

STUFFS BASKET—Kareem Abdul Jabbar (33) of the Milwaukee Bucks "stuffs" a basket in the first quarter in a game Tuesday night against the Buffalo Braves. Braves' Jim McMillian (6), Bob Kauffman (44) and Randy Smith (9) helplessly look on, along with Oscar Robertson of the Bucks (rear). Milwaukee won 115-110.

Maravich Recovers Scoring Lead Bucks and Celtics Hit Streak

NEW YORK — Atlanta's Peter Maravich recaptured the National Basketball Association scoring average lead recently, aided by a 42-point outburst against Buffalo, whose star Bob McAdoo slipped to second place in scoring.

Maravich, whose 18-for-18 free throws was one short of Bob Pettit's record, had 637 points and a 29.0 average, official statistics revealed Monday. Teammate Jim Washington took the field goal percentage lead, shooting 11-for-18 for the week. His 55.2 percentage tops Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of Milwaukee at 54.2. Chicago's Clifford Ray dropped from first place to fourth at 536.

The Boston Celtics, who

had snapped a Milwaukee winning streak at 13, saw the Bucks end their 12-game streak, 117-93, Nov. 30. The Bucks now have the NBA's top winning percentage at .840 (21-4).

Portland's Larry Steele, who had seven steals against Phoenix Nov. 30, came close to Chicago's Jerry Sloan, the leader at 2.68 per game and Steele's 2.67.

Capital's Elvin Hayes had 29 rebounds against Seattle Dec. 2 at the opening game in the Capital Centre and widened his rebounding average lead, 19.1, over Boston's Dave Cowen, who is averaging 15.7. Buffalo's Ernie DiGregorio (8.0 assists) and Golden State's Jeff Mullins (.935 free throw percentage) held their leads.

"A Dream For Christmas" Stars All Black Cast on Christmas Eve

"A Dream For Christmas," a Lorimar production starring an all black cast headed by Hari Rhodes, Beah Richards and Lynn Hamilton, is a tender, moving story of faith, written by Emmy Award-winner John McGreevey ("The Waltons") with Max Lodge, which will air on Christmas Eve, ABC-TV, 9:00-11:00 P.M., (ET).

The Rev. Will Douglas, (Rhodes) pastor of a Baptist Church in Sweet Clover, Arkansas, is offered a new post in Los Angeles when a state highway sounds a death knell for the tiny town.

He, his wife and mother and four children make the long trek across country in his vintage automobile which finally succumbs as they park in front of his new church.

It appears that the Elders tried to get in touch by mail to tell Rev. Douglas the church was to be torn down in a few weeks to make way for a new shopping center. He has five weeks in which to preach the gospel and, adding to his problems, most of the once flourishing congregation has moved on to newer and finer churches.

Undaunted, the Douglas clan pitch in to make their dream of a full church and a joyous Christmas, shared by an overflow congregation a reality.

Rhodes, who heads the cast, is currently co-starring with Alex Rocco in "Detroit 9000," a General Films feature now in nation-wide release. He also co-starred in "Conquest Of The Planet Of The Apes" for 20th Century Fox and has appeared as guest star in virtually every major TV series.

