C&P Northwestern team holds 'Awareness Evening'

The Northwestern Community Relations Team of the C and P Telephone Co., held an "Awareness Evening" at their Conference Complex on East Pratt Street.

Neighborhood leaders toured the Executive Communications Center and viewed services for special needs, an equipment display and the computer displays.

Greetings were by Mrs. Adelaide Dargen, chairperson; Carl Smith, Government Relations, Community Relations; J. Henry Butta, Vice-president; Davis E. Berry, assistant vice-president; John J. O'Connor, area manager; and Roderick Hart, district advisor.

Guests for the evening were: Officer Terry Hipkins, Police Department; Ms Carolyn Dunn, Ms Mary Silver, Martin Luther King SChool; Charles Blake, Gas and Electric Co.; Mac Hoffman, C & P; Mrs. Virginia Lee, C&P; Mrs. Maggie Quille, Druid Heights; Candi Humphrey and James Gunther;

Mrs. Arlene Fisher, Sandtown Improvement; Mrs. Olabisi James, Parkview Improvement Assoc.; Carl Stokes, Mondawmin Merchants; Mrs. Ida Peters, AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers; Mrs. Harriston, Civic League; Mrs. Ernestine Waro, Mayor's Stations; Pete Porter, C&P; Mrs. Catherine Johnson Constant Care; City Councilman Norman Reeves; Mrs. Agnes Welch, Rosemont and Walter Thomas, Sandtown-Winchester.

Community leaders attending Awareness Evening were John Hargrove, Baltimore Gas and Electric Co., Druid Heights; Mrs. Maggie Quille, Druid Heights; Dr. Beryl Williams, Wilson Park; Mrs. Olabisi James, Parkview Community; and Mrs. Agnes Welch, Rosemount.

Neighborhood leaders were urged to try the C and P computers. Above, Roderick Hart of C and P demonstrates to Mrs. Adelaide Dargen, (R) chairperson and Mrs. Bertha Nixon, vice - chairperson of the Northwest Community Relations Team.

HOSTESSES — Ms Rose Smith, Ms Janie Brooks, Ray Wilder, Ms Brenda Moore, John O'Connor, Area Manager, C and P Telephone Co.; Ms Mildred Wiggins and Cynthia McClean.

(Photos by Ida Peters)

Guides for C and P's "Awareness Evening" at the Conference Complex at 1 E. Pratt St. were Ms Cheryl Charles, Clarence Leverette, Ms. Shirley Harley, Jerome Richards, Clarice Hooker, Carl Smith, Government and Community Relations; Ms Helen Haskins and James Queen.

The crowd at 20 Grand were pensive, amused and gave the Body Builders a standing ovation at the AFRO Mrs. Santa Softball Marathon Awards at Twenty Grand last Sunday.

Free events for children

Monday, Nov. 29

Canton Center, 1030 S. Ellwood Ave.: Films, "A Lad in the Lamp" and "Lickety split Licorice", 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Brooklyn Branch, 300 E. Patapsco Ave.: Films, "African Odyssey: The Red Bicycle" and "Rookie of the Year"; 3:30 p.m.

Light Street Branch, 1251 Light St.: Films, "Miss Nelson Is Missing" and "It's So Nice to Have a Wolf Around the House", 3:30 p.m.

Northwood Branch, 4430 Loch Raven Blvd.: Films, "When Knights Were Bold", "A Good Deed in Time", and "A Lad in the Lamp", 3:30 p.m.

Waltbrook Branch, 3203 W. North Ave.: Films, "The Dog and the Diamonds" and "Everybody's Different and That's Okay!", 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 3

Patterson Park Branch, 158 N. Linwood Ave.: Films, "Towed in a Hole" and "The Singing Bone", 3:15 p.m.

Waverly Branch, 400 E. 33rd St.: Films, "Lady Fishbourne's Complete Guide to Better Table Manners" and "Winter of the Witch", 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4

Central Library, Children's Department, 400 Cathedral St.: Preschool story hour, 11 a.m.

