than fourteen in every one hundred of the city's citizens are colored.

Don't be funny, Mr. Mayor.

To a Rev. Mr. Robinson

The AFRO-AMERICAN, and we are certain most colored citizens, appreciate the valuable assistance given and fine spirit shown by white groups and individuals in connection with the appointment of the first colored woman to the police department.

However, in a letter to the Baltimore Sun, a Rev. James M. Robinson strikes a discordant note along this line which should not be allowed to escape attention.

Says he: "The politicians, perhaps, will be all declaring their power as appointment makers. But all who are familiar with the political history of the State know that had this plan been opposed, no such position could have been filled."

We have not been able to identify the Rev James M. Robinson among the ministerial who's who in Baltimore and are therefore unable to find out why he takes this fling at the politicians.

Whatever his motive, he leaves little grounds for placing himself among those who understand the dynamics of public sentiment. As was pointed out in a recent issue of this paper, the police fight has come through a number of efforts and groups and has come down through many years.

But there is one unalterable fact. We did not get a colored police appointment until there was elected a governor who designedly appointed a police commissioner committed to the appointment of colored citizens to the police force.

And it has been a politician who has been the spearhead of the organized movement which resulted in the appointment of Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte.

This does not depreciate the fine work done by other agencies. But let us keep the record straight. It will help in the future.

Santa Claus Again

The question, whether to be or not to be a Santa Claus reaches its most poignant state at about this time every year. This week the women of a New England town picketed a school when they learned that the faculty was dispelling the children's illusion of the Christmas saint.

Both sides of the question have their adherents. It may be true that children lose confidence in their parents when they learn the Santa secret, but you'll find a mighty few who hold that against their elders. At that time they are so busy being Santas themselves or helping to make the younger children of the family happy that the fun crowds out the disillusionment.

It may be true, too, that some children who expect visits from Santa receive disappointments. But this is balanced by the hundreds who do receive gifts who otherwise wouldn't if grown-ups did not cherish the role of the gift-bringing saint.

It seems that Santa Claus, down through the hundreds of years, has done a lot toward bringing happiness to young hearts, but what he has done in the expansion of the spirit of giving and sharing with those people is also to be counted. Being, as well as expecting, a Santa Claus has done much toward giving that sense of Good Will on Earth. We are not at all in favor of killing the old saint off.

Observations and Reflections

By CLARENCE MITCHELL

Yuletide Yarn

Five years of married life had been kind to Mrs J. Bartholomew Bragg — leaving her brow free from those little puckers which permanently attach themselves to the visages of women used to the pounding variety of husband so often missing from his home after midnight.

In being kind the years had not kept her ignorant either. Knowledge, born of observation during the months which followed the honeymoon, had given her a critical eye. To say critical is putting it milder than most of her friends did because they disliked the way she tore things apart — mentioning how a nose failed to fit the face of its owner or how a highly prized fur coat showed signs of cheapness.

She was not the kind of woman to escape notice when she entered any gathering — challenging the male element of the assembly to surround her with clacking tongues and pushing the female part of it back into corners to make feline remarks about the way she dodged bridge parties or thought how well she could play the piano.

Bragg himself was the male opposite of the hairy ape. Small, with a squeaky voice and a head which looked like an egg-plant garnished with gray mold, he was a man who commanded some of the town's business, half of its renters and a number of things—with the exception of his wife, of course. When people told her how fortunate she was in getting him, she merely smiled with saintly tolerance.

BEFORE THE FIRE

It was Christmas and the two sat before their open fire-place. For Mrs. Bragg it was the fifth season of marital appraisal, for Mr. Bragg it was the fifth Yule celebration of retreating before his wife's cool analyzing of him.

The female head of the house was not often given to musing, but tonight, after toasting her heels for a short time, she turned her gaze in the general direction of her companion and kept it there.

Always she had been a lover of music and as her mind traveled she caught the picture of a concert hall. People sat in cramped positions, unmindful of the discomfort, as enchanting strains chased each other around the seats and skipped over throbbing ear drums.

As the music died there was a burst of applause, a shuffling of chairs and the scraping of feet. It was the end of a symphony which left the room contained a world of peace. Slowly, she took one last look at the platform. "Ah," sighed Mrs. Bragg, "why can't it be like that?"

