Mrs. Santa's Helpers

By Arnetta Lottier

Officers and members of the Myra Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, (PHA.) contributed $150 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa Fund and made contributions of $2,000 to other charities at their 81st Convocation held this week.

The presentations were made at the noon reception given for M.W. Grand Master Samuel T. Daniels, his cabinet and guests on Tuesday at the Masonic Temple.

Grand Worthy Matron Ruth M. Perry and Grand Worthy patron Charlie Smith made the presentations. Other groups receiving checks were the: NAACP, Keswick Homes, United Negro College Fund, Methodist Aged Homes, Provident Hospital, Baptist Aged Home, Anna Mae Hunter Home for the Blind and Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

This chapter makes contributions twice a year. At their session in May they contributed to the Urban League and J.F. Kennedy Foundation. The Youth Fraternities of the Myra Grand Chapter also gave $1,000 to the Stanton Community Center in Annapolis.

Making up the crowd of over 600 attending this 81st session were Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons and members from jurisdictions in England, Germany, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C. and Virginia.

Grand Worthy Matron Ruth M. Perry and Grand Worthy Patron Charlie Smith present a check for $150 to AFRO's Mrs. Santa's helper, Mrs. Arnetta Lottier at the 81st convocation at the Prince Hall Masonic Temple this week.

Case 18: I am a widow with children. We would be happy if you could send us a basket.

'We need winter coats'

Case 19: I have 4 children ages 14, 13, 6, and 2. Please help us with winter coats and shoes. It is hard to keep food on the table from the welfare check. We have no one else to turn to.

'I have kidney ailment'

Case 20: I have a serious kidney ailment and am unable to work. My girls are ages 18 and 5 and we would appreciate food, clothing or anything.

Case 21: Please help me. I need food, clothing and money. I am 16-years-old and wear size 16 clothes.

Case 22: I am a mother of 3 children and a grandson. There is not enough left from my welfare check to buy toys, clothing and food for the holidays. I am in need of clothes for the children and a coat for myself. We will be thankful for anything you can give us.

Case 23: I am writing this letter for my mother, she don't know I'm writing. Please send us some toys for Christmas and a basket of food. I am 10 years old and have 4 brothers and 4 sisters We have high light bills.

Dear Friend:

You are cordially invited again this year to help the AFRO-AMERICAN'S Mrs. Santa benefit program.

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 728-8205 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 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, 728-8205 and we will arrange to give you the name and address of the family, or arrange for transportation.

Mrs. Santa's cases

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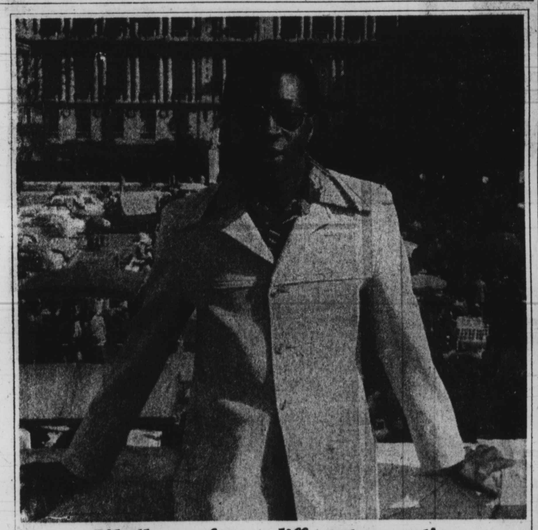

If he'd come from a different generation, chances are he wouldn't be where he is today.

Today, Mervil Johnson is well on his way to the career he dreams about – international business.

He's already been graduated by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, where he participated in the honors program in both French and Spanish.

And now this 23-year-old Texan has completed advanced studies in Nice, France, at the Institut d'Administration des Entreprises (the business school) of the Universite de Nice.

What made his year abroad possible was an ITT International Fellowship.

Mervil was one of 66 ITT Fellows last year. Half were American graduates who went to study abroad, the other half foreign students who came here.

In all, over 250 young men and women have been helped along in their careers by the ITT International Fellowship Program. But certainly none typifies better what the program is all about than Mervil.

His mother, who has six other children, sums up what education means to her son: "It's the thing that opens doors for him."

