Strolling The Avenue

Evergreens, holly, colored lights and other Yuletide touches showing up in most of the spots along the beat let you know that old Father Christmas is not around the corner, but walking right down the middle of the block.

Incidentally, so do those prettily wrapped boxes which so many of our favorite waitresses and barmaids have placed, in conspicuous spots on their stations.

AT LOU'S BELMONT at 628 W. Baltimore St. the other night two of the fellows were talking about the little boxes during a break in the music by Mae Daniels and Her Trio.

The first lad seemed a trifle miffed—"I always tip the barmaids or waitresses every time I get a drink and this box gimmick adds up to a double take. It's not fair."

His companion was unruffled. "Well," he yawned, "You're gonna give what you wanna give anyhow. Just ease one tip into the slot, and after that, when she starts talkin' about her box, just tell her you've been there."

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JUST IN TIME for those holiday funseekers, the CLUB PAREE bar and lounge at 2714 Pennsylvania Ave., has reopened with new decorations and new management in the person of Mrs. Rosa L. Branch. Tommy Scott and the Rhythmaires keep things jumping for the music-minded.

They're calling the club CAPRI at 21 E. North Ave., Baltimore's smartest supper club. The food prepared by Chef DeSanta and the music currently being his 6-piece combo plus songstress Pauline Rogers is helping it to live up to that reputation.

For Eastside patrons the CLOVER CLUB at Fayette and Wolfe Sts., is offering a policy of weekend entertainment. Last week it was Alfonso Brown and his Tune Toppers—Real Nize.

For a swing over to the West end, it's JERRY'S BAR AND CAFE, located at Edmondson Ave. and Franklintown Rd. Delicious food is the specialty in its Patio, where Dan Haywood holds forth at the piano to provide a mellow atmosphere.

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON, from 5 until—is the time that has been set for the New Ashburton Democratic Club's cocktail party, which will be held at the CROSS ROADS LOUNGE at Pennsylvania Ave., and Fulton.

President of the club is the charming Mrs. Ethel Daniels, owner of Ethel's Lunch, located in the Cross Roads subway. Rick Cummings and Reds Harris, Cross Roads co-owners, have a list of drink prices which are a real attraction.

From baseball player, to garment merchant to nightclub owner and impressario, is a thumbnail sketch of George Fox, genial, tubby, cigar smoking owner of Rictor's RED FOX.

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RIGHT NOW, Mr. Fox, who knows enough of the "greats" of show business intimately to spot a real talent when he finds one, is dedicating virtually all of his efforts to the career of Ethel Ennis, vocal and piano songsation.

Ethel has just finished cutting several singles and a album for Jubilee Records. "If she doesn't make it, I'll give up, because I won't know anything about show business," declared Mr. Fox. Best of luck to them both.

If you ate out last Saturday or Sunday and failed to stop in at the ALHAMBRA GRILL at 1520 Pennsylvania Ave., for at least one of those delicious meals with which they were serving free cocktails, you missed something. Understand that they're going to try it again this weekend.

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THE SPOT BAR at 1530 Pennsylvania Ave., is still the spot for smoothly mixed drinks as well as the smoothly mixed music of Andy Brooker and His Threesome. Vi Brown, recently back from Paris, is handling the lyrics.

Strictly "Must" entertainment for your weekend should include at lest one of the following:

CLUB AMBASSADOR, 1936 E. Fayette St., The Swallows and their orchestra. Jam session Sunday.

SAVOY, 1600 E. Monument St., the Five Crazy Cats, music Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

LEO'S NIGHT SPOT, 801 China St., Nunie and her All Star Cast, two shows nightly, Friday through Sunday. Stanley Reid, piano; Sidney Harmos, guitar; Vernon Dixon, drums.

JONES' COCKTAIL LOUNGE, 1724 W. Lanvale St., Wilbur Stewart and his Whirlwinds.

KNOTTY PINE, Biddle St. and Park Ave., Eddie Gough and Trio.

LAS VEGAS, 128 Warwick St., Sarah Vaughan, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Dizzy Gillespie, opens Tuesday.

CHICK'S BAR AND LOUNGE, 525 W. Baltimore St., Herman Hill's Jolly Jax Trio.

THE KNOTTY PINE, Park Ave., and Biddle Sts., Joe Adams and his combo.

THE WILMA, Pennsylvania Ave. and Baker St., for the best in food and drink.

