Weather
Friday, fair and less humid.
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Prayer For Today
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NAACP Says Alabama Can't Collect $100,000 Fine

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'Love Baby' Hassle

Wants To Wash Hands Of 'No Dishwashing' Wife

$100,000 fine called scrap paper

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — "At this stage of developments, it is $100,000 on paper only.

"The NAACP has no property in Alabama that may be attached. Before the state can make an effort to collect outside of Alabama, there will have to be other legal action.

"By that time we will have filed a writ of certiorari with the State Supreme Court, a step which will 'freeze' all action until we can get a review."

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IN THIS MANNER Arthur D. Shores, NAACP attorney, describes the unprecedented fine levied against the organization as a scrap of paper with figures representing $100,000 written on it.

The fine is the outgrowth of a contempt ruling issued against the NAACP on July 25 by Circuit Court Judge Walter B. Jones of Montgomery.

Mr. Shores reiterated a statement by NAACP attorneys that the court action is "A coercive decree, arbitrary and unreasonable."

Further, he expressed the hope that the State Supreme Court will reverse the lower court. The writ will be filed on Monday, he says.

"If we don't get a reversal, we intend to carry the case to the U.S. Supreme Court," Mr. Shores said.

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ORIGINALLY, Robert L. Carter of NYC, who heads the group of NAACP lawyers fighting the case, announced plans to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court for a stay of execution of the contempt order and fine.

Tuesday afternoon, after the state Supreme Court denied a petition for stay, Messrs. Carter and Frank Reeves of Washington left Montgomery to file with the High Court on Wednesday.

However, the strategy was changed at the last moment and the decision made to file the writ of certiorari with the Ala-

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ELLA REPEATS—Song stylist Ella Fitzgerald has again been selected the top female singer in the 1956 annual jazz poll of Down Beat Magazine. Miss Fitzgerald is currently riding high on the strength of her new Decca album featuring the songs of Cole Porter.

P.O. worker wails mate won't work

Harrison M. Tucker Jr., mail carrier, has asked the court to give him a limited divorce from his wife, Mrs. Gloria Tucker, popular young matron, who, he says, refuses to perform any wifely duties, even to washing the dishes.

Mr. Tucker says that he and their 15-year-old son have moved out of the family home at 2827 Baker St. in order to maintain their health.

His petition, filed in Circuit Court, says:

"That your complainant (Mr. Tucker) has performed his marital duties to the best of his capacity and ability; attend-

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ing to the comfort and well-being of his wife and son and otherwise has given the respondent (Mrs. Tucker) no cause for complaint.

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AND THE petition adds:

"That the respondent, nevertheless, frequently, quarrelled with him, cursed him and otherwise abused and berated him in the presence of their 15-year-old son and others, in consequence of which your complainant's health has suffered and declined and made the continuance of marriage intolerable;

"That the respondent has refused and neglected to perform her marital duties and has left all the household duties, normally performed by the wife, to be performed and done by her husband, the complainant, and her son;

"That she has refused to do any of the cooking, cleaning or performing any of the normal wifely duties about the household;

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THE PETITION continues:

"That because of the deliberate and willful neglect of her duties, and the cruelties and in-

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YOUNG AND WILLING — That describes Michael P. Burnside, 16 N. Castle St., who exhibits his skill on a table outside his home. The unit-block of N. Castle St. is enrolled in the AFRO Clean Block Campaign. The block hoisted a flag this week as one of the most improved blocks in the campaign.

1715 law reaches out for blonde

Can a person be convicted on an ancient Maryland law that was established 60 years before America claimed her independence from England?

This is the question to be answered soon by the Baltimore Criminal Courts.

The case involves a 20-year-old attractive blonde, Miss Shirley Howard, 508 N. Collington St., whose infant daughter was fathered by a colored man, John Moses Billy, 500 block N. Chapel St.

On Wednesday, the grand jury returned an informal charge against the girl based on a 241-year-old law.

