The Weather
Friday, some cloudiness and mild. Saturday, clearing and continued mild. Sunday, cooler and changing.

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Mob Victim 'Alive'

Exclusive: AFRO On Trail Of Kidnaped Vet

Ike or Adlai?

MRS. FRENCH 'Better' — MRS. STRAUGHN 'To our people'

MR. DORSEY 'Has been fair' — MISS ROBINSON 'A good job'

Who will the voters choose this Tuesday? Will it be Eisenhower or Stevenson?

For the past several weeks AFRO reporters have been trying to find the answer to this question as it relates to the voters of Baltimore, and during the last days of the campaign they have made their final swing around the city.

Of the 26 persons questioned in this latest poll, 15 said they would vote for Mr. Eisenhower, 10 were for Mr. Stevenson and one respondent, while not quite decided, did indicate a preference for Mr. Stevenson.

The combined totals from the survey showed Mr. Eisenhower in front with 56 votes while the Democratic nominee ran behind with 39 votes.

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THERE WERE 18 voters who were not fully committed and of this number five expressed a preference for Mr. Eisenhower, six leaned toward the Democrats and seven had no preference.

The AFRO poll, which showed M. Eisenhower receiving most of the votes, was similar in results to a mock election held at Morgan State College in which 1,461 students voted with Mr. Eisenhower receiving most votes and Mr. Stevenson getting 598 votes.

This gave Mr. Eisenhower roughly 59 per cent of the votes while Mr. Stevenson had 40 per cent.

In a similar election held during the last Presidential campaign, Morgan students gave Mr. Stevenson almost 90 per

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ARE YOU A.... G-W-F-T-V?

If you are, don't be . . .

A G (guy or gal) W (who) F (fails) T (to) V (vote) is not exercising his Constitutional rights. He or she is leaving this precious right to other people. He has no say in his own government. Be sure to go to the polls on Tues., Nov. 6 and VOTE.

Platters' vocalist nabbed for dope

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PHILADELPHIA

Arrested twice in two days on narcotics charges, Joseph Merritt, 24, identified as a vocalist and road manager with the Platters, sensational recording artists, was held in $2,500 bail for the grand jury, Monday.

Held under similar bond were Geraldine Battiste, 20, and Roosevelt Samuels, 30, both of New York City. Merritt, who is the husband of the Platters' star, Zola, gave home addresses in New York City and Oakland, Calif.

Merritt was first taken in a house on 15th St. near Montgomery Ave. Arrested along with him were Ellen Rawls, 32, of the 15th St. address; James Haine and Albert Murray.

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Appearing before Magistrate John Daly in central police station, City Hall, they were held for a further hearing Friday morning. Released in bail meanwhile, Merritt was rearrested Tuesday afternoon.

Merritt's relationship with the Platters was described as that of road manager who fills in as vocalist when needed. The Platters became overnight sensations with their recordings of "The Great Pretender," "My Prayer," and "Heaven On Earth."

The second arrest occurred as Samuels was parking Merritt's cream-colored, air-conditioned 1956 Lincoln just outside of City Hall on S. Penn Square. Merritt was outside on the pavement, directing the driver.

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TWO DECTECTIVES of Capt. Clarence J. Ferguson's Special Investigation Squad testified of both arrests at Friday's hearings. Detective Stephen Melchoire took the stand and related details of the N. 15th St. raid.

The officer stated that a bag containing what was believed to be narcotics wah washed down the bowl in the bathroom. The

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Ernest Perkins funeral Monday

Ernest T. Perkins, attorney, died today (Friday) at 4 a.m. at Provident Hospital, where he had been confined for two weeks following a paralytic stroke. He will be buried from Grace Presbyterian Church on Monday.

Mr. Perkins, a native of Atlantic City, N.J., practiced law in Baltimore for the past 10 years. He was a graduate of Lincoln University (Pa.) and the University of Maryland Law School.

Immediate survivors include his wife, two daughters, Carrol Jean and Frances; two sisters, Miss Josephine Perkins and Mrs. Louise Brathway; five brothers, William, James and Richard of Baltimore, and Russell, and George Jr.

GOOD ADVICE — Miss Shirley Pauls of 1814 W. Lafayette Ave., is offering some good advice for citizens all over the country—"Vote-doggone it, Vote!" A first voter herself, Miss Pauls is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pauls of Centerville, Md. Although she is registered as a Democrat, Miss Pauls says that she would rather view her choice of a candidate as "a rather personal matter."

'He ain't dead,' Sheriff reports; 2 suspects held

—BULLETIN—

TAMPA, Fla. — With scores of FBI agents, state highway patrolmen and city and county police combing the Wildwood area in search for him, the AFRO received reliable information that 39-year-old Jesse Woods was definitely alive and was with relatives here.

By the time AFRO representatives reached here, Woods had been placed aboard a train headed out of Florida. The AFRO, meanwhile, is haunting railroad stations in North Carolina and Virginia in an effort to reach Woods.

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER
AFRO Staff Writer

WILDWOOD, Fla.—"I believe he ain't dead. Woods is still alive. I am satisfied of that."