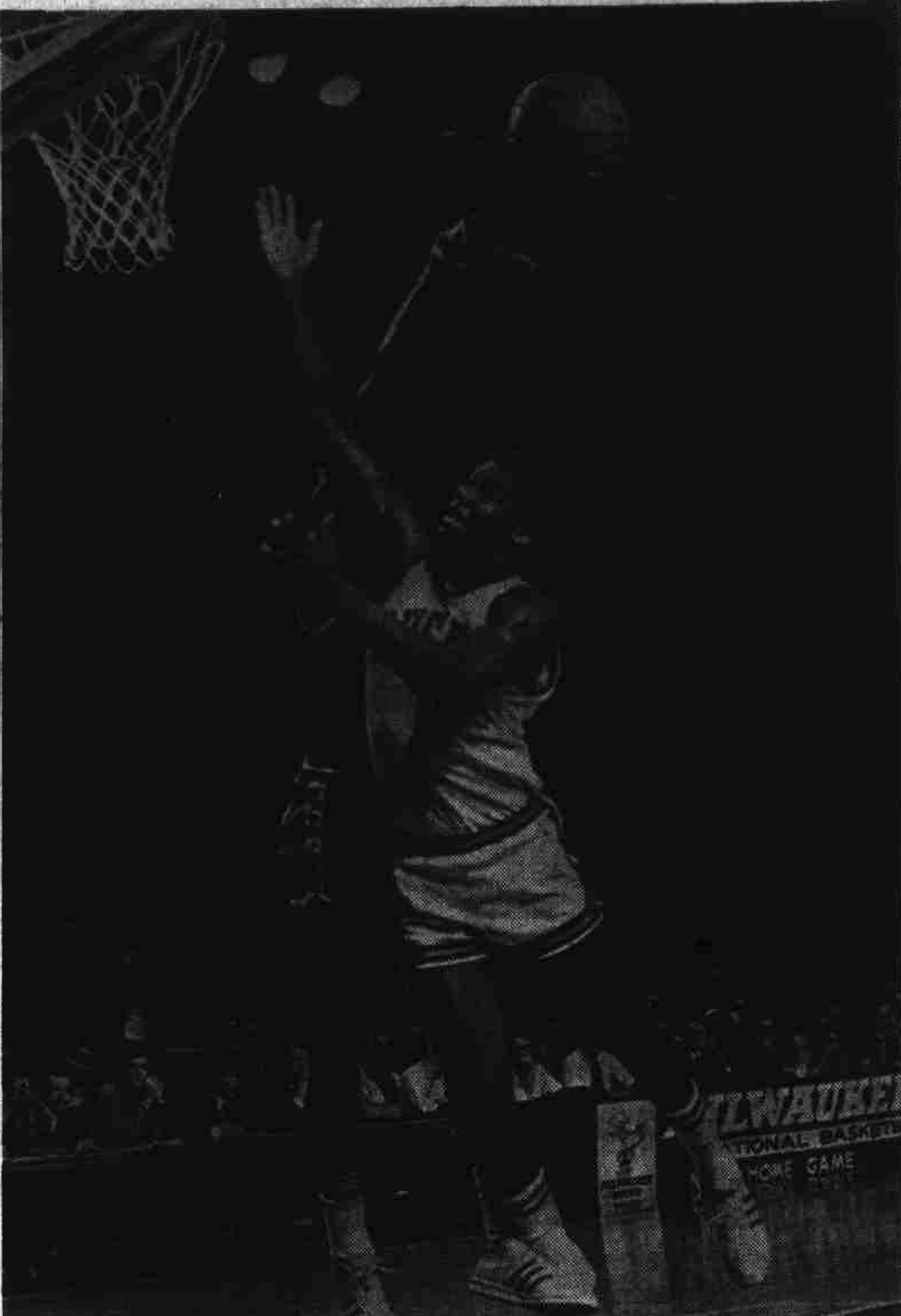
Lynn Hamilton, will be remembered for her role as Redd Foxx's girl friend in

"Sandford And Son", and has appeared in a number of important TV shows including two episodes of the award-winning "The Waltons" series. Lynn was originally a New York stage and television actress. She plays Will's wife, Sarah, in this show.

Beah Richards, who was "Oscar" nominated for best supporting actress for her portrayal of Sidney Poitier's mother in "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner," plays Will's mother, Jessie. She has appeared in countless motion pictures and TV shows.

George Spell, Will and Sarah's oldest son, Joey despite his tender years—he's 15—was co-starred in Walt Disney's "Moreover," with Johnny Whittaker, played a title role opposite Bill Cosby in the feature film "Man and Boy" and has appeared in dozens of top television series including "Kung Fu," "Lassie," and "The Flying Nun."

Telephone, electric and cable television companies often give away empty wooden or metal spools that were used for storing wire. You can cover or paint these spools and convert them into handy, low-cost tables.



THE BIG O — got just that zero on this shot 11/20 when Cazzie Russell of the Golden State Warriors blocked a shot by Oscar Robertson of the Milwaukee Bucks in Milwaukee.

Northern MEAC Teams are Off to Fast Beginning

If the first two weeks can be used as a yard stick, the four teams in the northern division of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) are going to be the front runners in the 1974 basketball race.

Delaware State, Maryland-Eastern Shore, Morgan State and Howard all finished the first two weekends of the season undefeated in conference and overall play.

Maryland-Eastern Shore and Morgan were picked to finish one-two in the regular season MEAC race. But Delaware State and Howard have joined this duo in the race for the conference title won by Maryland-Eastern Shore last year.

Maryland-Eastern Shore averaged better than 102 points per game in winning three games last week including a pair of conference wins. The Hawks warmed up for their conference action by posting a 101-88 win over Lincoln last Thursday at home. The 1972-73 NAIA runner-ups came back to romp to 105-88 conference victory over North Carolina Central Friday night and then won rather easily over North Carolina A&T Saturday night by the score of 102-84.

