Weather
IT'S AN FCC WEEK END—Friday, fair and colder, high near 50. Outlook for Saturday, fair and warmer. Sunday, cloudy.

Baltimore Afro-American

Prayer For Today
"Our Father God, in the quiet of this moment of prayer we would hush all earth's noises and make our souls a sanctuary of Thy spirit."

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$26,000 LEFT TO THE POOR

Suspected 'Moon' Strangler Convicted

Judge reserves sentence

"Louise Green was my friend. When I felt the knife on my neck, I imagined he was her killer. I remembered Louise had been a nice, quiet girl and she had been murdered . . ."

This was the testimony of a young mother of 21 in Criminal Court Monday as she told how she submitted to a criminal attack, after seeing a vision of 16-year-old Louise Green, whose murder is still unsolved.

Testimony of the ravished mother resulted in the conviction of Mayfield Smith, 37, unit block Gorman St. on the charge of criminal assault.

Judge Joseph Byrnes withheld sentence, pending a motion for a new triial. Maximum sentence for criminal assault is death in the gas chamber.

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POLICE SAID that Smith was among the suspects questioned last March after the body of Louise, a petite junior high school senior, was found in a court-yard near her home. She was strangled to death.

Smith, police said, has also been questioned in connection with another murder in which death was caused by strangulation. He was also a suspect in another criminal assault case.

Smith was convicted of robbing and assaulting four women who said he snatched their purses. He received five years concurrent on each count.

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LOUISE'S DEATH marked the third time within five months that a strangler claimed a victim in the Southwestern area of the city.

Strangled previously were Mrs. Mary Saulter, 20, and Carolyn Wasilewski, 14, Southern High School pupil. Police began a hunt for a "moon killer," since the slayings all occurred when the moon was in its first quarter.

Smith was accused of attacking the mother on Oct. 8. The moon was then in its last quarter. He swore he was home with his wife when alleged attack occurred.

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CRIMINAL COURT was silent as the young mother testified how she was choked until she was hardly able to speak. Spectators strained in their seats as she told the following story:

It was shortly after midnight. She left her home in the 1400 block Myrtle Ave., en route to a tavern to find her sister.

Near the corner of Waesche St. and Fremont Ave. a man standing in a darkened doorway called: "You owe me 25 cents."

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THE MATRON kept walking. The man seized her from behind and choked her. He dragged her to a vacant house in the 700 block Waesche St., and pushed her down the cellar steps.

His fingers still gripped her throat. He warned: "If you scream, I'll break your neck."

She struggled furiously. The man threatened:

"I'm getting tried of fooling with you. I was trying to be easy on you. I don't want to have to do the same thing to you I did to the others."

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HE PRESSED the point of a knife until it entered her neck and chest. She remembered the murder of Louise Green and feared for her life.

She was told to keep still or her throat would be slit. The matron pleaded with her assailant not to harm her. She offered him $10.

He replied: "It's not your money I want. I want you, because you think you're so damn cute."

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THE YOUNG mother was knocked to the cellar floor. She

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JOSEPH W. RYLES JR., 31, leaves Northwestern Police Station with attorney, Ernest L. Perkins, Wednesday morning.

'Big' raid may fizzle

That "lottery raid" police staged this week which was first reported as uncovering a "multi-million dollar operation," may fizzle when the case comes to court.

Police have already reduced the estimated weekly take to a "few thousand dollars."

Bystanders declare that the operation Northwestern District officers said they found Tuesday at 1026 Poplar Grove St., was not a regular numbers business and involved no syndicate.

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THE AFRO has learned that when and if the facts are brought out in open court, the original report that police had knocked out one of the biggest city lottery operations, will be proved false.

Joseph W. Ryles Jr., 31, 2800 block Lauretta Ave., who was arrested in the raid is free under $3,500 bail on a charge of setting up and maintaining a lottery. A hearing has been set for Wednesday morning in Northwestern Police Court.