The best ideas are the ideas that help people. ITT

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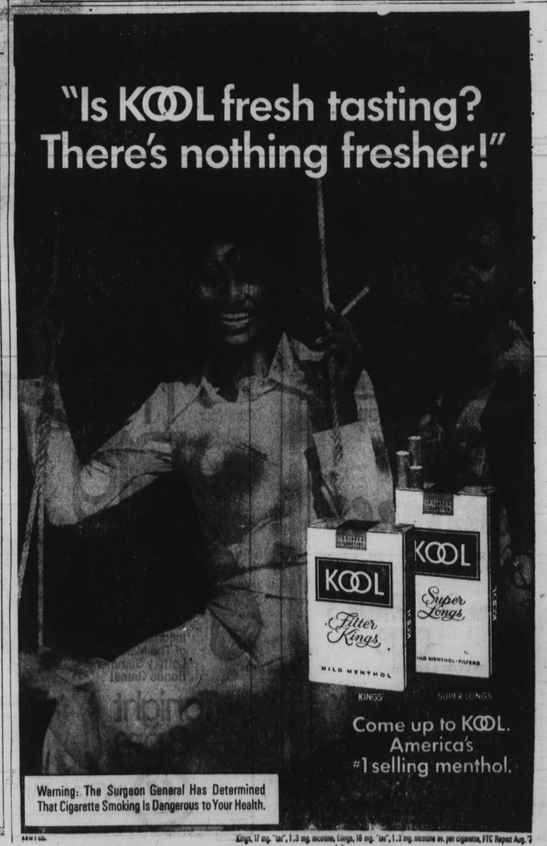

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MID-DAY ENJOYMENT—Sixth graders at Carter G. Woodson Elementary School share their lunch with Dr. Herbert M. Frisby, the artic explorer, who toured several city schools this week as part of the school system's celebration of American Education Week. (L to R) Terri Batty, Deborah Holt, Mrs. Mildred Harriday (standing) senior teacher, Dr. Frisby, Priscilla Partlow and Dwauna Pinder. (AFRO Photo by Norma Spencer)

School budget submitted minus money for teachers

By Clarence W. Hunter
AFRO Staff Writer

The city school board's budget and finance committee apparently doesn't believe in spending $7.5 million for additional teachers.

The 1978-79 tentative school budget request of $315.6 million, does not include a recommendation for 372 new educational positions made by school system officials.

The proposal is about $12 million less than the school official's request of $327.8 million. In addition to the 327 new educational positions, 197 new classified positions were also eliminated.

The contention among school officials for the cut in the 569 positions was the school board could not go to the city with an increase request of $45.5 million due to a decrease in student enrollment.

However, in the past several weeks there has been a loud demand for more teachers to relieve the overcrowded classroom situations in several secondary schools.

Dr. John L. Crew, school superintendent, already has hired 40 teachers. However, John Bethea, president of the United Teachers of Baltimore City, said 400 teachers would be necessary to reduce overcrowding.)

At a recent City Council education subcommittee hearing, Dr. Crew admitted 200 teachers might be needed.)

"I personally can't see any positions being cut out despite pupil personnel decline," said Bethea, "There are people retiring or leaving their positions everyday and they're not being replaced. I don't think it's right and I don't think it's fair to the children of Baltimore."

Dr. John Gist, deputy school superintendent, said the positions were the only thing the school board could cut.

"The board felt they couldn't go to the City Council asking for so much money," he explained. "They tried to find ways to trim it and settled on the positions."

The tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year is an increase of $33.4 million over last year's budget of $282.2 million.

Public hearings have been scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 28 at Coldstream Park Elementary School and the board is expected to approve the proposal Dec. 1.

The Department of Finance will receive the budget Dec. 5.

One of the most important points in both budget proposals is a substantial requested increase for supplies and equipment.

Sheila Sachs, chairperson of the budget and finance committee, called the $6 million increase "super-significant emphasis" and pointed out the situation has become "absolutely dire."

The increase in material and supplies would be from $31.31 per pupil (currently being spent) to $45. Funds in the amount of $2.9 million have been set aside for fixing, replacing and adding to educational equipment.

Other points, some which were not in the initial request, include:

— Funds totaling $5.4 million to cover the three percent salary increase awarded to employees in July. The increase is currently being paid by federal funds. Therefore, the school system must absorb the cost so employees can keep the raise.

— Funds totaling $504,000 for the Junior High School Improvement Program, which includes 25 counselors for a "career awareness" and other programs.

School board officials realize the city can not bear the entire cost of the proposed increase. Therefore, the fate of the budget rests largely on legislative action on the state aid to education formula.

