WEATHER

Friday, clear and somewhat warmer, high about 79. Saturday, continued clear and warm. Sunday, cloudy and not so warm, with showers likely.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, we would dedicate ourselves anew with full purpose of heart, wherever we are called to stand in this decisive hour in the bitter struggle between the darkness and the light.

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Mourn Slain Boxer

FLAGS AND FLOWERS by the hundreds decorated the graves of soldiers on Memorial Day at the Baltimore National Cemetery. Shown above is Mrs. Fanny Adams, 2024 Cliftwood Ave., who placed wreaths on the grave of her father, George Davis, a veteran of World War I, and her brother, Lionel Davis, who served in Germany in World War II. Mrs. Adams has been a member of Faith Baptist Church for 29 years. The Rev. Walter Paige is pastor there. (AFRO Photo By I. Henry Phillips)

'Father Divine Is Dead,' Daddy Grace

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Is Father Divine dead?

Bishop C. M. (Daddy) Grace says he is.

Father Divine's headquarters in Philadelphia says the famed cult leader is very much alive and performing his usual duties.

But only members of Father Divine's congregation and those close to his official family, have admitted seeing him for at least seven months.

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THE ISSUE was brought to the surface here Sunday when Daddy Grace, appearing at his House of Prayer for All People, expressed the frank opinion that Divine had gone to meet his maker.

Grace over the years has had considerable business dealings with Father Divine, having purchased several pieces of property in New Jersey and New York from him.

"Yes, he's dead," Bishop Grace told his congregation here. "No one has seen him for years."

"Those people up in Philadelphia are using someone else for his voice and the person stays in a room away from the audience.

"No one is going to give you any information about him dying; they just don't want it to get out."

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SUBSTANTIATION of Bishop Grace's contention came Monday from Patrolman Roger Mancinei of Philadelphia, who patrols the beat around Father Divine's headquarters in the Quaker City.

"We don't hear a thing but that he's dead," the officer said.

"I'll bet my last dime he's dead, but I can't prove it. He hasn't been seen by anybody for a year," declared a Philadelphia plainclothes detective, who previously had been interested in the Divine movement.

"His followers have to keep him alive or their religion goes down the drain. Apparently they have all signed a pact to keep him alive," the detective concluded.

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SEVERAL WEEKS ago, a reporter sought an interview with Father Divine after his continued absences from feasts and special occasions became conspicuous.

The reporter said a spokesman told him, "Study Father Divine's words and listen to his voice and you will hear."

The tape-recorded voice during the ceremony "was often faint," the reporter said.

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IT WILL be recalled that a national weekly magazine carried an interview story on Father Divine about two years ago after a similar wave of rumors and speculation on his reported death.

FATHER DIVINE
Daddy Grace says followers keeping his death a 'secret'

MOTHER DIVINE
She's in the limelight

Mother Divine now starred in public

PHILADELPHIA

Commenting on Daddy Grace's statement, a secretary speaking from Father Divine's Philadelphia home said Monday:

"We don't really need to make any comment because such a statement is so ridiculous and so unfounded.

"As far as Daddy Grace is concerned, we have never had any contact whatsoever with him, even by correspondence. So we would be in no position to say."

Reports about Father Divine's being missing or dead have been rampant since he failed to appear in person at one of the many elaborate services which celebrated his 11th wedding anniversary April 29-30.

At the April 30 banquet at Unity Mission Church, 41st St.

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3,000 pass his bier in two days

The recognition a father of seven failed to gain in the boxing ring, came in death as 3,000 persons filed past his

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bier and overflowed a funeral chapel for his services Wednesday morning.

The young and old turned out to pay their last respects to Paul Alfred Shields, 34, the well mannered ex-serviceman who was stabbed to death in the apartment of a 'friend' early Saturday morning.

The steady stream of visitors at the Elroy Wilson Funeral Home at 1000 Brantley Ave., was described by attendants as 'something we haven't seen in a long time.'

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NINE registration books both containing the names of 225 persons were filled in a 24-hour period.

At 9 p.m. Tuesday, by actual count, 2,839 persons had registered. When the time arrived for the funeral, the number of visitors had passed the 3,000 mark.

Reflecting the esteem in which he was held were the comments of mourners gathered in the funeral home.

They identified themselves as teenagers whom he taught to box and neighbors in the vicinity of his home at 929 W. Mulberry St.

"He was always so kind," said one elderly lady.

Another mourner commented, 'He looks so natural.'

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MR. SHIELDS was laid out in a blue serge suit, white shirt, gray tie with a blue floral design, and a white handkerchief in his breast pocket.