Moistened with a quantity of wine slightly in excess of the usual amount permitted by his mate, Mr. Bragg was dozing and emitted a prodigious snore at this point.

Without showing the annoyance she felt, Mrs. Bragg let her fancy wander to a night club scene where the air reeked with smoke and beneath her nerve-makers tossed off quart-sized glasses of ale. Again there was music but this time the mood evoked was different — obviously it was not appreciated. Suddenly a bottle, hurled with unerring aim, splintered against something and the music stopped abruptly.

The room was warm but the wife, her finer sensibilities outraged by even the thought, moved a little closer to the fire and murmured to herself, "that would be bad but even so it would be better than in here."

As if her life depended on it, Mrs. Bragg began summing up details connected with the object in her line of vision. "Ridiculous" was the first word which flashed into her mind as she noted the curving middle section and rather dull cherry coloring.

"And to think, having to look at that," mused the lady, "day after day, week after week, year after year—why people have gotten divorces for far less reason."

The proverbial last straw was a stray gray fringe blowing in the hot air which billowed out of the fire-place. To the rest of the world it would have been nothing to make a comment on but to Mrs. Bragg it was the hair which divides the thought from action.

THE LISTENING MALE

"Bartholomew," Mrs. J. B. fairly blurted out, "wake up and listen to me." Bartholomew was in the habit of listening when his wife talked — calling him Mr Bragg. "But when she said "Bartholomew" he was all ears — experience had taught him that the use of his given name by her was similar to the use of "clear the deck" by commanders of battleships.

"Yes, my dear," piped J. B. while his innocent farts shouted about some cigar ashes which he noticed on the arm of his chair. "Tomorrow is the last day," intoned Mrs. Bragg, "I am sending for the furniture man and I expect you to do the rest."

"But, my dear," began Bragg (gaseous birdsong — it's Christmas and you might at least wait until the holidays are over."

"Wait!" retorted Mrs. Bragg with such zeal that her husband's face was battered in a sudden shower of astonishment. "I have waited five Christmas Days" she continued "for you to get me a grand piano like the one we heard at our first recital but each time you disappointed me."

"Call the night club man the first thing in the morning," she ordered. "and tell him he may have that berry-colored monstrosity and the souls of you can call a piano.

"I'm getting the kind I want."

"And as for that infernal gray cover which you say belonged to your grandmother," concluded Mrs. J. B., 'I'm going to burn that right now—" which she did as the husband humbly returned to his nap, avoiding the protest which he knew was useless.

Mayor Avoids Pledging Post on School Board

(ED. NOTE: Robert W. Coleman, representing the Association for the Handicapped, has taken that organization's fight for colored representation on the school board to Mayor Jackson. Following are the letters of Mr. Coleman and the Mayor.)

LETTER TO THE MAYOR:

Racial and religious problems do not arise when all races are given a just and fair chance at positions which vitally affect any one or more of the races.

The exclusion of colored citizens in the governing and administrative body of our public school system, merely because of color, creates a racial problem which you can solve by appointing a colored representative on the school board.

Spirit of Fair Play

Such representation would be in line with our form of representative government and our constitutional guarantees. It will indicate a spirit of fair play, tolerance, and the inclination to uphold the fundamental principles of democracy.

Surely no one could maintain that in choosing members of the board, there should be exclusion because of color, any more than there should be because of creed.

It is an undisputed fact that representation of the colored race will be productive of much good to our community, and will also promote a better understanding between the respective races. One illustration of this point should be convincing. There are certain unique problems of colored life similar, to that of any other substantial minority.

It is, therefore, essential that an intelligent, broadminded, and liberal colored man or woman be a member of the school board, in order that when problems arise concerning the colored people, the board may be able to have the benefit of official and intimate intelligent counsel.

Has Support

A large number of colored organizations, churches and individuals are co-operating with our association. We also have a large representation of fair-minded white people who are backing us, including churches, organizations and individuals.

THE MAYOR'S REPLY:

I beg to reply to your letter of December 12, and also to express my appreciation of the dignified and intelligent manner in which the views of the delegation representing your association, and also the delegation headed by the Rev. Robert G. Leetch, chairman of the interracial commission of the Council of Churches, of Baltimore, were expressed on the occasion of the visit to the Mayor's office on Monday, December 13.