The statute, which was written on the Maryland law books in 1715 (the American Revolutionary War was in 1775) states:

"Any white woman who shall suffer or permit herself to be got with child by a colored man or mulatto, upon conviction thereof in the court having criminal jurisdiction, either in the city or county where such child was begotten, or where the same was born, shall be sentenced to the Penitentiary for not less than 18 months nor more than five years."

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ACCORDING TO State's Attorney, Anselm Sodaro, who authorized the case to go before the grand jury, it will be "up to the judge to decide whether this law is constitutional or obsolete."

Mr. Sodaro told the AFRO that he kept the case under consideration for two weeks before he made his decision to take it to the grand jury.

Denying that there had been any pressure from others in the courthouse, Mr. Sodaro said, "I finally realized that I was a prosecutor, not a judge. I decided that this was a law which needed judicial interpretation."

In a similar case in Harford County, last year, Mrs. Mary Malcom, white, of Havre de Grace, was acquitted on such a charge.

However, in this case, Mrs. Malcom was convicted on charges of neglect and lost the

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Rev. Kelly Jackson, heads D.C. District

"All of these people are being adjusted because of the death of the Rev. R. M. Williams. . ."

Bishop Edgar A. Love was talking Tuesday about the promotion of the Rev. Kelly L. Jackson, pastor of Baltimore's Metroplitan Church, to become superintendent of the Washington District. He will succeed the Rev. Mr. Williams who was buried last week.

The Rev. Frank L. Williams, pastor of Christ Church, East

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Baltimore, has been promoted to succeed the Rev. Mr Jackson at Metropolitan.

The Rev. Hilton A. Parker, pastor of Leign St. Church, Richmond, is being promoted to Christ Church, succeeding the Rev. Mr. Williams.

No new appointment has yet been announced for the Richmond church. All of the changes are effective August 15.

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IN DISCUSSING the promotion of the Rev. Mr. Jackson to the District superintendency, Bishop Love said:

"The Rev. Kelly Jackson was selected because he is a man of wide experience, a highly successful minister, a man of even temper and he has been a district superintendent. These are all essentials for a man on that district at this time.

"The District worked well and cooperated effectively with the late Rev. R. M. Williams during his illness, and the Rev. J. H. Peters acted effectively during part of the Rev. Mr. Williams's illness."

BISHOP LOVE added:

"Metropolitan Church gives up Rev. Jackson very reluctantly. During the six years he has been there, he has done an admirable job. The same holds true of the Rev. Frank Williams who has been at Christ Church for seven years.

"It is quite a promotion for a young man like Rev. Williams and indicates the high esteem in which he is held.

"The Rev. Mr. Parker has likewise done an excellent job in Richmond where he has served for eight years."

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AT THE SAME time, Bishop Love announced another change not related to the Washington District.

This involved the appointment

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Everyday life leisurely on N. Castle St.

"I was asleep when it happened but from what I can learn this man came backing up the alley and backed right into the wall. He jumped out and ran, and left the car. The police said it was stolen."

A group of eager-faced children stood around Mrs. Ruby Williams, 25 N. Castle St., on Tuesday afternoon, and heard her tell how the front wall of her cellar had been knocked down.

Since the accident early Sunday morning, several timbers had been set in place to substitute for the missing bricks and to keep the building from falling on its face.

"I called the landlord, and he said he would fix it up as soon as they found the man. They tell me it made a lot of noise but I sure didn't hear a thing," said Mrs. Williams.

When her story reached an end, the children slowly drifted away, finding other things

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Arlington ordered to mix schools

ARLINGTON, Va. — District Court Judge Albert V. Bryan Tuesday ordered Arlington County school officials to end segregation in public elementary schools by Jan. 1 and

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in junior and senior high schools by Sept. of next year.

In issuing his injunction against the county school officials, Judge Bryan ignored completely arguments advanced by the county school board lawyers and Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond Jr.

The suit was brought on behalf of parents and children, white and colored, by the NAACP.

Attorney General Almond, representing the State of Virginia, argued that the State "must eliminate the factor of race intermixture and amalgamation by resorting to some other and different system within

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Helen case suspect eats well in jail

"He sleeps well, he eats well. I don't think he's worrying too much."