Capt. Millard Horton, Northwestern District head, said this week that police found three pasteboard cartons of lottery books at the house and the place appeared to be a headquarters for a lottery ring consisting of at least 17 turn-in stations.

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THE RAID was touched off

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Emmett Till's Mother Tells Her Story!

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$32,000 winner to aid NAACP

NEW YORK CITY — The Episcopal rector, who amazed television fans with his knowledge of jazz, will make a contribution to the NAACP.

The Rev. Alvin Kershaw is the rector who passed up a chance for the grand prize on "The $64,000 Question," CBS radio and television program.

He told the listening audience, Tuesday, that he would keep the $32,000 rather than risk losing it because "it was a resource and opportunity to support many movements in our world — movements laboring and struggling for brotherhood."

One of the organizations, he said, was the NAACP.

Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford, Ohio, the Rev. Mr. Kershaw won the $32,000 by answering a three-part question.

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THE REV. MR. KERSHAW correctly named the first "scat song" recorded by Louis Armstrong; the name of his group; and the names of its members; and the instruments they played.

He said that the song (1) Heebie Jeebies;" (2) Louis Armstrong and His Hot Five; and (3) the members were Louis Armstrong, cornet; Kid Ory, trombone; Johnny Dodds, clarinet; John St. Cyr., banjo and Lillian Hardin Armstrong, piano.

McKeldin on hotels

"How does a man feel inside when he plays out his heart on the ball field and then has to go to one hotel while his teamates go to another?"

This is the question Governor McKeldin asked Thursday afternoon as he promised to continue his efforts to end discrimination in the local hotels.

The occasion was the official presentation to the governor of the Community Self-Survey report by the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations and the Baltimore Commission on Human Relations.

The Governor called the hotel situation "one of the most important" facing the groups and said he would support them in a campaign to end discrimination.

Present for the ceremonies were William C. Rogers, chairman of the state group; Rabbi Israel M. Goldman, the Rev. W. Waldemar W. Argow, Daniel Ellison, Thomas J. S. Waxter, executive secretary of the Baltimore group; andMiss Rosa C. James, secretary for the state group.

Indictments due in Adams case

Indictments are expected to be returned in the Adams murder case late this evening (Friday).

Civic leaders, a convicted numbers operator, a convicted bookmaker and so-called political boss, are among eight persons called to appear before the Baltimore County grand jury at Towson this morning (Friday).

Calling of these persons indicated that the jury has delayed action against three persons accused of the John Irvin Adams murder until they learn more about gambling in the Turner Station - Dundalk area.

The jury panel entered its hearing room promptly at 10 a.m. First person called was Mrs. Catherine Pounds, 132 Oak Ave., identified as a civic leader in Turner Station. She was before the jury an hour.

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SECOND PERSON heard by the jurors, was Dr. Eugene Byrd, 415 Main St., a Turner Station dentist and civic leader, who was still in the jury room at AFRO presstime.

Other civic leaders present and waiting to be called are William Thomas, identified as a foreman at Sparrows Point and a community worker; Officer Francis C. Jackson, formerly assigned to the Turner Station area, now on duty in Catonsville.

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He is credited with helping to

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PEDRO CROOMS LETTER WRITER

Pedro Finley Crooms, alias Peter Single, suspect in the John Irvin (Top) Adams murder case liked to write letters.

In the third of a series printed this week in the AFRO, he tells of learning to speak Spanish so he could start life anew in South America.

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'I didn't mean to kill dad'

PHILADELPHIA — Police released the body of the Rev. Mr. John Whitehead, 64, to an undertaker last week certifying that his death was due to natural causes.

The Rev. Mr. Whitehead had been ill for several years; was an out-patient of Presbyterian Hospital; suffered a heart condition; underwent several operations; had two paralytic strokes and a hernia.

However, before the body could be embalmed, police received a telephone call from the minister's sister, Miss Kathleen Whitehead.

