143 BABIES BORN

For the week ending Dec. 20, a total of 610 babies were born in Baltimore. Of that number, 143 were colored. Within the same period, eight deaths were reported to the Baltimore City Health Department. Three were colored.

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The constant fight against tuberculosis through the sale of Christmas seals is not held only in the United States. In fact, the idea of the seals did not originate here.

Einar Holboell of Denmark was the orginator of the seal which was issued in 1904. Since that time, more than 40 countries throughout the world have sold them.

In some places, special stamps are put on sale at post offices during the Christmas season to help collect funds for the war against tuberculosis.

Registration For YMCA Golf Class Scheduled

Registration for golf classes at the Druid Hill YMCA will be held on Jan. 6 through the 14th. Committee Chairman Earnest Brown announced Saturday. Classes in fencing will begin on Jan. 3.

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HOME IMPROVEMENTS

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Chesapeake Wives Aid Service Vets

Playing hostesses to armed forces veterans, Chesapeake club wives visited some 400 patients at Fort Howard hospital Thursday.

Mrs. Audrey Dobbins and Mrs. Trella Jefferson distributed boxes of stamps, cigarettes, magazines and stationery to the men, and money was donated for telephone calls home on Christmas and for magazine subscriptions.

The club wives announced that their project was "a successful one" due to the generosity of the Sphinx club, Dowell's restaurant, the Charm Center and the public.

Wife Missing

Mrs. Delores Gaskins, 21, shown here with her husband, Gordon, has been missing from her home at 1719 Riggs ave., since Dec. 15. She disappeared, her husband said with their two children, Ray, 19 months; and Joseph, 7 months. The family moved here from California only three months ago and had been living at the Riggs ave. address only a week. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Mrs. Gaskins is requested to notify her husband or her mother-in-law Mrs. Aiken Gaskins at 1706 W. Lafayette ave.

Scarlett Plagued By Much Bad Luck

Numbers Cases, Loss Of Property, Liquor Arrest, Among His Woes

Placed under $20,000 bail, Thursday, which he found difficulty in posting after his second conviction in a numbers conspiracy case, Austin Scarlett former operator of a socially elite country club has been plagued by bad luck for 2½ years.

The bad breaks have involved not only numbers cases, in one of which he is appealing a seven-year prison term, but also the hold-up and shooting of his wife, auction sales of his car and club property to satisfy Federal income tax liens, and his arrest for selling whiskey without a license.

The chain of events occured as follows:

AUGUST, 1950—Scarlett arrested following a numbers raid on a house in the 600 block N. Arlington ave. in which his wallet was found. Freed in this case.

NOVEMBER, 1951—Indicted by grand jury following testimony by Horace Cann, who was under sentence of a six-month prison term and $750 fine in a lottery case.

DECEMBER, 1951 — Convicted by a jury for numbers conspiracy. Later, the Supreme Bench gave him a new trial.

MARCH, 1952 — Convicted by jury in second trial. Sentence withheld pending a motion for a third trial, which was later denied.

APRIL, 1952—Wife beaten and robbed of more than $500 in Jewelry at Westminster, Md. country club.

MAY, 1952—Scarlett sentenced to seven years in penitentiary and fined $2,000 for numbers conspiracy. Appeal taken to Maryland Court of Appeals. Released under $10,000 bail while case is still pending.

AUGUST, 1952 — Arrested in raid in the 1000 block N. Chapel st. Paid $10 fine for disturbing the peace.

SEPTEMBER, 1952 — Country club and farm, valued at more than $50,000 in real estate, seized by U.S. Government for back taxes.

SEPTEMBER, 1952—Mrs. Scarlett shot by bullet intended for her husband in "numbers payoff" argument. This was followed by arrest of Scarlett, wife and daughter Cornelia Wilkes for numbers conspiracy.

NOVEMBER, 1952 — Scarlette found guilty in Carroll County circuit court of selling whiskey without a license at his summer resort. Released under $1,000 bail.

NOVEMBER, 1952 — Swank 96 acre country club and farm sold at public auction for approximate ly $46,000. Expensive equipment and household effects also sold at auction for ridiculously low prices.