Not on Color

You urge the appointment of a colored representative on the board of school commissioners, and your organization has given both oral and written arguments in support of your request.

Among other things your letter points out "Surely no one could maintain that in choosing members of the board, there should be exclusion because of color, any more than there should be because of creed."

I agree with this point of view, but I also believe, and I hope your organization agrees with me, that, for the same reason, no one should be appointed to the board solely because of race, color or creed.

It is not necessary to argue that the board, and each member of it, is supposed to represent and act for and on behalf of the people of the entire city, and not as the representative of any particular race, color or creed.

My primary duty, as I see it, is to appoint the persons best qualified, all things considered, to give a capable, honest and efficient administration, without prejudice for or against any individuals or groups in the community.

Won't Commit Self

I do not think I have any more right at this time, in advance of a vacancy, to promise that I would appoint a colored person than I would have to promise any other group that I would not make such an appointment.

I do not say this in any attempt to dodge the issue. I don't think appointments should be made on such a basis. I hope, however, I shall be glad to have the views of your organization as to the qualifications of any citizen, without regard to sex, race, color or creed, it may desire to recommend.

I assure you that any suggestion or information you may submit will be given careful consideration.

Asserts Yule Emphasizes Jesus as God's Only Son

By the Rev. E. Adolf Haynes

The golden pendulum of the great time clock put us face to face once more with the Manger. The Apostles' Creed repeated Sunday after Sunday reminds us that the face into which we look is not merely just the face of another child.

He is "God's Only Begotten Son." His coming is to make for history a new beginning. His Advent is not merely to set a new standard for human character and service but to give an object lesson of the possibility of man's reaching the summit of human attainment.

Gave Man Eternity

He, therefore, though constantly hooted and ostracised, became the embodiment of His own philosophy. He was altruism personified. He was passionately interested in what He Himself styled "the sin of the whole world"; and even gruesome death could not stop Him. Nor did death end it, for He arose that man might have "eternal glory."

Seven hundred two score and ten years before His Advent, His birth was heralded, and Isaiah, strangely quickened and enriched by divine contacts with life and truth refers to Him as "wonderful", but He is more than that—He is "Mighty God." Still beyond that, He is "Prince of Peace."

We live in a day when "the Only Son" is discarded by the scientific mind because of the mystery that surrounds His birth. Such notables as Shaw and Wells are willing to accept Him as "a mysterious Urge," or "Drive" in the heart of the cosmic process leading to fuller and richer forms of self-expression and self-realization.

On the other hand, Bergson represents Him as "essentially creative spirit"; and makes His very essence of ultimate being activity, productiveness, change and flux.

Bergson is conspicuously silent as to whether he thinks of Him as a Deuter, the director, is one of the geniuses of the Little Theatre movement. The audience, however, was disappointing. The Armstrong High School auditorium should have been sold out.

It's a girl at the Bill Bevelrys — the Myrtle Cye **Theodore Pinckney underwent an operation on an infected finger recently. Robert William Burton Harmon and Viola Florence Scruggs were welded recently.**

Frances Garvin will have a birthday on Christmas. Myrtle Cye is a graduate nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital. "King Solomon's Mines," the Gaumont-British flicker, will get a showing in U Street soon.

The thriller dramatizes the tribulations of a few okays who attempt to penetrate the African wilds in search of the legendary lost mines of King Solomon. Paul Robeson is cast as the exiled Kukuana chief, Umbopa.

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Johnny Hutchinson, the flashy Philly featherweight, will head the Jimmy Walker Legion Post boxing show next Wednesday night. J. Franklin Wilson, the lawyer, and Jim Pittman, the headquarters detective sergeant, are promoting the show for the post.

Attorney Does Not Favor Referendum

It is a waste of time for Congress to hold referendums on National legislation, thinks Roy S. Bond, local attorney.

Says he:

"A referendum would undoubtedly be a strain that would show which way the wind was blowing on the part of the American public.

"The great American people do not want war, they would submit to a whole lot rather than do so, but as was said in Holy Writ, "There shall always be wars and rumors of war as long as the world exists."

"Some unseen power seems to take hold of the government at a given time and the protest of the people against it is unable to cope with this unseen power; and almost before we know it we mysteriously, under the guise of a patriotism that does not really exist at all times, but that what it may be, find ourselves in a war again.

