Weather
Friday, cloudy, warm and humid with scattered afternoon thunder showers. Saturday, clearing, warm and humid. Sunday, fair with rising temperatures, high near 90.

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Prayer for Today
Strengthen us with Thy might, that the strain of these days may not break our spirits, and that no denials of human freedom by those who would enslave mankind may intimidate our souls.

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Pastor Drops Dead 2 Days After Assignment

REV. JOHN M. GIBSON
"....found him slumped over the tub...."

'He was dressing to go to the doctor...'

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — "It happened yesterday morning between 9:15 and 9:45. He was dressing to go to the eye doctor. It was a sudden attack.. a heart attack.

"His wife found him. She went into the bathroom to see if he was nearly ready to go with her. She found him slumped over the tub..."

Mrs. Ceselia B. Green was talking Thursday about the sudden death, on July 4, of the Rev. John M. Gibson, former pastor of Mt. Moriah AME Church here. The Rev. Mr. Gibson had been appointed pastor of Campbell AME Church in Washington two days before his death. (See other story in this issue on appointment.)

The widow, Mrs. Elsie Gibson, was still prostrate when the AFRO called, and Mrs. Green, a family friend and trustee of Mt. Moriah, spoke for the family.

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"IT WAS a big shock to all of us," Mrs. Green added. "We knew he was ill. He had been quite ill for a while, but he hadn't left his pulpit.

"On Sunday, he was very ill and we were afraid for him then. He would leave his bed for the Sunday services, but not to preach. He hadn't preached for three or four weeks. He attended the Monday meeting in Washington and got his appointment."

Mrs. Green added the new appointment had not disturbed the Rev. Mr. Gibson: "He didn't express any feeling about it. Presiding Elder Freeman was here yesterday and he said it didn't seem to register at all.

"He just felt that since the bishop had asked him to move he was an AME minister, and that was the law of the church and he was satisfied."

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BISHOP FRANK M. REID, who assigned the Rev. Mr. Gibson to his new church, was

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Rev. Powell to Annapolis, Guiles to D.C.

WASHINGTON

The Rev. S. Everette Guiles has been appointed pastor of the Turner Memorial AME Church, Sixth and I Sts., NW, replacing the Rev. A. R. Powell in a sudden three-way change.

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The announcement was made Tuesday by Bishop Frank M. Reid following an adjourned session of the Washington Conference of the Second Episcopal District.

Bishop Reid recently replaced Bishop D. Ward Nichols as presiding prelate of the district.

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THE CONFERENCE opened Monday at the Campbell AME Church, 2562 Nichols Ave., SE, where the Rev. Guiles was pastor for the past eight years.

The Rev. Powell, formerly of Trinity AME Church, Balti-

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Althea seeks win in doubles

WIMBLEDON, Eng.,—Althea Gibson, the slender New York girl who had hoped to crown her paddle-tennis beginnings in a Harlem side street with the most coveted championship of them all, was eliminated by Shirley Fry, of St. Petersburg, Fla., 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, in a quarter finals match.

Miss Fry, a veteran of many years of topflight tournament competition, came off a first-set loss to outsteady Miss Gibson on the famed Wimbledon

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center court. Although a seeded fifth here to Miss Gibson's No. 4, Miss Fry holds a No. 2 ranking among the world's women players of 1955.

Both players appeared well off their games. During the last half of the second set and the first half of the third, there were 10 service breaks in 11 games.

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THIS IS an indication of how unsteadily the two girls played.

For Althea, it might easily have been a matter of succumbing to the pressure of seven months of continuous tennis since she embarked on a tour of Asia, Africa and Europe for the State Department last December.

For Shirley, it was probably that she realized she was occupying the role of underdog in the match.

European tennis experts had bracketed Miss Gibson and Louise Brough together as the most likely to succeed to the title.

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MISS BROUGH, who already has won four Wimbledon crowns, entered the semi-finals along with Miss Fry. She defeated Britain's Shirley Bloomer, 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.

