The Weather
FRIDAY—Not so cold, partly cloudy, possibly rain at night.
SATURDAY—Cloudy with rising winds.
SUNDAY—Normal temperature, with possible rain.

Baltimore Afro-American

Prayer For Today
"Our Father, help us to be understanding, lest we should add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow one needless tear."

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Pretty Probation Clerk Found Dead

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Widow, 79, Beaten

Probation Dept. clerk found dead

"She was sick, but we didn't know she was that sick.

"She rented the third floor apartment here in my house, but I was at work when it happened . . ."

Miss Irma Williams, 513 Robert St., was speaking last night (Thursday) about the sudden death earlier in the day of pretty Miss Mary Ruth Murry, 34.

Miss Murry, a stenographer in the Probation Department, was found dead in her living room at 3:45 p.m. by a 14-year-old boy who ran errands for her.

Her family physician, Dr. G. Franklin Phillips, reported that her death was due to natural causes.

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NORTHWESTERN District police said that they answered a call to the Robert St. address to find the 14-year-old errand boy who told them he found Miss Murry's body in a semi-conscious condition slumped over the couch in her living room.

She was taken to Provident Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival by Dr. Anderson of the staff.

It was learned that just prior to her death, Miss Murry had been talking over the telephone to a co-worker when suddenly the line went dead.

The police report of her death stated that the landlady, Miss Williams, advised that she had seen Miss Murry at 2 p.m. when she took her some food.

They further said that Miss Murry had been undergoing treatment at Mercy Hospital prior to her death.

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CO-WORKERS reported that Miss Murry had complained of illness recently.

She worked up until the Christmas holidays, they said, and left December 21 to visit her Birmingham home. She returned to the city December 31 and worked part of the day on Monday.

Her mother, Mrs. Edna Price of 333 14th Court Lane, Birmingham, Ala., has been notified of her death, and will claim her body.

Miss Murry has been employed at the Probation Department for the past six years.

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FRIENDS DESCRIBE her as an efficient, interesting and well-liked person, and expressed shock at her sudden death.

Mrs. Emily O. Jones, secretary to Harry Cummings, acting chief probation officer of the Supreme Bench, said of Miss Murry: "She was a wonderful person, as kind as she could be, particularly to her co-workers. I knew her so

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Sports at a glance

FRIDAY
Basketball
Carver High at City, 3:45 p.m.
City JV at Carver JV, 3:45 p.m.
Dunbar High at Mervo, 3:45 p.m.
Mervo JV at Dunbar JV, 3:45 p.m.
Swimming
Carver High at Mervo, 3:45 p.m.

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Lenny Moore top NFL rookie

The Baltimore Colts' Lenny Moore on Thursday was named winner of "rookie of the year" honors in the National Football League for 1956.

Moore received ten first place votes in a United Press poll of football writers working in cities holding NFL franchises. He was four votes ahead of his nearest rival, Preston Carpenter, of the Cleveland Browns.

The 23-year-old former Penn State University star, who was the No. 1 draft choice of the Colts last year, led the team in scoring with 54 points. He was eighth in the league in rushing with a total of 649 yards and a 7.5 yards per carry average.

Sam Huff, a guard of the world champion New York Giants, was third.

Twenty-five writers took part in the balloting.

THE WINNAH!—Mrs. Lelia E. Ray holds AFRO's $100 check and her New Year's baby son, Selwyn Ivan. Tipster reported his arrival at 12:20 a.m., three minutes after his birth so she won annual prize.

Bar Assoc. supports Lane for People's Court judge

"It's a good feeling to know that I have been recommended. It's another first in the city."

This was the way that Traffic Court Magistrate E. Everett Lane responded to the news on Thursday that the judiciary committee of the Bar Association of Baltimore City had named him as a candidate for the post of associate judge o fthe People's Court of Baltimore Citty.

Magistrate Lane was one of 13 attorneys recommended by the association which plays a major role in the selection of persons to fill judicial posts.

Magistrate Lane is the first lawyer of his race to be recommended. The association excludes colored and/or female attorneys.

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THIS LATEST honor for Magistrate Lane comes some 19 months after he became the first colored man to sit as a traffic court magistrate in a city south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

In this time he has been continually praised for the manner in which he has handled himself on the bench and for his disposition of the cases to face him.

Magistrate Lane's judicial talents first began to attract

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Jury frees lineup cop

"It's not a pleasant duty to come forward and prosecute a police officer . . An officer who was investigating the case said he wanted to be fair to Officer Savard.

"I want you to be fair to the officer, but I hope you will also be fair to Mrs. Nichols."

Despite this moving plea by James O'Connor Gentry, assistant State attorney, George A. Savard, suspended park policeman, was acquitted of assault after an all-white jury deliberated approximately 59 minutes.

The 31 - year - old patrolman was charged with the Aug. 29, 1955, assault on Mrs. Anna Mae Nichols by making improper

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advances to her while she was in his custody in Gwynns Falls Park.

