WEATHER
FRIDAY, mostly cloudy, windy and warmer, with possible thunder showers. SATURDAY, clearing and quite warm. SUNDAY, warm and clear.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY
"Lord, make me into the person Thou dost want me to be, that I may find that destiny for which Thou didst give me birth."

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City Hotels Are Under Fire Again

(Story In Column 1)

Minister's Son Slain

Hotels give scientists headache

The question of jim crow at the Lord Baltimore Hotel is almost certain to come before the American Association of Anatomists meeting here April 16th to 19th.

The University of Maryland Medical School in Baltimore is host for the meeting.

"Hotel discrimination reflects on us and it's giving me a headache," Dr. Frank H. J. Figge, member of the committee on arrangements, declared.

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DR. M. WHARTON YOUNG of the medical faculty of Howard University is scheduled to give a paper before the meeting. His subject—"The Role of the Brain in Baldness" is set for 1:30 a.m., April 18, and is paper No. 5.

He has a confirmed room reservation for the three days meeting at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

Dr. Young said he has been informed by Dr. Vernon Krahl of the University of Maryland medical faculty that his "reservation at the Lord Baltimore may not be honored, and he will not be welcomed at this hotel which is headquarters for the meeting."

Dr. Krahl told the AFRO that he had returned Dr. Young's $2 registration fee only to get it back again in the mail from Dr. Young with a memo declaring that if he (Dr. Young) had wanted his check back he had "intelligence and initiative" enough to ask for it.

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IN A TELEGRAM to Governor McKeldin, Dr. Young urged him "as governor and as a Christian gentleman to investigate this matter and inform me concerning the true state of affairs in this free state of Maryland." He signed it "Patriotically yours."

The Governor replied he was distressed by Dr. Young's telegram and is wholeheartedly against such discrimination as that which he described.

He referred the telegram to the Commission on Interracial Problems, William C. Rogers, chairman.

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DR. FRANK FIGGE, professor of anatomy at the University of Maryland and a member of the Committee on Arrangements suggested to Dr. Montague Cobb of Washington, that he stop at the York Hotel or the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA.

Dr. Cobb heads the Department of Anatomy at Howard and is editor of the National Medical Journal.

The University of Maryland professor said he had been in touch with President Martin D. Jenkins and Dean Brown at Morgan State College and they

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DR. JAMES R. BLAKE

JURY trying him for abortion could not agree so he's free on bail. His lawyer said bandages on head were because of diabetic treatment. Veteran physician appeared nervous on stand.

FLASH

Eastside pair killed each other

(See photos and earlier story on Page 5)

"We've definitely established that he killed her and she killed him . . . that makes it two homicides—not suicide and murder."

That was the word from the Medical Examiner's office late yesterday (Thursday) concerning the deaths of Miss Mabel Burgess, 35, 925 E. Preston St., and Ottamar Dinkins, 33, 1526 N. Carolina St.

The Detective Bureau also announced that it had been determined that two different knives inflicted the wounds in the two bodies.

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AT THE scene of the slaying on Friday police recovered a butcher knife and a small pocket knife.

It was believed at first that Dinkins stabbed Miss Burgess seven times then took his own life by stabbing himself 11 times.

Pair who used girl lookouts get 37 years

"Sgt. (Violet Hill) Whyte informs me that these girls are totally and thoroughly irresponsible and are menaces to the community."

John Weiss, prosecutor, in Criminal Court, Thursday, was referring to two 14-year-old girls who accompanied a pair of former convicts on a $4,500 daylight burglary spree early this year.

The men entered guilty pleas to a series of burglaries, an

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48 HOURS freedom from classes was what 400-odd students at Md. State College had this week. Photo of this group in front of dining hall was made Tuesday afternoon by AFRO Staff Photographer Otha Mackay.

Md. State Students Return To Classes

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

(See Editorial Page 4)

"It still puzzles me how the thing got started when it ended so amicably."

Dr. John T. Williams, president of Maryland State College at Princess Anne was telling the AFRO Thursday morning that the two-day strike of the 433 students had ended.

"They agreed to return to their classes shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday (Wednesday) and as far as I have learned, they are happy," Dr. Williams said.

An hour before the 48-hour strike ended, Dr. Williams had met with the students and faculty in the gymnasium.

During the meeting, Dr. Williams read a 15-page report summarizing the students' 29 complaints, which were presented by student council president, Roy Paige, a senior from Washington.

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AFTER DESCRIBING each point in detail, Dr. Williams said:

"Effective at the close of this meeting, any student absent from class, beginning at eight o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) morning, and continuing through the remainder of the year, will receive a cut irrespective of the decision of the Educational Policies Committee."