Top Hits
Top Jazz Albums
1. Two Of A Kind
   Earl Klugh Bob James
2. Incognito
   Spyro Gyra
3. Casino Lights
   Various Artists
4. As We Speak
   David Sanborn
5. Hands Down
   Bob James

Top Spiritual Albums
1. Precious Lord
   Al Green
2. Brother to Brother
   Williams Brothers
3. It's Gonna Rain
   Milton runson
4. Lord, You Keep on Proving Yourself to Me
   Florida Mass Choir
5. Edwin Hawkins Live

Top R&B Albums
1. Lionel Richie
2. Forever, For Always, For Love
   Luther Vandross
3. Midnight Love
   Marvin Gaye
4. Silk Electric
   Diana Ross
5. What Time Is It?
   The Time

Top R&B Singles
1. Sexual Healing
   Marvin Gaye
2. Muscles
   Diana Ross
3. Truly
   Lionel Richie
4. Bad BoyHaving A Party
   Luther Vandross
5. 1999
   Prince

Roxie Roker (of "The Jeffersons") on "Tattletales" for five weekday episodes from Monday, Nov. 29 thru Friday, Dec. 3.

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U of Balto. benefit raises $500. for Mrs. Santa

By Ida Peters

Mrs. Beverly Ray was ecstatic on Monday morning when she called to say that the benefit by the 1982 Techniques and Program Planning and Leadership Evening Class of the University of Baltimore's Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts had raised $500 to benefit the AFRO's Mrs. Santa's hungry families at Christmas.

If you know of a needy family or a burned out family write AFRO Mrs. Santa, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201.

To date Mrs. Santa has received 371 letters asking for help and more than 43 families were adopted by good, good people who brought in baskets for people listed in the AFRO.

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People helping other people include Dr. Uthman Ray who has adopted the Mrs. Santa Program and very unselfishly not only presented $500 as his personal contribution from his wife and children but he made calls to many friends throughout the city to help AFRO's Mrs. Santa families.

As an aside, his friends knew but he was a surprised person this past Sunday when his church, Union Baptist, named his Man of the Year at their Men's Day services.

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Thanks to restauranteur Martin Resnick of Martin's Inc. who contributed $350 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa this week. In their note they said they were "aware that our organization does a great deal for the social health and wealth of the community, and deserves all our support".

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The Black Sophisticated Ladies Social Club, Ms. Carolyn Barnes, representative, have been given one of Mrs. Santa's families. They have adopted a single lady with two children and will take them Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner as well as provide clothes and toys and take the children on regular trips.

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Thanks to Dr. Roland Barksdale Williams, Admistrator of the Barksdale Humanitarian Fund, who contributed $100 to the AFRO's Mrs. Santa in memory of his grandparents Dr. and Mrs. M.L. (Edna) Barksdale, a former registered nurse, contributed many charitable acts during their lifetime to the Baltimore community.

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More nice people- Mrs. Turc of Supervisor of Information Service at Mass Transit is baking cookies again this year for Mrs. Santa's families and she's saving coupons to buy a turkey for a family.

The Zeta Chapter of Theta Nu Sigma National Sorority thru Elaine Simon, public relations and Marie Cherry, Basileus presented a wonderful Thanksgiving basket to one of Mrs. Santa's families. This is the organization that helps young beauticians be more creative, informative, persuasive and demonstrate their highest potential. They will be holding a Business Management Workshop at the Masters Beauticians, 1522 Madison Ave., Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Thanks to the Youth Group of the National Council of Negro Women who presented a huge basket for one of Mrs. Santa's families.

Making the presentation were Miss Alicia Grant, youth representative; Mrs. Bessina Williams, youth coordinator; Mrs. Marian Finney, Historian and Mrs. Loretta Bond, President.

Mrs. Santa's cases:

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enough. Can you help me for the holidays?

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Case 133 — Can you help my sister with a basket of food for Christmas? She is on welfare and has one child. She doesn't have much money and doesn't have a job. Is it possible to get a toy for her child?

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Case 134 — Can you help me make the season happier for some of the people I love very much? I have five children and five grandchildren. It would make me happy to have food for them this holiday season. At this time I don's see how. I only receive $211 a month for me and my youngest son.

No Money for Food

Case 135 — Will you please help me, my mother and my three children for Xmas? We are short on money because we are trying to pay this very high gas and electric bill. We will be thankful for anything you can give us, but we really do need a food basket.

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Case 136 — Please help my family. I am out of work and cannot find a job. I seem to have tried every place I even heard about a job. My six kids and I all had to move in with my mother because my unemployment benefits ran out. If I could get anything at all to help with the holidays, I would appreciate it.

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Case 137 — Can I get a food basket for me and my two sons? We are on Social Services and do not have much money.

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Case 138 — My four children and I need a food basket for the holidays. Is it possible to get one?

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Case 139 — I have been out of work for seven months and I have a son aged eight who needs some clothes and food. I do not have any shoes at all, and I need a winter coat. Anything you give will be helpful.

