GREETINGS

THE PASTOR, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

of

ST. ANN SPIRITUAL TEMPLE

525 W. CROSS STREET, BALTIMORE, MD.

REV. LILLIAN THOMPSON

raise Our Voices in joyful song, thanking God for our Friends, well wishers and loyal supporters, and wishing them a God blessed Christmas.

To the AFRO-AMERICAN, strong and fearless friend of the people.

To the NAACP, God's gift to the people, especially the Baltimore Branch (Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, President), and all who put God and the fellow man first.

To the Ministers' School of Methods, Morgan Christian Center, Prof. J. J. Seabrook and Dr. A. Love.

To all the Churches and Pastors who are holding up the banner for Christ in spirit and in truth, we join in wishing you a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

May we be able to look back thankfully over a well spent year, thereby making it possible to obtain a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR by the Grace of God.

REV. LILLIAN M. THOMPSON, Pastor
REV. OBIE THOMPSON, Assistant

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

MADISON AVENUE near WILSON STREET

W. H. TAYLOR, Minister — J. W. FREY, Ass't. Minister

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

ALL ARE WELCOME

SEASON'S GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

UNITED BAPTIST MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

REV. GEORGE A. CRAWLEY, President

Sunday, December 26, 1943 — 4:00 P. M.

Fellowship Church Service

INTERRACIAL—INTERDENOMINATIONAL—INTERFAITH

EUTAW PLACE TEMPLE

Eutaw Place, Northeast Corner of Lanvale

Speaker: Dr. Howard Thurman of Howard University

Special Music: Union Baptist Choir

Officiating: Dr. Willis T. Ford, Council of Churches.

RABBI ADOLPH COBLENZ, OF CHIZUK AMUNO.

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL SERMON OF THE MASONIC GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND

WILL BE HELD AT THE

DR. W. J. WINSTON

WILLARD W. ALLEN

NEW METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

McCULLOH and MOSHER STS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1943—8 P. M.

Masons will assemble in the Masonic Temple at 7:30 P.M. Music will be furnished by the Church Choir. Participants in the program will include DR. C. M. LAWRENCE, BISHOP M. H. DAVIS and DR. W. J. WINSTON, who will deliver the sermon. The Order of the EASTERN STAR is urged to attend this service.

WILLARD W. ALLEN
Grand Master

JOHN W. MITCHELL
Deputy Grand Master

Wayland Baptist Church

JEFFERSON STREET AND BROADWAY

REV. ELIJAH H. REYNOLDS, Pastor

The Christmas Holidays Program

The Choir, Under the Leadership of Mrs. Christine Gregory, the President, Is Preparing Special Music For the Holidays

CHRISTMAS MORNING — 6:00 O'CLOCK

Praise Services and Sermon by the Pastor.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th

11:00 A. M.—Sermon will be delivered by the Pastor.

1:00 P. M.—Sunday School. Special Program. Mrs. C. F. Huston, Superintendent.

6:30 P. M.—Christmas Program by the B. T. U., Mrs. Annie Hudgins, President.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon and Song Fest by the Choir.

The Senior Choir and Junior Choir Will Both Take Part in This —a Joyful and Sacred Occasion

We Are Inviting Members and Friends to Be Out and Enjoy Themselves

Wayland Is the Church With a Welcome and the Pastor Is a Preacher With a Message

REV. ELIJAH H. REYNOLDS, Pastor — MR. JOHN WIGGINS, Clerk

In Our Churches

By AUDREY WEAVER
Church Editor

Only in a war like this can we really appreciate peace and good will, the Rev. M. C. Allen, pastor of Leadenhall Baptist Church, said in his Christmas message Sunday.

As Christians, we cannot hate and despise the Japs and Germans, he said.

Under the direction of Mrs. Laura Bouldin, a group of young people from East Hoffman Street Methodist Church rendered a program Sunday at the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged. The inmates were served refreshments.