"The war fever is undoubtedly fanned frequently by the greed of the materialistic monopolist all of which of course is a long story, but so far as war is concerned a referendum means absolutely nothing."

PROFIT IN STAMPS

The claim has been made and substantiated that you cannot lose on United States stamps.

British and British Colonies are building up a formidable reputation for safety and soundness as an investment hazard.

There exist several copies of the Revenue Stamps issued to the Colonies in 1765-66. They failed to be used because the Colonies rejected them. They were for taxation of almanac, newspaper and commodities. The 1938 Scott catalogue lists these stamps for the first time. Their values are 4 pence, 1 shilling, and 2 shillings 6 pence. Cataloguing firm $25 to $250.

POEM OF THE WEEK

THE STAR OF FAITH

They pinned their faith on such
a little thing—
Only a star—
Yet 'twas enough to lead each
eager king
From lands afar,
Through the dark forest, where
the cedar shows
Its giant stem,
Over the mountains, white with
winter snows
To Bethlehem.

So our faith only a little
thing—
A tiny spark—
Yet, if we follow bravely, it will
bring
Us through the dark;
Onward, encircled by a golden ray,
Sweet Mary kneels,
And to the travelers, at break
of day,
Her Son reveals!

The Poor Orphan

By R. M. HICKS

What does Christmas mean to
me?
I have no games or toys;
I never had a Christmas tree.
Likewise, no other joys
For I am always lone and sad
Often on this day I'm found,
For no one ever makes me glad
When Christmas comes around.
They speak of feasts, what do
they mean?
Is it some phantom gulle
Where some are fed while others
stare
Or hunger for a while?
Or did God decry that you or I
Should sparingly be fed
While in their hale so many
waste
Our precious daily bread?

Points to New Note in Interracial Progress

To the Editor of the AFRO:

On Sunday evening, December 5, there took place at the Lyric one of the most remarkable religious gatherings that has ever assembled in this city, the place being literally packed, and thousands unable to get in.

And, yet, in that great gathering there was the absolute absence of anything like the color line. Not only were colored people seated all over the building without regard to color, but St. James's choir had its place on the stage with all of the other Episcopal choirs of the city.

Dr. Bragg not only had a place in that long line of vested priests, but a most honorable position, according to his seniority, near the four Bishops who brought up the rear of that imposing procession.

An the addresses of Bishop Helfenstein, Bishop of Maryland, Bishop Tucker, the presiding head of the Episcopal Church in this country, and Bishop Manning of the great diocese of New York, were all the strongest kind of utterances against class or race distinctions in the Church of God.

Noting such signs of increasing brotherhood should give great encouragement to all our people fighting so earnestly, in every direction, to overcome the difficulties raised through race and class hatred.

DAVID H CROLL.

Baltimore.

Living for God

To the Editor of the AFRO:

I am glad for a chance to spread the news abroad about this great Savior. First, I want to thank God for what He did for me. He converted me, and after that He sanctified me with the Holy Ghost.

Today, I am living for Him. On April 26, 1936, when I was sick and it seemed that nothing could do me any good one Wednesday, I decided I would send for a man of God, Elder Theodore White, that he might pray.

He laid hands on me and prayed and the Lord did heal me and I did get up taht very night and go rejoicing and praising God. But, not only did He heal me, but also my greatnephew who was ill.

MAMIE C. SHIRD

Baltimore.

Christmas Spending

With just seven more days before Christmas, the admonition to shop early comes as tardy advice. But it is not too late to urge the widest use of the days that are left to us for Christmas spending.

This matter of Christmas spending is not only one of spreading good cheer, of making friends happy, and taking the Yuletide opportunity to help the needy.

It is wise business procedure.

For the last few months we have had too much of the philosophy of saving and economy. If everyone who needed a suit of clothes next week could buy one, it would set the clothing factories to humming, increase employment and take thousands from relief rolls.

As a matter of fact, everyone should spend every dollar he can afford to spend next week. There must be good judgment, of course, but the spread of prosperity in a rich country like this depends upon the flow of money, and this flow depends upon spending.

Look over your list, therefore, and see whether you cannot go a little further toward spreading Christmas cheer and at the same time boost good old American prosperity.