That was the latest statement Thursday from Sheriff M. H. Bowman regarding the apparent beating and disappearance of Jesse Woods, 39-year-old World War II veteran, from Wildwood's city jail.

Other developments in the five-day-old case included the arrest of two white men, the posting of $1,500 in rewards for the arrest of the persons responsible for Woods' disappearance, and the disclosure that a bloodstained shirt and hat had been found.

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SHERIFF BOWMAN told the AFRO Woods might have been beaten and is now hiding out "with some of the colored people." "That's just my idea of it," he added.

The sheriff indicated that he had some "leads" on where Woods might be but would not disclose them.

Wobds was arrested Saturday night on a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct after being accused of calling "Hello there, baby" to a white school teacher.

His family obtained his release from jail on $50 bond, carried him a block away from the jail intending to take him home.

Noticing a "car full of white

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Where is Wildwood?

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

WILDWOOD, Fla., — This town his never enjoyed such popularity. Now upon the streets in front of the Wildwood Echo, the town's weekly newspaper, you can see some very famous faces.

Noted newspaper reporters and ace photographers representing newspapers and news services from all over the country, FBI agents, special detectives sent by Gov. Leroy Collins, state and city investigators swarm around.

More are coming in from all parts of the nation each day.

Where is Wildwood? Population, 3,000.

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FIRST OF ALL, it is in central Florida, 73 miles from Tampa, 60 miles from Orlando, 290 miles from Miami, 140 miles from Tallahassee.

Located in the swamp areas, it is deep in the forest of ancient cypress, oak and flash pine trees. Numerous lakes dot the countryside, some of them perfectly round like strings of pearls all in line.

Palmetto bushes, sandspur, brushes and reeds line the floor of the dense wooded area, clog all openings between the lakes, making passageway almost impossible in some areas.

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SPANISH MOSS hangs ghost-like and grey from every single tree. A parasitic plant, it has almost devoured some of them.

Northeast of Groveland County, Wildwood is a whistle stop, a junction for the Seaboard Airlines-Railroads.

Here passengers on the fast train Silver Meteor, who transfer to go in one direction for Florida's west coast, are separated from Miami-bound passengers.

It is just 26 miles from Ocola. Groveland forms the southern border and is the little town where in 1949, four youths, including Walter Lee Irvin, were found guilty of rape.

Irvin stayed in the death house seven years.

In 1955, Gov. Leroy Collins, granted a reprieve from the death sentence, changed it to life imprisonment.

Sheriff Willis McCall of Lake County, killed one of the men; a mob killed another; one of them is serving life along with Irvin.

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Ike tops Adlai in $500 AFRO contest

President Eisenhower held a better than two to one lead over Adlai Stevenson in the AFRO $500 letter Presidential Preference Contest during the final tabulation this week.

Final results computed October 27 show 63.4 per cent for

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Eisenhower, 36.6 per cent for Stevenson.

This marks a slight increase for Eisenhower, whose percentage in our last tabulation showed 61.6 per cent, while Stevenson's showed 38.4 per cent.

Ike registered gains in Baltimore, Washington, Maryland, Pennsylvania, the New England States and Florida. Adlai gained adherents in Virginia, South Carolina, New Jersey and Michigan, where he is by far more popular than in any other state sending returns.

Here are the state-by-state percentages giving the final results of the contest, winners' names of which appear in today's issue on Page 17.

City or/and State	Adlai Pct.	Ike Pct.
Baltimore	35.1	68.2
District of Columbia	31.8	64.9
Maryland	19.0	81.0
New York	29.4	70.6
North Carolina	42.9	57.1
Virginia	32.0	68.0
South Carolina	46.0	54.0
New Jersey	37.0	63.0
Pennsylvania	50.0	50.0
Alabama	30.7	39.0
Georgia	34.4	65.6
New England	38.8	61.2
Michigan	85.7	14.3
Florida	47.0	53.0
Miscellaneous	28.8	71.2
TOTALS	36.6	63.4

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WIDOW, 74, ANSWERS $8,000 TV QUESTION

NEW YORK—Mrs. Frances C. DeBerry, 74-year-old Louisville, Ky., widow, correctly answered several questions on Shakespeare to win $8,000 on the '$64,000 Question,' TV show Tuesday. She will return next Tuesday to try for $16,000.

Won't charge coed in baby's death

"The coed victim in the case will not be charged. She has her education and career at stake."

An investigator probing the discovery of a bucket containing a dead baby boy, made this statement this week about a 19-year-old Morgan State College sophomore who has been identified as the child's mother.

The coed had been questioned by police in connection with the baby, but the investigator's statement apparently cleared up doubt as to whether criminal charges would be placed against her.

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MEANWHILE POLICE continued their investigation of circumstances surrounding the child found under the Lafayette Ave. bridge on Oct. 17 and the investigator indicated that some progress has been made with the statement:

"We have some ideas, but we haven't made any arrests."

The investigation has been somewhat hampered by the necessity for a complete autopsy

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Whatcoat St. wedding guest is arrested

"Held without bail for a hearing to be set by the state's attorney."