Althea, the first American colored player to command major attention at the famed All-England playoffs, and the first to succeed as far as the

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HERE IS MILDRED

The servant girl who speaks her mind—Feature Page.

House kills school aid bill

WASHINGTON

There will be no billion dollar Federal aid to public schools law this year.

The House killed the measure by a roll call vote of 224 to 194 Thursday.

The vote followed a hectic session of parliamentary maneuvering.

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EARLIER THIS WEEK, by a 164 to 116 vote, the House passed the amendment of Congressman Adam Clayton Powell (Dem., N.Y.) providing that none of the money appropriated could go to jim crow schools.

In a surprise move Thursday morning, the House adopted the the Gwinn substitute bill without the Powell amendment, while most of the Republicans were off the floor.

Rep. Powell introduced his amendment a second time and it was passed 225 to 193.

Then the House refused to send the Education Bill back to the committee for further study. The vote was 228 to 158.

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IN BOTH instances, Representatives Powell and Charles Diggs Jr. (Dem., Mich.) voted for the Powell amendment, and Rep. William Dawson (Dem., Ill.) voted against it. On the final vote of the bill, however, all three voted for passage of the bill.

Originally the bill, as approved by the committee and with the Powell amendment, called for $1,600,000,000 for a four-year program.

In reversing this action Thursday morning, the House approved by a teller vote of 122 to 120, an amendment offered by Gwinn.

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THIS AMENDMENT called for a formula basing each State's assistance on one percent of the total Federal taxes collected from the respective states. This was a five-year $1,500,000,000 plan.

The Gwinn amendment also knocked out the Powell amendment.

This fact apparently was not clear to all of the representatives at the time Gwinn's amendment was adopted.

It was made clear a few minutes later, however, when Rep. James Roosevelt (Dem., Calif.) asked for information on this point. Rep Francis E. Walters (Dem., Pa.), presiding at the time, ruled that adoption of the Gwinn amendment had knocked out the Powell amendment.

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THEN A SERIES of parliamentary moves resulted in the adoption of the Powell amendment by a 225 to 193 vote, and the rejection of the Gwinn amendment by a vote of 250 to 168.

This put the House back with the original bill of $1,600,000,000 for four years with the Powell amendment, and the House voted it down 224 to 194.

YOU CAN build a reputation as a TOP-NOTCH COOK just follow MRS. FANNIEJOE REID'S recipe for SPICE CAKE in COOKING IS FUN on this week's Food Page

'Ricky has vanished', police say

"It looks like he has just vanished into thin space."

"He has really given us the slip."

These were the comments this week of New Brunswick, N.J. police officials who admitted they have not had a trace of Richard L. 'Ricky' Hunt, since the night of June 21 when he reportedly pumped three bullets into the body of his estranged wife, Mrs. Helen Elizabeth Hunt, and wounded their six-month-old child.

The search for the handsome 26-year-old Baltimore truck driver has been extended to 13 states, but so far except for one time when he was seen near the AFRO building, Hunt has kept from sight.

There have been reports of him being seen on other occasions, but the leads have produced no results to date.

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SHORTLY BEFORE the fatal shooting, relatives said Mrs. Hunt had started divorce proceedings against her Korean War veteran husband and left their Baltimore home to live in New Brunswick with relatives.

On the night of the shooting, police reported that Hunt accosted his wife as she was about to enter the New Brunswick home.

She fled for a short distance but Hunt followed her and fired the shots, one of which struck their child, Ivy, who was in his mother's arms.

The child's condition is reported as satisfactory.

