



In the above photo — reading left to right — Ralph Bass, Federal and King Records proxy looks on smilingly as Mel Walker, Johnny Otis and Little Esther admire *The Billboard Magazine* Trophies which they have just received from Ben Atlas, extreme right, Chief of *The Billboard* Washington, Washington D. C. Bureau on the stage of the Howard Theatre on last Tuesday. A capacity audience witnessed the ceremonies. These three outstanding Universal Attractions only last month annexed *The Cash Box Awards* for making the most money for juke box operators. Such popularity and outstanding performance in the blues and jazz field has made this trio "tops" throughout the country.

STITCHING TIME

By NELLE NOALL
A few days ago I picked up a copy of *The Vagabond*, a little magazine published in Massachusetts, and oddly enough turned to the exact page that carried an interesting story in which thread played an important part.

There was a beautiful princess in the story, but she was also an unhappy princess. Her royal father had issued a proclamation advising all eligible male subjects that he would never consent to his daughter's marriage until the prospective suitor proved his worth in open competition to the satisfaction of the king.

Now the king was known far and wide for his ability to drive a hard bargain and this proclamation frightened most of the young men away. As time passed the princess became increasingly alarmed, since she had no intentions of being an old maid. And, to further complicate matters, the princess secretly fell in love.

There was much speculation when the king surprised his court one day by announcing that two young men had begged the opportunity to try for the princess' hand. Then the princess was really in a dither, for one of the contestants, she discovered was her secret lover. But the princess immediately set about the task of trying to persuade her father to allow her to name the conditions of the contest and she finally won his consent.

At last the great day arrived and the two young men presented themselves at the castle. They were shown to the throne room where the king and his court awaited. Then the king sent for the princess. A hush fell over the vast room when the young woman escorted to her father who sat on the throne. Everybody was curious about the terms of the contest. Then one of the attendants announced the princess would marry the man who sewed a gown for her in the quickest time, and she had reserved the right to thread the needles!

Then the shrewd young princess proceeded to put short thread in the needles she handed the man she loved and long thread in the needles for his rival. Naturally, the favored suitor won and they lived happily ever after.

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Fourth Federal Inspection Made Of Virginia State's ROTC Unit

Petersburg, Va. — The fourth annual Federal Inspection of Virginia State College ROTC unit, conducted under the direction of Second Army with headquarters at Fort George Meade Maryland, was made last Wednesday. The entire cadet corps, numbering more than 400 members, participated.

Classes in basic subjects, organization and functions of Quartermaster non-divisional units and logistics, first aid and geographical foundations of national power were observed by the inspecting team.

Following this, a question and answer period was held. Colonel P. B. Carlock, president of the ficer. His staff included Colonel board, was the inspecting officer. His staff included Colonel William O. Printup, Lt. Col. J. T. Shanon, Major Harry De Metropolitan and Captain Stephen Yancey.

This group was met upon arrival by Major Robert M. Hendrick, Jr., QMC, Professor of Military Science and Tactics and members of his staff. After a half hour briefing conference in the office of the PMS&T, they were conducted on a tour of the department of military science facilities in the ROTC building.

During the morning, Colonel Carlock, accompanied by Major Hendrick, visited Dr. Robert P. Daniel, College President, and conferred with him about the program.

At 11 a. m., the first ROTC use of long strands of thread. For sewing, the correct thread length is 18 inches—or about the distance from fore-finger to elbow. Longer lengths will be likely to tangle, knot or break. Remember too, to cut your thread instead of breaking it.

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Activities At Eastman School

W. A. Holmes, principal of Eastman High School, despite his heavy school duties, has found time to make twenty-one major addresses for 4-H Clubs, schools, Church organizations, professional groups, and commencement exercises in this county and adjoining counties.

A large audience enjoyed Collins Scott, one of Eastman's graduates, in a recital Sunday, May 13. Mr. Scott is employed as music teacher in Virginia.

