WEATHER
Friday, cloudy and colder. Low of 22 by night. Saturday, continued cold; possibly snow flurries in afternoon.

Baltimore Afro-American

Prayer For Today
"O Thou Who dost lure our hearts to visions of a larger good, we would lift our lives with all their loves and labors into the white light of Thy presence."

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Turner Station Widow In $200,000 Court Battle

Sues city in transit strike crash

BULLETIN
After five hours of deliberation, the jury in the Coles suit failed to agree on a verdict. They reported to Judge Manley at 10 p.m., and the jury was dismissed. A hung jury means the case must be retried.

A jury in Superior Court was still deliberating at a late hour last night (Thursday) a $350,000 suit against Baltimore City brought by a Turner Station widow and two others following a fatal accident last Feb. 6.

Mrs. Helen Coles, 13 South Lane, Turner Station, is seeking $200,000 for herself and her 11-month-old daughter, Sabrina.

Her husband, Alvin Coles, 23, was killed when a car in which he was a passenger collided with a city-owned school bus. The fatal accident occurred at Baltimore and Calvert Sts. during the transit strike.

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MISS CORA FIGG, 22, 807 N. Bond St., also a passenger in the car, is seeking $50,000 for personal injuries suffered in the accident. She was hospitalized for two months.

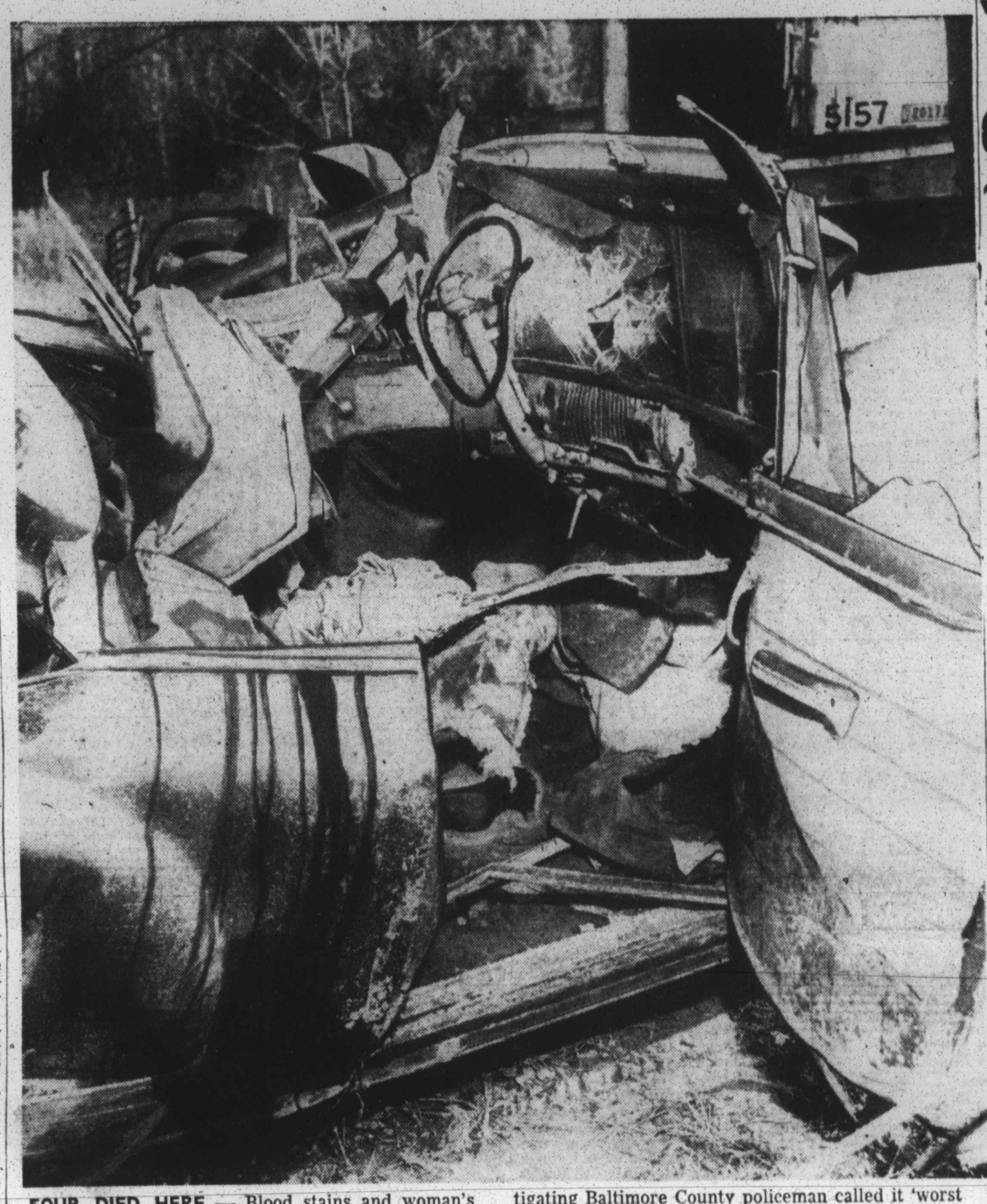
Henry Chandler, 34, Lynchburg, S.C., driver of the automobile is asking $100,000. Mr. Chandler is also named as a defendant in the suits brought by Mrs. Coles and Miss Figg.