To Stage Cantata

The junior choir of Grace Presbyterian Church will make its initial appearance Sunday in a cantata, "The Night of Nights." The Rev. J. T. Colbert is pastor.

The Rev. Henry Johns, an evangelist, spoke on the "Significance of the Birth of Christ," before the AME Ministers' Conference, Monday. The Rev. Harrison J. Bryant is president.

The St. Matthew Lutheran Church, the Rev. Joseph Schlichting, pastor, inaugurated the Christmas season Sunday night with a carol service.

The Rev. George Horn officiated in the absence of the pastor, who is recovering from an illness. Christmas Day, second Christmas Day and Sylvester Eve services are scheduled for the festival season.

Donation for Patients

Donations for patients at Henryton Sanitarium may be made from now until January 2, when all churches and choirs are invited to hold a final meeting at Gilis Memorial Church for a final collection.

Donations may be sent to the Rev. T. C. Jones, 1621 W. Mulberry Street, or to Mrs. Alice Parker at Henryton.

The Seventh Baptist Church, white, at St. Paul Street and North Avenue, has opened its doors to colored as well as white soldiers.

It came about two weeks ago when soldiers went to the church looking for a place to stay. All of the white soldiers present stated that they were willing to share the place with them.

No Friction

"Everyone took the situation in stride and there was not a particle of friction," the Rev. John Day, pastor, stated.

The Rev. J. T. Colbert announced Sunday that plans are under way for an exchange of pulpits between colored and white ministers on the second Sunday in February. The Ministerial Union is outlining the plans.

Communists Stole Ideals, Cleric Says

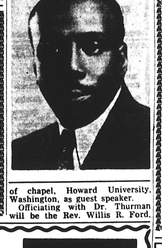
Leading the discussion: "What Is Communism?" at the Methodist Ministers' Conference, Wednesday, the Rev. M. M. Jefferson declared that the Communists stole their ideals of politics and economics from Christianity without giving God credit.

"They have the idealism; it is up to us to Christianize it," he said. It was concluded that the aim of communism is to serve humanity rather than to build a fortune.

The group voted to pay for laundry expenses incurred by the sleeping of service men in Metropolitan Methodist Church by assessing the larger churches of the conference $5 a year and the smaller ones $3.

Dr. Thurman to Speak at Third Fellowship Service

The third Fellowship Church Service will be held at Eutaw Place Temple Sunday at 4 p.m., with Dr. Howard Thurman, dean



of chapel, Howard University, Washington, as guest speaker.

Officiating with Dr. Thurman will be the Rev. Willis R. Ford, executive secretary of the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware, and Rabbi Adolph Coblenz.

The service is interracial, interfaith and interdenominational. Music will be furnished by the Union Baptist Church choir.

UNIVERSAL SPIRITUAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SATURDAY MORNING

Christmas Service

5 o'Clock

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES

8:30

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PRESSTMAN and DIVISION STS.

CHRISTMAS EVE

11:30 P. M.—Carols and Midnight Mass.

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 A. M.—Mass.

CONFESSIONS FRIDAY

3 to 5:30 and 8 to 11 P. M.

Season's Greetings

ST. ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH

KELLY AVENUE
MOUNT WASHINGTON

FRIDAY, DEC. 24th

11:30 P. M. — Neighborhood Carol Singing.

MIDNIGHT, DEC. 24th

Services of Carols and Candles.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26th

11:30 A. M.—"The Abundant Life" by the Pastor.

4:00 P. M.—Christmas Service by the Church School.

REV. JAMES E. JOHNSON Pastor.

Season's Greetings

REV. C. L. WHITFIELD
Mt. Olivet Christian Church
Division Street Near Laurens

ST. PHILIP BAPTIST CHURCH

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11:00 A.M.—Sermon by the Pastor.

Every First Sunday, 3:30 P.M.—Communion.

FEB. 13.—Men's and Women's Union Day. Sponsored by Sis. Merritt and Bro. Williams.

SUN., JAN. 2nd—Sermon by Rev. Mr. Mobley.

8:00 P.M.—Preaching.

