WEATHER
FRIDAY, cloudy and a little milder with chance of occasional rain.
SATURDAY, clearing and colder.
SUNDAY, possibly snow.

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PRAYER FOR TODAY
"It is not our brothers and our friends, but it's we, O Lord, who are standing in the need of prayer."

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Digits War On In Turner Station?

(Story in Column 1)

'Frozen Lady' Lives

Digits war reported on in Turner

Is there a numbers war on in Turner Station?

Are writers being 'fingered' because they 'turn in' to Baltimore backers?

Those were the questions residents of the sprawling community south of Baltimore City were asking themselves this week following the arrest of one man, and reports by another sportsman that he was about to be 'framed' for his numbers operation.

Rumors that writers are being fingered by a Baltimore County combing were circulated following the arrest of David Levi Poole, 48, of the 1000 block Carver Rd., and the statement of another man who allegedly expressed fear "over this mess."

Mr. Poole was arrested on Friday as he walked from a house in the 100 block Chestnut St.

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LOTTERY charges against him were filed in Towson Police Court, and he was released under $1,000 bail pending action of the grand jury.

Arresting officers said they found $134 in bills and $4.38 in change along with pencils, notebooks and papers in Poole's possession.

County police said the number of slips found represented $400 in play for one day.

The money and betting equipment were confiscated police said, after Mr. Poole attempted to hide a package under the seat of a police car outside the Dundalk Police Station.

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THE ARREST was made by Cpl. Armond Elliott, the first colored officer to receive a promotion on the county police force, Officer Walter Meyers, Sgt. W. J. Gibson and Cpl. E. Wilson.

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POLICE SAID they obtained

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THIS IS THE DAY—When a youngster spends nine years in school and it comes time for him to graduate from junior high school, naturally he or she is a bit excited when the great moment comes. Here at Dunbar on Wednesday afternoon Constance Humphries gives a last minute adjustment to the dress of her friend, Carolyn Quick. Miss Humphries was third ranking pupil in her class.

GAS CHAMBER

'God have mercy on your soul..'

"Anybody in his right mind would not take another person's life knowing he would lose his own. The officer was doing his duty.

"I ask for consideration. I know I took someone else's life

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but I am asking for my life.

"I ask for mercy."

Braxton

Tearfully, and speaking in a tone so faint that at times courtroom spectators strained to hang on to his words, a husky 17-year-old youth, Thursday morning, made his impassioned but unsuccessful plea for his life.

He was Alvin H. (Butch) Braxton, 2000 block Baker St., found guilty of first degree murder in the Sept. 29th fatal shooting of Patrolman John R. Phelan.

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THE JURY, which deliberated his fate only 25 minutes, returned a first degree verdict without a recommendation.

In dooming Braxton to the lethal gas chamber, Judge James K. Cullen said:

"May God have mercy on your soul."

In the death house Braxton will join five other men awaiting execution there. They are: Kelley Briley, Carl D. Kier, Eddie Daniels, George Cole and Cornelius Farrell.

Braxton's older brother, Albert H. Braxton, 19, 1900 block Warwick Ave., was sen-

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MISS JO ANN CAMPBELL
Ricky's girl friend is now back at her Baltimore home.

Widow may lose her legs

"I am an Army veteran and I have seen frostbitten feet before, but I never saw anything like this in all my life.

"Her feet were swollen and black, and it looked like her toes were coming off her right foot.

"Her other foot was almost as bad."

Vernon Brown, who lives at No. 3 Jones Ave. in Catonsville, was telling the AFRO Thursday about the condition of Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, his next door neighbor, when he saw her.

"She knocked at my door and asked for some musterole, and she said her feet were cold.

"I looked at them and as soon as I saw them I knew they had been frozen," he added, "and I called the doctor."

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MRS. BURTON, who lives at No. 1 Jones Ave., was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital where her condition at presstime was described as a "severe case of gangrene of the feet and legs due to frostbite."

Late Thursday, a hospital official said that Mrs. Burton is doing "fair," but her feet and legs are such that they may have to be amputated.

Dr. C. F. Maloney, the Catonsville physician who attended Mrs. Burton and directed that she be hospitalized at once, told the AFRO:

"It may have happened a week or so ago, when we had that cold spell because the frozen condition of her feet and legs developed into gangrene, and Mrs. Burton was running a 102-degree temperature when I attended her.

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"IT WAS about 18 degrees above zero that day it happened (Jan. 20) and any tempera-

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RICKY'S GIRLFRIEND HOME

'I don't think I love him now'

B-U-L-L-E-T-I-N

Miss Jo Ann Campbell returned to Baltimore this week. She told the AFRO she had suffered a bad cold while in N.J. for the trial.

She went to Sinai Hospital for a checkup on Wednesday but did not remain overnight.

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — "After all, he did it, and I told him he should expect to pay for

(See story 'Ricky's head shaved in Death House on Page 7)

it, but he thought he shouldn't get any time."

Miss Jo Ann Campbell, 531 N. Fulton Ave., Baltimore, was sitting on a bench in the marble hallway which leads to the county prosecutor's office.