Mr. Chandler, brother of Robert Chandler, 2030 Walbrook Ave., said he offered Miss Figg and Mr. Coles a ride when he spotted them standing in front of a bus station during the transit strike.

Mrs. Gertrude Figg, 800 block N. Bond St., told the AFRO that her daughter and Mr. Coles had gone to Washington the night before the 5 a.m. fatal accident.

The dead-man had been employed at Sparrows Point.

'Worst Accident'



FOUR DIED HERE — Blood stains and woman's shoe can be seen in car which carried four persons to their deaths near Fullerton early Monday. Investigating Baltimore County policeman called it 'worst accident' he has seen in three years.

'3 thrown out of car 116 feet.'

"Yes, it is one of the worst accidents I've seen in my three years on the force.

"Three people were thrown out of the car, 116 feet from where the car and tractor-trailer hit. The fourth person, a lady, was wedged halfway in the car and halfway out.

"It definitely was the worst (accident) I've seen . . ."

Officer Ronald Gouker of the Baltimore County police department was describing an early Monday morning accident which resulted in the death of four Philadelphia residents who were en route home after visiting relatives and friends here.

(See others photo of death car Page 2)

The accident occurred near Fullerton, 14 miles north of Baltimore.

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THE DEAD and their injuries are:

MRS. ANNIE MAE NORRIS, 38, beautician of 2312 N. 19th St., crushed chest.

FREDERICK FOSTER, 27, nephew of Mrs. Norris of 2105 W. Susquehanna Ave., and driver of the car, crushed chest.

IRA BANKS, 38, filling station worker of 2246 N. 19th St., crushed chest, and

MRS. ANNA REED, 38, of 1744 N. 15th St., fractured skull.

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FOSTER AND his aunt, Mrs. Norris, formerly made their homes in Baltimore. Mrs. Norris had lived in Philadelphia for the past eight years, and before that made her home at 1927 Ridgehill Ave., Baltimore.

Double funeral services for Mrs. Norris and her nephew were held yesterday (Thursday) at Faith Baptist Church. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. The Collick Funeral Home was in charge.

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FULLERTON POLICE who investigated the accident said Arthur Sparks, 27, of Winston-Salem, N.C., was driving his tractor-trailer north on Route 40 when the Foster automobile pulled out of a tavern parking lot without any lights and into the path of the truck.

The accident occurred on the down grade of a steep hill and when the truck slammed into the rear of the car it crushed the smaller vehicle under its cab.

Locked together in this fashion the two vehicles continued to the foot of the hill, some 1,500 feet, where they spun off the road into a culvert.

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GASOLINE SPILLED from the auto's fuel tank and was ignited by sparks. The flames burned the truck and seared the woods surrounding the culvert. It was half an hour before firemen could get close to the cars.

The force of the impact and the subsequent rush down the hill virtually flattened the automobile. The roof was ripped completely off as if someone had taken a giant

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FREDERICK FOSTER
Driver of auto in which four died in 'worst accident'

ARCHIE IS 7-5 OVER FLOYD IN TITLE BOUT

CHICAGO — Indications are that Archie Moore will be no better than 7-5 in the betting by the time he and Floyd Patterson reach ringside for their world heavyweight battle at Chicago Stadium tonight (Friday).

The bout will be televised at 10 p.m.

Heavy support from the East began showing up in Windy City betting circles Thursday and Friday morning, giving Patterson a better chance to win than was previously accorded him.

Speculation is that the filing of a $750,000 suit against Moore by Mrs. Dolree Mapp, of Shaker Heights, Ohio, may have an effect on Archie's mental attitude for the bout.

Mrs. Mapp, divorced wife of exheavyweight Jimmy Bivins, accused Moore of breaking a promise to marry her and of attacking her and a 12-year-old daughter.

Both Moore and Patterson finished off their conditioning Wednesday. Archie boxed two rounds as a windup, and Patterson worked the equivalent of seven rounds in shadow boxing and light exercise.

PLAY SANTA!

"I am appealing to the AFRO's Santa Claus; please remember my children," writes Mrs. M. J. F., a Cherry Hill resident.