YOU ARE WELCOME

Rev. J. T. Duffie, Pastor

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9:30 A. M.—Bible School.

11:00 A.M.—"A Christmas Message"—Rev. Charles E. Johnson Methodist District Superintendent.

3:00 P. M.—Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Christmas Exercises.

6:00 P. M.—B. Y. P. U. Yuletide Program.

8:00 P. M.—"Tidings of Bethlehem"—Cantata-Drama by Young People's Chorus.

EARLY MORN CHRISTMAS SERVICE—5 A. M.

Saturday, December 25th—Message by Rev. J. S. Williams. Singing by our Three Choirs.

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL!

REV. E. THOMAS GROVE, Ass't. Pastor

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

of

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH

EDMONDSON AVE. and SCHROEDER ST.

Christmas Day

SUNRISE PRAYER AND PRAISE SERVICE

8:00 P. M.—Sunday School Christmas Program.

Sunday, December 26

9:30 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Preaching and Baptizing by the Pastor.

6:30 P. M.—B. T. U.

8:00 P. M.—"The Christmas Story" by the Senior Choir.

Professor Ulysses Chambre — Edward Watkins
At the Organ — President

You Are Cordially Invited To All Of The Services

Arthur J. Payne, Minister

Christmas Greetings and a Happy New Year From

UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH

1210 E. LEXINGTON STREET near AISQUITH

REV. T. S. HENDERSHOTT, Pastor

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SATURDAY, DEC. 25th

5:00 A. M.—Christmas Worship. All Members and Friends are Invited to be present at that hour.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26th

9:30 A. M.—Church School, Deacon Price Drakeford, Supt.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the Pastor Subject: Joseph Took the Young Child and His Mother into Egypt."

3:00 P. M.—Last Communion. All Members and Visiting Friends invited to Worship with us on our Last Supper.

8:00 P. M.—Sunday School Program. Presents will be given Scholars of the Sunday School.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st
Beginning at

9:00 P. M.—WATCH MEETING NIGHT

Come, Watch With Us!

Ebenezer Baptist Church

GUILFORD AVENUE and 23rd STREET

The Pastor and Congregation Extend

Season's Greetings to the Community and Friends

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25th

4:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Services.

5:00 A. M.—All Choirs of the Church Will Sing Christmas Carols: Miss Margaret Winston, Directress. Mr. Arthur Boardley, Organist.

6:00 A. M.—The Sunday School will present a Christmas Pageant entitled: THE HOLY NATIVITY. Miss Dorothy Meekins, Supt.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th

11:00 A. M.—Christmas Message by the Pastor. Subject: "Unto Us" Music by the Intermediate Missionary Chor.

1:30 P. M.—Sunday School.

6:00 P. M.—B. T. U.

8:00 P. M.—Sermon by a visiting Minister. Music by the Senior Choir.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31st

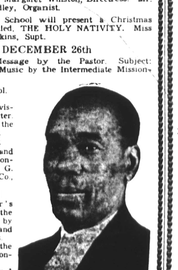
Watch Meeting Service and beginning of Revival Conducted by Rev. John G. Thompson, Westminster Co., Va.

SUNDAY, JAN. 2nd

11:00 A. M.—New Year's Message by the Pastor. Music by the Senior and Junior Choirs.

3:00 P. M.—Program by the Junior Missionary Society.

8:00 P. M.—Preaching and Revival Services.



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SATURDAY, DEC. 25th

5:00 A. M.—Prayer and Praise Service.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26th

11:00 A. M.—Christmas Message by the Pastor.

2:00 P. M.—Season's Exercises by the Church School.

6:30 P. M.—Youth Fellowship Hour.

8:00 P. M.—Christmas Cantata by the Young People. Music will be furnished by the Senior Choir.

REV. J. J. BARNES, Pastor

"Good Tidings of Great Joy" Luke 2:10

Christmas Greetings To All

Memorial Baptist Church

PRESTON AND CAROLINE STREETS

REV. C. EDWARD BROWNE, Pastor

CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 A. M.—Christmas Services.

