Show you care this Xmas

AFRO's Mrs. Santa Needs You

Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities is a non-profit organization of the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers which collects funds to aid the less fortunate at Christmas.

Funds are used to purchase food baskets which include all the ingredients for a meal and staples to last at least two weeks. Names are supplied by our readers, city agencies and the Police Department.

SPECIAL NOTE

If you decide to contribute $50 or more, please call Mrs. Santa at 728-8200 and we'll arrange for a picture with Mrs. Santa. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give.

WRITE

If you know of a needy family, a burned out family, write and give us the full facts. The names, ages, sizes of children and why you think they need help. We will investigate and try to help. All families are listed in our files and in the paper by case numbers.

ADOPT FAMILY

We suggest that clubs and organizations send cash donations to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund. We are able to purchase food in bulk, and the basket will be delivered by the Maryland National Guard. Send your check or money order to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities. 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

If you wish to give clothing or furniture to a family, call Mrs. Santa, 728-8200 and we will arrange to give you the name and address of the family, or arrange for transportation.

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'We had a fire using oil lamps'

Case 59—I'm writing this in hope my children will have a nice Xmas. I have 10 children and I haven't any heat or light. I'm using oil lamps, hoping I'll never have a fire. But we had a fire and 2 children were burned.

My husband makes $97 a week and it's just not enough. Please send us a basket of food it will make our Xmas a happy one.

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Case 60 — I am writing to ask for help for Christmas. I have four children, 3 girls, ages 9, 11, 6; and 1 boy, age 16-months-old. I am expecting another child in March. My husband and I recently separated and I don't have any help but social service. Anything will be helpful such as food, clothes and toys. The girls all wear size 8 and the boy, size 4. I pray to God my children will have a happy Christmas.

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Case 61 — Please help us have a happy Christmas. We get a small check every month and we barely have enough for rent money. By the time we pay rent, we hardly have any money to buy food. My husband is out of work, and we have no other income. We didn't have anything last year and now that my parents are deceased, I have no one to turn to. I have a 7-month-old daughter who wears a size 12-month clothes and size 2 shoe.

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Case 62 — I would like some help for my 9 children. My husband is under a doctor's care and I don't get much money and my husband doesn't get much. By the time we pay the gas and electric bill, rent and food and buy clothes for the children, I am left broke. I would like for all of us to have a nice Christmas.

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'Husband 90 and blind'

Case 63—I am writing to you for two elderly people. The wife cannot read nor write. Husband, 90-years-old, is blind with a leg amputation. They need everything. It would be nice if he had a lazy boy chair. He could sleep well in it. He also could use a bathrobe and underwear. They both need warm clothing. The house is very cold. They need food and also blankets.

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Case 64 — I am 15-years-old and I would like to know if you can help my family and me this Christmas? My father has to pay so many bills and he says he doesn't think he will be able to buy any food and goodies this Christmas. My mother is unemployed. My sisters and brothers are too young to work. They are 11, 13, 14, 16.

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Case 65 — Could you please send me a basket for Christmas or a gift certificate for my four children and my grandmother who is staying with me now? Things are awfully tough now. We do go to church and try to serve God and do what is right. Whatever you give us, we will appreciate it. My grandmother is 80-years-old.

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Case 66 — Please help me this year. I didn't have any Christmas last year. I only get $120.00 and I pay $42.00 for rent. Please send me a basket.

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Case 67 — I am asking you to please help me with a Christmas basket. I am sick, disabled, and need help. I am not able to work. I am also 65-years-old. I am living to get a loaf of bread and you know how hard it is with me, begging for something to eat. Please help me in the name of the Lord.

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'Had nervous breakdown'

Case 56 — We are a family of five who need help. I have three girls, ages 2, 6 and 8 and one boy, age 5. Can you help us have a happy Christmas?

I recently came out of the hospital from a nervous breakdown and am still under the doctor's care. I am receiving public assistance and after I pay my bills, I haven't anything left for my children.

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Case 57 — I need help this Christmas because I have no money to buy clothes, toys or things for my children. My husband does not contribute to the support of the children. My children are one girl, age one-year and one boy 4 years-old, wears a size three.

'Son seriously ill, I've lost everything'

Case 58 — My children will have the worst Christmas they have ever had. Will you please try to do something for me? I just got out of the hospital from major surgery. I also have a son who is seriously ill in Happy Hill Hospital. I need household furnishings and clothing. I lost everything I owned when I was in the hospital. It took everything I had to try to get another home for them. I would be pleased to get anything that is given because I am a person who truly needs these things.