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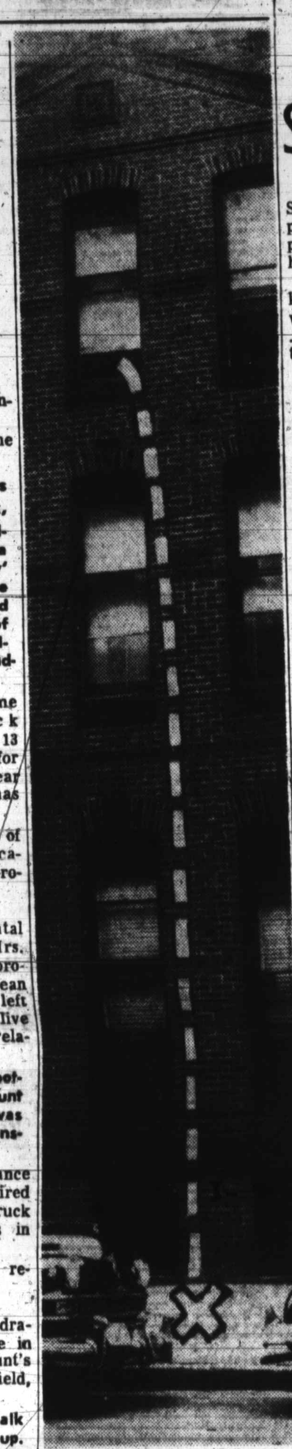
EARLY THIS week, in a dramatic plea from her home in Chattanooga, Tenn., Hunt's mother, Mrs. Lillian Benefield, said:

"If he comes here, I'll talk him into giving himself up. While it might be hard to do, that's the way I think it should be.

"I believe that's the easiest way . . . he should give up himself."

So far, there has been no response from Hunt.



3-STORY FALL — From the third floor window, circled above, at 2124 N. Calvert St., Andre Eric Richardson, 2, fell to his death Tuesday. X marks the spot where the infant's body was found by his grandmother, Mrs. Elsie Richardson.

Deaf mute 'fingers' stepfather

"The doctor at Franklin Square Hospital said she was pregnant. I said that was impossible because she didn't have a boyfriend . . .

"I didn't want the people to know I had a husband who would do that to my daughter . . . She had told me if I ever told anybody he would kill her."

The embittered mother of a 20-year-old deaf mute gave this testimony in Criminal Court Tuesday while testifying against her husband, Clarence Baker, 34, 700 block N. Carey St., charged with the rape of his stepdaughter and assaulting his wife.

At the conclusion of the trial Thursday morning, Judge E. Paul Mason found the defendant guilty of rape and also of assault on his wife. The jurist deferred sentencing when Ellis Levin, defense counsel, announced that he would file a motion for a new trial.

"This certainly is not a capital punishment case," said Judge Mason, thereby ruling out the death penalty or life imprisonment in the rape proceeding.

However, Mr. Baker can receive from 18 months to 21 years on the rape charge.

The victim, through an interpreter, the Rev. Mr. Louis Foxwell, testified that Mr. Baker criminally attacked her in February and again in May while her mother was away from home. The girl related that she was afraid to tell of the attack because her stepfather threatened her life.

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THE MOTHER said she first learned of the attack on May 14 when her daughter complained of being ill and was taken to the hospital. She stated that when she queried the girl about who was responsible

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Top names pay tribute to musicians

PHILADELPHIA

The widow of Clifford Brown revealed Sunday that a movement has been started to place a plaque for the noted trumpeter in the Music Hall of Fame.

Attending Sunday morning church, Mrs. LaRue Brown said she was so informed by James

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C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians. A Clifford Brown scholarship fund is also being established, Mr. Petrillo said.

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FUNERAL services for the 25-year-old musician who died in an auto crash last week were held Saturday afternoon in his hometown, Wilmington, Del.

The three-hour services were conducted by the Rev. G. H. McMurray at Mt. Carmel Community Church. Two streets adjacent to the church were lined with mourners, Clifford Brown jazz fans, friends and neighbors who knew the musician as he grew up.

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AMONG the mourners was Mrs. Irma Lawson, hotel pro-

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Dream comes true one year later

Just one year ago, 14-year-old Freida Greer, 1010 Cherry Hill Rd., graduated from the Cherry Hill Junior High School as valedictorian with her eyes set on enrollment at Southern High School.

Now, one year later, Freida's desires have become real! Not only is she a pupil at Southern, she has also made the honor roll and is a member of the school choir.