Sunday, December 26

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by the Pastor.

8:00 P. M.—Christmas Carols and Anthems by the Church Choirs.

Monday, December 27

7:30 P. M.—Christmas Program by the Young People's Departments of the Church.

Don't Miss Coming to . . .

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STOCKTON STREET NEAR BALTIMORE STREET

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CHRISTMAS DAY AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1943 — ALL DAY

CHRISTMAS DAY

11:30 A. M.—Sermon by the Rev. L. K. Daniels. Music by the Ideal Gospel Singers and the Gospel Choir.

8:30 P. M.—A soul-stirring Song Feast by the Heavenly Gold Quartette, WITH Radio Stars.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1943

11:30 A. M.—Sermon by the Pastor Rev. Theodore L. Jackson. Subject: "Bethlehem Pilgrimage."

6:00 P. M.—"Best by Test." The Gospel Keys Female Quartette will give the program.

8:30 P. M.—The Soul Stirrers. The Golden Light Quartette, WITH Radio Stars.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28th

8:30 P. M.—THE FOUR ECHOES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th

8:30 P. M.—A CHRISTMAS PLAY

This Church Wishes to Its Many Friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

2 S. Pacific Seamen Earn Purple Heart, 1 Silver Star

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[illegible] Sheppard was hurt [illegible] plane flew over [illegible] ground and let go with both [illegible] reds. They [illegible]

Officer continued the story: [illegible] knew I was hit. Blood was going out in three places. John was lying on the floor. [illegible] were still working [illegible] to get another magazine in [illegible] the gun jammed. [illegible] picked up plane and [illegible] "Tagger."

"When added situation wounds were hurting so much [illegible] Once I got a hold of [illegible] gun when someone was on our [illegible] forced me off [illegible] much after that, [illegible] bleeding like hell.

"Tagger was finest [illegible] I asked Elmo how he [illegible] what made this man so [illegible] wounds up to and the announcement would be made late Thursday afternoon.

"It was time to reach the AFRO [illegible] Eugene Robert P. [illegible] Arthur E. Briscoe, and [illegible] guns have been [illegible] to relatives and friends [illegible]

Year of the twenty-five attacking planes, some escaped. The damage to the ship was negligible.

Also on the ship a 3-inch anti-aircraft gun which includes Lawrence Kelly, Memphis, Samuel Collins, La. W. J. Powell, Ga., and Jack L. Carr, Ga. Harry Williams, Memphis, Lawrence Coleman, Little Rock, Ark., and Morris Poliite, Charleston, S. C. None of these received injuries during the battle.

Mayor Hedges on Solicitor's Post

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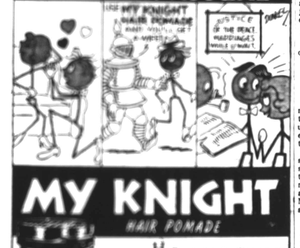

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the week

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Zoning Board, School Board, Commission on City Planning are open. Any other may attend, as these groups are spending taxpayers' money.

It would be very profitable if the Civic League and other civic groups regularly assigned their members to attend these meetings.

Convalescent Home

There is a great need for a convalescent home for old people in Baltimore.

City Hospitals is unable to take any except ambulatory patients and many of these old people are dying at home for the lack of attention.

This would be an excellent time to raise funds for a convalescent home. The city would pay for each one of the old people placed in the home and it would soon become self-supporting.

While the white race cannot escape the penalty if it barters its honor for the privilege of exploiting, suppressing or even destroying the colored people, neither can colored people escape if they contribute to this end by moral turpitude, spiritual blindness, and lack of leadership.

The down-town committee of Baltimore City, Thomas F. Abbott, chairman, and G. Harvey Porter, secretary, has a plane on foot which seems worthwhile.

It is requesting all organizations, civic, business or otherwise, in the area between North Avenue on the north, Fort Avenue on the south, Broadway on the East, and Fulton Avenue on the west to get in touch with them.

