

# World of Sports

Although Kenny Washington, University of California, Los Angeles football sensation, does not get credit for the longest pass on record, many football experts say his 62 yard heave in the Southern California game is the longest authentic completed touchdown aerial ever executed in college football. Brick Muller's famous toss for California against Ohio State in the 1931 Rose Bowl game has grown with the years to a total of 70 yards, but Muller himself says it was actually between 59 and 65 yards. The record books give the title to Brad Robinson of St. Louis who allegedly threw one 87 yards against Kansas in 1906, but there were no movie cameras to check the heave which may have been actually much shorter. Had it not been for the cameras, Washington's toss might have been recorded for posterity as a 76 yard completion, so unreliable is the human eye.

Ed Burke, national indoor high jump champion for the past two years, is conducting a sports column for the Marquette University

**TRIBUNE**—Oss Simmons, former Iowa sensation, was credited by white experts with being the outstanding player on the Peterson (N. J.) Panthers who claim the national independent pro football championship. Joe Eillard, last Negro gridiron to play in the National Professional league and more recently a halfback on the Fritz Pollard's Brown Bombers, is now playing basketball with the touring Harlem Globe Trotters.

Joe Louis, who worked out downtown and on the Southside last week, had Chicagoistic experts elevating their eyebrows with his masterful boxing, seemingly air-tight defense against right hands. They are wondering however, whether he may have traded his merciless killing power and instinct for mere cleverness. With the boys who pick their All-Negro All-Americans select Spobby Lee of California as first team guard would remember that the first of November, Lee was demoted clean off the regular squad to the reserve.

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## MITCHELL LOSES SUPREME COURT APPEAL, PROSECUTOR GETS DEATH THREAT

**JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 16**—(AP)—In a one-word opinion, "Overruled," the Supreme Court of Mississippi last Monday tightened the hangman's noose about the neck of William Clark Mitchell, 54-year-old electrical contractor who is scheduled to be hanged at Coffeeville on Dec. 17, for the arson-murder of Lewis Bryant, aged Negro farmer and his son, Coot Bryant.

Refusing to reverse its decision of two weeks ago, the Supreme Court refused Mitchell's attorneys an application for a suggestion of error. At the former hearing the tribunal for the second time, affirmed Mitchell's conviction in the Yalobusha county double murder and described it as "one of the most atrocious ever committed in the State."

Only two avenues of escape are now open to Mitchell. One is intervention by Governor White, who already has declined to interfere with the execution, the other an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Following the State Supreme Court's action Monday, District Attorney J. Whitten, in Water Valley, Miss., received anonymous letters threatening him if Mitchell is hanged. The letters were mailed from a Mobile and Ohio train and beside the threats contained newspaper photos depicting Negro trails at various places and newspaper headlines concerning acquittal of Negroes in certain sections.

Sheriff C. B. Gusey of Yalobusha County was the first to receive threatening letters in connection with the case which has attracted wide attention because, if the death sentence is carried out, Mitchell will be the second white man in the history of the state to be executed for the murder of a Negro. It was thought here in Jackson that Mitchell's attorneys, H. Creekmore and Ross Barnett may again ask Governor White to commute Mitchell's sentence to life imprisonment.

## FEDERAL INVESTIGATOR HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE

**NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 16**—Charged with conspiring to possess, transport and sell whiskey and alcohol upon which no tax had been paid, Theodore B. Turner, colored, a former prohibition agent and now an investigator for the Federal alcohol tax unit, was held in \$1,000 bail Monday when arraigned before United States Commissioner Garrett W. W. Cotter.

Operatives told the Commis-

## INDIANA ATHLETIC COMMISSIONER UNDER FIRE FOR BARRING NEGRO WRESTLERS

**COURT ISSUES RESTRAINING ORDER AS GARYITES PROTEST OFFICIAL'S ATTITUDE**

**GARY, Ind., Dec. 15**—(ANP)—Sam Wurbarger, white, state athletic commissioner, was under fire this week as Garyites protested his attempts to bar Negroes from wrestling in the state. Only a restraining order issued by a local judge permitted Jack Claybourne, known as the Negro heavyweight champion, to meet Alex Kaffner, 218 pounder from Birmingham, in the feature of a card presented at the Memorial auditorium Tuesday night for the Judge Fletcher Christmas fund to aid the city's needy.

