

HIS SONG THRILLS THE NATION



ERSKINE HAWKINS

With his "Tuxedo Junction" has set the nation singing about his old hometown, Birmingham. Hawkins is now holding forth at the Savoy ballroom, but is planning to take his band on a sweeping Southern tour around the middle of June.—TYPhoto.

THE SPORTS BAZAAR

By William Tuck



Unfavorable weather gets the blame for the act that the bi-state AAU boxing tournament in Greensboro last week-end was not such a "big affair" after all. The tourney was held in the outdoor ring of the World War Memorial Stadium and was promoted by C. M. Palmer as athletic director of the Windsor Community Center. Rain limited the action to a few matches a day. Durham was not represented in the tournament because Coach J. B. McLendon of the North Carolina College boxing team was (and still is) in his home state, Kansas, looking over the high school athletic material out there and he did not have a chance to get his pugilists into form.

For those who are interested (and don't already know) Coach McLendon left Durham two weeks ago and will return around the fifteenth of June. His traveling companion and "bodyguard" is Albert Johnson, mascot for the Eagles and senior member of the Hillside High basketball team.

STATE HAS MORE CHAMPS
It's rather late to even mention track but it's always appropriate to talk about champions. North Carolina College made its debut in track and field events with the CIAA open and closed matches held recently in Greensboro and Hampton respectively.

TED SAYS SHE'S TOPS



DOLORES BROWN

Writing in his brilliant column, Ted Yates, New-York's top ranking columnist, hails DOLORES BROWN, (above) vocalist with Erskine Hawkins Orchestra says, "the best singing that I've come across in a long time is identified with Erskine Hawkins rhythmic band. You'll have to show me—or, I don't believe they come any better than Dolores Brown."—TYPhoto.

Miss Doris Holloway daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Holloway is home from St. Augustine College. Miss Marie Carter of Phila. Pa. and Miss Ellen Williams of Savannah, are her house guest.

Pitts, Anders, and Johnson made up the team that Coaches Burghardt and McLendon took to the A and T meet May 11 and to Hampton May 18. In Greensboro these boys made 7.5 points for their school and at Hampton they gained eight. Pitts, who is also a stalwart linesman in football, is the new CIAA champion of the discus throwers having hurled the disc 120 feet, 9 3/4 inches. Then came back to take third place in the shot put with 41 ft., 1-4 in. Anders was fourth in this event with 40 ft., 10-1-4 in. Percy of Lincoln, the first place winner had a distance of 43 ft., 6-1-2 in.

The North Carolina State boys finished near the end in these meets this being their first competition in this (or any other) season, but the showings they made in the few events in which they participated indicates that they wouldn't have done so badly if an entire team had been trained this year. Coach W. F. Burghardt expresses the desire that putting out a track team next year will be possible next year. He has high ideas about their possibilities. Same here.

LIGHTS
THE CITY COUNCIL has consented to give lights to the Hillside Park for the summer. Not only does this mean the possibility of having night softball but it also means that there will not be such a convenient rendezvous for the high school "lovers" who inhabited the darkened park during the beautiful and romantic evening of last summer.

Most of the credit for this goes to E. W. Midgett, director of recreation among Negroes of the city. These lights didn't just "happen" to be given. Ask him they came about.

YWCA Notes

The Annual meeting of the YWCA will be held Tuesday, July 1-7 at Whispering Pines. A corps of counselors skilled in music, handicraft, dancing and dramatics, and land sports.

All high school age girls and those out of high school are eligible, a separate unit will be reserved for college girls. Since the space is limited we are urging you to reserve your space now. For full information and folders call at the YWCA.

SPORTING WORLD

COLORED COLLEGE TRACK ATHELETES MATCH WHITE



JOHN BORICAN

NATIONAL FEATURES

JIMMY-THE-DANDY!



AFTER THE WORLD'S GREATEST 1939 BAND under the baton of Jimmy Luffeford had covered three-fourths of the United States ground, played the best nightclubs, ballrooms, theatres and college 'proms' it was borne out that no other band, in the annals of the orchestral world, had done as much. Leaving the Apollo Theatre on January 7th of last year Jimmy-the-Dandy brought this talented musician back to New York on May 25th. In all that time—there's no record of one open date.

MRS. BEATRICE ELMORE LAID TO REST

CHARLOTTE — Mrs. Beatrice Elmore, 28, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Harris died Wednesday May 8th. Mrs. Elmore was a faithful member and worker of Little Rock AME Zion church. She served untiringly on the Usher's Board and with the young ladies missionary society. Elmore is survived by her mother, one child and one brother. Funeral services were held at the church, Rev. J. D. Hamilton delivered the eulogy in the absence of the pastor, Rev. H. E. Wilson, who was attending General Conference in Washington, D. C.