There is nothing wrong with the economics of this country and no good reason for the jittery wish to keep us from enjoying the prosperity that is all around us.

Dangerous Stuff

Testifying in an alleged "peeping tom" case in the Northwestern police station on Wednesday of this week, a white woman made the following statement:

"You know, judge, whenever a woman sees a colored face peering through a window at night, she becomes terribly frightened."

Peeping in windows is bad business, but the inference that a colored face should be more terrifying than a white one is purely a state of mind—and a dangerous one at that.

This week, for instance, a pure white, and perhaps Nordic, criminal trapped two white women in a fashionable home, shot one to death, lashed the other to a bed and criminally assaulted her.

That was the most terrible of crimes, but it won't make white or colored women become "terribly frightened" whenever they see a white face.

As dastardly as this white criminal and some others are, all whites are not dangerous. Neither are all colored.

CAPITAL SPOTLIGHT

By LOUIS LAUTIER

AMERICAN CAVALCADE

1835—Ohio Jun College admitted sepia students.

1851—The official college paper outlined the college policy:

"We believe in treating men according to their intrinsic merits, not according to distinctions over which they have no control. If you are a young man of color, you may expect to be treated here according to real merit; and if white, you need not expect to fare better than this."

In the post-Civil War period the contribution to the education of sepias in the reconstructed South and the free North was one of the most weighty Oberlin has ever made.

1935—Oberlin unveiled a plaque in the library commemorating the centennial of the admission of sepias on an equal footing.

1937—Ofay students are querying the college heads to know whether Oberlin shall continue to pay lip-service to its tradition of liberalism while in practice flouting the ideal of racial equality.

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The lowdown is that not so long ago, students held a closed "rec." Several sepias lived in the house. An ofay student asked a sepia student to exchange rooms. The ofay student danced with a sepia girl, and the sepia student danced with an ofay girl. Nobody paid any attention to the incident.

Later a dean called the sepia student into his office and, in effect, advised him to keep in his place.

Another charge to show racial bias on the part of the dean, made by the ofay students, is that he kept a sepia and an ofay student from rooming together.

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They say the dean of women has followed a similar course. She is accused of advising two ofay girls not to go to Cleveland in company with a sepia girl.

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Jim Nash, who committed suicide the other day, wasn't in financial distress, as reported. Differences with Louis Jackson, a friend of twenty-five years' standing, who was suing for a half interest in his seven-table pool room, became an obsession. He talked morbidly about nothing else, his intimates say.

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It's a boy at the Thad Whytes (Dorothy nat Freedmen's Hospital. William A. Double, the medico, lost his overcoat at the Debies' dance. Abdul Khan died on the President Pierce en route to India.

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The Shep Alley shoe fund benefit show for needy school kids has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays. Dr. A M Curtis, the surgeon, is ailing at home. George Woods, the genial host of the Big Apple, is in Freedmen's from an auto accident.

Orchids to the Thespian Study Club for bringing the Hedgeroe Players here from Rosetale (Pa.) They gave a fine performance of George Bernard Shaw's "Candida," the other night. Jasper

The directors of the National Brewing Company have approved the payment of the second annual labor dividend of one percent of record as of December 15, 1937.

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Schools Feature Christmas Programs, Plays and Songs

Pupils and Teachers Join in Celebrating Yule Season

The Baltimore schools will close on December 23 for the holiday season, but faculties and students will have their Yule programs before disbanding for the year.

Morgan College led off with the Christmas features, since it will close today (Friday) for the holidays, reopening on January 3.

The Morgan Christmas program was held Wednesday at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Edward G. Carroll, the chaplain, delivering an address on "The Shepherd Who Did Not Go," telling the story of the shepherd who also served by taking care of the sheep while the others went in search of the Christ Child.

Christmas songs were sung from the cantata, "The Story of Christmas," under the direction of Miss Violet S. Banks.

Leroy Bennett, junior, of Catonsville, Md., sang the tenor solo in this cantata; while Miss Cornelia Williams, senior, of Wheeling, W.Va., had the soprano solo.

A large decorated Christmas tree has been erected in the lobby of Central Hall.