DECEMBER, 1952 — Following Superior Court action by the Ayares Finance Company, Mr. Scarlett's 1950 Buick Roadmaster, valued at $1,300, sold at public auction.

DECEMBER, 1952 — Scarlett, his wife and Miss Wilkes convicted by a jury of numbers conspiracy.

'Fireproof' Kids, Parents Warned

Flimsy costumes and unsafe toys can turn an otherwise happy Christmas holiday into tragedy, and fire safety officials warn.

Fireproofing the fun of small fry, whose curiosity and lack of fear often lead them into hazardous situations, is advised by the Baltimore Fire Department, Baltimore Safety council, and the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Easy and inexpensive fireproofing at home of such simple things as party costumes and cowboy suits can be done with a solution made by dissolving nine ounces of borax and four ounces of boric acid in a gallon of water. Dip the clothing in the solution, wring by hand and hang up to dry.

Mass Uses

The flameproof solution, which may also be used on doll clothes as well as grown-ups' things, curtains, drapes and other fabrics which can be used in water, must be reapplied after every washing.

Completing the list of Yule precautions are the following suggestions:

1. Candles and children don't mix.

2. Never leave children at home alone.

3. Look for the "UL" label on all electrical toys. This means they have passed Underwriters' Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards.

4. Be cautious in buying a chemistry set for children, and supervise their play with it. It is unwise to let younger children have toys involving flame or pressure.

5. Don't set up electric trains under the Christmas tree. Supervise the play of youngsters using electrical toys.

19 State Draftees Stationed At Meade

Nineteen Maryland draftees arrived at the 2052nd Reception Center at Fort Meade last week for indoctrination into the Army.

They were: Pvts. Harold E. Belden, Federalsburg, Md.; Douglass G. Crosell, Salisbury; James Dashiell, Quantico; Alton J. Deale, Fruitland; James E. Cain, Barclay, David G. Cannon, Salisbury; Jefferson L. Cephas, Cambridge; and Albert W. Clipper of Germantown, Md.

Ten others included Pvts. Sterling Johnson, Bowie; Robert Kane, Cambridge; Eugene C. Murray, Lanham; Columbus J. Nicholson, Salisbury; Jerome A. Nutter, Nanticoke; Wesley L. Pinkney, Clinton; Sir Walter Scott, East New Market; Rodolph C. Rochester, Barclay; William Robinson, Cambridge; and Jack Washington, Cambridge.

Taxi Passenger Hurt In Crash

A taxicab passenger was injured Saturday when a Yellow Cab collided with a Gas and Electric company truck about 8 a.m. at Bolton and Lanvale sts.

Mrs. Hazel Newby of the 1000 block Madison ave. suffered a sprained right shoulder in the mishap.

Traffic charges were placed against Ivory M. Tisdale, 30-year-old cab driver, 2200 block Guilford ave., and Leon Lee Lorenzo, 28, white, 2200 block E. Lombard st.

Hi-Y All-Stars Quintet Play Alumni Members

The Hi-Y All-Stars basketball team, composed of members from Douglass, Carver, and Dunbar High Schools, will play the Hi-Y Alumni team on Dec. 27 at the Druid Hill YMCA.

The Alumni team will be coached by "Dickie" Burke, and the All-Stars by Joseph Jenkins and Harry Bruce.

In a preliminary game at 6:30 p.m. the freshmen girl's team from Coppin State Teachers College, will play the sophomore Quintet. All are members of Coppin's physical education class.

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Christmas, 1952

Nineteen hundred and fifty-two years ago, three men, one of them a black man, were journeying towards Bethlehem, when the radiance of a star came to them from afar. They was wrong to the humble manger where lay the infant Jesus, most blessed of babes.

Over Him bowed the Virgin Mother, starry-eyed — awed by her Gift, Mary holy Mother of Jesus.

The miracle of His birth has been the wonder of all men on earth for generation upon generation. Yet still more wondrous is the conception of life as He lived it.

A simple carpenter by trade, He was, by inspiration the sublime philosopher; by practice, the great teacher, and in truth, the noble sufferer.