Daniel John, 21, 1700 block N. Mount St., heard these words on Tuesday morning in Central Police Court as he was charged with causing the death of Richard Stepney, 23,

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Where they play

—Friday—

Douglass vs. Dunbar at Kirk Field (football)

Carver at Cardozo; D.C. (football)

Dunbar, Carver, Mt. St. Joe at Clifton Park (cross-country)

—Saturday—

Union at Morgan, Hughes Stadium

Illinois (Jefferson, Woodson Mitchell, Oliver, Bellifant) at Purdue (Lundy, Fletcher, Barnes, Dillard) on television.

FLASH

Lowery sentenced

Robert Lowery, 48, unit block of N. Bond St., was sentenced to 10 years in the Maryland Penitentiary by Judge Joseph L. Carter, today (Friday). He was found guilty of manslaughter in the fatal stabbing of Miss Creola Fowler Beatty, 27, on March 27, 1954.

MOTHER OF 9 WINS $140,000 SWEEPS PRIZE

EAST ORANGE, N.J.—"It's such a surprise, I don't even know yet how I will invest what's coming to me after taxes," said Mrs. Susie Lawson, 56-year-old mother of nine on Thursday. She won $140,000 in the Irish Sweepstakes the day before, grand prize on the first place winner, Loppylugs.

Slain baby sitter's sister shuns accused mate in jail

"I don't want to see him.

"I don't want to know anything about him.

"I haven't been to see him and I haven't asked about him.

"I feel the same way I did the day I found out my sister had been killed."

That was the statement of a young mother who is waiting for her husband to go on trial for the slaying of her teenage sister.

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AT HER parent's home at 2213 W. Hamburg St., in Mt. Winans, Mrs. Pearl Best declared Thursday, "The children

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Emory R. Cole—Republican

A CORRECTION

In a political advertisement, listing a number of persons in state governments, the AFRO names Emory R. Cole, of Baltimore, as a Democratic member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

This is an error.

Mr. Emory R. Cole is a Republican.

The AFRO regrets the error.

Mr. Emory R. Cole told the AFRO today:

"Two years ago, one Democrat and five Republicans joined forces in a non-partisan campaign, which resulted in my election along with that of Mr. Truly Hatchett, (Dem.), and Senator Harry A. Cole (Rep.).

"Many Democrats did vote for me, and I hope they will do so two years from now when I run again.

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"I AM STILL a Republican and I represent all the people in my district—Republicans and Democrats.

"In this campaign, I support and I am working hard to elect President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Senator John R. Butler and the full Republican ticket.

"The country needs Mr. Eisenhower and when elected, President Eisenhower needs a Republican Senate and House to put over his legislative program.

"The AFRO advises me that it lists me as Democrat through inadvertance.

"I am happy to note that the AFRO, which supported me in my campaign, also advocates the election of President Eisenhower and Senator Butler."

EMORY R. COLE

MR. COLE

Ice man dies; wife will get his money after all

"If he had gotten the divorce, it is unlikely she would have received any permanent alimony because he was so stubborn about making a reasonable settlement.

"Now she stands to get one third of his estate — about $1,500 and their four sons will get the rest after taxes and fees are paid."

U. Theodore Hayes, attorney, was referring to the divorce action filed by Lee Louis Ford, 1002 S. Eutaw St., against his wife, Mrs. India Ford, 424 Laurens St., last July, and Mr. Ford's sudden death last month before the divorce action had been settled.

Mr. Ford, 58-year-old South Baltimore ice man, dropped dead on Oct. 18 in the S. Fre-

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'I wish I had a nickel for every white man who said 'hello, baby', to me . . .'

BY E. M. OLIVER

TAMPA, FLa.—"I wish I had a nickel for every white man that said 'hello baby' to me

"Just the other day, one of them said to me out of a clear blue sky—I don't know him at all—'You are certainly a beautiful brown-skinned woman.'

"I though to myself what would happen if the situation were reversed — if I were a white woman and he was a colored man."

Lovely Mrs. X was telling the AFRO Wednesday night just exactly what she thought about the Jesse Woods incident which occurred in Wildwood, Fla.

She is the beautiful wife of a professional man and a mother. (Her name is omitted for obvious reasons.)

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WOODS, 39, the son of Farmer McArthur Woods, was accused of saying "hello, baby" to a white school teacher, Miss Mary Evelyn Hill, in an A and P store here.

He was arrested for allegedly being drunk and disorderly Saturday night and was lodged in the city jail.

Kidnaped from there, Woods has not yet been found. Authorities are holding two suspects in his disappearance.

"Any woman really likes to be told she looks very nice. It's flattering and it's all right if it is a man who says it.

"Colored women have been admired by men regardless of color, but if men are going to be beaten and murdered for saying 'hello baby,' I know a lot of them who would be gone.

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"IF YOU really want to see something, just come a half a block near my home a little after dark, and see what goes on," the matron continued.

"What I say is true, any shape, form or fashion. I've had to run from them. They stop their cars and they say

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