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Case 140 — My family needs a food basket for Xmas and some clothes for my two grandchildren. I get a small Social Security check, but it just doesn't buy everything we need. I will be very thankful for a basket and a few clothes.

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Case 141 — Please see that my five children get some food for Christmas. I also have two grandchildren. My husband has been gone for three years now, and we do not know where he is.

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Case Case 142 — With four kids to raise on welfare, I just can't make it. It is so hard for me to give my children anything for the holiday I would be very happy if you could help me with a food basket this Xmas. It's okay if they don't get any toys or clothes' just as long as they have a nice Xmas dinner. My food stamps only carry me two and a half weeks into the month and I have growing children.

No Place to Go

Case 143 — My three kids and I were put out after I get behind in my rent and gas bills. I tried my best to pay my rent, but we got cold, and I had to put the rent money on my heating bill. Now I am staying with my friend and her four sons and I can't afford my own place to live right now. Please help me get my life and my kids lives back together. Please try to help me find a good place to live.

Case 144 — My family needs help. I need a food basket and clothes for my children and my husband.

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Case 145 — We are in the process of moving into our own place about the first of next month. We are formally on Social Services, so when I do move, I will have to pay my rent plus my security deposit, and that will take practically all of my check. We are badly in need of help for Xmas. My little son aged two needs clothes, food, and maybe a toy if you can spare one.

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Case 146 — Is it too late to get help with a holiday dinner? My family of three is on welfare and my food stamps are already gone. Plus my son and daughter need winter coats. Can we get any help this Xmas?

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Case 147 — There are a couple of families in my block that need help with a food basket for the holidays. The first lady has three kids. The second lady has four children. I am sure both families will except anything you can offer.

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Case 148 — I have three children and their father is in jail until after New Year's day. I am living in an apartment and am trying to move in December. I know my children won't have any toys this Xmas after I pay my bills and move, because I won't have anything for them. Please help us.

Welfare Not Enough

Case 149 — My monthly Social Services check is not enough to give my kids a nice holiday. I would appreciate any help that can be given me for food and clothing for the holidays for my two girls. My rent is being raised and my utility bill is very high. I really need all the help I can get to make it through the holidays.'

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Case 150 — As Xmas approaches, I need help for my family. I have three kids and would appreciate it if you could send me a certificate for food from one of the grocery stores. My kids also need clothes since I have been unemployed and receiving a little help from Social Services. Even still, it is just not enough to support my family.

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Case 151 — As the mother of four children, I am trying to raise them the best that I can alone. I have been laid off from work since April, and now my unemployment benefits have run out. I have had surgery recently and presently my family is without an income. I am trying to get help from Social Services, so we are asking for anything you can spare to make our holiday a little happier

Calendar

Dec. 12- Benefit for Mrs. Santa. A production of "Treemonesia" by Arena Youtheatre at Arena Players 7:30 p.m. Tickets $12. On sale at AFRO Mrs. Santa office call 728-8205.

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Demetrius Mims, chairman of Board of Harbor City Sounds, 6 E. Lafayette will hold a Cultural Arts Bazaar, Dec. 8 for three weeks. Admission two canned goods or $1 for Mrs. Santa.

Ames Memorial United Methodist Out Reach Center, Carey and Baker Sts., the Rev. O. St. Clair Franklin, pastor and Mrs. Ruth Lewis, Superintendant, are conducting a toy drive among the children for Mrs. Santa.

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Dec. 19- The Gospel Key Notes and Billy Taylor will donate part of proceeds of their concert at 3:30 p.m. of the Gospel Key Notes.

The Practical School of Nursing of Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, Montebello State Hospital, Argonne Drive prepared two huge baskets complete with turkeys for two of AFRO's Mrs. Santa families. Above, Mrs. Nancy Duffy, (L) Class Advisor: AFRO Mrs. Santa Ida Peters; Dona Hursey, Social Committee; Delania Hurston, vice-president; William Hardy, treasurer; Terry Brown, president of Student Government; Janice Lattimore, class secretary; and Mrs. Mae Ingram, director.

Photos by Vanessa Johnson

Dr. Roland Barksdale Williams, administrator of the Barksdale Humanitarian Fund, contributed $100 to AFRO's Mrs. Santa in memory of his grandparents (above) Dr. and Mrs. M.L. (Edna) Barksdale. Dr. Barksdale, longtime Baltimore physician, and Mrs. Barksdale, registered nurse, contributed many charitable acts during their lifetime to the Baltimore community.