In every era do we have great men . . . and so, in every age, is greatness the inspiration to teach the truth.

Christmas — 1952 — and still the Star of Bethlehem casts its mighty beams of light all over the world.

Mary have been the wise men who have followed it as a vision which may reveal to them His teachings.

There are always men who will follow —but may we hope for more leaders who will carry His word . . . like Him, are inspired to teach the truth.

In business . . . in politics . . . in the family . . . and in the community — peace of mind . . . and glory of soul are to be found — if we but seek the TRUTH.

About Santa Claus

Is there a Santa Claus?

Some of the thoughtless say no.

And even in these times there are those who would rob us of this feature of the Christmas festivities.

From England, comes the report that a clergyman, the Rev. Malcolm Riley, would decry the existence of the merry old gentleman who gladdens so many childish hearts this time of year.

Said the (Rev. Mr. Riley) "If the legend of Father Christmas (Santa Claus) and his reindeer were lost and gone forever I for one would shed no tears."

What a Scrooge-like utterance!

No young boy or girl, no older man or woman for that matter, need listen to this anti-Santa Claus propaganda for one moment.

To be sure the absence of snow for Christmas presents some slight difficulty and modern dwellings heated by fuel oil or natural gas have chimneys all too small for normal humans, much less fat, jolly, old Santa with his pack. But these are trifles.

Every bundle-laden figure hurrying homeward through the streets, the brightly-lighted crowded stores, the holly, the Christmas trees are more eloquent of the existence of Santa Claus than any words of an English clergyman.

Santa Claus is no legend. He is the Christmas spirit, the spirit of giving, of making others happy.

If you doubt Santa Claus, look around you today — look around you Christmas morning.

Christmas Can Do This

By CHARLES DICKENS

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment.

How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggle of life, are then reunited, and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will, which is a source of such pure and exalted delight, and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world, that the religious belief of the most civilized nations, and the rude traditions of the roughest savages, alike, number it among the first days of a future state of existence provided for the blest and happy!

How many old recollections, and how many dormant sympathies, Christmas-time awakens!

We write these words now, many miles distant from the spot at which, year after year, we met on that day, a merry and joyous circle.

Many of the hearts that throbbed so gaily then, have ceased to glow; the hands we grasped have grown cold; the eyes we sought have hid their lustre in the grave; and yet the old house, the room, the merry voices and smiling faces, the jest, the laugh, the most minute and trivial circumstance connected with these happy meetings crowds upon our mind at each recurrence of the season, as if the last assemblage had been but yesterday.

Happy, happy Christmas, that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days, recall to the old man the pleasures of his youth, and transport the traveler back to his own fireside and quiet home

Lincoln Made The South A Christmas Gift

(From McPherson's History of the Rebellion)

In 1863, during the great Civil War, Southern white pastors in "an address to Christians throughout the world by the clergy of the Confederate States of America" declared:

1. That "the war proposes to achieve restoration of Union, something which cannot be done by violence."

2. "The separation of the Southern states is universally regarded by our people as final, and the foundation of the Confederate states government as a fixed fact," making restoration of the former union impossible.

3. President Lincoln's Emancipation of the slaves "is in our judgment a suitable occasion for solemn protest on the part of the people of God throughout the world."

4. The war against the South has achieved no good result and "we find nothing in the present state of the struggle that gives promise of the United States' accomplishing anything good by its continuance."

5. Moral and religious interests of the South ought to be appreciated by Christians of all nations.

"We regard abolition of slavery as an interference with the plans of Divine Providence. The Bible says: "Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed."

This address was signed by the leading white Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists and Episcopalians of the south

President Abraham Lincoln's Christmas gift to the south in 1863, was an order through the War Department authorizing agents of the church in the north to take over all places of worship pastored by disloyal ministers.

Southern churches protested but Mr. Lincoln's Christmas gift was firm and brave. White rebels claimed under the Constitution the right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. The War Department went further and in at least one case compelled a church to display the American flag.

Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Baltimore, discontinued services rather than obey this order.

Magi—Priests Or Kings?

The Magian religion existed anciently in Persia. They had temples, in which were kept perpetual fires.