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THE JIMMY WELLS Jazz Combo played their first major jazz concert Wednesday in the Poe Homes auditorium.

The concert was sponsored by the Bearcats Boys' Club and featured an aggregation that is said to be the most exciting jazz ensemble to appear locally in five years.

The group was organized in November.

Members of the unit are Jimmy Wells, vibes; Donald Criss, piano; George Randle, drums, and James Jefferson, bass.

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Youth, 18, arrested in slaying

RICHMOND

An 18-year-old Charles City youth, who came to his sister's rescue and fatally stabbed a 26-year-old man Saturday, is awaiting trial in Henrico County Court on a charge of murder.

The accused, Leroy Cottman, plunged a hunting knife into Alphus Baker, shortly after Baker had struck his sister, Miss Jean Cottman.

Four months previously, Cottman's other sister, Martha, was shot to death by a jealous suitor in the yard of their Charles City home. Fearing that a similar fate awaited Jean, young Cottman intervened in a dispute his sister was having with Baker.

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HENRICO COUNTY Detective R. A. Wiltshire, who led the police investigation, gave the AFRO this account of the slaying:

"Seven or eight people were visiting at the home of David Missen in Henrico County when Baker came in and started a fuss with Cottman's sister, Jean.

"Baker took a glass of water from Jean and threatened to pour it on her. Baker then grabbed Jean. Missen tussled with Baker in an effort to get him out of the house.

"Missen and Baker tussled on the floor and Cottman got into the fray by kicking Baker in the face. When Baker got up, Cottman stabbed him with the hunting knife."

Robert Coley of Chi buried in Goldsboro

GOLDSBORO, N.C. — Funeral services for Robert Coley of Chicago, formerly of Goldsboro were held Tuesday in Elm Grove Church, with burial in the Coley Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Coley; three sisters Mesdames Pennie Artis and Cora Barnes of Fremont and Sallie Coley Wright of Los Angeles; four brothers, P.C. of Buffalo, N.Y., Russell of Washington, D.C. and Frank and Philip Coley

Tribute to chemist

HOUSTON, Texas — Dr. Ray Floyd Wilson, professor of chemistry at Texas Southern University, delivered a paper at the 11th Southwest Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society during its meeting at the Shamrock-Hilton Hotel here recently.

Winner takes trip to Miami

A week in fabulous Miami Beach is the prize that Mrs. Anna Adams, 1125 Harlem Ave., won simply by filling out an entry blank and leaving it at Goldenberg's Department Store, 213 N. Eutaw St.

She was the first winner in a contest being sponsered by Goldenberg's that holds out the attractive lure of a flying trip to Miami, California, Texas, or Chicago, with transportation and hotel expenses paid.

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NO PURCHASES are necessary to enter the contest and a contestant may enter as many times as she or he desires.

As the first winner, Miss Adams flew to Miami with her mother, was met at the airport by a limousine, and spent a wonderful week at the Lord Calvert Hotel.

The winner in the second week was Mrs. Carrie Mills, 2658 Flora St., and she is reported to be making plans for a visit to the playland of the South.

The contest is still open and Goldenberg's welcomes all contestants.

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Elks accused of neglecting to approve some payrolls

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—Since the death of J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler for 30 years, expenditure of funds averaging $40,000 a year for the Elks' convention payroll has not been approved by all annual grand lodge sessions.

A veteran member of the order and of the so-called cabinet of Grand Exalted Ruler Robert H. Johnson, Saturday called attention to the failure of Mr. Johnson to have the grand lodge approve the convention payroll.

While this member asked that his name be withheld for fear of reprisal, his action indicates that not all members of Mr. Johnson's official family are in accord with the waste and extravagance with which the organization has been run since Mr. Wilson's death.

A check of Elks' grand lodge minutes from 1951 to 1954, inclusive, verified the statement of this member.

DURING THE 30 years Mr. Wilson served as grand exalted ruler, the practice was to have the grand lodge approve "the report and recommendations" of the mileage and per diem committee.

This report consisted of the names of officers and delegates who were entitled to mileage and per diem or to pay for services on grand lodge committees, and the amounts they were to receive.

Under the laws of the order, all grand lodge officers, department heads, past grand exalted rulers, and members of standing committees and commissions are entitled to mileage to and from their homes and expenses of $5 a day for six days.

All members of committees appointed by the grand exalted ruler are entitled to $10 for the session.