She quoted her brother as having telephoned her before his death saying "they're trying to kill me up here; Patricia hit me with a vase."

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ON THE strength of this report, police arrested Miss Patricia Whitehead, 19, the minister's daughter, 823 N. Preston St. and held her without bail for the grand jury.

Miss Whitehead said, "I did not mean to hurt him. I was only trying to protect myself because I am about to become a mother."

The Rev. Mr. Whitehead was buried at Mt. Lawn Cemetery following services at Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, the Rev. C. L. Jones pastor, where he was associate minister.

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PATRICIA, unmarried mother of two children, 3 and 18 months, is soon to have a third.

She admitted that she quarrelled with her family because she did not like a grilled cheese sandwich served in her room on the 3rd floor.

She ran to the first floor, pursued by her father who seized her by her hair.

While they struggled, she seized a glass vase, upset the buffet and struck him on the head.

Other members of the family washed the blood from Rev. Mr. Whitehead's face Saturday, put the room in order and took him to Presbyterian Hospital, where he was treated and told to return a week later.

On Monday he collapsed and was dead on his arrival at Presbyterian Hospital.

There are 13 children in the Whitehead family.

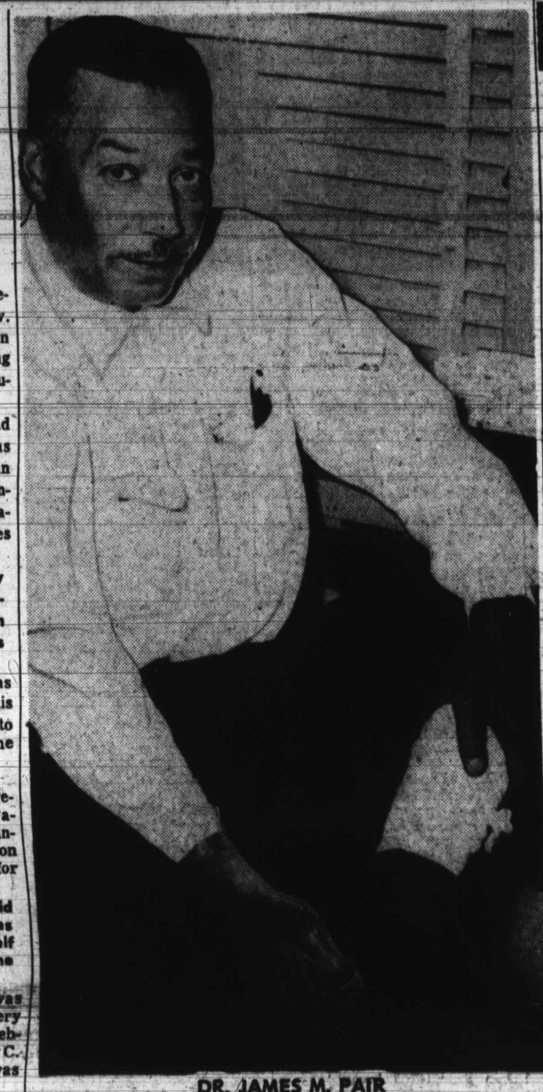
NAACP preparing two school suits

NAACP lawyers are reading briefs to be filed in two Maryland counties for non-compliance with the order of the U.S. Supreme Court issued last May.

The order requires all school authorities to "make a prompt and reasonable start toward full compliance with our May 17, 1954 ruling" outlawing segregated public schools.

In the next two weeks the NAACP will have filed cases against school and county authorities in 13 Southern states.

Serving as counsel in the case are Jack Greenberg of the NAACP Legal Aid and Education Fund, New York, and Robert Watts and Emerson Brown Jr., of Baltimore.



DR. JAMES M. PAIR

'He tried to kill me . . .'

"He intended to kill me."

Dr. James M. Pair, prominent physician, grimaced as he told how a "shoot and run" gunman fired a bullet into his leg Wednesday night.

"I have a pretty good idea of what it was all about," he continued.