Hers was the first letter to reach the AFRO's Santa Claus. Mrs. M. J. F., who is confined to John's Hopkins Hospital recovering from a recent operation, is praying that Santa Claus will be kind to her five children, who range in ages from 1 to 9.

Mrs. M. J. F. has a monthly income of only $50 and with this has to support herself and her children. She writes: "I ask nothing for myself, only for my children. I need food and toys to make them happy for Christmas."

With Christmas less than four weeks away, now is the time to help a needy family. Play Santa!

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THE AFRO will help YOU play Santa to a needy family or child. If you want to help Mrs. M. J. F. and her five children have a Merry Christmas, call Mu. 5-6015 and ask for Play Santa.

If you yourself know of a deserving child whose Christmas will not be a happy one, write today to Santa Claus, AFRO-AMERICAN, City Desk, Baltimore 1, Md. and tell us all about him.

29,004 are Democrats in 4th Dist.

Registered Democrats (colored and white) outnumber Republicans 29,004 to 11,836 in the Fourth Legislative District, according to Supervisor of Elections figures.

Independent voters who declined to express party affiliation include 447 colored and 475 white.

Republican women number 6,430; men 5,406.

Democratic women total 14,333; men 14,671.

Women, Republican and Democrat, outnumber the men by 686.

Actually 11,836 Republicans are registered in this 4th District of whom 9,013 are colored and 2,823 white.

Democrats registered total 29,004, of whom 10,501 are colored.

Colored Democrats outnumber colored Republicans 10,501 to 9,013.

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THIS DISTRICT, 20 years ago, a colored Republican stronghold, now has colored Democratic leadership, 71,488 voters, thanks to Roosevelt and Truman.

By races, the 4th District registers 20,438 colored and 22,276 white.

In 1954 for the first time in history, three colored men were elected to the legislature. A year later one was elected to the City Council.

Twenty years ago there were no colored members of legislature or city council although they had regularly run for office.

These two elections, as well as the Presidential election November 6, are taken to mean that voters do cut across racial and party lines when able candidates run for office.

Revised registration figures will be available soon from the supervisor's office and there will be new opportunities for registration before the next elections.

Campbell sets mark in Olympics

MELBOURNE, Australia—Milt Campbell of the U.S. Navy, became the fifth colored American athlete to capture an Olympic Games gold medal Friday morning, when he won the decathlon event over his tan teammate, Rafer Johnson, of UCLA.

Campbell, who as a 17-year-old Plainfield, N.J., high school boy, was second in the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki, set a new Games record for the gruelling ten-event competition. His 7,957 points bettered the previous high of 7,887 set by Bob Mathias in winning over Campbell at Helsinki.

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THE 205-POUND all-round athlete, who left University of Indiana last spring to join the Navy, piled up his record-shattering point total by winning the 100 - meter dash, 100 - meters hurdles and the shotput; running second in the 400 meters, in the high jump, in the broad jump discus; hird in the 1,500 meters, eighth in the javelin and ninth in the pole vault.

Johnson, the world record holder with 7,985 points, staggered in second on one leg, having sustained an injury in the broad jump trials on opening day. Johnson's two-day total was 7,587 points.

Grand Jury to re-indict 'Ricky' today

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J., — A new indictment charging Baltimore truck driver, Richard L. (Ricky) Hunt, 26, with the fatal shooting of his wife, Helen Elizabeth, 24, is expected to be returned today from the Middlesex County Grand Jury in New Brunswick, N.J.

The action was requested following the finding of the first indictment as defective by County Judge Charles M. Morris, Monday.

At that time a motion to dismiss the indictment made by defense attorney Joseph H. Edgar, called the court's attention to the fact that nowhere in the body of the indictment was the defendant's name mentioned except in the caption of the indictment.

Postponement but not dismissal of the trial was predicated upon this wording of the indictment, Judge Morris said.

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HUNT WAS returned to jail although Mr. Edgar said he reserved the right to apply for the fixing of bail since the faul-

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'I just don't believe my son committed suicide . . .'

"I don't believe my son committed suicide.

"He never talked about his troubles, but he had no reason to take his life.

"I just don't believe it. I feel that something's wrong. . ."

While police continued their investigation into the death of her son, Nathaniel Johnson, Mrs. Maggie Johnson, 2231 Orem St. expressed the belief Wednesday that the 28-year-old Army veteran did not take his own life.

(See Photo Page 2)

Missing since Tuesday, Nov. 20, when he told his parents, "I'm going for a walk," the body of the Korean war veteran was sighted Sunday in Druid Hill Park reservoir by three teenagers.

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TAKEN TO the city morgue, the identity of the drowned man remained unknown until Tuesday of this week when the homicide department made a positive identification from fingerprints.

