WEATHER
FRIDAY, cold continued rain. SATURDAY, continued cold. SUNDAY, clearing and warmer.

Baltimore Afro-American

PRAYER FOR TODAY
Almighty God, we pray to Thee to lead us in this perplexing, baffling hour of our sojourn on earth. May we have the courage to build bravely the empire of love among the children of men. Amen.

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Wage New War On Numbers Writers

(Story In Column 1)

Trucker Is Doomed

NUMBERS WAR

Barber is nabbed in digits raid

"We intend to make it hard for numbers writers.

"We are going to arrest them whenever and wherever we find them.

"We know who they are and what they are doing.

"We are going to make them give up all together or go underground."

That was the comment of a Baltimore County police officer Thursday morning following raids on two Towson, Md., barber shops.

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IN CONNECTION with their drive to 'stamp out' numbers operations in the county, police arrested a 44-year-old barber after they entered his shop in the 100 block Chesapeake Ave., armed with a search warrant Wednesday morning.

At an afternoon hearing before Magistrate John C. Caskin, Joseph Henry Walston of the 1700 block E. Preston St., was charged with possessing lottery slips and released in bail of $500 pending a March 8th hearing.

Moving into a barber shop in the 400 block Virginia Ave., county detectives conducted their second raid but came away empty handed.

Members of the raiding party were Detective Lt. C. Rockenbaugh, Sgt. W. J. Gibson and Cpl. Armond Elliott.

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IN THE SHOP operated by Mr. Walston, Sgt. Gibson said they found evidence indicating that the shop was being used as a pickup station.

The search and seizure warrants were obtained Wednesday morning by Cpl. Elliott, the first colored officer to receive a promotion on the county police force.

Police said there was no connection between the Towson raid and one conducted in Turner Station three weeks ago.

They did say that their commanding officer, Capt. C. Booker had ordered a crackdown all

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38 new firemen begin training

Thirty-eight new firemen were appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners Thursday afternoon.

Among those scheduled to begin 35 days of training on Monday at the Fire Department's new $540,000 school in the 6700 block of N. Pulaski Highway, are:

Ronald H. Brown, 1311 W. Lombard St., assigned to Hose Company No. 1.

Charles C. McCoy, 2823 Bookert Dr., Truck Company No. 21.

Donald G. Stevenson, 1411 E. Biddle St., Hose Company No. 5.

James W. Rhone, 1406 E. Biddle St., Truck Company No. 7.

Walter A. Dyson, 1702 Etting

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66th ANNIVERSARY of the Faith Baptist Church Sunday School, Ashland Ave. and Bond St., featured talks on Sunday by Mrs. Mabel S. Gee, left, head of the Baptist Training Union Convention of Md., and the Rev. Walter Paige, pastor of the church. His Sunday School has over 600 members.

14 ELECTED

1956 AFRO honor roll

A courageous mother of two, a high school athletic department, a brilliant student, an educator, a state official and a couple wed 50 years, are among the 14 individuals named to the AFRO's 1956 honor roll.

The list appears in this edition on page 17.

All of the persons are cited for reflecting credit on the community during the past year.

All are honored because through their service, they have brought honor to the community by their display of courage, ability, intelligence, tenacity, generosity or unselfishness.

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THE LIST, in this edition on page 17, marks the 18th year the Baltimore AFRO-AMERICAN has published its annual honor roll.

All of the winners will receive engraved plaques at a public meeting date of which will be announced.

Turn to page 17 and meet the 1956 Honor Roll winners.

Sunday School no longer baby-sitter

"The Sunday school is no longer the baby sitter for the church. It is no longer a place just to get the children off the street or somewhere for emotional outlet.

"The Sunday school hour should not be the most wasted hour of the week for our young people.

"It must become an institution which meets human needs, it must have an educational program and it must foster religious experience for the children on their own level."

Mrs. Mabel S. Gee, president of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention of Maryland, was speaking at the 66th anniversary of the Faith Baptist Church Sunday School, Sunday.

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THE CELEBRATION program was held in the church at Ashland Ave. and Bond St. before more than 200 parents, church members and Sunday school children.