Mrs. Santa needs you

Christmas is supposed to be a special family - time and the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers for more than 90 years, has tried to help the unfortunate make it through the holiday season. In the early years our editors used to dig in their own pockets to help people who had nowhere else to turn.

More than 30 years ago AFRO Charities came into being and the AFRO Christmas Basket Program was started. Since 1972, the need has grown so great that the AFRO Mrs. Santa Program not only gives out 450 food baskets, but 1,300 needy persons in 1981 received $10 and $20 food certificates. Last year AFRO's Mrs. Santa raised $27,250.

In 1981, 300 of Mrs. Santa's families were adopted by churches, clubs and organizations. Also, Mrs. Santa gave a party for children at City Jail; sent car loads of canned goods to Bob Cheeks' Welfare Right Organization; canned goods, chicken and bread by the car loads to social workers at Murphy Homes; adopted 100 families from the Mayor's list and bought $500 worth of new shoes for 34 children donated by General Electric in Columbia.

The Mrs. Santa Fund, AFRO Charities, is a non - profit organization sponsored by this newspaper to help families at Christmas have a dinner. Names are supplied by our readers, AFRO Clean Block Captains and city agencies.

There are three ways you can help us make our goal of $20,000.

ONE: Make a generous cash donation so that food baskets may be purchased wholesale.

TWO: Wear a flower supporting the AFRO's Mrs. Santa. Senior Citizens and volunteers have crocheted red flowers which we will be selling during December for $1 each. Urge your club or other organizations to sell these flowers at various social functions and business meetings.

THREE: Contribute good used toys and clean clothes to Mrs. Santa's Store. When you contribute to the store, we will contact our families so they can select the things they need in their sizes.

SPECIAL NOTE: We'll be glad to arrange a picture with Mrs. Santa for all contributions over $100. When it is published in the AFRO, it will encourage others to give and we desperately need all the support we can get.

Please make checks or money orders payable to Mrs. Santa, AFRO Charities, 628 N. Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. 21201. All contributions are tax deductible.

Pearl and Howard Rollins in 'Member of the Wedding'

Pearl Bailey, Dana Hill and Howard E. Rollins Jr. will star in "The Member of the Wedding", the classic drama by Carson McCullers about a young girl coming of age in the South, to be telecast Monday, Dec. 20 (9-11 p.m.), on NBC-TV Live Theatre.

The presentation will be broadcast from the James K. Polk Theatre at the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville. Oscar winner Delbert ("Marty") Mann will direct.

Hill—critically acclaimed as the star of the television movie "Fallen Angel", and the co-star (opposite Diane Keaton and Albert Finney) of the feature film "Shoot the Moon"—will portray teenager Frankie Addams, re-creating the role that originally catapulted Julie Harris to stardom.

Rollins, a 1981 Oscar nominee as the fiery Coalhouse Walker in "Ragtime", will portray Honey, the troublesome foster brother of Bernice Sadie Brown (Bailey). The actor, who has performed in a number of Broadway plays as well as in the television miniseries "Roots II" and "king", recently appeared in the role of Ed Harding on NBC-TV daytime drama "Another World".

Books for sale at Pratt

Nearly 15,000 novels, biographies, reference works, children's stories, paperbacks, phonograph records, and other assorted items discarded from the library's collection and from gifts found to be surplus will go on sale at the downtown Enoch Pratt Library, 400 Cathedral St., on December 3, 4, and 5.

The big pre-holiday sale will feature modest, but somewhat increased prices recently approved by the Board of Estimates: $1.00 plus tax for hardcovers, $.50 plus tax for paperbacks, and $.75 plus tax for phonograph records. As always, proceeds will go to help the library buy more new books.

Among items this year will be a small collection of first and other special edition priced according to their value. Stephen Vincent Benet's "John Brown's Body", Clarence Day's "Life with Father", and "Capitalism", all in excellent condition with dust jackets intact, will be among approximately 100 offerings in this category.

Hours of the sale will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3 and 4 and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5.

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CHARMETTES GO WESTERN — Members of the Charmettes, a 40 - year - old Baltimore charity club, held a party for themselves and members recently. Theme was the Old West. Seated, Delorres Gregory, Rosamond Diggs, Victorine Q. Adams. Henrietta Bailey, Stelle Alston and Juliette Carpenter. Standing, Marie Bowen, Mary McPherson, George Matlocks, Alfred Wise, Josephine Smith, Dorothy Wise, Margaret Roy, Mildred Stokes, Willie Adams, Lee Stokes, Ed Gregory, Robert Bailey, Jack Alston and Eddie Watson.