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IN A REFERENCE to the testimony of Mrs. Nichols in case, Mr. Gentry said, "She has told you what we consider a straightforward story as to what happened."

After the case went to the jury, Mrs. Nichols, a determined mother of two, told the AFRO, "I've done all I could."

J. Harold Grady, State's Attorney, referred to the case as "a complete whitewash" attempt when he prosecuted Capt. G. Gordon Gaeng, park police chief on a charge of malfeasance last Dec. 8.

At that time Mr. Grady said: "The people of this city who use the parks depend on the park police for protection. I certainly hope that this case is not indicative of how the rest of the park police cases are being handled . . .

"They knew it was Savard . . . but what did they do? A deliberate program of obstruction

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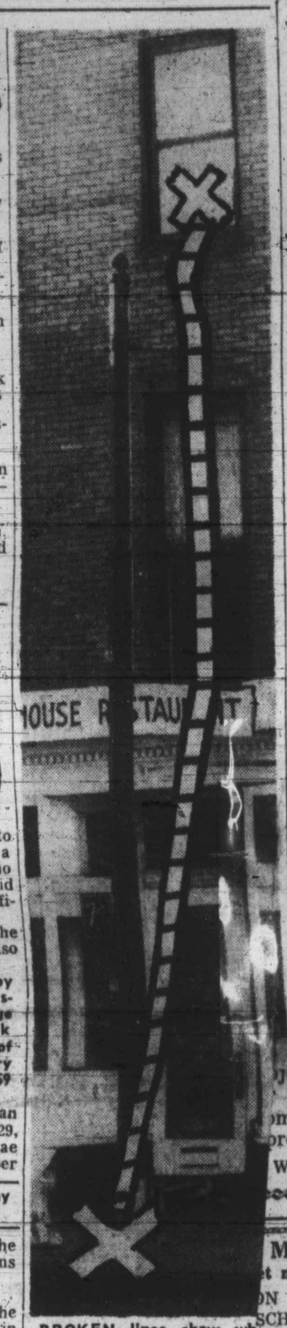

BROKEN lines show where Samuel Williams fell or was pushed thirty-three feet from house at 1538 Linden Ave.

'Kind' lady attacked in her home

"I can't figure out why anybody would do any harm to her at all. She is a nice unassuming person who always keeps to herself."

"She is a very nice old soul. She's never bothered anybody. It is a great shock to think anybody would harm her."

These were the comments made this week by neighbors as they discussed the savage Sunday morning attack on 79-year-old Mrs. Mary L. Giles, which sent the kindly widow to Provident Hospital.

Reports are that Mrs. Giles' assailant beat her unmercifully about the head and face when she refused his demands for $200.

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MRS. GILES was found in her first floor apartment sometime after 4 a.m. Sunday, with multiple cuts and bruises of the face as well as a possible fracture of the right arm.

The discovery of Mrs. Giles was made by a roomer who summoned police, who in turn transported Mrs. Giles around the corner to Provident.

From her hospital bed on Wednesday, Mrs. Giles, obvious-

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ly uncomfortable from her injuries, told an AFRO reporter: "It was late afternoon (Saturday) and I had just finished mopping and sweeping."

(The confusion in time was explained by the fact that it was dark in the early morning.)

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'TALL MAN'

The story of how a veteran telephone company employee was taken into custody and held for over three hours by police investigating a theft was revealed this week.

Hubert Ward, $95-a-week storekeeper of 1706 Thomas Ave., is the man who was picked up by a police lieutenant, a sergeant and a patrolman who were looking for a "tall man" implicated in the theft of underground wire cable from the phone company.

After a trip to the Northwestern police station at 3 a.m. and extended questioning, Mr. Ward was allowed to return home.

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Was wishing for a girl but got a boy

"I was wishing for a girl, but I'm satisfied with a boy and he looks just like his father and my other son."

Mrs. Lelia Elizabeth Ray, 1224 McCulloh St., was proudly telling the AFRO about her son, 6-pound, 3-ounce Selwyn Ivan Ray, winner of the AFRO's $100 because he was the first baby born in 1957 about whom the AFRO was officially notified.

Young Mr. Ray arrived at 12:17 a.m. News of his arrival reached the AFRO City Desk three minutes later and he was declared the winner.

The tipster who reported his arrival is also richer by $5.

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ACTUALLY, the very first baby in the city was Herbert Poole Jr., born to Mrs. Darlene Poole at Sinai Hospital at 12:04 a.m., but no news reached the City Desk of his birth.

"We thought the AFRO knew," said Mrs. Poole.

The Ray baby's mother received the AFRO $100 prize on Wednesday morning. Mrs.

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Ray said the baby was not due until January 16 so she was greatly surprised.

Asked what she would do with the $100, Mrs. Ray stated:

"We'll spend most of it on the baby to be sure.