"There's a whole lot behind this. He tried to murder me."

The physician would not elaborate on this statement but admitted he had given additional information to the police.

"It had nothing to do with any of my patients," he said.

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"IT WAS A senseless shooting," Dr. Pair added, pointing out that patients in his office could have also been injured.

He said one expectant mother had just left his inner office and was visibly shaken up.

One patient said afterwards, "When I went in Dr. Pair's office I was sick with a bad cold. I had aches and pains, but I didn't have the first pain after the shooting.

"That gunman scared me well."

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DR. PAIR was wounded around 7:30 p.m. when he answered the door of his residence and offices at 400 N. Carrollton Ave.

"Here is something for you, Doc," the gunman, standing in the vestibule, was quoted as saying. With a sweeping motion he then fired at the physician as he stood in the doorway.

Dr. Pair said the man's anxiety to shoot was the reason he was not shot in the face or stomach.

The .32 calibre bullet went through the lower part of his left leg, caromed off the door to his office and spent itself out on the floor of his waiting room across the hall where three patients were waiting to see the doctor.

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THE GUNMAN was described as being around 27 years of age, about five feet five inches tall, and wearing a brown hat and dark clothes.

"He looked like a thug," said Dr. Pair.

It is believed police are seeking a definite suspect.

Following the shooting the man ran west on Mulberry Street and disappeared into an alley behind the doctor's house.

Police arrived within five minutes after the shooting. One officer entered the alley to investigate and reported seeing a car parked there occupied by two men and a woman.

When the occupants of the car saw the officer they tried to run him down and fled through a red light east on Mulberry St. The officer did not fire at the car because of the heavy traffic.

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DR. PAIR does not usually answer his door to patients, this duty being handled by his nurse Mrs. Berdina Wilkins.

Wednesday night, however, Mrs. Wilkins was in the rear of the house developing an X-ray picture when the bell rang.

"I heard a muffled noise," recalled Mrs. Wilkins, "and I thought someone had fainted.

"One of the patients said, "Oh, he's been shot,'" continued Mrs. Wilkins. "Dr. Pair was in his office phoning the police when I reached the front."

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WEDNESDAY night Dr. Pair was treated for his leg wound by Dr. Marion Wilson. On Thursday morning he entered Provident Hospital where he expects to remain from a week to 10 days.

The physician said he expects to receive police protec-

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Recluse, 85, leaves $10 to friends

"I have you all in my will."

That is what Mrs. Luberta Williams, 85, told five friends before she died at her 1720 McCulloh St. home last July 11.

Wednesday her will was probated.

It left the five friends, three of whom had fed, nursed and cared for her in her last illness, $10 each.

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TO THE City of Baltimore, for the care of the poor confined in City Hospitals, Mrs. Williams left:

$12,464 in cash.
$4,556—135 shares of Gas and Electric stock.
$750—20 shares of General Public Utilities.
$165 — 4 shares N.Y. State Electric and Gas.
$1,005— 20 shares Pennsylvania Water and Power.
$550— 10 shares First National Bank of Baltimore.

In addition to the above cash and securities, Mrs. Williams also left the city's poor a 17-room house at 1720 McCulloh St., assessed at $6,560.

The total value of her estate is $26,050.

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MRS. WILLIAMS, who took funds from the sale of a small piece of property in North Carolina and parlayed it into a fortune through buying and selling and renting other properties in this city, was a familiar figure on Baltimore streets.

She did all of her own carpentry work, plastering, painting and other repairs. She usually wore trousers and carried her own work equipment.

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IN DIRECT contrast to the run-down, disheveled and filthy abode in which she lived, and the tatters which she wore, her will directed that she be buried in beauty.

The document decreed that she "be buried in a new white satin dress, new white shoes, stockings and gloves and an open white casket."

The casket was to be placed in a conolite vault in the Saints Rest area of Mount Auburn Cemetery.

She allotted $1,000 for the funeral, flowers and a limousine and $140 for the vault.