THE MINUTES of the 1951 convention held in Buffalo, N.Y., the last at which Mr. Wilson presided, show that after the installation of officers and the election of honorary past grand exalted rulers, "the report and recommendations" were approved.

A list of officers receiving pay, and the amount each was paid, followed.

Mr. Wilson died Feb. 19, 1952, and apparently the practice was abandoned at the 1952 grand lodge session held in Atlantic City in August of that year.

The minutes for that convention fail to show that a mileage and per diem committee was ever appointed or ever reported.

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AFTER THE report of Herbert E. Jones, grand organizer, was referred to the committee on grand lodge officers' reports, the minutes show the following notation:

At this point the grand exalted ruler made the following committee appointments, but there is no listing of committees or assignments to them.

The minutes for the final session of the grand lodge contain a heading, "Vouchers paid at grand lodge convention August, 1952."

There is no indication, however, that the mileage and per diem committee made a report or that payments to meet the convention payroll were authorized by the grand lodge.

The minutes for the 1953 convention held in Atlanta show that the mileage and per diem committee's report was approved and the payments ordered made by the grand exalted ruler.

BUT THE MINUTES for the 1954 grand lodge held in Chicago fail to show any authorization from the convention for payment of mileage and per diem.

After a statement that Acting Grand Exalted Ruler T. Gillis Nutter of Charleston, W. Va., declared the 55th annual session adjourned and the names of Mr. Johnson, William C. Hueston, grand secretary, and Harry H. Eddicks, grand recorder, there appears simply the words "Per Diem" and a listing of the names and amounts.

A previous article concerning Elks' finances listed Mrs. Martha Lloyd of Washington as having been paid $1,450. This was an error. The correct amount should have been $150.

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PAYROLL PAYMENTS to officers and members at the 1954 convention, the last available payroll, include the following:

Assistant Grand Esquires — G. Fred Moseley, $25; Mack Dixon, $15; Martin Johnson, $25; Robert Nelson, $25.

Resolutions Committee — Nelson Willis, $100; Booker Dunn, $100; William Ming, $150; Isaiah Givens, $50; Charles E. Ruch, $50; Charles Anderson, $25; C. D. Denton, $100; Clayton Crier, $50; William P. Melvin, $50; Elmer Black, Philadelphia, $50; J. H. Hicks, $50; James Keene, Clearwater, Fla., $100.

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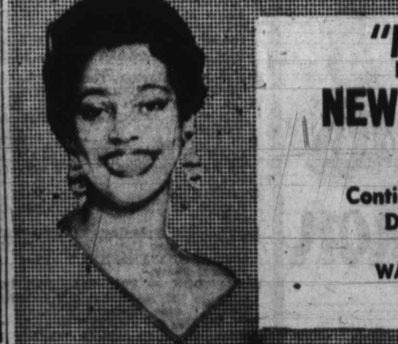

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Rec Bureau schedules 21 basketball games

From Saturday, Dec. 17 through Wednesday, Dec. 23, 21 basketball games will be played.

The Department of Recreation and Parks have scheduled the following:

Dec. 17 Trial Stone Rockets vs Belmont Billiards; Martin Jets vs Social Security; Jones Barber Ctr. vs Crown Cork and Seal.

All of the above games will be played at School No. 133. The first game starts at 6:45 p.m.

Dec. 19 - Gay Flames vs Globetrotters; Lexington Jets vs Royal Dukes. Both games at School No. 161. Games time 7:15 p.m.

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AT THE Carter Woodson Center on Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m., the Vikings will play the Tigers and the Bisons the Knicks.

At the Cherry Hill Center on the 19th, the Dominoes will play the Flames at 6:45 p.m.

These contests will follow:

The Starlettes vs the Dogerettes, and the Robinettes vs the Cheerettes.

Two games will be played at School No. 130 on Dec. 20. The first, scheduled at 8:15 p.m. will feature the Vagabonds against Crown Cork and Seal. In the finale, the Barracudas will play the Horsemen.

At the Woodson Center on Dec. 20 the Cheerettes will meet the Starlettes at 7:15 p.m. and the Dominoes will play the Dodgerettes at 8:15.

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ON DEC. 21 at School No. 102 the Bluejays will play the Barbour Tigers and the Rams will meet the Robins.

At School No. 180 on Dec. 21 the Vikings will meet the Bisons and the Saxons the Rockets.