She was waiting to consult with Warren Wilentz, attorney for the state of New Jersey, in the murder trial of her lover, Richard (Ricky) Hunt.

This happened before Hunt, the father of her two children, was sentenced to die in the electric chair for the pistol killing of his wife, Helen, and Jo

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Ella Fitzgerald is improving

NEW YORK—Doctors at New York Hospital expressed "complete satisfaction" with the condition of Ella Fitzgerald following an operation on the famed singer at the East Side institution, Wednesday.

Miss Fitzgerald underwent surgery at 1 p.m., for the removal of an abscess "in the region of the appendix," according to a report given the AFRO Thursday. Information was furnished by the office of Miss Virginia Wicks, Ella's press agent.

The popular vocalist, winner of numerous awards as

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Gov. McKeldin hits racial segregation

By SAMUEL A. HAYNES

NEW YORK — "The practice of racial segregation in the South, whether right or wrong,

(See McKeldin's answers on integration on Page 7)

has damaged the prestige of the United States in other countries and thus has been a handicap in our death struggle with communism.

"This throws the burden of proof upon the segregationists, for to maintain any practice that is seriously damaging to the country as a whole can be justified only by extreme necessity.

"Unless it can be proved beyond a reasonable doubt that segregation is indispensably necessary to the preservation of civilization in the regions where it is practiced, it ought to be abandoned simply because it is hurtful to the country.

"I doubt that the segregationists can prove this, but unless they make a serious effort to prove it they are abandoning their case."

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THESE OPINIONS were expressed by Gov. Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland in a thought-provoking lecture on "The Basic Issue In Segregation" at Town Hall on Wednesday morning.

The nationally known Republican leader of Irish-Scot descent, whose grandfather fought in the Union Army against the Confederates and was killed in battle in Virginia, used as the basis for his lecture these words in Gunnar Myrdal's widely quoted book, "The American Dilemma:"

"The N--o problem is an integral part of, or a special phase of, the whole complexity of problems in the larger

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Sports at a glance

MIDWEEK RESULTS

Basketball

Dunbar 53, City 45
City JV 28, Dunbar JV 25
Carver 68, Southern 59
Carver JV 47, Southern JV 38
Douglass 58, Sollers Pt. 47

Swimming

Douglass 48½, Cardozo 28½

Wrestling

Dunbar 28, Douglass 18

COMING EVENTS

Friday

Basketball

Poly at Dunbar High, 3:45 p.m.
Dunbar JV at Poly JV, 3:45 p.m.
Mervo at Carver High, 3:45

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Special casket used to bury 266-pound matron

A special casket was used to bury Mrs. Violet M. Robinson, longtime Mutual Benefit Society employee, on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Robinson, who lived at 1013 W. Mulberry St., died in Provident Hospital, on Monday following a brief illness.

Until her illness, she weighed approximately 296 pounds. At death, she weighed approximately 266 pounds. She was 56 years old.

Death was attributed to high blood pressure.

The casket in which Mrs. Robinson was buried was the regulation six foot, six inches long, but was 32 inches wide.

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THE REGULATION state triple X casket is just 30 inches wide so the funeral home had to add the extra two inches.

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Waiter's $17,000 estate goes to his relatives

John H. Barnett, hotel waiter, who died here Feb. 4, 1956, at the age of 71, left an estate in excess of $17,000.

It is being administered by a nephew, Chester Barnett of 3010 Auchentoroly Terrace. Mr. Barnett is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Millie B. Wilkerson, 1026 Druid Hill Ave., a brother Wiley Barnett, Leesburn, N.C.; another sister, Mrs. Rosie Featherstone, Hampton, Va., and another brother, Haley Barnett, NYC.

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MR. BARNETT, not only made being a waiter profitable but he also made the occupation a pleasant one.

He switched to jobs in Baltimore, Virginia and North Carolina as he pleased.

At times he also ran a grocery store at 944 Druid Hill Avenue, the property and fixtures of which are valued at $7,303.60.

He also owned 1026 Druid Hill, $6,000; 2225 Division St., $3,000; and 628 W. Lanvale St., $5000.

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OTHER RECORDS of Orphans Court show that he had sold property at 546 W. Preston St. to

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WHAT WILL HE SEE?—Tomorrow (Saturday) is February 2nd, and Ground-Hog Day. If the ground hog or woodchuck comes out of his winter quarters tomorrow and sees his shadow, legend says there will be six more weeks of winter, but if the day is cloudy, he will not return to his winter quarters for a long sleep and winter will soon give way to spring.

Mr. Groundhog will say . . . ?

By S. F. YETTE

It was raining cats and dogs — and maybe a few ground hogs—when this reporter and a photographer stopped at the Baltimore City Zoo Tuesday morning to check with the latter creature on what to expect from Old Man Winter during the next two months.

But the cagey little groundhog would tell us nothing.

It's his underground cousin, you remember, who will come out of his hole tomorrow (Saturday) morning and gaze around to see if he can find himself.

He does this, of course, by looking for his shadow every February 2, which is called Ground Hog Day.

And if you've been sticking close to your weather legends, you know that if the little fellow does find his shadow, it will frighten him back into his hole where he'll stay until the

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