Freida's story was news in 1955 because to become the top pupil in her graduation class, she had to overcome the handicap of a siege of polio that kept her away from her classes for a year and a half.

Her story is still news a year later because the young lady continued the progress she started at the Cherry Hill School.

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"THE ONLY EFFECT I now have from polio is a limp," said Freida on Thursday as she added that the disability hadn't prevented her from playing baseball, taking gym classes, or engaging in rousing games of volley ball.

In the recently concluded semester at Southern, Frieda earned an 86 average and also won a trip to Hershey, Pa., for selling magazines in a school project.

The young pupil is a member of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church and as far as the future is concerned she has her heart set on attending college and becoming a mathematician.

That's the story of Freida Greer, one year later.

'I looked out the window and saw him lying on the street'

"I did all I could but it didn't help. He was all broken up inside—there wasn't a spot of blood on the pavement.

"He fell from here."

Pointing to a small radiator in the living room of her third-floor apartment at 2124 N. Calvert St., a grief-stricken mother wearily described the death of her two-year-old son Thursday.

Visibly shaken, Mrs. Mary Allen Ross told how her son, Andre Eric Richardson, fell to his death on the sidewalk outside their home. The mother stated.

(See story of how Linda Ferrell, who fell 20 feet, is fighting for her life on page 28).

"I was cooking breakfast and Eric was in the living room playing. His sister and brother were asleep in another room. He must have climbed upon the radiator and (must have) fallen out.

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"HE HAS PLAYED on the radiator before but this is the first time he ever fooled with the window. He was big for his age.

"I looked out the window and saw him lying on the pavement. It was early (7 a.m.) and no one was on the street. My mother heard him cry. I ran downstairs and picked him up in my arms but he was unconscious.

"He was hardly breathing. His legs and arms were broken.

"There was no screen over the window and our doors are always locked. I had no idea that Eric could get the window up.

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THE CHILD was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital where he died an hour later without regaining consciousness. The window from which he fell had been open only about three inches, the mother said.

The radiator he climbed on, was 18 inches high, and stood below a 22-inch window-sill.

Funeral services for the child had not been completed at press time but Mrs. Ross stated that the funeral would probably be held Saturday afternoon at the William A. Jackson Funeral Home.

The child is survived by his mother, step-father, Freddie Ross; sister, Patricia Irene Richardson, 4; brother, Gregory Allen Richardson, seven months.

ANDRE RICHARDSON
Fell 36 feet to his death

'To Be(rmuda) or not to...'

By JAMES WILLIAMS

To Bermuda or not to Bermuda, that's just about the hottest question in town.

Hot weather has produced a bumper outbreak of Bermudian

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and shorts-clad citizens strolling the streets of Baltimore, with resulting emotions on the part of non-wearers running from unqualified endorsement to downright disapproval.

Selecting Tuesday as a typical summer day on which to inquire into public opinion on the wearing of such garments, a reporter sat bravely out into the hot sun (it was pretty close to 90 degrees) armed with a notebook, pencil, and an old-fashioned pair of long trousers.

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THE FIRST person to be interviewed was Jesse Benns, 1704 Warwick Ave., who was nonchalantly standing on the shady side of Pennsylvania Ave., near the Regent Theatre.

Said Mr. Benns, who was clad in a pair of blue Bermudas, yellow shirt, gray socks and a pair of brown and white shoes:

"I like them."

Pressed for further details, Mr. Benns said the Bermudas should be long enough to come just above the knees, and cited as an example the case of a five-foot-eleven inch man, whom he said should wear

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Mr. Powell's Great Speech

(An Editorial)

Representative Adam Clayton Powell Jr. was given the opportunity last week to speak for his amendment to the Federal aid to school construction bill.

He urged fellow members in the House of Representatives to approve his amendment permitting the expenditure of Federal funds only to those school districts where progress toward integration was being made.

It was a great speech for human rights.

His argument was logical, unemotional and sound

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