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School No. 101

Public School No. 101, Elmer D. Henderson, principal, will present a christmas play, "With the Bethlehem Shepherds," tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock in the auditorium of Dunbar Junior High School.

This promise to be a unique presentation as for the first time in the history of Baltimore schools, it will find a faculty dramatic club and a student dramatic club acting in the same play.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Eubanks and Miss Margaret T. Demond are in charge. Faculty members taking part are:

Mrs. Dunett Small, Mrs. Anna Gwaltney, Miss Dorothy Nichols, Lewis Sheppard, Harry Carpenter, Jr., Irvin Bryant, and Edward McMurray.

The elementary department of the school, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Horsey, will also have a play, entitled "The Little Prince's Christmas."

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Harvey Johnson Jr. High

The Harvey Johnson Junior High School will have a Christmas program at the Leadenhall Street Baptist Church, at 1:50 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, when its glee club will sing the cantata, "The Story of Christmas Carols." John Cotton is principal.

The history of the most familiar carols will be narrated, and then the carol will be sung. The soloists are:

Elmira Morrell, soprano; William Wren, baritone; Howard Sorrell, Sallie Ketchen, Harold Brown, Elwood Moody, Princess Bethods.

Those who will give the narrations are:

Margaret Tyler, Sarah Parker, Doris Williams, Melvin McCoy, Florence Perry, Ruth Branch, and Esther Jenkins.

Miss Annette Colbert is the director.

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Dunbar Junior High

Dunbar Junior High School, Carrington L. Davis, principal, will give a program Wednesday at 9 a.m., at a general assembly, when the Latin department, headed by Miss Margaret Williams, will be in charge.

A Christmas tree has been placed in the foyer of the school, under the supervision of Lee Davis of the industrial arts department.

A candlelight service, with singing as a feature, will be given at the school Tuesday night, December 21, with Mrs. Pauline Wharton and Luther Mitchell in charge.

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Handicapped School

The Handicapped School, Mrs. Louise Dennis, principal, will have two Christmas playlets, one by the primary department, on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, under Miss Grace Whiting; and one by the intermediate department, Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, under Miss Mary Tyler.

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School No. 107

The parents' meeting at School 107, Gilmor Street near Laurens, took the form of a delightful Christmas program this month and was held in the auditorium of School 112, Thursday evening, December 16, at 7:30 p.m.

The program consisted of playlets by the primary and intermediate departments and chorus singing of Christmas carols by the school.

Greetings on the part of the health department were given by the school nurse, Mrs. Julia Phillips, and from the adult education class, by the new teacher, Mrs. Nellie Moore. Mrs. F. Romaine Jones is principal.

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Douglass High

Douglass High School, Harry T. Pratt, principal, the library and demonstration departments will give a program today (Friday), which will include two one-act plays, "Mind Lights the Candle," and "Follow the Star."

Miss Sarah Sampson and Mrs. J. W. Boyer are sponsors, and Mrs. Marion Ginn and Miss Vernice Matthews, assistants.

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School No. 105

"Mr. Scrooge's Christmas," a play, was given by Grade 6-A, Mrs. Hilda Ammons, teacher, at School No. 105. The scenery was made by the pupils.

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School No. 110

As a feature of the Christmas activities, School No. 110 will have a carol service around the Christmas tree, Wednesday.

A choir of two hundred voices will be featured, singing carols dated from the fifteenth century to present times, taken from the French, English, German, and Italian.

The committee in charge is headed by William Meredith Birche, aided by Mrs. X McDonald, Mrs. E. Howard and Miss D. W. Diggs.

The choir is directed by Mrs. Howard and Mr. Birche. James Thomas is principal of the Phyllis Wheatley School No. 118.

Other features of the week include:

The kindergarten - primary Christmas program, the intermediate Christmas assembly; a play by the 6-B, 6-A class, under the direction of Mrs. Ellen Howard, School band singing as tree is viewed by classes; class Christmas parties and baskets for the poor, given by each class.

School No. 101

The children of 311-2 have written an original Christmas play, entitled "The Dwarfs' Christmas Voice."

This play is an outgrowth of part of the work in social studies. This is the children's first attempt at play writing.

It is expected that the initial dramatic attempt will be the motivation for future activities, along similar lines. The children hope to give the play in the auditorium.

The participants number 40.