The light gray flag drapped casket was lined in white satin.

At the head were two floral pieces. On one a card bore the inscription 'With Sympathy, the neighbors.' The other was addressed to 'Mr. Shields.'

During the 45-minute funeral services, 100 persons stood outside the jammed packed chapel.

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WHEN THE obituary was read and it was stated that Mr. Shields is survived by four small boys and three girls, their was a murmur among the mourners.

Others were visibly shaken

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PAUL ALFRED SHIELDS
Won fame in death

'I'm for real,' says newscaster Paul Shields

"People were calling me at home all day saying, 'You are supposed to be dead.'

Even my mother said, 'What are you doing up, I've got bad news for you, you were stabbd to death last night.'

"It was the darndest thing. I just had to comment about it on my newscast Sunday."

That was the comment of WBAL-TV newscaster Arthur Paul Shields, after friends kidded him about the similarity of his name to that of the Paul Alfred Shields who was stabbed to death last Saturday.

Mr. Shields said the joking started when someone noticed on a news report that a Paul Shields had been slain in the apartment of his girl friend.

When told that more than 3,000 persons had filed past the bier of Paul Alfred Shields' the newscaster replied, "I can't believe it" and added, "I hope half of that number will come to see me when I pass on."

265 Morgan grads; honorary degree to Marian Anderson

Marian Anderson, world-famous contralto, is one of four distinguished Americans who will be honored at commencement exercises of Morgan State College, Monday, June 3, President Martin D. Jenkins has announced.

Miss Anderson will receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws together with: Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, president of the Johns Hopkins University; George W. F. McMechen, attorney of Baltimore, first alumnus to receive the bachelor's degree from the college; and Lewis M. Stevens, attorney, president of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln University (Pa.).

Dr. Eisenhower, recently inaugurated as the eighth president of Hopkins, will also deliver the commencement address a total of 265 candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science.

They represent 13 states, the District of Columbia and two foreign countries, with 180 from Maryland and 128 from Baltimore.

The commencement exercises will be held in the Hughes Memorial Stadium at 6 p.m.

Baccalaureate exercises are scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 6 p.m., in the Hughes Stadium, with the Rev. Frank Madison Reid, bishop of the AME Church, as speaker.

In case of inclement weather, both exercises will be held in the E. P. Hurt Gymnasium.

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HONOR-LADEN as few have been in the history of music, Marian Anderson has become a legend to millions around the world as the possessor of a "voice" one hears once in a

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Want to be a Clean Blocker?

"When will the Clean Block office open?" a childish voice on the telephone asked Wednesday.

She was but one of scores of youthful callers, who have been bombarding the AFRO switchboard the last few days as time for the 23rd annual Clean Block Campaign to get under way.

Well, the Clean Block office will be open for business bright and early Monday morning, June 3.

The many advance queries about this summer's campaign are resulting from two recorded spot announcements which

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Ready to divorce wife no. 4-Pinkett

WASHINGTON

The fourth marriage of John R. Pinkett Jr., prominent Washington real estate broker, is apparently headed for the rocks.

Not only has Mr. Pinkett asked the Domestic Relations Court to annul his marriage

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to Mrs. Elizabeth Harris Pinkett, he also requested that she be forced to stop "maligning his character" over the telephone.

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THE PINKETTS, who were wed in a secret ceremony Jan. 6, 1956, declared at that time that the nuptials "will be our last."

But he was unaware, Mr. Pinkett contends in his suit, that Mrs. Pinkett had an alleged common-law husband with whom her marital ties had not been broken.

Pinkett, according to the wife at the time of their marriage, was her third husband. The broker's marital experiences include a now-dissolved marriage to Pearl Bailey, famed singer, and TV entertainer.

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THE HUSBAND whose address is listed as 1474 Congress Pl., SE, charges in his annulment request that "since his marriage to his wife, he has learned that she, at the time of the marriage, was not free to marry."

He charges that "she had a prior existing marriage to Anthony J. Malinchek, which at that time had not been dissolved by annulment, divorce or death and which marriage, established by common-law relationship, has not yet been dissolved insofar as he is informed and believes."

Pinkett states in his petition that since" he learned of his

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Mom, dad kiss Gloria 'goodbye'

By RUTH ROLE!!