Delaware State kept pace with the defending champions by matching wins last week. The Hornets walloped D.C. Teacher's College, 106-78 last Tuesday in a warm up contest for their conference competition. Delaware State defeated A&T, 94-71 Friday night and then took the measure of North Carolina Central to the tune of 106-79.

Howard escaped with a come-from-behind 73-72 conference win over South Carolina State Friday night in Orangeburg before Morgan State came on to trip the South Carolina cagers the next night by a 98-67 margin.

In addition to a pair of non-conference losses, South Carolina State also took it on the chin from Johnson C. Smith, 107-69 during the week.

Joe Pace scored 22 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to lead Maryland-Eastern Shore to its win over NCCU. Michael Casey also scored 22 points for the winners while Rueben Collins added 17 points. Top scorers for the Eagles were Wesley Johnson and Dellwyn Johnson, each with 18.

Five players scored in double digits for Delaware State in its win over A&T, the first ever for the Hornets in basketball since the two teams joined the MEAC. Sam Shepperd led the way or the winners with 22 markers. James Outlaw scored 26 points in a lousing cause for the Aggies.

South Carolina State led Howard all the way until the Bison took the lead at 73-72 on two free throws by Bob

Lewis with 13 seconds remaining in the contest. S.C. State had a chance to try a shoot following a time out with 11 seconds but threw the ball away on the inbounds pass. Lewis was the top scorer for Howard with 23 points.

Delaware State took advantage of 41 turnovers by North Carolina Central enroute to a 106-79 victory Saturday night in Dover, Delaware. The Hornets used balanced scoring with five players in double figures. Wade Pittman and Shepperd each scored 18 points for the winners while Jerry Gillospie and Fred Simmons each had 17 and James Roundtree chipped in with 14 points. Robert Little was the top scorer for the Eagles with 22 points and 15 rebounds.

Maryland-Eastern Shore led all the way in its win over A&T. Casey and Tommy Nelson each tallied 16 points for the Hawks.

Marvin Webster, a junior scored 39 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked seven shots to lead Morgan State to a

convincing victory Saturday night. Byron Bailey was the top scorer for S. C. State with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

A list of non-conference games will highlight the schedule in the MEAC this week. Winston-Salem State is at North Carolina Central Thursday night. Four non-conference games are on tap for Saturday night. Howard travels to Pittsburgh to meet the University of Pittsburgh, Norfolk State will play Morgan State in Baltimore, Bowie State will be at Delaware State and A&T and Winston-Salem State will play in Greensboro Coliseum.

A&T goes to Huntington, West Virginia next Monday to meet Marshall College. Howard will be at home Tuesday against Savannah State.

MANY YAMS

North Carolina farmers produced sweet potatoes valued at \$9.8 million in 1962. Ten years later, the value of production was \$20.1 million.



HOLIDAY TRIMMINGS—Pretty Joyce Boyd, a freshman at Fayetteville State University, puts the final touch on the Christmas Tree. Joyce is a native of Henderson, N.C. and is an elementary education major at FSU.

Life of 110-Yr-old Former Slave Set as TV Special

NEW YORK — The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, a two-hour dramatic special, based on a recent novel, about a one-time slave who lived to participate in the Civil Rights movement, will be sponsored by Xerox Corporation Thursday evening, Jan. 31 (9-11 o'clock, ET) over the CBS Television Network.

Cleely Tyson, an Academy award nominee last spring for her role in the movie "Sounder," stars in the title role. The special filmed on location in and around Baton Rouge, La., was written by Tracy Keenan Wynn, based on Ernest J. Gaines's novel.

The epic story of this nation's southern blacks is told in the 110-year-life of "Miss Jane Pittman." Reflected in her "autobiography" are the period of slavery, the Reconstruction era and the Ku Klux Klan, the stirring events that led to the Supreme Court's desegregation rulings in 1954 and, finally the birth of the Civil Rights movement.

More than the tale of a century of change, it's a warmly intimate history of one person's long life, of her love and personal tragedies, her triumphs and her never-failing courage.

Miss Tyson, with several

movies and numerous TV specials to her credit, also co-starred several years ago with George C. Scott in the "East Side, West Side" TV series. The supporting cast of "Miss Jane Pittman" features, among a number of Broadway, Off-Broadway and TV actors, folk singer Odetta and Haitian singer Josephine Premice.

John Korty directed the drama, produced by Bob Christiansen and Rick Rosenbery for Tomorrow Entertainment, Inc. "Jane Pittman" marks the second in a series of TV specials that Xerox will bring to the nation's viewers during 1974.



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