Mrs. Gee, a former member of Fulton Baptist Church Sunday school, is a graduate of Douglass High School, Coppin State Teachers College and Co-

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Curtis Bay tavern owner loses appeal

The Maryland Court of Appeals on Monday handed down a decision against Cleveland Haskins Sr., a 52-year-old operator of a restaurant-bar, the Bayard Lunch at 5522 Pennington Ave. in Curtis Bay

Charged with selling alcoholic beverages to minors, one of whom subsequently lost an arm, Mr. Haskins Sr., was found guilty in two cases, one on May 22 and the other on May 26, by Judge Joseph L. Carter in Criminal Court on September 14, 1956.

Judge Carter sentenced Mr. Haskins to two years in the House of Correction and imposed a $1,000 fine and costs in each case.

Mr. Haskins, released on $5,000 bail immediately carried the decision to the Court of Appeals. This was the appeal Mr Haskins lost.

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SENTENCED LAST September with Mr. Haskins Sr., were his son, Cleveland Jr., 21, and Sgt. Gilbert C. Hall, a Fort Meade soldier, and part-time bartender for Mr. Haskins. Both pleaded guilty.

Mr. Haskins Jr. and Sgt. Hall were each fined $1,000 and sentenced to two years in the Maryland State Reformatory, where they are confined.

Mr. Haskins Sr. was not pre-

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HARFORD COUNTY

Wants six more years to integrate

The Harford County Board of Education wants "six more years" in which to complete its gradual plan of integration.

This was one of the principal items to emerge from an all-day session on Wednesday before the State Department of Education which was hearing complaints of discrimination filed by parents of children living in Havre de Grace, Bel Air and Edgewood.

The parents appealed to the board to admit their children

(See Photo on Page 8)

to schools located near their homes.

The board took the request under advisement and announced that it would give a decision at a later date.

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TESTIMONY AT the hearing indicated that children travel an average of 14 miles a day to attend school even though other schools are from a block to a mile away from their homes.

In defense of the present six-year plan, Charles W. Willis, county superintendent, said:

"A great influx of people from the South has made gradual desegregation necessary" in the county.

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ANSWERING THE county's plan for gradual integration, Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, attorney for the NAACP, declared:

"There is nothing that would warrant six years for the Board of Education to complete integration.

"The constitutional rights of

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Denied passport

WASHINGTON

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, scholar and world traveler, Wednesday, was denied a passport by the State Department to travel to Ghana for the new country's independence celebration.

RISING STAR from a musical family, Miss Veronica Tyler, 20, is the niece of Baltimore concert artist, Theresa Green, and Mrs. Dorothy Green Clair, Detroit organist and singer. Now a Peabody music voice student, Miss Tyler hopes to become a concert or opera singer. (Story on page 24).

'Atrocious crime' on 8-year-old stuns court

By STEVE DUNCAN

"This is really the most atrocious crime I've had anything to do with since I've been on the bench.

"The maximum for rape, of course, is death."

Thus spoke Judge S. Ralph Warnken today (Friday) in ordering a 28-year-old trucker committed to death row "until such time as may be set for your execution" in the lethal gas chamber.

Doomed to death was James Howard Craig, 100 block N. Schroeder St., who stood rigidly at attention as sentence was pronounced.

The jurist held that Mr. Craig was a "responsible agent" when he committed the crime.

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THE DOOMED man sat with his hands clasped as Judge Warnken reviewed the assault case.

Mr. Craig, convicted of his first sex offense while still in his early teens, was found guilty on Jan. 31 of raping an eight-year-old girl.

After the trial, Judge Warnken withheld sentence when the defense counsel requested a psychiatric examination. The defendant was found to be mentally responsible by medical officers of the Supreme Bench.

Mr. Craig took the witness stand and denied attacking the child, who is only two years older than his 6-year-old son.

The child, a second grade pupil, was on the way to the library to return a book when approached on the street on Thursday afternoon, November 29.