PHILADELPHIA

Weeping, but not wailing, the prayerful parents of glar orous Gloria Smith kissed her in death

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Saturday morning at Wayland Temple Baptist Church where the body had rested throughout the night.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence M. Smith pressed their trembling lips to the red and

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FLASH

NEW YORK—Dr. James H. Robinson, pastor of the Church of the Master here, has been offered the presidency of Lincoln University (Pa.). He is to announced whether or not he accepts when the board meets following commencement exercises Wednesday.

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Callowhill's 'white only' plan up to City Solicitor

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Wednesday tossed the Callowhill 'white only' proposal into the lap of the city solicitor's office.

After a two-hour and 15-minute long meeting marked by spirited wrangling, the Commission voted to ask City Solicitor Thomas N. Biddison to decide whether the Recreation Department can hire only white workers.

The suggestion that this be done was made last week by Harold S. Callowhill, superintendent of recreation, who said the eligible list for recreation jobs contains the names of colored applicants only, and he is disinclined to appoint them to jobs at so-called white playgrounds.

HOT ON the heels of the Callowhill request, NAACP Lawyers Juanita J. Mitchell and Tucker Dearing asked the Commission for a hearing.

They called the proposal "illegal, and unconstitutional and a direct violation" of the U.S. Supreme Court decision of Nov. 7, 1955 which outlawed segregation in public parks and recreation areas.

The Commission declined the request of the NAACP lawyers in view of the fact that the city solicitor would be asked to rule.

Commission Chairman Richard E. Emory said of the Callowhill plan: "I think the thing is unconstitutional, but I'm not the one to decide. The city solicitor should decide."

Mr. Emory added: "Either way we jump, we're likely to end up in court."

Present for the meeting were Mr. Emory, chairman; Edward W. Dougherty, president of the Baltimore Industrial Union Council; Francis S. Filby, president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor; Francis X. Gallagher, attorney; Charles B. Humelsine of the Mathieson Chemical Co.

Also Leon Sachs, director of the Baltimore Jewish Council;

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Fire destroys frame classrooms

Fire late yesterday (Thursday) destroyed the old frame building annex to the Mt. Winans School No. 156 at Harmon Ave. and Puget St.

The 120 pupils who attended classes in the four-room wooden structure, will have no holiday today, according to Mrs. Blanche R. Powell, principal.

Mrs. Powell said all of the pupils are being accommodated in the new brick building nearby which was constructed in 1953. A total of 471 pupils are enrolled.

Injured fighting the blaze were Firefighters Charles H. Benjamin Jr., 30, 2100 block Harmon Ave., Henry A. Taylor, 25, 1100 block W. Hamburg St.; Charles F. Eichelberger Jr., 31, 2100 block Northshore Drive; Lt. Charles Wuntz, 28, 700 block Devonshre Rd.

Hearing on June 14 for boy-calling park officer

The Board of Recreation and Parks will meet Friday, June 14 at 3 p.m. and is expected to dispose of charges brought against Sgt. Ellsworth D. Johnson, a city park policeman, who was suspended from his job without pay on May 26.

Charles A. Hook, Superintendent of Parks, said he suspended Sgt. Johnson after he overheard him speaking discourteously to Thomas Douglass Wallace, a Sollers Point High School teacher of 3009 Gwynns Falls Parkway.

According to Mr. Hook, the incident which precipitated the officer's suspension had its beginning 40 minutes after the midnight curfew on May 24 at the Prospect Hill location in Druid Hill Park.

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QUOTING SGT. Johnson's report, Mr. Hook told the AFRO that it was 12:40 a.m. when Sgt. Johnson asked 10 or 12 cars to move on.

Also in a car on the Prospect Hill location, Mr. Hook revealed, was Mr. Wallace who was accompanied by Miss Hilda Barrett, 3121 Gwynns Falls Parkway, a teacher at Fleming Elementary School in Turner Station.

Mr. Hook said Mr. Wallace objected to the officer's loud voice and his command of: "Move on, boy!"

He said Mr. Wallace did not know there was a midnight curfew in the park.

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"THE GENTLEMAN (Mr. Wallace) apparently resented Sgt. Johnson's treatment that night in the park.

"He came to file a complaint because of the approach of Sgt. Johnson.

"When he came to file the complaint, it happened that the same officer was in the police room downstairs.

"He (Sgt. Johnson) resented him (Mr. Wallace) coming in here to file a complaint, apparently, and he was immediately discourteous," Mr. Hook said.

"I didn't like the sergeant's actions and I told him so.

"I suspended him until the board meets," Mr. Hook added. "I used my best judgment. I want the police to treat the public with courtesy.

"The officer was doing his duty when he asked them to move out of the park but there are ways of doing it," Mr. Hook stated.

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