The priests of the Magi being the only learned mathematicians and philosophers of the age in which they lived, the term Magian became synonymous with learned men.

The Wise Men, or Magi, who visited the Christ Child at His birth, were probably Persian doctors, or perhaps princes, as the philosophers were frequently of royal blood (Matt. 2:18.).

Judean Shepherd Today

The shepherd still wears the same dress as in ancient days. His cloak is of sheepskin, one side for day and one for night. He carries his rod and staff; his bag is made of kid skins, woven from goat's hood; his milk is carried in a gourd.

The rod, "his weapon of defense," is made of stunted oak; carved from a straight young tree, the head being trimmed from the root end forming a large, round handle. This is supposed to be the same kind of weapon David slew the Philistines with.

—BAGLEY, "My Trip Through the Holy Land."

Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy infant, so tender and mild;
Sleep in Heavenly peace.

—JOSEPH MOHR

In Memoriam

It has been a year since Harry Moore died
Amid the jagged ruins of a dream
Too gracious for their narrow racial pride,
Who timed darkness with a fuse's gleam.
Yet let us keep with zest the hallowed feast,
Unwrap our talents at the hopeful creche
To blossom the meaning of martyred flesh.
It has been a year that reaped perdition,
Barren with bombs and boasts and spoliation,
The world recoils from its condition
Like a hedgehog spined with bayonets!
Yet let us nurse the snowbound seeds that bode
An ever-greening tree, sedate and tall,
Whose limbs will sustain winged freedom's ode
And offer all men a house without wall.

—ALFRED MAUND

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"... No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States ..."

14TH AMENDMENT, U. S. CONSTITUTION.

OPINION

The great act of faith is the moment when you decide that you are not God Almighty.

—OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

The Nativity

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE 2:1-20 Revised Standard Version)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

And this will be a sign for you; you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace among men with whom He is pleased."

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.

But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States

December 24, 25, 26 — fair and mild

December 27, 28 — rain or snow

December 29, 30 — unsettled

December 31 — fair and hard freeze

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MOON'S PHASES

Last Quarter-December 9 — 8:22 a.m.

New Moon—December 16 — 9:02 p.m.

First Quarter-December 23 — 2:51 p.m.

Full Moon—December 30 — 4:07 a.m.

SUN—RISES AND SETS

Wed., Dec. 24 7:20 a.m. 4:40 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 25 7:20 a.m. 4:40 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 26 7:21 a.m. 4:41 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 27 7:21 a.m. 4:42 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 28 7:21 a.m. 4:42 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 29 7:21 a.m. 4:43 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 30 7:22 a.m. 4:44 p.m.

HOLIDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

December 25 — Universal — Commemoration of the birth of Christ. For Catholics, a Holy Day of Obligation, the previous day is observed with fast and abstinence as on the eve of 1st Holy Days.

December 31 — Watch Night — Protestant and Catholic Church services.

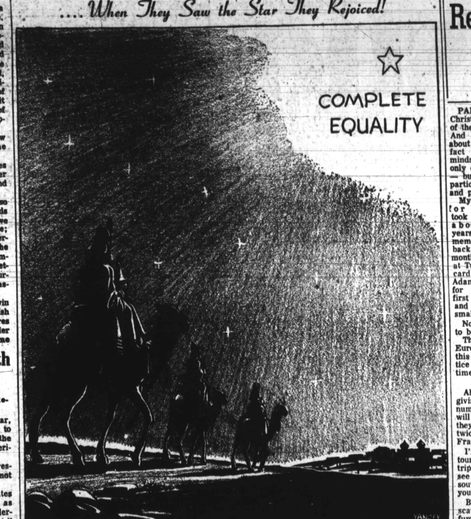
My Favorite Quotation

A polite man is one who listens with interest to things he knows all about when they are told him by a person who knows nothing about them.—De Morny.

(Submitted by Jimmy Porter, Washington, D. C.)

(Next week's quotation by Mrs. Lorraine M. Wood, Baltimore, Md.)

... When They Saw the Star They Rejoiced!



WHAT AFRO READERS SAY . . .