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THE PROSECUTING witness, however, positively identified

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Sports at a glance

COMING EVENTS

Basketball

Friday

(Varsity)

Forrest Park at Dunbar
Douglass at Carver

(Junior Varsity)

Dunbar at Forrest Park
Douglass at Carver

Horse Racing

Saturday

Flamingo Stakes, $100,000 added; NBC-TV, 4:30 to 5 p.m. (EST) from Hialeah Park, Miami.

WEEK'S RESULTS

Basketball

Dunbar 59, City College 46
Fairmount Heights 103, Douglass 58.

'Dear Bessie' letter wins divorce from Army officer

Filing a cross-bill to her husband's charges of desertion, Mrs. Bessie L. Hurtt of 1208 Jefferson Court won the divorce from Chief Warrant Officer Jesse H. Hurtt, Monday.

Mr. Hurtt, who gave his address as 1514 E. Biddle St. and his headquarters at U.S.A. T.C.A., Fort Knox, Ky., had his suit dismissed.

Mrs. Hurtt said that her husband deserted her.

To prove her charges, she read into the records a letter from her husband which said that he did not contemplate ever trying to live with her again.

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THE LETTER said:

"Hello Bessie:

"I'm in receipt of your letter concerning the trip to Japan.

"I have not received the nasty letter you mentioned in your letter as yet, but when I do I can assure you that it won't make any difference for I know just what to expect from you by now.

"I have decided by your action that it will be impossible for me to live with you as my wife in Japan or any other place as a matter of fact. I don't contemplate every trying again.

"Your attitude, disposition and conduct is something that makes me sick every time I even think of you.

"I am not going into a lot of detail for I've given up on this procedure also.

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"I WON'T have to remain here many more months before I will be able to come home, and then I'll settle quite a few things foremost of which will be the matter of the children whom I love with all my heart.

"So you can just send those papers right back to the Army cancelled for I have already cancelled the dependency housing over here for which I had applied many months ago."

The Hurtts are parents of three daughters 12, 10 and 6 years of age.

The children were given into custody of the mother. Mr. Hurtt agrees to provied $150 per month for their support.

Vice President Nixon heads U.S. delegation to Ghana

By LOUIS LAUTIER
(For NNPA)

"It is with a sense of deep responsibility that I leave Washington for this trip to Africa."

Thus spoke Vice President Richard M. Nixon as he left Washington by plane Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, to represent the United States at Ghana's independence ceremonies.

He added:

"In representing the President at the independence ceremonies of the emerging state of Ghana, I shall bring with me the congratulations of the people of the United States to the people in the government of Ghana on achievement of their independence within the British Commonwealth.

"We welcome the advent of Ghana into the family of free nations."

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"WE SHALL BE PAYING tribute to the successful outcome of a remarkably cooperative effort by a dedicated and responsible nationalist movement and an equally dedicated and responsible guidance by the United Kingdom.

"The measure of the success of this experiment is the decision of the new state of Ghana to join the free and equal association of the British Commonwealth."

The capital of the monarchy of Morocco, situated on the northwestern tip of Africa, will be the first stop of Vice President Nixon on his good will tour.

The Vice President, and a small staff, left Washington National Airport Thursday afternoon Feb. 27 and are due to spend March 1-2 in Morocco before proceeding to Accra, capital of the former British Gold Coast colony, which reverts with independence to its ancient name of Ghana.

Mr. Nixon will be away for

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Test clears man jailed 10 years for murder

PHILADELPHIA

Trumpeter William Green of Eastern Penitentiary Band, was convicted of murder April 18, 1947. Victim of the Nov. 4, 1946, shooting was William Blount, a night watchman at the then Standard Theater, 12th and South Sts.

The Commonwealth contended that Green had been surprised by Blount while burglarizing the theater. Taken to a police callbox by the watchman, he then fired, according to the prosecution.

Green insisted that he was at home in bed at the time. Three witnesses identified him as the killer, however. Three appeals for a new trial were all denied.

Approached by the prisoner's mother, Mrs. Lila Green, in 1955, Rose Kotzin, an attorney, took the case. She arranged for a lie detector test

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