On Dec. 27 at School No. 160, the Dominoes will play the Starlettes at 8:15 p.m. and the Dodgerettes the Cheerettes at 7:15 p.m.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, two games will be played at School No. 161.

At 7:15 the Robins will play the Junior Rockettes and at 8:15 p.m. the Bluejays will meet the Rams.

Weekend calendar

Following are the sports events on tap for Baltimoreans over the weekend:

FRIDAY

Hampton Institute at Morgan (college basketball) 8:15 p.m.

Dunbar High at Sollers Point (high school basketball) 3:45 p.m.

Carver High at Spingarn, D.C. (high school basketball) 3:45 p.m.

SATURDAY

Washington Univ. vs. Illinois (television) 3 p.m.

MONDAY

Armstrong (DC) at Dunbar (high school basketball) 3:45 p.m.

TUESDAY

City College at Douglass (high school swimming) 3:45 p.m.

IN THE BAG—Maryland hunters killed a total of 2,019 deer, setting a new record in the six-day season which ended Dec. 10. Clary W. McCoy, left, of 2750 Baker St. and Harold Crutchfield of 2009 N. Wolfe St. proudly pose with two they bagged during season. Game wardens reported more hunters appeared but this was one of the safest seasons on record.

Recreation Notes

LEXINGTON CENTER

One hundred fifteen persons participated in roller skating at Lexington Center Thursday. Music was played by the "All Star Jukesters."

Roller skating, a bi-monthly activity, is conducted on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month by center leaders, volunteers and Morgan State College students, and is sponsored by the Bureau of Recreation.

The next roller skating date is Thursday, Dec. 22nd.

Floor guards on Thursday were James McCou, Everett Sherman and Calvin Franks. Mrs. Celestine Anderson was chaperon for the delegation from the Barbour-Poe Homes Center.

The participants were: James Lesane, Dorothy Cromartie, Corrine Burrell, Vernon Johnson, James McCoy, Everett Sherman Calvin Franks, Carolun Gross, Joyce Anderson, Florence Veniey, Donald Whittington, Elaine Freeman and Louis Cross.

Also: Ralph Green, Herman Lee, Raymond, Harris, Leroy Dixon, William Robinson, James Ginyard, George Jones, Charles Conyers, Delaphine Hall, Regina Milburn, Norma Warren, Gwendolyn Taylor, Alice Conyers, Delaphine Hall, Earl Simmons and Willie Gilmore.

Others were Andrew Mullens, Reginald Brogden, Carol Ann Cruse, Carolyn Johnson, Frederick Neal, Willie Turnage, Robert Wise, Garland McGuire, Gloria Best, Alexander Pegram, Earl Booker, Arlene Booker, Arlene Burton, Barbara Selby, Joseph Simmons, Gilbert Rawlings, Arthur Myers, Russell Biddle, David McDonald and Gladys Bowser.

Also, Doris Glover, Ruth Banton, Daniel Hicks, Carrie Lowery, Willie Lowery, Robert Waters, Perry Robinson, Dorothy Gwynn, Mildred Hawkins, Elaine Chase, Secless Henderson, Carolyn Pettit, Barbara McCullen, Ulysses Wilson, Alice Wilson, Sandra Brogden, Jessie Stewart, Ruth Blanks, Justine Lane, Marsha Rounds, Elethia Thomas Inez Rees.

Others were: Larry Kelly, Shirley Foy, James McConnell, Horace Merrick, Francis Mason, Robert Brogden, Gloria Everett, Barbara Everett, Flora Thompson, Yvonne Johnson, Alfred Tolson, Shirley Best, Lorenzo Henson, Ray Witherspoon, Ann Washington, Ellen Davis, Sylvia Jordan, Lawaunz Tascoe, William McCoy, McRaymond Norrington, Kenneth Mason, Naomi Thomas and Barbara Banks.

Also: Gordon Collins, Vernon Hawkins, Leonard Freeland, Lawrence Cook, Shirley Tucker, Odessa Wainwright, Delores Gross, Edward Dorsey, Shane Rawlings, Raymond Carter, Eugene Simmons, Florine McCoy, Howard Multon and Johnnie Mae Jones.

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CARTER WOODSON CENTER

The Flames, a girls' midget basketball team, won their first game of the season by defeating the Cherettes, 16-9. The Dominoes won their opener also. The Seagulls won by forfeit over the Circle Hawks.