Seated on a wooden bench in the waiting room at City Jail, that was the comment of Mrs. Luvenia Wilson, Thursday when asked about the welfare of her husband Barciel Wilson.

The former steel worker is awaiting trial in connection with the brutal slaying of Helen Delores Johnson.

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THE FORMER beauty shop employee's body was found on June 1 in the Potomac River near Newbury, Md.

She had been shot and her body trussed and weighed with concrete and wire.

Arrested when police learned that he had been a boyfriend of the girl, Wilson later termed the slaying an accident.

On vacation from a local aircraft firm, Mrs. Wilson stated that she is spending part of her time visiting her husband.

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Frederick Douglass stands 8 feet tall, weighs 1,600 lbs.

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS

Frederick Douglass lies in a wooden crate behind Holmes Hall on the campus of Morgan State College.

Mr. Douglass stands eight feet tall and weighs 1,600 pounds.

You see—Mr. Douglass is a bronze statue.

On Oct. 20, with the suitable pomp and pagentry due a his-

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tory-making event, the statue will be unveiled at its site between Holmes Hall and Sopher Library with the eyes of Douglass turned to face across the green expanse of the campus.

MEANWHILE, the statue lies in its crate, covered by a canvas and awaiting the arrival of a derrick that will hoist Mr. Douglass to a still-to-be erected granite pedestal.

The funds that made the statue possible came through a campaign conducted by the Maryland Educational Association to honor Douglass, one of Maryland's distinguished sons.

Through a happy coincidence when the MEA sought a man to do the work, it found James E Lewis, head of the art department at Morgan, and himself a native Marylander.

An intense young man (32), Mr. Lewis is not only a talented artist but also a dedicated one who wanted to do something more than simply create the physical likeness of Douglass.

"My concern was not for a superficial likeness to Douglass but a spiritual likeness. I was concerned with trying to create a dynamic moving force in the form of sculpture which will represent the character of Douglass," said Mr. Lewis.

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ON TUESDAY Mr. Lewis stood near the crated statue on the Morgan campus, and talked of many things—art, philosophy, history, and people.

"I consider art as a form of design and I feel that the fundamental elements of art may be found in everyday living. When you master the fundamentals of art, you can master the fundamental de-

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Report 'Ricky' has an alibi

NEW BRUNSWICK — "He outlined the whole New Brunswick affair to me. . . .

"While I don't think he has a semblance of a chance of beating the extradition charges, I think he has an excellent case to beat a murder charge when he gets back to New Brunswick.

"The killing of his wife apparently was not premeditated.

"He says he was clobbered on the head by his brother-in-law, and while in the heat of a terrific struggle shot his wife.

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AFRO finds long-lost son of mid-sea ship crash survivor

NEW YORK — The collision of two trans-Atlantic liners resulted in happiness for at least one survivor. He was reunited with a long lost son, thanks to the AFRO.

Here's how: George Boswell, a 54-year-old passenger aboard the Stockholm, was one of 1700

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survivors brought ashore after the collision last Thursday with the Italian liner Andrea Doria.

A native of Portland, Me., since leaving Lexington, Ky. six years ago, Mr. Boswell was en route to Copenhagen, Denmark. In a Monday interview, he said to the AFRO, of the midsea crash, "I thought I was having a nightmare."

Returned to New York, the 54-year-old adventurer took up residence at the Sloane House YMCA in New York.

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EDWARD BAGWELL, New York photographer assigned Monday by the AFRO to get a picture of Mr. Boswell, learned in conversation that the Portlander had not seen one of his sons, William, for a number of years.

The last time he had heard of him, he said, was some years ago. At that time, he heard that his son was a student at Columbia University and lived at the Harlem YMCA.

When he called the Harlem Y, he was told that the younger Boswell had checked out without leaving a forwarding address.

Newsman Bagwell immediately reported this fact to the office and was given the 'go-signal' to locate the son by any and all available means.

Time was of the essence as the plucky crash survivor had already booked passage aboard the Norwegian liner Bergensf-

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