'I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it.' — Voltaire on Helvetius

PRAYER AND COURTS

Philadelphia — I think the idea of setting aside a day of prayer, asking God to guide the Supreme Court in making a decision in the school segregation cases is stupid.

The prayers should have been for God to give the NAACP lawyers an inclusive knowledge of the law and the power of persuasion.

JOSEPH BRANDT

Columbia, S.C. — Don't pray for the Supreme Court. Instead ask God to help us get rid of the Uncle Tom Benedict Arnolds who stand in the way of progress.

HUGH MURRAY

Newark, N.J. — I was happy to see the AFRO suggest a day of prayer for the Supreme Court. Too many of us have forgotten how to yet, down on our knees and commune with God.

(Mrs.) ESTHER DANIEL

Winston-Salem, N.C. — Why not a day of prayer that more of our people realize the importance of the NAACP and give it the full financial support it so sorely needs?

LOUISE THOMAS

Jacksonville, Fla. — Prayer is all right in a prayer meeting, but I question its value in a bear meeting. Pray, but don't forget to fight. Keep 'em squirming.

GEORGE SHIELDS

SIX GREAT RELIGIONS

Raleigh, N.C. — What is wrong with our churches and schools that they have not taught us how much the brothers we all are.

Thank you for the AFRO series on Six Great Religions. From now on I shall have less feeling that Mohammedan, Hindus and Jews are so different.

MYRON FOX

Charleston, S.C. — I would like to hear representatives of Mohammedanism and Christianity speak from the same platform and tell us more about the history and beliefs they have in common.

DR. W. R. LEE

Roanoke, Va. — Understanding of world religions is another step toward world peace. Your installment on Judaism was factual and informing.

ABRAM BAUM

Newark, N.J.—We have come a long way . . . Thirty years ago the AFRO couldn't have done the service on Six Great Religions without being misunderstood and abused by some. Please do more series on Six Great Religions closer together.

R. ANTHONY

SAYS WE'RE MUSLIM

Baltimore — Our people should wake up and begin to realize that we are Asiatics, which includes Africans. Our religion is Islam and we are Muslims by birth.

We were separated from our kind, language and religion when our foreparents were forced over here by the white man.

THOMAS X

SUBMITS A PRAYER

Buffalo, N.Y. — I would like for you to publish the following prayer:

Dear Lord, my God, Jesus Christ risen, save us from eternal war for Thy sake. We will glorify Thy holy righteous name. Grant us peace on earth and goodwill toward all men, forever. Amen.

P. L. STEVENS

QUOTED WRONG

Wilmington, Del. — The Dec. 13 AFRO quoted me as saying that the New Testament proves Jesus' birthday was Oct. 1, not Dec. 25. That was wrong.

I discovered this fact through research. The 25th of December happens to be King Nimrod's birthday. I am wishing the world a pathetic Dec. 25. I pray to God they will wake up.

(Chief) ST. JULIAN DeCOSTA

The Christian Indian

MORE ON NEW BIBLE

Atlanta—I think the scholars have done a very fine job on the Bible.

So far as I am concerned, I shall use both. But I find it hard to break away from the old King James version.

W. A. FOUNTAIN Sr.

Bishop, AME Church

Wilberforce, O. — I regard the Revised Standard Bible indispensable to the modern day preacher. It will become more and more popular, but I do not expect it to supplant the St. James version in my day and generation.

Bishop R. R. WRIGHT Jr.

Wilberforce University

AME Zion Church

St. Louis, Mo. — In Iran or Persia, the history of the Saviour is altogether different than that given in our Bible. They say, "When you are tired of the lies taught by missionaries, come to us and we will tell you who the Saviour was."

"Jesu," "Iesu," or "Jesus" was born in the city of Oas, Persia.

A person of neither sex, his name was Zarathustra. He was born of a virgin and he came to restore that which had been lost during the flood 25,000 years ago.

F. D. STARCK

Chicago — I regard the Revised Standard Bible as one of the most thorough pieces of work done in the history of Bible translation.

In my opinion, it brings it up to date in terminology and clarifies many errors and oversights in the King James version. It should be used for the light that it throws on the truth contained in the Bible.