She had already bought the burial lot and placed a marker on it.

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THE 17-ROOM, one bath, house on McCulloh St., in which she died had at one time been rented as a rooming house by her. Only three men rented rooms there at the time of her death.

Her squalid quarters were on the first floor. With her own hands she had built a kitchen and toilet room. The latter included no bath.

The city has taken over the premises, including the garage in the rear, and boarded it up.

The bequest to friends in her

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Pool, beach case rulings due Mon.

The U.S. Supreme Court will probably decide three important segregation cases Monday.

In one case, Baltimore City and the State of Maryland ask that the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals be reversed so as to continue jim crow in public swimming pools and beaches.

In the second case, the NAACP seeks to reverse the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals which approved segregation on Atlanta, Ga. golf courses.

In the third case, a Chinese, Ham Say Naim, asks the High Court to reverse the State of Virginia which seeks to annul his marriage to a white woman.

ROBESON LEAVES HOSPITAL

NEW YORK — Paul Robeson, singer and actor, was discharged from Sydenham Hospital after a three-weeks' post-operative convalescence. Looking hale and hearty, Mr. Robeson had high praise for the care he had received from the hospital staff, and said he was feeling "strong as ever."

Md. guard still waits on McKeldin

NAACP attorneys agreed on Thursday to test in the courts the right of the State of Maryland to bar colored veterans from membership in the National Guard.

Papers will be prepared promptly, according to Jack Greenberg.

A petition of 15 war veterans to integrate the guard was filed with Governor McKeldin, July 7.

Detective uses glasses to spy on banker's wife

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

Private Detective Perry Bonner trailed Mrs. Juanita B. Mitchell, 33, of the 600 block E St., NE, day and night for nine months.

At times he climbed to the roof of an adjoining apartment and used field glasses.

Bonner told what he saw when he testified in District Judge Joseph McGarraghy's courtroom Wednesday, in the suit of B. Doyle Mitchell president of the Industrial Bank, who is suing his wife for divorce.

In an even tone of voice, Mr. Mitchell, 42, related how he trapped his wife in the apartment of William Rose, 2100 block I St., NE, on May 22, 1953.

Listening to her husband's testimony from the counsel table was the former society queen who is bitterly contesting the divorce. Nearby was the "other man."

THE MATRON and Mr. Rose at first smiled frequently as the hearing began on a good-natured note. Tiffs between defense attorneys, Link Johnson and Curtis Mitchell, and the opposing lawyer, George E. C. Hayes, brought open laughs from Mrs. Mitchell and observers in the court.

But later, when Mr. Bonner, private detective, in his testimony, linked Mrs. Mitchell, not only with Mr. Rose, but also with William Chandler, of Chandler's Electric Company, the accused wife's mood suddenly changed.

"What!" she exclaimed audibly in the court. Her nervous, painted fingers flew to her face, and as testimony swung into high gear in the afternoon, defense attorneys frequently had to "shush' their client.

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DURING THE noon recess, Mrs. Mitchell, lunched with her husband's alleged love rival in the District Court cafeteria. Later, she stood near him in the corridor awaiting resumption of testimony.

Mr. Bonner, the private detective, testified that he trailed Mrs. Mitchell from September to May, 1953. During his "shadowing," he watched Mr. Rose's apartment.

He used field glasses occasionally, and at other times, he and a companion, observed the apartment from the roof of an adjoining building.

On one occasion, Mr. Rose was observed through the window putting on his trousers, Mr. Bonner said, and Mrs. Mitchell's bare shoulders could be seen at a position behind him.

Two months later, in the same apartment, Mr. Rose and Mrs. Mitchell were seen "absolutely naked," when Mr. Rose came to the window to pull down the shades," the detective declared.

HE DESCRIBED the "turning off and turning on" of lights in the Rose residence usually sometime between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. when Mrs. Mitchell was there.

Mrs. Mitchell was employed at

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