Court gets brief supporting affirmative action

WASHINGTON

The U.S. Justice Department told the Supreme Court Tuesday "affirmative action programs" favoring minorities do not violate the 1964 Civil Rights Act's prohibitions against racial discrimination.

The department filed its court-requested "friend of the court" brief in Allan Bakke's "reverse discrimination" suit challenging a special admissions program for disadvantaged applicants to attend the University of California Medical School at Davis.

Bakke, who is white, claims he was twice denied admission on account of his race and this violated the act's Title VI, which forbids racial discrimination in any federally assisted activity.

"The act as a whole," the department argued, "was intended to deal with the discrimination against black persons then pervasive in our society.

"At the time the act was being considered, blacks often were denied the benefits of programs supported with federal funds," the brief said. "Title VI was desinged to put an end to federal support of discrimination and to assure to blacks the right of access to federally assisted programs."

The brief was the second the department has filed with the Supreme Court to defend the legality of taking race into consideration to correct effects of past discrimination by society at large. It said:

"We argued in our principal brief that the Constitution does not bar the medical school from taking race into account in order fairly to compare minority and non-minority applicants.

"We now submit that Title VI does not prohibit the medical school from employing a minority-sensitive program that the Constitution would permit."

The department's first brief was field Sept. 19 and based largely or constitutional issues.

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Flu shots recommended for elderly

Annual influenza vaccination is strongly recommended for the elderly, according to an announcement made by Dr. Matthew Tayback, state director on aging.

Flu shots are recommended for those over 65 because national statistics demonstrate excess deaths (over the average level) occur in the elderly during influenza outbreaks. In addition, flu vaccine is especially recommended for persons over 65 who are chronically ill with heart disease of any kind, emphysema, kidney disease and other long term disorders.

Tayback said that this year's vaccine will provide protection against both Type A-Victoria and Type B-Hong Kong influenza in a single dose for the patient.

Persons requiring the flu shot should contact their private physician, local health department or local commission on aging for further information.

Nubian Baby Book winner

Amorous Angel

ROBIN MARIA YORKSHIRE, shown here at the age of two months, was born June 30, 1977. She is the daughter of Sandra and Conrad Yorkshire. Dad is an employee of the Division of Parole and Probation. Mom is a bank teller. Proud grandparents are Mary Muir and Thomas and Cecelia Yorkshire.

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Send photos to AFRO-AMERICAN Nubian Baby Contest, P. O. Box 1857, Baltimore, Md. 21203.

More measles clinics slated

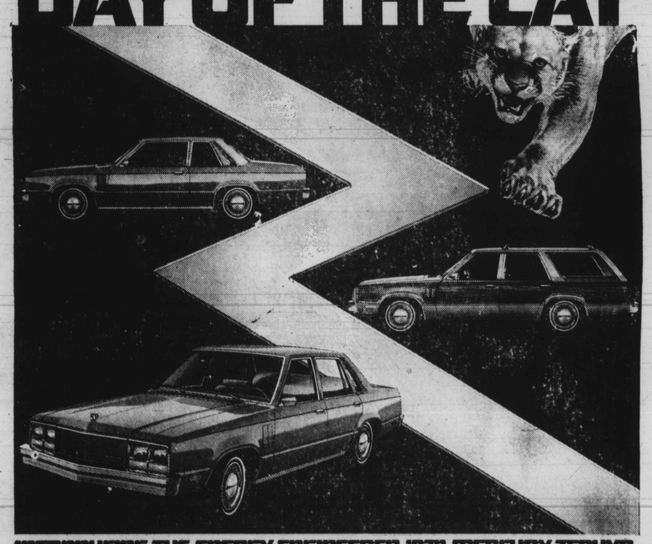
The city health department, working in cooperation with the school systems to inoculate every secondary student against measles before the Dec. 1 deadline announced special clinics will be held Saturday, at two school sites.

The locations of the two Saturday clinics are: Southern Senior High, 201 Warren Ave. and Pimlico Junior High, 3500 W. Northern Parkway. Both clinics will be open from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A clinic will also be in operation Nov. 25, at the Southeastern District Health Building, 3411 Bank St., near Patterson Park, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Dec. 1-2, clinics will be in operation all day at the Druid Health Building, 1515 W. North Ave. and at the Eastern Health District Building, 620 N. Caroline Street.

TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE CAT



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