Secondly, the Liturgy of the ordinary church, and for that matter of the whole church, should be slow in giving up the language of the King James version because it is a symbolic language identified with the church and again it expresses the truth that is already set up in our memory and our method of expression in purely religious matters.

In toto, I am saying that the two translations should be used side by side, the one helping to interpret the other.

REV. W. J. WALLS

WW Vs. JOSEPHINE

Washington — Running true to form that miserable creature, Walter (Lipschitz) Winchell, is still grappling for Josephine Baker's throat. This time, he's angry because Miss Baker is reported to have the support of Peron of Argentina.

She is sponsoring a world cultural organization for the abolition of racial and religious discrimination. All hail to Josephine. Scallions to Winchell and all his ilk who are so quick to damn anything decent as communistic. If this is communism, give me more of it.

J. H. JENKINS

Brooklyn, N.Y. — Josephine Baker is right. Laws in many of our southern states are barbaric so far as colored people are concerned.

Yes, discrimination, prejudice and segregation are evils that parade in America. No amount of damning Miss Baker will cover up this fact. Even a dog has the right to yelp when you step on his tail.

ARCHIE WATERS

New York—I see where Adam Clayton Powell, the big wind from Harlem is blowing again. This time it's aimed at Josephine Baker.

When the new congress convenes, perhaps he will find time to make a trip to Washington. There he could introduce a bill to bar her return to America. He may as well go all the way since he seems bent on playing Walter Winchell's game.

GEORGE BARCLAY

WANTED: PEN PALS

Somewhere in Korea—Will you please print our address in the AFRO so that we can hear from a few pen pals. We will correspond with anyone who cares to write us. Our address is Hq. and Hq. Battery, 3d AAA AW Bn (Sp.), 3d Infantry Div., APO 468, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

CPL. WILLIE A. SULLIVAN

CPL. MEL LONDON

Somewhere in Korea — I have a lonely soldier in my company who never receives any mail. AFRO readers have given comfort to many men over here. Perhaps they would like to help Pfc. R. Walker Jr., Sc Battery 981, F.A.B., N., OS 52126356, APO 6, care of Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

(Pfc.) HOWARD BRADLEY

COLLEGE GRATEFUL

Wilberforce, O. — Central State College wishes to thank the AFRO for its generous coverage of our school during the year.

We would like to extend our warmest wishes for a Yuletide season of happiness and a New Year of satisfying fulfillment.

(Mrs.) ALICE D. ARCHER

Supervisor, News Bureau

Lipstick

By Lulu Garrett

It is good that Christmas comes but once a year. It is good to be satiated with this delicious feeling of loving and giving.

Lest we lose, by repetition, the thrill of the togetherness that perfumes the hearth in wreath-hanging and tree-trimming:

Let the wonderful gift of the Christ Child becomes just another taken-for-granted treasure such as the air we breathe and the sun that warms us.

It is good to have some things come at far distant times in order that proper appreciation and time for pondering the depth of the gift be properly plumbed.

THOUGHTS OF THE FOUNDER

Look around and see if you have some old toys piled up in your closet somewhere, just littering up the place. You are going to buy new ones for your child this year, why not make some poor child's heart glad with those you do not need?

JOHN H. MURPHY Sr.

December, 1912

Report From Europe

By Ollie Stewart

PARIS — The opening of a Christmas card is like the opening of the front door to an old friend. And the most interesting thing about a Christmas card is the fact that it recalls minds you not only of a person but also of a particular time and place.

Mr. Stewart

My first card for example, took me back about twenty years along memory lane, back to my first month of work at Tuskegee Institute, in 1933. The card came from Mrs. Corinne Adams (now Simmons) who works for a Chicago newspaper. The first time I visited Corinne and Harold Adams, they had two small sons tearing up the house.

Now both sons are old enough to be in the Army, the card said.

The oldest has been assigned to Europe and will soon be headed this way. Now I know why I notice a few more gray hairs every time I look closely.

Yuletide in France

Ah, Christmas! The season of giving and receiving gifts. And a number of people who read this will realize for the first time that they helped to make Christmas twice as merry for persons in France they have never seen.