Students' grievances ranged from permission to kiss at the front porch of the girls' dorm to a new gymnasium with a swimming pool and meat at Friday meals.

The two-day walk-out came Tuesday morning.

It followed a Monday night of unrest throughout the

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'A strange case,' says Rev. Brown

(See Photo on Page 2)

"She told me to kiss the children for her," Mrs. Bertha L. Armstrong, 28, said quietly Thursday morning in her modest first floor apartment at 915 N. Fremont Ave.

She was referring to her most recent visit with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed, 30, 500 block W. Lanvale St., who was held Tuesday in Pine St. Police Court without bail in the fatal Monday afternoon stabbing of Henry Clay Brown, 38, 1425 Winchester St.

Mr. Brown is the son of the Rev. Howard Brown, pastor of the Gospel Peace Church, 1440 N. Carey St.

Mrs. Armstrong recalled that during the disturbance that produced the stabbing she had run out of the Fremont Ave. home with her three small children and the three small daughters of Mrs. Reed.

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"THEY WERE playing and talking at first. He was sitting on the love seat. She was fixing her hair," Mrs. Armstrong said as she described the setting just prior to the slaying.

"I was lying on the bed. I'd just finished peeling potatoes," she continued, explaining that the knife she had used was later placed on the mantel and was the weapon used in the stabbing.

"The argument started about the rent money. Sug, (the deceased) had borrowed her rent money from her. He promised to pay it back. When she asked him for it, he started an argument," Mrs. Armstrong said.

"He got smart about it. He grabbed her and hit her. She grabbed the first thing she could get her hands on. He could have killed her, too, the way her head fell against the mantelpiece, when he hit her Mrs. Armstrong continued.

Getting up from the straight-backed, worn white kitchen chair, on Thursday, Mrs. Armstrong paced the floor and said: "It upset me so, I can't eat or sleep. My sister would

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U. of Md. Law senior named to honor society

"It was far more than I expected when I first entered the university. I find it an honor to be a part of an organization which has so many distinguished members."

Christopher H. Foreman, 31-year-old law school senior, was commenting Tuesday on his election to the Order of the Coif, a national law honor society.

Already the holder of a Phi Beta Kappa key, Mr. Foreman earned his latest scholastic achievement the hard way.

He remained in the upper ten per cent of his class at the University of Maryland while working full-time as a bailiff for Chief Judge Emory Niles.

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MR. FOREMAN is the second colored law school student to be elected to the University of Maryland chapter of the legal profession's most respected honor society.

Wendall Freeland, an assistant attorney general in Pitts-

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CHRIS FOREMAN

'Frustrated,' he kills himself

By MARY STRATFORD

WASHINGTON

"It seems he was just a frustrated lover."

Summing up the reason for a series of violent acts which ended in the suicide of Thomas F. Blackwell Jr., former Mount Alto Hospital employee, Wednesday, was Lt. Lawrence Hartnett of the homicide squad.

It was the second time Blackwell, formerly of the 3800 block 10th St., NW, had attempted to take his life.

He was found lying unconscious Wednesday afternoon in the park in the 1600 block Independence Ave., SW, near the Tidal Basin, by the cherry blossoms. He was pronounced dead at D.C. General Hospital.

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BLACKWELL, 25, unsuccessfully attempted suicide on Feb. 1, after his arrest for cutting Miss Lillie B. Myers, 26, 901 Rhode Island Ave., NW, a clerk typist at the Library of Congress, in the chest and back.

He was free under $1,000 bond on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon when he was found at his home suffering from a dose of 30 sleeping pills.

Treated at D.C. General and released, he told police he was "upset over his troubles" with Miss Myers.

Following his recovery from the overdose of sleeping pills, Blackwell resigned his job at Mount Alto, Lieutenant Hartnett disclosed, and returned to his hometown in Harrisburg, Pa.

Highlights from testimony in Dr. Blake case; new trial due

No new date has been set for a retrial of the abortion and conspiracy charges pending against Dr. James Blake, James Murphy, assistant State's attorney, said Wednesday.

A stormy three-day trial ended in a hung jury late Monday when 12 male jurors failed to agree on the guilt or innocence of the 58-year-old long-time East Baltimore physician.

Judge John Tucker discharged the jury from further consideration of the case when they failed to reach a verdict after three hours' deliberation.

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EARLIER MONDAY the jurist dismissed three of six abortion allegations against the doctor when he held that the State had not conclusively proved the charges.

Dr. Blake and three other East Baltimoreans were indicted early last year in what police termed a crackdown on a thriving Eastside "abortion ring."

The physician's trial was delayed numerous times because of legal tactics and the illness of the defendant.