North Carolina State Women's Basketball Championship also came for its share of glory. Other athletes receiving letters were as follows:

Spencer Alexander, Asheville; Carl Butler, 1939 football captain, Asheville; LeRoy Duden, Shelby; Thomas Gilmore, Newark, N. J.; Caranza Howard Daytona Beach, Fla.; Thomas Edenton; Jonas Kearney, Warren; Thomas Kee, Newark, N. J.; Abner Norfleet, Tarboro; John Owens, Asheville; Rudolph Pope, Rich Square; Henry Rucker, Washington, D. C.; and Jessie U. Banks, Washington, D. C., girls team, runner-up for the manager of the football team.

White Track Aces Shaw President Lauds Eugene Harrington

43 LETTERMEN
RALEIGH — Forty three letters were awarded by President Robert P. Daniel to Shaw University athletes at exercises held Wednesday, May 15, in Shaw University's Greenleaf Memorial Hall.

Fred Williams of Wilmington, captain of the 1939-40 basketball team, received three letters for participation at end in football, at center in basketball and as number two man on the Shaw University tennis team which won the North Carolina State Collegiate Singles Championship and reached the semi-finals in the tournament doubles play. Ozie Faison, Eldorado, Ark.; Donald Garner, Bridgeport, Conn.; Eugene Harrington, Durham; John Spriggs, Washington, D. C.; and Fred Worthy, Asheville received letters for participation in two major sports.

GENE COMMENDED
In awarding the letters Dr. Daniel commended especially the tennis team for its State Championship and Eugene Harrington, who was runner-up for the C I A A singles championship whose 1940 tournament was held at Lincoln University. The girls team, runner-up for the

White Track Aces Have Better Fields And Conditions
By FAY YOUNG
(Veteran Track, Ring, Football Official)
CHICAGO, (ANP) — There has been a deliberate attempt on the part of some so-called critics to ridicule the work of the track coaches in our Negro institutions and to compare marks made in various Negro track and field championships to that made by top notch performers in the larger institutions of America. Track and field events should be covered like baseball games. The first thing to be considered is the condition of the track. No one expects any boy, white or black, to jump under adverse conditions and then compare the mark with the boy who has jumped under ideal conditions and in one of the finest of jumping pits. I recall plainly now that when Ed Gourdin of Harvard was leaping around 24 feet, he was predicted to break the Eastern intercollegiate record when Harvard met in a dual meet with Princeton. The reason given was that Princeton's runaway shot put was the best in the East. Another fine example might be given of Blockett of Xavier. At the Tuskegee relays on May 12, Blockett jumped 21 feet, 10 1-2 inches. The same boy jumped 23 feet, 6 1-2 inches at the Alabama State relays and 22 feet 1-2 inch in the Southern conference meet. For 25 years, I have contended that the Negro athlete in Negro schools would do as good as white athlete or even the Negro athlete in a school with a similar enrollment. By that I mean it is not sensible, much less fair, to compare Xavier with the University of Michigan or Ohio State or to compare Tuskegee with Notre Dame. We, as a race, have a group who graduate from some of our northern schools and then find jobs as teachers in a Negro institution. Right off the bat, these termites start boring from within. They seek to prove that any Negro athlete in a northern school is superior to Negroes in a southern school and worse yet do nothing to help encourage our boys in our own schools. These termites are more likely to work against a coach by flunking a star athlete on the least excuse I know many such cases.

ATA Sanctions Eleven Tennis Tournaments
According to information received from James T. Taylor, Chairman of the sanction committee of the American Tennis Association, the following tennis tournaments have been approved by the association. Many tennis players throughout the nation have already begun making plans to attend at least one of the meets.

DATE	CLUB PLACE	KIND
April 10-13	Prairie View State College	Inter-Collegiate
May 9-10	Southern Intercollegiate, Tennis Association	Prairie View, Texas State
June 17-22	Prairie View College Tennis Club	Tuskegee Institute Alabama
June 25-28	North Carolina State Tennis Association	Prairie View, Texas
July 4-7	New England Tennis Association	Fayetteville, N. C. State Teachers College
July 9-14	North End Tennis Club	Springfield, Mass.
August 4-10	Prairie Tennis Club	Shady Rest Country Club, Scotch Plains, N. J.
August 5-10	New York State Tennis Association	Wabash Avenue at 60 St. Chicago, Illinois
August 30-Sept. 2	24th U. S. Infantry Tennis Club	Cosmopolitan Tennis Courts, Fort Benning, Ga.
August 5-10	Florida Tennis Association	Nassau, Bahamas
August 31-Sept. 2	New England Boston, Mass.	Tennis Association



ELLA FITZGERALD

AMERICA'S FIRST LADY OF SWING, who with her orchestra after a successful stand at Harlem's Savoy Ballroom and the Four Door, on Broadway, is on tour. Jitterbugs in outlying districts are in for a thrill. TYP.