They want to try to rehabilitate this area, whose population approximates 300,000 people, an assessable tax rate of $150,000.

This will be a great post-war program if some of the slums in this area can be cleared up.

An Enlarged Airport

Present plans call for enlargement of our municipal airport and construction of some new airports close to metropolitan Baltimore.

It would be advisable for more of us to become interested in aviation as it will become a major large industry after the present conflict is over.

75 Years Old

The race question is three-quarters of a century old.

Within that period the majority of Americans have totally changed their convictions as to what are the rights of colored people.

Within that period, the sentiment of every community, and the laws of every State in the union, as well as the Federal government, have been radically altered.

The problem is being solved slowly, it is true; in pain, in sweat, in blood, with many a mistake, many a discouragement, many an enemy, and, saddest of all, many a neutral friend in the North and South. Yet it is being solved.

To hasten this solution, the colored man stands ready, anxious, and able to contribute his part.

In the interest of harmony, he is willing to concede everything except his self-respect as a man and his rights as a human being.

GREAT MISSOURIANS' LIST OMITS DR. CARVER'S NAME

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., (ANP)—The Missouri Historical Society's list of ten greatest Missourians omits the name of Dr. George W. Carver.

Xmas Cheer

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pray sincerely that the God of peace may lift the oppressive burden of war from the world and bring back once more a period when "Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will" will have a real, enduring meaning.

To all of you I wish the best of happiness this Christmas Day, and a new year full of progress and prosperity.

HERBERT R. O'CONOR,
Governor of Maryland.

From Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin

At this holiday season I desire to extend my cordial greetings to the readers and the staff of the AFRO-AMERICAN.

May I express the hope and fervent prayer that the coming year will bring to all of us and our allies in other lands peace with victory.

I sincerely hope you will enjoy the greatest attainable measure of happiness at this Christmas season and prosperity throughout the coming year.

THEODORE R. McKELDIN
Mayor of Baltimore.

From Police Commissioner Atkinson

It is a pleasure to wish readers of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers a happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

The power of the Press is evidenced by the fact that your publications find their way into the homes of thousands of Negro citizens in Baltimore and elsewhere and that they thereby are in a position to render an invaluable patriotic service during the present emergency by editorially and otherwise urging a united effort to maintain and safeguard the principles upon which this nation is founded.

HAMILTON R. ATKINSON
Police Commissioner.

From Bishop Noble C. Powell

The story told of certain scientists who, catching a moonbeam, flashed it by radio across the seas and lighted the lamps in an exhibition hall.

It is a parable of Christmas. Christ is God's Light come to a world dark with ignorance, confusion, selfishness, famine, fear, hate, sin, death. His coming can make everything different.

Before his moonbeam could lighten the hall, it had to be caught. This the scientists did because they were prepared. So with the Light of the world. We can receive Him, but to do so our hearts must be honest and good. It was so with the shepherds, the magi, the disciples.

There were others present who, unprepared, did not see the light. The scientists did not keep the light, but sent it across the seas to light lamps in another land. Men wait today for hearts prepared and ready to receive God's Light and with that Light, lighten the earth.

(The Rt. Rev.) ROBLE C. POWELL,
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland.

From the Rev. A. J. Payne

We are still in the midst of a global war, fighting for the four freedoms. In spite of all the unpleasant things which have come, the atmosphere is suddenly changed when we listen again to the voice of singing, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Let us carry good will where there is ill-will, let us have peace, where there is strife. Let us exalt the Christ who came to save men from their sins. By so doing, we can bring the kingdom of God on earth. May I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New year.

(The Rev.) A. J. PAYNE
Pastor of Enon Baptist Church.

From Marse S. Callaway

My best wishes to the AFRO and its readers for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May the coming year bring a fulfillment of all worthy desires and permanent peace.

MARSE S. CALLAWAY.