'I'm 75, old and sickly'

Case 68 — I am writing asking for a Christmas basket. I am old and sickly. I only get a small income and after I pay my rent and my food stamps, I don't have anything left. I hardly have enough to carry me to the next month. I would appreciate anything you can give to have a little Christmas. I am 75 years old.

Case 69 — I am writing you this letter asking you to please send us a basket for Christmas. I receive public assistance and I am the mother of eight children. Please, Mrs. Santa, don't forget my family and me this year.

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Case 70 — Will you please help my children and me for Christmas? My husband has been laid off from work since March. We need a basket of food.

Case 71 — I am writing this letter to ask if you can help my children and me for Christmas? My husband and I are separated and the only income I have is public assistance. I have four children and my brother. My children are all girls, ages 6, 5, 8, and 9. My brother is 15. Please see what you can do for us for Christmas.

By Arnetta Lottier

Sharing at Thanksgiving

About 12 years ago, the late Mrs. Cecelia Sewell started taking Thanksgiving meals to the Lincoln Memorial Homes on Carey and Fayette Sts., as her part in giving to others at Thanksgiving time.

The next year, after joining the Cursillo Movment, in the catholic church, she felt that she could serve more people by serving dinner at a church.

St. Peter Claver Church, of which Mrs. Sewell was a member, offered the use of their hall for the dinner and for the past 10 years it has been held there. For many years, Mrs. Sewell with the help of Mrs. Hill, Mosley and other Cursillistas have fed hundreds of people on Thanksgiving day.

After Mrs. Sewell's death, Father Brian Cox, bishop Keough Sipbool, took the lead in the Thanksgiving dinner. Today there are people all over Maryland who fixed food and take itto the church for this occasion.

Additionally, Father Cox's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Cox of Charlottesville, Va. and other members of that city send all kinds of goodies for the dinner. Last year, the Coxe's brought 45 pies. It is estimated that about 100 persons help in this cause.

Yesterday, an estimated 1000 persons were fed. There was a transpoctation crew that picked up people in nursing homes and other places where transportation was needed.

Father Cox says the idea of feeding the poor, needy elderly and lonely is only a part of the reason for having the Thanksgiving dinner.

The main purpose is to have a spirit of fraternity and togetherness with folks from all walks of life. Many families brought their thanksgiving dinners and families to be with this group and spent the afternoon. The event is called a "Love Feast."

The activities began with mass at 8 a.m Following, juice and coffee were served to hold folks until dinner which was served from 12 noon to 5 o'clock. After dinner there was entertainment by singing groups. Senior citizens with musical instruments were encouraged to play along with the groups. Before the afternoon activities were over there was a raffle.

Father Cox is also supervisor of the Resurrection House located in the 500 blk. of N. Arlington Ave. Here he tries to help people who are sick or have problems. They also feed between 60 and 80 persons a day.

1600 Edmondson Ave.

Victory Celebration

Last Friday evening the 1600 blk. Edmondson Ave., held their party to celebrate their victory as a top AFRO Clean Block winner.

Neighbors gathered in the auditorium of St. Pius Church, Edmondson Ave., and Schroeder St., through the courtesy of Father Joe Del Vecchio, pastor.

The young people were having a grand time playing records and dancing. The adults were busy getting the tasty dinner together.

Parents about were Mrs. Annie Thomas, advisor; Mrs. Dorothy Jones, Mrs. Portia Burrell, past president of the Harlem Park Council; Miss Pearl Moulton, president of Harlem Park Council; Clarence Hachett, and the Altons.

Others attending the party were Joseph Block, Charles Douglass, Joseph Murdock, Jassee Thomas, III, Aleshia Thomas, Cassandra Thomas, Sean Thomas, Rosalie Harry, captain; Mirian Harry, Cynthia Harry;

Also Robin Harry Vera Harry, Mary Harry, Dolly Jones, Jermaine Cure, Linda Taylor, Anthony Taylor, John Taylor, Nelson Taylor. Keith Norman, Vanessa Posey Jeannette Atkins, Janice Atkins, Brian Atkins, Hilda Lloyd.

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NAACP needs help

Last Sunday evening, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its 9th Annual Dinner at Blue Crest North.

It was a very beautiful affair where many folks came to have dinner and honor the people in the community who have done outstanding work to advance the NAACP.