Others convicted and awaiting sentence in connection with abortion and conspiracy charges are Mrs. Iona Dean Watson, 37, 1520 N. Bond St.; Melvin Parrish, 29, 1421 N. Bond; and William Spicer, 31-year-old city fireman, 2020 Kennedy Ave.

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THE MOST dramatic point in the Dr. Blake trial was the surprise appearance of Mrs. Watson, a confessed abortionist, who testified as a State's witness.

At the outset of the proceeding last Thursday Joseph Rosenthal, defense attorney, challenged all of the women members of the three jury panels before the 12 white men were finally selected to serve.

The defense counsel said in his opening statement that Dr. Blake, who has been practicing medicine here for 30 years, was healing sick patients and not performing abortions.

Mr. Murphy said the State's contention was that the doctor knowingly treated victims sent to him by Mrs. Watson when complications set in following illegal operations performed by her.

The prosecutor termed Dr. Blake "the mop-up man" in the alleged East Baltimore abortion ring.

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SIX WOMEN testified they received treatment from Dr. Blake after being sent to him with sealed envelopes by Mrs. Watson following alleged illegal operations.

The reluctant prosecuting witnesses, all married, had from two to 10 children each.

A Port Deposit, Md., matron was the first State's witness against Dr. Blake. Her testimony, in part, with direct examination by Mr. Murphy, follows:

Q.—Do you have any children?

A.—I have one.

Q.—I want to direct your attention to January of 1956. Did you receive any medical attention at that time?

A.—Yes, I did.

Q.—To whom did you go?

A.—Dr. Blake.

Q.—And how did you happen

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Triple rites for train victims

WASHINGTON

Triple funeral and burial services were held yesterday (Thursday) for the young aunt, niece and nephew who were fatally injured in a train-automobile collision near Waldorf, Md., Monday.

Services were held at St. Peter Catholic Church, Waldorf, for Renada Hawkins, 3; Martin L. Hawkins, 4; and their aunt, Miss Louise Chapman, 24. All are of Waldorf.

They were buried at the St. Peter Catholic Cemetery. The Rev. Father Henry Sank officiated.

Martin Hawkins, one of the five car passengers, died at D.C. General Hospital 24 hours after the death of his sister, Renada.

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MISS CHAPMAN died at the scene of the accident, Monday, which took place about 10 a.m. when the Hawkins car was rammed broadside by a Pennsylvania Railroad freight train, police reported.

The children's mother, Mrs. Catherine Hawkins, 32, driver of the car, and her two other children, Swynice Marie, 16 months, and Charles, 5, were listed as still in critical condition, Thursday at D.C. General Hospital.

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Richardson in

WASHINGTON

The United States Senate at 12:35 p.m., Thursday, confirmed the nomination of Scoval Richardson to be judge of the U.S. Customs Court in New York. He goes to his new post from the chairmanship of the U.S. Parole Board.

Tunnel Joe to attend his mother's funeral?

"We have sent a telegram to the Penitentiary . . . we hope he will be able to come out for the funeral.

"He was very fond of mama . . . before she got sick, she visited him regularly . . ."

A relative was speaking of the death of Mrs. Lena Holmes, 67, of 536 W. Preston St., on Monday. She is the mother of Joseph "Tunnel Joe" Holmes, nicknamed "Tunnel Joe" by AFRO reporters after he staged a miraculous escape from the Pen on February 17, 1951.

Funeral services for Mrs. Holmes will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Pius Catholic Church, Edmondson Ave. and Schroeder St., where she had been a member since her early youth. Burial will follow in Mt. Auburn Cemetery. She had just observed a birthday on Tuesday of last week.

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NO WORD has been received from Warden Vernon Pepersack as to whether he will grant the family request to have Tunnel Joe present.

Mrs. Holmes had been confined to the Baltimore City Hospitals for the past seven weeks prior to her death. Relatives said she had never fully recovered from a fall sustained while visiting at the Fort Howard Hospital a year ago.

A native Baltimorean, Mrs. Holmes is survived by her husband, Francis Holmes; two daughters, Mrs. Mary DeMinds and Miss Martha Holmes; and two other sons, Howard and William Holmes.

She is also survived by 21 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

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Worthy answers State Department

CHICAGO — "At this late date, the State Department is trying to becloud the issue of freedom of movement and freedom of the press by raising an irrelevant matter on which I publically took a principled position."

This is a part of the statement made Thursday by William Worthy, AFRO newsman, who earlier in the day had been accused by a State Department spokesman of pleading guilty in 1944 to a charge of draft dodging.

The charge was made by Robert Cartwright, acting director of the State Department's

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