On May 11, May Day Festivities were enjoyed by all present. The event was climaxed with the crowning of Miss Verna Hedgepeth as queen. She was crowned by Prof. W. A. Holmes. A group of girls and boys did folk dances.

Many parents were entertained at a Night of Fun on May 15, at Eastman High School by the faculty. Games were played and refreshments were served.

The senior class presented a Class Night program on May 17 in our new auditorium. Miss D. D. Boone is class advisor.

Rev. John H. Clanton of Raleigh, delivered the annual sermon on Sunday, May 20. Rev. Clanton is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Franklinton, and is a graduate of Shaw University.

The senior class presented a pageant "In The Minds Of Men" for its Commencement program on May 21 at 12 noon. Forty-eight seniors received diplomas, which were awarded by the principal.

Notables On For Tenn. Closing

Nashville, Tenn. — Dr. William Stuart Nelson, Dean of Howard University, Washington, D. C., will be the speaker for the Baccalaureate Exercises at Tennessee State College, Sunday afternoon, May 27, at three thirty o'clock in the college auditorium.

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Founder and President of Palmer Memorial Institute, Sedalia, North Carolina, has been named the commencement speaker for the 39th annual graduating exercises on Monday morning, May 28, at ten o'clock in the college auditorium.

For 48 years Dr. Brown has dedicated her life and her school to the educational and cultural achievements of the race. Palmer Memorial Institute has been described as "the only finishing school for Negroes of teen-age in the United States."

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FUTURE DRUGGISTS GET COLLEGE SOCIETY CHARTER

New Orleans — The Xavier University Student Branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association has received its charter in official ceremonies on the Xavier campus here.



Dr. Helen G. Edmonds of North Carolina College, Durham, has written a book, "The Negro and Fusion Politics in North Carolina, 1894-1900." It will be issued Saturday, May 26, by the University of North Carolina Press.

Dr. Edmonds is a graduate of Morgan State College and the holder of a Ph. D. from the Ohio State University.

This book is certain to create controversy among Southern historians who have written only superficially about Negroes in North Carolina since the Reconstruction period.

HILLSIDE FINALS TO BE HELD IN NEW AUDITORIUM

Hillside High School commencement activities will be held in the school's new auditorium, it has been announced.

"The Parting of the Braves," the senior class play, is being presented at 8 p. m., on Wednesday night, May 30.

On Sunday afternoon at five o'clock, Dr. J. Neal Hughley, professor at North Carolina College will speak during the Senior Vesper services.

A band concert on Wednesday evening, June 6 at 7:30 o'clock will precede graduating exercises scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. One hundred forty-seven candidates are to receive diplomas.

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AID CANCER CRUSADE — Ethel Waters, distinguished dramatic actress who has won national acclaim for her role in "Member of the Wedding," takes time out from her stage appearances to broadcast an appeal for the 1951 Cancer Crusade, the joint educational and fund-raising drive of the American Cancer Society. "All of us must do our best to help save the lives of the 235,000 who die of cancer each year," she said.

Negro Worker's Eye Gouged Out By Cop In South Carolina Jail

Cheraw, South Carolina — Cartha Johnson, Negro furniture worker, had one eye gouged out, and may lose the sight of the other as the result of a pistol-whipping in the local jail here.

Johnson was taken to the jail after the white watchman at the furniture factory where he works had ordered him from the place because he had come to work an hour early.

Johnson objected to slanderous remarks made by the watchman, who then called a cop.

The cop manhandled Johnson. Johnson objected again. The cop then threatened, "Who are you talking to, n—r? I'll fix you when I bring you in." He then forced Johnson into the police

car and took him to jail, where he beat him with either a gun or a night-stick. Johnson lost consciousness.

The brutal beating took place a short distance from Aiken, S. C. where police gouged out the eyes of Isaac Woodward, a Negro veteran, in 1946.

In reporting the Johnson incident, the Civil Rights Congress declared that "The growing terror and brutality against Negro citizens in the North and the South, is part of an official policy of U. S. government, federal and state, and including all branches."

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