Plans to hold the charity affair had been made when it was learned that Wurbarger had turned thumbs down on the Claybourne-Kaffner match because "it is the policy of the state athletic commission to refuse permission to colored athletes to wrestle in the state of Indiana in mixed matches." However, both athletes involved are Negroes.

A long distance call put in by the editor of the Gary American, local weekly, to the commissioner's office at Indianapolis brought confirmation of the statement, with the added assertion that neither Claybourne nor any other colored wrestler would be permitted to show his wares in Gary. The restraining order was then obtained.

In an extra edition, the American pointed to the segregation practiced by guards at Dunes State park last summer in which a party at Gary and Chicago social workers were banned from swimming, and urged Indiana citizens to demand of Governor Townsend that he immediately remove Wurbarger from his state position.

## MRS. BETHUNE GUEST AT THE WHITE HOUSE

**WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 16**—(ANP)—Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director of Negro Work in the NYA was a guest of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the White House last Monday at five o'clock. Mrs. Roosevelt entertained for the women occupying administrative posts in the government departments.

## Chapel Hill Citizen Passes

We regret to say William McKinley Stone, the son of Mrs. A. Stone departed this life December 13. He was laid to rest Dec. 13, at Terrell's Creek Church. He left a mother, sisters, brothers and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He shall be greatly missed in the community.

## TWENTY-FIVE RECEIVE LETTERS AT HAMPTON

**Gifts Named Captain**  
(By Sherman A. Harmon)  
**HAMPTON** Institute, Va., Dec. 15—In the meeting of the football squad this week, twenty-five letters were awarded to Pirate football men. Following this meeting the lettermen selected 18-year old James Morgan Griffin, Cape May, New Jersey lad, as the captain for the 1938 team. A graduate of the Cape May High School, where he starred in football, basketball and track, Griffin entered Hampton in the fall of 1936. He played in a number of the games as a substitute and before the season was over he had made a name for himself as the most elusive back on a Pirate squad in years.

Beginning the 1937 football season, Griffin took a regular berth in the backfield at left wing back and on defense played the safety position. He has been the bulwark of Hampton's offense throughout the season, and has thrilled thousands by his spectacular running. His most sensational run of the season was made at Bluefield when he caught a punt on his own 20-yd. line and, eluding the ends and tackles, streaked up the sideline to mid-field, cut back to avoid other would-be tacklers, and ran-

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the Department.

The gifts will be given to the mothers from the Christmas tree at the end of the program, after which refreshments will be served.

All parents of Home Economics students, are cordially invited to attend.

Countess Club Entertains

The Countess Club entertained a group of their friends Friday

Night, Dec. 17, at the Algonquin Teague Club House. A good time was enjoyed by everyone. Those present were, Miss Portia Whitford, Miss Norwina Long, Miss Emma Butler, Mrs. E. A. Champney, Mrs. Massey, Herman Riddle, I. O'Grady, as chaperons, Gladys Holloway, Jennie Pratt, Helen Jones, Lizzie Bullock, Othelia Watson, Sarah Bass, Thelma Essty, Johnnie Williams, Travis Holloway, Lenora Allen, Minnie Seate, Hazel Parrish, Vandora Holloway, Nola Mc-

Cloud, Lola Gourdin, Clara James, Marie Burke, Lorraine Mitchell, Ethel Hester, Mary Peart, Conant Springfield, Gladys Southerland, Jennie Jones, Harry Harris, Henry Mills, John Daniels, Buddy Stroud, George Norman, Loydell McNeil, Horace

mond Johnson, James Holden, William Paine, Carl Reid, Carl Court, Clayton Williams, Joseph Robinson, E. O. Spaulding, Char Cobb, Joe Shade, and Blake Williams. The Club is a social club of the city.

Miss Gladys Holloway is president of the club.

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