There was, however, a very sad note to mar the evening. The NAACP is in financial trouble. To think that this organization that has pioneered for the freedom of blacks and has done more than any other single group to bring about chances for blacks all over th country is struggling to survive is a disgrace.

Mrs. Enolia P. McMillian, president of the Baltimore Chapter, told the audience that when membership went up a few years ago from two to four dollars our black folks refused to buy a membership. The percentage was so great that they are in trouble. This seems to have happened all over the country.

It seems that our folks feel that we have our civil rights now and there is no need for an NAACP. As the speakers said, there is an even greater need today for the NAACP since discrimination is still with us only in a more sophisticated manner.

The folks who are out here looking for jobs who know they are qualified but get the run around can tell you about discrimination. As the folks who get jobs and still see white folks get advanced over them with less qualification. They can tell you.

If we are going to move ahead in this nation, we must wake up and realize that we are far from free. We need to band together and one of the best ways of doing this is to give four dollars to the NAACP for a membership.

To those brothers and sisters who feel that they have made it, remember who helped make it possible. As it was stated by some of the speakers on Sunday evening, it would be great if the NAACP could close their doors because there is no longer a need but since that is not the case we must do everything we can to keep the NAACP alive fighting for our rights. Please give now

Blocks on the Move

Mr. and Mrs. Santa at Carroll Museum

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will welcome visitors to the Carroll County Farm Museum's 10th annual old fashioned Crristmas open house, scheduled December 6 and 7 at the museum, located 1 mile off Route 140 in Westminster.

The main house will feature a large Christmas tree trimmed with strings of cranberries popcorn and old time ornaments. An antique toy steam train chugging around a Christmas garden will be displayed upstairs in the children's bedroom.

Carols will be performed by various groups on both days.

Museum craftsmen will demonstrate tinsmithing, quilting, blacksmithing, broommaking, chair caning and wood carving in the crafts building. Visitors also may see real lead soldiers cast and miniature horseshoes forged.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will appear December 7 in the Country Store, where unusual tree trimmings, corn husk dolls, wooden pull toys and handmade jewelry are on sale.

The two-day event concludes with the annual candlelight ceremony, in which every candle in the museum is lighted. This program also includes carol singing.

Hours for the open house are from noon to 8 p.m. December 6 and from noon to 6 p.m. December 7.

Admission to the event is free. Parking is available.

Enoch Pratt Free Movies

(Week of November 30-December 6)

Tuesday, December 2

Light Street Branch: films — "Five on Treasure Island" (Parts 5 and 6), 2:30 p.m.

Central Library, Children's Department: Film — "Up for the Cup," 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3

Waverly Branch: Film — "Sniffy Escapes Poisoning" "Caps for Sale," and "Curious George Rides a Bike," 10:30 a.m.

Highlandtown Center: Arts and craft program on making Christmas decorations, 3 p.m.

Morrell Park Center: Films — "Peewee Had a Little Ape" and "A Letter to Amy," 3 p.m.

Gardenville Branch: Arts and crafts for children 6-12 years old, 3:15 p.m.

Govans Branch: Films — "The Fir Tree" and "Five Survive," 3:30 p.m.

Canton Branch: Story hour for children 6-12 years old, 4 p.m.

Thursday, December 4

"Legal Considerations: Wills, Trusts, Probate, and Contracts," seventh of a series of eight programs on planning for retirement cosponsored by the Pratt Library, the Baltimore City Public Schools, and the Baltimore Commission on Aging and Retirement Education, at the Pratt Library's Wilbrook Branch, 6 p.m.

Saturday, December 6

"Blockheads," film at the Central Pratt Library, 2 p.m.

$500 REWARD

For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the robbery and murder of Elmer Lee of 3103 Garrison Blvd. on Sept. 19, 1975. Anyone having information please call Det. Howard Corbin, Balto. Police Dept. at 396-2721 or 22. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Articles stolen were cameras, portable T.V., component sets, etc

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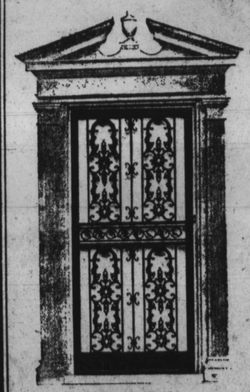

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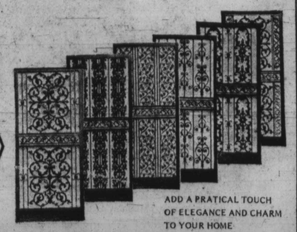

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