The Midget Bisons defeated the Cavaliers 52-26; the Midget Saxons defeated the Trotters 46-35; the Bisons won from the Saxons, 42-20; the Trotters defeated the Circle Hawks 35-29; the Seagulls lost to the Bisons 51-15; and the Circle Hawks defeated the Saxons 25-24.

The arts and crafts club at Woodson are making comb cases, change purses, lapel pins and pin-on pockets for Christmas. The articles are made from felt and trimmed in jewelry.

Among those participating in the project are Catherine Steele, Laura Steele, Arisgesta Steele, Elwood McCullers, James McFadden, John Senior, Vicki Pahlam, Valotia Campbell, Frank Mashack, Harriet Hawze, Lolita Henderson, Constance Tillington, Carolyn Howard, Caroline Greer, Oliver Greer and Beatrice Williams.

The Junior Teen Council sponsored a pre-Christmas benefit "Hop." The admission was a can of food or a contribution to the "poor box."

Committee members were Theresa Clark, Valerie Bennett, Barbara Henderson, Mary Oglesby Mary Hamon, John Bland, Earl Kearney, Kathleen Knox, Jean McKinney, Louis McFadden, Lillie Batty, Marva Green and Desney Green.

The Senior Teen Council met this week to plan their "Tennis Shoe Hop" to be held on Thursday. Members present were Joan Clements, Herbert Winston, Robert Brooks, Nathaniel Williams, Leora Reid and Betty Senior.

In the Cherry Hill Junior Basketball League, the Saxons defeated the Tigers 52-29; the Bisons over the Knicks, 59-29; Saxons over the Vikings 36-24; and theKnicks over the Tigers, 44-37.

Plans are in the making for a "Woodson New Year Extravaganza," to feature a combined fashions and a talent show.

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POE-BARBOUR CENTER

The "Bear Cats" of the Poe-Barbour Community Center gave a pre-Christmas Party on Dec. 12.

A "Jazz Concert" was held on Bryant and his combo.

CHICK WEBB CENTER

The Chick Webb Craft Club met on Thursday and worked on their first model air craft project. L. E. Jones is recreation leader.

The swimming program is moving along very smoothly as of the present time.

Fall swimming classes are nearing the completion stage at Webb. An examination period for those enrolled in the various classes will follow.

The Club started out with 11 members in November. It now has 22 members.

The Club is now in the process of having tags printed for the "Mr. Webbman" Contest which ends in January.

The tags are being printed by two members, Joe Gilliam and George Sutton. New Club members are Morris McCoy and Emmett Johnson. Wilbert F. Richardson is leader.

Horse Racing

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TACARO — Last a pip
DRY SPELL — Mary upset
HOOP BAND — Fast trials
PRINCIPIO — Likes track
ROYAL STRAIGHT — Good now
THIS EVENING — Disappointed
SIDEOUT — Could surprise
SUN WHIRL — Fast and fit
AMAWALK — Recent races good
BRONZE WARRIOR — Was never better
HELIANTHUS — Just missed
YEOMAN — Better than rated

AT FAIR GROUNDS

LITTLE VAN — Just missed
MIGHTY TIRED — Last a pip
TISHIE — Good now
SPECIAL CHOICE — Trials good
BY GONE DAYS — Rounding to form
BILL PAC — Toss out last
ED THE GREAT — Better than rated
MIGHTY MOMENT — Well prepped
YOU'LL DO — May upset
DRIVING — Likes track
SO BET ME — Was never better
MARKET TIP — Fit
BEN A. JONES — Has a bit of class
SEDGEVIEW — Good trials
SLOE MOE — In and outer
BARSHOE — Good races
AGNES LYNN — May not stop

AT CHARLESTOWN

ACE DRUM — Last not true
REDDIST REDBIRD — Just missed
WESTOVER — May repeat
TRAIL OF GOLD — Fit
LET IT RAIN — Likes track
JUDICATE — Fast trials
POOCH — May upset
HELEN'S HOPE — Speedy
PROMPT IMPULSE — Good now
CONDESA — Last a pip
DILLY WHILLY — Last good
FLUENT AL — Better than rated
BOSS BENNIE — Could surprise
BIG DOC — Looks good in trials

Ducks card City College, Forest Park

Douglass High School announced this week that dual swimming meets have been arranged between its team and the aggregations of City College and Forest Park.

The Ducks will compete with City on Tuesday (Dec. 20), at host Forest Park at the Douglass their own tank. They are slated to pool on February 14.

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