The play is directed by the teacher, Miss Rose Kinney.

Davis School Set to Observe Yule

Carol-singing and brief dramatic sketches will form the main part of the pre-Christmas program at the Frederick Douglass Junior High School, 1225 Druid Hill Avenue, next week, at the Henry Winter Davis School 125, it was announced this week by Clarence J. Roberts, principal.

Miss Lucy Holt will direct the chorus of fifty voices which will sing carols Wednesday morning on Monday. On Tuesday, a program will be given by the primary classes, under the direction of Miss Rosa Thomas and the intermediates, under Alvin Waters.

Mrs. Louise Sheppard, sponsor of the Prose and Poetry Club, is in charge of the play which this group will present on Wednesday. Thursday's vesper services are to be directed by Miss Jeanette Day.

G. Harding and Henry Whittington are chairmen of the Christmas tree committee.

The safe use of toys received a Christmas's being stressed in classrooms by teachers whose aim is to establish a no-accident record.

Little Theatre Readying Play for Christmas

A Christmas studio play to be given as a community project at St Paul AME Church, on the Maryland Training School for Girls and the junior department, presented at a local theatre on December 27 were discussed at the monthly meeting of the Northwest Little Theatre on Monday.

Mrs Irma Whittington is directing the play which is titled "The Boy on the Meadow" by Ethel Vanderveer.

Samuel Philipps is assisting.

Good parts have been given to being taken by Mrs. Whittington and the other by Miss Mary West.

The rest of the cast includes: Mary Green, Gwendolyn Chambliss and Joseph Hatcher, pupils of the Booker T Washington Junior High School.

Welcome New Members

Miss Lucy Holt, a new member, was presented to the group, Monday, and Mrs. Ethel Jones, a person were voted upon for membership: Mrs. Hazel Duvall, Mrs. Josephine Turner, Mrs. Luella Hudgins and Miss. San Juan Whitley.

Mrs. Sherman Grafton I. Moore announced that Sheldon H. Hoskins, a member of the group has been elected to membership in the Baltimore Ballet, an organization interested in the arts, cultural life and devoted to the elevation of the dance as a fine art. Mr. Hoskins is the first colored member.

27 Coppinites Get Practice in Various Units

Twenty-seven Coppin Normal School seniors have been assigned to practice centers for the November term, it was recently announced.

They are:

School 100, Grade 1, Mrs. Alice Macbeth, instructor, Misses Mae Gobler and Ethel Grant; School 113, Grade 1, Mrs. Gertrude Wilkins, instructor, Misses Evelyn Burton and Evelyn Nixon; School 122, Grade 1, Mrs. Florence Glester, instructor, Misses Ada Hackett and Irma Dancy.

School 112, Grade 2, Mrs. Missouri Wright, instructor, Misses Mildred Colbert and Eva Cooke. School 129 Grade 2, Mrs. Maude Williams, instructor, Misses Sarabel Gittings and Iris Wicks, and William Jennings; School 110, Grade 3, Miss Jessie Bennett, instructor, John Mott and Miss Ruth Greene.

School 103, Grade 4, Mrs. Edith Thomas, instructor, Misses Evelyn Summerfield and Thelma Anderson; School 108, Grade 4, Mrs. Grayce Hazzard, instructor, Misses Lillian Baker and Myrtle Clarke; School 101, Grade 4, Mrs. Irma Gwaltney, instructor, Misses Margaret Wallace, Ethel Jackson, and Evelyn Christopher.

School 100 Grade 5, Mrs. Lena Lee, instructor, Misses Dorothy Robinson, Elsie Hoover, and Mildred Dawes; School 101, Grade 6, Edward Murray, instructor, Misses Milton Alter, Charles Harris; School 104, Grade 6, Mrs. Charlotte Hackett, Misses Theresa Weaver and Charles Pitts.

Students at Morgan Get 16-Day Holiday

A sixteen-day holiday for Christmas and the New Year has been granted Morgan College students whose classes ended today (Friday) to reopen on Jan 3.

According to Edward N. Wilson, registrar, the holiday extension period is possible because the school opened earlier and will close later than is usual this season.

The campus social activities, prior to the vacation recess closed with the semester prom Thursday night in the auditorium. Prof. George Spaulding, chairman of the college social committee, was in charge.