From Leonard J. Wheatley

Christmas in 1943 is different from any other in the history of the world. The presence of a uniform, a citation, a service flag or an empty chair in millions of homes is but a mute reminder that the world into which the saviour came that we may have life, and have it more abundantly, has shifted into reverse the meaning and spirit of "Peace on Earth."

Anxiety of friends and relatives for the boy in camp, or on the road to home, in a fox-hole in New Guinea, or aboard a ship or submarine upon the high seas tends to dispel the joy which has made this season a divine event since he, as a baby, first joined the family circle. Many will make the supreme sacrifice.

Albeit, if and when the tumult dies, there has been created throughout the world a decent respect for the opinions of mankind without regard to race, creed, or color, which will be made manifest in a spirit of tolerance at home and abroad, these sacrifices will not have been in vain.

It is with such a hope that I say, merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone.

LEONARD J. WHEATLEY
Senior Supervisor of the Department of Recreation.

From the Rev. John T. Colbert

Two thousand years ago the angel of the Lord appeared unto the shepherds on the night of nativity of our Lord. Said he, "Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

The gospel of Jesus Christ is the message of joy and comfort and peace to all who will receive it, whether they be Americans, Chinese, Indians, Japanese, Germans, Russians, or Englishmen.

How happy would this Christmas be if all races would wipe out the stain of hate, envy, prejudice, and discrimination which is embedded in the hearts of every nation now engaged in the great theatre of war devastation.

Were this done, all of us would approach the true spirit of Christmas with greater love toward one another and greater thanks to Almighty God for the gift of His Son Jesus.

May all of this serve to make us live more worthy of our calling in these perilous times and may it draw us closer to Christ this Christmas than ever before since the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea two thousand years ago.

(The Rev.) JOHN T. COLBERT
Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church

From Elmer Henderson

On this anniversary of the birth of the lowly Nazarene, the world is facing a crisis greater than any in past history. Your minds, while set upon terminating this most terrible of wars, should be thinking of the peace advocated by that Nazarene as He envisioned the eras through which humanity would pass.

There are three great philosophies in the world today. One is that war between nations is inevitable until such time as a single master race dominates the world.

Another is that class warfare will continue until such time as the common people come out on top and can start building a society without classes.

The third is that all men are brothers and ultimate peace will prevail. This was preached in a sermon on a mount by the Master Whose birthday we commemorate today.

Let His words ring in your ears for there can be no lasting peace unless we are brothers and each one is his brother's keeper. Hatred, envy, and prejudice must disappear! Let the readers of this great news carrier take the initiative in His program of peace.

ELMER HENDERSON
Director of Schools.

From Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson

This Christmas thousands of our sons, husbands, brothers and daughters are in the armed forces of our country, fighting for a world democracy.

It is our consecrated duty to see to it that their fighting and dying shall not be in vain. To that end the Baltimore Branch of the NAACP pledges its untiring efforts to make democracy a reality in Baltimore.

Then, and then only, will the celebration of the birth of our Christ be meaningful.

(Mrs.) LILLIE M. JACKSON,
President, Baltimore branch, NAACP.

From James G. Dashiell

The bells of this Young Men's Christian Association join the thousands of other bells in tolling out a message of good will, cheer, and hope to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspaper, its families, and its readers.

In spite of many dark days in 1943—there have been bright ones, in spite of rain, there has been sunshine, in spite of spiritual and intellectual famine in some instances, there have been signs of richness of mind and body; and in spite of racial hatred, bigotry, biased actions and nation-wide faltering, there has always been a celestial spark of joy and hope which has kept us alive.

All of these items which are on the debit side of the ledger appear only because for 1943 years, one Jesus Christ has stood by to counteract all things of evil with acts of goodness.

In memory of Him, who still stands as a living symbol of hope, I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

JAMES G. DASHIELL,
Acting Executive Secretary, Druid Hill YMCA.

From Harry O. Wilson

The officials, agents, and office employees of the Mutual Benefit Society greet you during this holiday season.