I'm talking about last summer's tourists to France. To you, the trip was a chance to travel and see new things and pick up some souvenirs. Okay. You probably got your money's worth.

But what about the dollars you scattered around? You bought perfume, watches, handbags, dresses and jewelry. You drank champagne and wine and cognac. You tipped waiters, taxi drivers, chamber maids, porters and musicians. All in all, a small army of French workers had a neat little windfall everywhere you went — and they won't forget you in a hurry.

Santa in Summer

The month may have been June, July or August. But you were Santa Claus just the same. Merry Christmas from us to you! Drop in again sometime.

It was William Dawson, choir director of Tuskegee, who called my attention to one of the most unusual Christmas display windows in Paris. The biggest department store in the city, with a sidewalk about a half-block long, put on display some of its finest evening gowns and furs. Waxed figures showed off these gorgeous creations.

But — what made those wax figures so different from those in other windows was the fact that every one of them had a black face. Everybody who passed had to stop and ogle the dark ladies in their dazzling costumes.

Sing With Feeling

Nobody, but nobody, sings the songs of Yuletide with more feeling than the French — especially French children. For the past two weeks (just as in America), more than half the music over the radio was consisted of Christmas carols. But never have I heard "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells" sung with so much emotion. Somehow, the French language seems to add a zest of its own to these traditional melodies.

I rate the German language after French — and place English in the third spot, as a singing language. Now go ahead and call me un-American.

While you're doing that, I'll wish you — one and all — a most merry, merry Christmas! And may the good Lord keep you safe!

NEWS IN TABLOID

By Cliff W. Mackay

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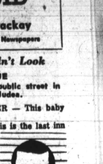
Herod's Soldiers Didn't Look

A DIALOGUE

Time: A.D. 1. Place: A public street in Bethlehem Of Judea.

FIRST ROMAN SOLDIER — This baby hunting leaves me sour.

CENTURION — Well, this is the last inn in Bethlehem. If we don't find it here, you will take a detail of men and enter each individual house.



Mr. Mackay

FRS—What's one more baby to Herod? He's set great store on having its life. Anyone would think the kid could handle a sword, the way Herod talks. Think of hunting a new king of the Jews what was born in a manger. Ha! Ha!

CENTURION — Silence! We have orders, and orders are to bring in the baby. If we find him, there'll be reward enough to keep us in luxury the rest of our lives. Hold! Who's this?

SECOND ROMAN SOLDIER (Salutes as he approaches) Sir, four of us have searched every room in yonder inn, and no infants or young mothers are quartered there.

CENTURION — Had the inkeeper heard aught of our young Nazarene?

SRS — He said that a young Nazarene couple had made reservations for the census week, but they were late in coming to claim them, so the room was hired to others.

CENTURION — Very good. Proceed now to search each dwelling along the Bethlehem road. (To second soldier) Take the left side, we'll take the right. Be diligent. The reward is great.

FIRST ROMAN SOLDIER — A courier approaches.

COURIER — Sir, I have news.

CENTURION — Speak on.

COURIER — Zacharias has been slain.

CENTURION — Zacharias! Who is he?

COURIER — One of those whom Herod has ordered brought in dead or alive. He's the father of John, called the Baptist. His wife and baby disappeared through the mountain as if by magic. It's strange, spooky.

CENTURION — You've had too much wine. There are no spooks. To your duty. Scary soldiers deserve no furloughs or rewards. Haste, work and report to me. (Courier rushes off).

FRS — Well, here's the first house. Shall we knock or enter first?

CENTURION — Knock. An angry housewife is never gossipy. One tip and we are rich. (He remains standing in the doorway while first soldier enters yard.)

FRS (Knocks) — Hello within! Hello there! Open in the name of the law!

Social Equality Frowned Upon

HAGAR (Voice from within) — Coming. (She opens door). Peace be with you.

FRS — Peace. We seek in the name of Herod, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth of Galilee and their young child. Are they lodged here?

HAGAR (Apprehensively) — No.

FRS (Preparing to write down information) — Whose house is this?