Musicians to Study Detts's Oratorio

The Baltimore Branch of the National Musicians' Association will begin the study of Nathaniel Dett's "The Ordering of Moses," when they meet with Miss Mabel Wade, Sunday.

The branch entertained at the studio of Sheldon Hoskins for Nobel Prize winner, Ralph Bunche, on Thursday and in addition to the guest list previously announced also had a guest, Miss Gladys White, Sherman Smith, Miss Alma Jackson, W. Llewellyn Wilson, Mrs. Frances Berry Hill, Miss Violet Banks, Mrs Maud Hall and Mrs. Lelia Wright.

School 118 Gets New Radio Loud Speaker

A loud speaker for the school radio has been recently installed at the Harriet Beecher Stowe School so that each class may have the benefit of various musical programs, it was announced this week.

Toys are being made by the manual classes for distribution to the less fortunate. Mrs. Edna Griffin is the principal.

Churches Asked to Aid Big Brothers

The support of all of Baltimore City's churches in the campaign of the Associated Big Brothers and Sisters of Maryland Inc. to raise $10,000 for the organization's work in juvenile delinquency was called for in a letter to pastors sent out this week by the colored members of the body.

The association recently endorsed the appointment of Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte as the city's first colored policewoman.

The letter to the ministers read:

Delinquency Challenges

"The recent appointment of our own Mrs. Violet Hill Whyte as policewoman brings the challenge of our alarming problem of juvenile delinquency squarely and sharply to our very doors. Something must be done about it. Something IS being done about it.

"The appointment of Mrs. Whyte clearly proves the wisdom and serious attention of the police department in the effort to grapple with this condition, which is undermining the very foundation of our home, and the work of the church among our youth.

"We repeat — 'Something IS being done' but by whom? Less than two years ago a deeply-moved, determined group of persons, white and colored, chosen from the churches, decided that the time was long overdue for action in behalf of these unfortunate boys and girls who, literally by the hundreds were being swept into the ranks of crime and disease before our very eyes.

"The Associated Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Maryland, Inc. came into being to champion the cause of these children, many parentless and already with surprising success. They have handled over 1000 cases, 300 of whom were our own boys and girls.

Funds Inadequate

"This saving service, carried on thus far with painfully inadequate funds, voluntary contributions must not be permitted for any cause to stop. We believe your church, under your leadership, together with other churches, will not let it stop.

"From now until December 20, the Associated Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Maryland will seek to raise $10,000 to finance their great service to these boys and girls. We need your help; we know you will lead your church to do their part, as they never fail to do.

"We ask you, therefore, to lay this matter upon the hearts of your congregation, to co-operate with our representative and to lift an offering such as will evince the deep concern and practical interest of your good people.

George B Murphy, William H McAbee, Mrs M. Estelle Carr, Mrs. Lillian Lottier, and Samuel R Morsell of the association signed the communication.

Dunbar Jr. High Has 3rd Annual Follies

A variety of musical numbers interspersed with straight dramatic offerings were featured in the Dunbar Junior High School's third annual follies, this year called "A Musical Revue," and held in the school auditorium, Friday.

Mary Green, Clarence Henderson, Esther Nice, James Amos, and Fay Walker had the leading parts in the presentation which was under the direction of Gough McDaniels, instructor, and veteran sponsor of musical-dance entertainment.

Mob Scene

Highlights in the revue were the portrayal of a mob scene from "Julius Caesar," by pupils supervised by Miss Lillian Parrish, and the pantomime of four spirituals.

Musical Comedy

"Go Down Moses," "Nobody Knows De Trouble I See" "Swing Andy," "Sweet Chariot," and "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder," while the school chorus provided a musical background.

Other outstanding portions included a musical broadcast and a musical comedy number entitled, "Grownups," originally written by Mr. McDaniels for Elmer Calloway and Miss Evelyn Westcott, former Douglass High School students, for a school revue in which they appeared at Douglass several years ago.

The interpretative dancers were directed by Miss Mildred Jones, Dunbar instructor.

Morganite Is Speaker at Coppin

William V Lockwood, president of the College Council of Morgan College, addressed the Student Council of the Coppin Normal School, Friday.

In his address he explained the council organization at the college for the purpose of a commutator study of the different activity programs of each school