With mutual trust and co-operation, hard work and perseverence, under Almighty God, we know that victory will be ours and a splendid future will be the reward of all who keep the faith.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

H. O. WILSON,
President, Mutual Benefit Society.

From Alice B. Arrington

It is a pleasure to bring greetings to you at this Christmas season from the Young Women's Christian Association.

Today, as we look into the future, we can see a larger YWCA building with more facilities to meet adequately the needs of the women and girls in Baltimore and also to serve as a community center. The four walls of the building will not make a YWCA, for a YWCA is really made up of women and girls, and our usefulness in the community will be determined largely by the effectiveness of the program we are able to put over.

Our problems in the coming year will be many because the problems of the race relations, juvenile delinquency, housing, health and employment in Baltimore are many. We can help meet them

with the co-operation of other agencies and the AFRO-AMERICAN if we receive in the future the marvelous support we have received in the past.

(Mrs.) ALICE B. ARRINGTON,
Executive Secretary, YWCA.

From Dr. Robert L. Jackson

It is good to be able to say, "Peace on earth, good will to men." It is to be hoped that our young men now fighting and dying on far-flung battle fronts for the four freedoms are not dying in vain, for justice and liberty are for all or for none. Injustice cannot linger in a land that is really bright with freedom's holy light.

The AFRO-AMERICAN has been a persistent fighter for the rights and privileges of mankind, realizing no man is secure in his rights as long as any man is deprived of his rights.

Man's hope for justice has been an idle dream, and his quest of liberty a fool's errand because he is not willing to be just or meet the conditions of freedom.

Let us hope men will realize these facts and make this a better place to live by observing them.

(Dr.) R. L. JACKSON.

From Dr. Willard W. Allen

May the true spirit of Christmas bring an ultimate victory to America and her Allies and an everlasting peace to all mankind.

Help make this possible by subscribing whole-heartedly to the Fourth War Loan Drive (January 18-February 15, 1944).

WILLARD W. ALLEN,
President, Southern Life Insurance Company.

From Randall L. Tyus

Hearty good wishes for a merry Christmas and a New Year bringing peace, democracy, justice and security.

RANDALL L. TYUS,
Former Executive Secretary, Baltimore Urban League.

From J. Harvey Kerns

For more than seventeen years the Baltimore Urban League has tried to make the warm and practical fellowship of Christmas a reality in the lives of colored people in our city.

We do not begin with Christmas, nor do we end with the new year. Ours has been a continuous spirit exemplified by the life of Christ. A sorry and sad world it would be were the spirit of Christmas to die out.

The Baltimore Urban League and the many friends who have furthered our case have sought to see to it that instead of declining in influence that spirit has increase in power and gradually spread.

It is to be accomplished in largest measure by the daily exemplification of this wonderful spirit in the life of our members.

In extending our Christmas wishes we pray that the spirit of love, joy, and goodwill may be operative in our community and greatly improve the atmosphere in our homes, schools, and nation.

J. HARVEY KERNS,
Executive Secretary, Baltimore Urban League.

From Thomas L. Aydlett

We, the workers of the Bethlehem Fairfield and Pullman Shipyards, and members of Local 43, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, extend to the AFRO readers our heartiest greetings for a merry Christmas and victorious New Year.

A quick victory over the Axis is no longer a dream—it is almost a reality. The conferences at Cairo and Teheran have established a firm basis for the co-operation of the United Nations for the unconditional surrender of the enemy and a just and lasting peace, or national origin, will be free to fight for a better world.

There at home such issues as discrimination, poll tax, soldiers' vote, and many others, are being hold up by a reactionary Congress, but, through the efforts of organized labor, they too will soon be ironed out, and all the American peoples, regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin, will be free to fight for a better world.

And so it is with hope in our hearts that we look forward to the New Year of 1944—a year of peace on earth and good will toward all men.

THOMAS L. AYDLETT,
Organizer, Local 43, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers.

2 17-Year-Old Brides-to-Be Among 64 Holiday Couples

Two 17-year-old girls were among the sixty-four local couples who made the deadline at the marriage license bureau in time to be married for Christmas.

They were Miss E