The body of the 145-pound man was found floating in 25 feet of water at a spot approximately 25 feet from a road that circles the reservoir, and within three blocks of his home.

The pockets of Mr. Johnson's trousers had been turned inside out, and there were two pennies in his shirt pocket.

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ACCORDING TO police, no marks were found on the body to indicate foul play.

Police also said on Wednesday that the case would remain open pending a report from the medical examiner's office.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she reported to police that her son was missing last Friday.

Mrs. Johnson said her son was in service five years, and part of that time was spent in

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Sports at a glance

FRIDAY

Heavyweight title bout, 10 p.m. (TV).

SATURDAY

Army-Navy football, 2 p.m. (TV).

SUNDAY

49ers and Colts at the Stadium, 2 p.m.

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Waterfront hums...

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

What makes the Port of Baltimore hum with the sounds of a billion-dollar industry?

Ask a ship owner and the answer might be the ships from all over the globe that move up and down the Chesapeake Bay.

(See Photo Page 17)

Talk to a railroad man, and he may point to the long rows of freight cars waiting for cargo as they stand on rails that spread out from the piers like giant spider webs eventually to reach every section of the nation.

The answers may be different, depending upon the speaker, but it is almost impossible to find anyone on the waterfront who will argue with the fact that without longshoremen there just wouldn't be any Port of Baltimore.

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IF THERE were even the slightest doubt that this is the state of affairs then it vanished like a morning mist when the wheels of the port recently slowed and then ground to a complete halt for a week while the longshoremen staged a strike.

The strike paralyzed shipping along the East Coast and in the Gulf ports.

It came when contract negotiations in New York between the ILA and shippers struck a snag as the ILA asked for a single bargaining pact that would cover all ports.

The strike ended when Presidtnt Eisenhower invoked the Taft-Hartley law injunction provisions.

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ON THE LOCAL docks approximately 2,000 colored workers make their living as longshoremen, and they form well over half of the working force on the waterfront.

The center of their activities is the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 858, at 1104 Hull St., the largest and most powerful union in the port.

It is here that the shipping companies call in their orders for men, and it is here that the men gather to receive these orders and to talk the talk of strong men.

Upstairs on the second floor, officials of the local, headed by John L. Hayes, sit at telephones accepting the orders for "gangs" as they are phoned in by the companies.

The gangs vary in size from 15 men upward, depending upon the nature of the cargo to be handled. Each of the gangs is headed by a leader, usually a man who knows the docks like he knows the inside of his home.

The gangs are tight little working units with the personnel lineup remaining fairly constant.

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A MAN has to be a special breed of man to work on the waterfront. It takes strength, but it also takes courage to work on a dock while several tons of freight dangles over your head, held only by a wire that just might snap at the wrong time and send you down the glory road.

You can't be a weakling and work when the cold winds blow off the water, and cut through your clothing with the force of a knife, or when you know that one false move can wipe you off the face of the earth.

Such a strong man is William Haile, who started on the docks in 1918 and who worked his way up to the presidency of Local 858, and then to the post of Atlantic Coast District vice-president.

Mr. Haile is a power in the national ILA, but he hasn't lost his close ties with the men who move the cargo or that bond of kinship which seems to bring the longshoremen together in a special fraternity all their own.

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"YOU'VE GOT to be honest with the men," Mr. Haile says. "When they have a problem, you've got to try to help them, and do your best for them."

Mr. Haile doesn't move cargo anymore, but he's still proud of being a longshoreman and he's proud of the men he knows.

"Two things you can't take from us," he'll tell you, "is our mother wit and our common sense."

If Mr. Haile is typical of

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Batting champion and whole family wiped out

ST. LOUIS — "The Cardinals organization regards the death of Charley Peete as a distinct loss."

That was the comment of Frank Lane, general manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, when asked for his reaction to the Venezuelan air crash that took the life of centerfielder Peete early this week.

Peete was en route to Caracas, Venezula, from New York City. He was slated to play winter ball there.

"That is not just a bread and butter statement," Lane added in his Thursday talk to the AFRO. "We here have been shocked since we learned of the tragedy on Tuesday evening.

"I say it is a loss to us because Charley was not only a fine prospect as a ball player, but an extremely likeable kid as well.

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"HUTCH (Fred Hutchinson, the Cardinal manager) told me a month ago that he had big plans for the boy next year. We were both agreed that when he was up with us last summer, he was over-awed by the surroundings and had no chance to do himself justice," Lane continued.

"It was because we recognized his potential that we returned him to Omaha before he could lose his confidence. We wanted him to play regularly, which explains why we also gave him permission to play winter ball in South America after he left Cienfuegos (in the Cuban League)."

The Redbird general manager

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