"It will go for a crib and some diapers. When I left Rosewood Hospital where I worked, the girls gave me a shower. That was in August and I re-

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CARL

Carl is very low all down the line.

"He is feverish, much weaker, and somewhat disoriented. This is to say, he is confused as to just where he is. It may be called a slight delirium from fever."

Richard Thompson, Johns Hopkins Hospital official, made the above statements as he gave the AFRO the latest report on Carl Smith, 7, a

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'LUCKY'

"I am lucky to be here. I am going to tell you the truth. Sometimes I think I'm not going to make it."

With his left arm heavily bandaged, his face swollen and his eyes mirroring the pain that racked his body, Samuel Williams, 32, 1600 block John St., spoke on Thursday from his bed in Provident Hospital.

Mr. Williams was reportedly tossed from a third story window at 1538 Linden Ave., early on New Year's morning. His condition at the hospital is listed as "fair."

Physicians said he is suffering a compound fracture of the left arm, several shattered teeth and cuts of the lower lip.

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MEANWHILE, A man identified as Moffett Cornwell, 22, 700 block Newington Ave., has been charged with assault in connection with the case and ordered held in $1,000 bail for a hearing on Jan. 8.

Speaking on Thursday Mr. Williams said:

"I had my back to the window and when I knew anything I was on the ground. I don't know whether he threw or

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when he got through he got up and slammed the door," Mrs. Giles said.

She added that the caller had identified himself as a friend of her husband.

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AT THE conclusion of the interview, a check with hospital officials disclosed that Mrs. Giles' condition is listed as "fair."

Police and hospital records

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Funeral tomorrow for slain Ft. Meade soldier

PITTSBURGH — "I was surprised when I learned of him doing that. I saw it in the paper.

"It's the first trouble I've ever known him to be in. I've known him since he was a little boy about eight or nine."

Thomas West, prominent Pittsburgh mortician, made these remarks earlier this week as he prepared the body of Sgt. Vernon Dillard for funeral services tomorrow (Saturday) at 2 p.m. in his chapel.

Sgt. Dillard, 25, was shot in the heart by a guard at the Ft. Meade stockade as he attempted to escape. He died instantly.

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SGT. DILLARD had been arrested the previous Friday evening as he left an Annapolis church following his marriage to a woman identified by Army officials as Miss Viola Wen or Mrs. Viola Wen Savage, 308 Berlin Ave., Linthicum.

The arrest came after a week-long investigation of a $307 holdup of the Ft. Meade Western Union office. During the few days after the arrest, it was reported to Military

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AFRO's Santa helps get jobs for two readers

"My New Year's Resolution is to do more for my family," said a smiling young man of 22 this week as he walked into the AFRO City Room.

"I want to thank you for your interest in me," he added. The young man explained that his appeal to the AFRO's Santa Claus had paid off.

He had desperately sought a job for several months. The Baltimore Urban League had cooperated with the AFRO's Santa Claus and now, just a few days after the Christmas season, this happy young man was all set to begin his new job.

Joseph Haines of the 1000

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Insulting Racial Epithets In 'Baby Doll'

AFRO joins hands with Catholic Church which also condemned movie about Dixie

By SAM LACY

The AFRO-AMERICAN this week joined hands with the Catholic Church in condemning the motion picture "Baby Doll."

Catholic authorities have opposed the Tennessee Williams story on moral grounds. AFRO opposition is based on the anti-racial aspects of the film.

The play, dealing with a degenerate group of southerners, is salted with suggestive lines and sexually provocative scenes. These are found objectionable by heads of the Catholic Church.

Additionally, "Baby Doll" contains frequent use of racial epithets—none of which seems essential to the plot. Their inclusion only serves to make the picture distasteful to colored viewers.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY was a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church, meaning that Catholics were expected to attend mass as if it were Sunday.

In Washington, the Host Rev. Patrick A. O'Boyle, Archbishop of the District, had a statement read at all masses in the Archdiocese.

It condemned the picture, and warned Catholics that they would "violate the law of God" if they should see the film.

In his message, the Archbishop said:

"In view of the reliably reported content and effect of this film by the Legion of Decency, I condemn this picture and I remind all Catholics that one who sees it, places himself in the proximate occasion of sin, which in itself violates the law of God."

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CONTINUING, HE said that "a film which deals so lightly with barnyard morality can only serve the cause of cancerous decadence.

"This film and others that extol vice negate the efforts of all citizens striving to elevate the state of public morals."

Last week, Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York, and the Catholic Legion of Decency condemned "Baby Doll" with similar criticisms.

AFRO disapproval of the movie results from the revival of epithets long ago discarded by the film industry as insulting to certain racial groups.

At one point, a politician is delivering a speech of welcome to a newly-arrived cotton gin operator.

He is interrupted by a Dixiecrat listener who says: "Hey, Senator, the next time you run we'll get the n—r vote out for ya."

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