HAGAR — This belongs to my lord and husband, Simon the Cyrenian, sometimes known as Simon the Black.

FRS — Where's Simon?

HAGAR — In the stable. Wouldst speak with him? I'll call him.

FRS (Curtly) — No, but if I was as good looking as you, I'd marry my own color. (Pushes into one-room cabin, looks carefully everywhere, and is satisfied no one is hiding there).

HAGAR — But soldier, Simon is good and kind. All Bethlehem regards him as an honest citizen.

FRS (Turning to go back to the Centurion) — Just the same, this social equality business of black men marrying white girls don't look so good. (He leaves).

HAGAR (Closes door softly, and from behind the curtains watches the soldier salute and speak to his Centurion. She can overhear them.)

How Babe Jesus Was Spared

CENTURION — Well, boy, what luck?

FRS — Nothing. One-room but, and nothing big enough to hide anybody in. House belongs to Simon, that black fellow from Cyrene.

CENTURION — Hadn't you better take a peep at the stables?

(Expression of horror spreads over Hagar's face.)

FRS — Chief, judging by what that black boy's got in the house, there ain't nothing in his stable. He's as poor as a church mouse. We'd just be wastin' time. No king's son would be stayin' with a colored family anyhow.

CENTURION — All right. Let's get going. (They leave and walk down the road. As they get out of sight, a woman quits the stable and starts toward the house. As she approaches the cabin door, it can be seen that she has a babe in swaddling clothes.

HAGAR (Opens the door as she gets close).

MARY, THE VIRGIN — They have gone. What did they say?

HAGAR — You'd be surprised. They said you couldn't possibly be hiding with colored people.

MARY (Softly) — With colored people? What does that mean?

HAGAR — Well, don't worry. Soldiers have strange ideas. Now tell me what did you do with the child when you saw the soldiers coming?

MARY — I put Him in a manger and covered Him with straw. He was so good and quiet that even if the soldiers had come, He could not have been found. Jehovah protects us.

HAGAR — Listen, someone is singing. Isn't it beautiful?

No warm, downy pillow His sweet head pressed:
No silken garments His fair form dressed.
He lay in a manger, this heavenly stranger,
The precious Lord Jesus, the wonderful Child.

First Christmas In N.Y.

Many nights I have stood at my washtub all night, from six in the morning until six the next morning, and so at my ironing table, night and day.

I would get so sleepy I could hardly stand on my feet until the first deep sleep was cast off. then I would work on it daylight with perfect ease.

—AMANDA SMITH'S Own Story, Christmas, 1862

God Rest You!

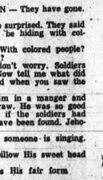
God rest ye merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Savior
Was born on Xmas Day.

ENGLISH CAROL.

Hodge-Podge

By Bob Matthews

NOW THAT HE had reached the ripe old age of seven years, he no longer believed in the Santa Claus myth.



Mr. Matthews

No one could pull the wool over his eyes, but sprites, elves and pixies — that's a different story. Of course they existed.

Hadn't he solicited the aid of the pixies in getting Daddy to buy him what he wanted for Christmas. Didn't want any old trains, or bikes — that's kid stuff.

What he wanted was a he-man size sled, the kind you can start on a hill, and a pair of racing ice skates.

Every night when he said his prayers, he put in an extra blessing for the good fairies that were going to help him get his heart's desire.

Know What Was There

Christmas morning dawned bright and clear — he didn't bother to rush downstairs early. So great was his faith in the good Christmas fairy, he just KNEW what was under the tree.

Sure enough, when he sauntered into the living room, there was a shiny new sled — bright red, the kind you can steer on hills.

But alas, our young friend had a great disappointment in store. He had concentrated so hard on getting a sled, that he completely forgot that there must be snow before one can use it.

Must Have Snow

This Christmas morning was sunshiny, bright, and not a vestige of snow was visible. The weather forecasters glowingly predicted clear weather — and he with a shiny, new sled — the kind you can steer on hills.

Suddenly his face brightened—he turned to his father and trustingly asked:

"Gee, dad, I wish you had brought some snow instead. I could have borrowed a sled."