

Beating The Gun

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QUESTION??—ANSWER!!!

NEW YORK (ANP)—Q I called to you as you flew out of the door after watching Herb McKenley, great West Indian sprinter win the 500-yard special some days ago. Did you think him the best you've seen at the distance?—Artie Smith, NYC.

A. No. While I constantly refer to McKenley as the best sprinter the world has seen to date from 100 upwards to the 440 yard race, I feel that professional Elmore Harris (to name but one) was far better than Herb beyond the double-furlong sprint.

Q. Did I see a dozen or more editorial blasts composed by you and directed at (as you termed him) "Nepophobic Ned Irish," Madison Garden basketball czar in the 1947 issue of John Louis Clarke's improved "Tattler" magazine?—Walter Cooper, Brooklyn.

A. You most certainly did Ralph. **Q.** When Mrs. Effa Manley, wife of the owner of the Newark Eagles, Abe Manley, tells a N. Y. Daily Mirror writer that Roy Campanella is the best Negro player in organized baseball, is she aware that she is being grossly unfair to Jackie Robinson's tremendous record with both Montreal and Brooklyn?—C.H.E. Boston.

A. I'll ask the lady, I know her to these 20 years. **Q.** Is it true that a report I read recently seemed to convey the impression there would be no NEGRO BASEBALL LEAGUE this season because of "financial losses"?—D. Edwards, Raleigh, N.C.

A. No. If such were the case Dr. John Johnson, lifetime friend of mine and proxy of the NATIONAL NEGRO LEAGUE would have told me so. At this writing, the annual meeting of the National Negro League is taking place at the Hotel Theresa, with the following agenda: election of officers; treasury report; outlook for the 1948 season; consideration of applications for new franchises; player salary limit; and the president's report. (N.B.—With such matters as "1948 outlook" and "new franchise considerations," you can now see how wrong such an article was.)

Q. I have been in Montreal since Nov. 13 and for the first time in 12 years, failed to watch Bob Douglas, Rens in action. Tell me the following: are they at home—if not at home how many have they lost on the road (if any) and who is road manager this season?—Eugene Talbot, Esquire Club, Montreal.

A. The Rens are having a banner season having lost but one game to date. Up to Jan. 22 (your letter is dated Jan. 15) the scoreboard reads: Jan. 2, at Turners Falls, Mass., Rens 58, Aces 52; Jan. 3, at Plainfield, Conn., Rens 64, Legion 51; Jan. 4, at Manchester, N. H., Rens 73, Sweeney's Post 57; Jan. 5, Lee, Mass., Rens 66, Lee's Post 47.

Jan. 6, at Amsterdam, N. Y., Rens 59, 21 June 99; Jan. 7, at Oil City, Pa., Rens 31, Merchants 14; Jan. 8, at Warren, G., Rens 65, Coblers 45; Up until Feb. 8, the mighty Douglasmen play in the following cities: Jan. 22, Atlanta 24, at Knoxville, Tenn. (afternoon game) and on the same date (after) at Cincinnati 26, at Pekin, Ill.; 27, at Springfield, O., Feb. 1 at Dayton, O. (afternoon) at Erie, Columbus, O., 3d, at Wilkes Barre, Pa.; 4th at Stratton, Conn.; 5, at Orange, N. J., 6, Manchester, Conn.; 7, at Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 8 (afternoon) at New Britain, Conn. (night) at Waterbury, Conn.

Q. What do you think Gene Burton would do with the Williams (again) after watching him whip (give him a draw) Cuba's Kid Gavilan?—George White, NYC. (Gene Burton Equestrian Club.)

A. I think Burton one of the best fighters I have seen since Hank (Horn) Armstrong was at his best. He would be my choice over the Williams.

Q. Is there any cyclist around like Major Taylor to your knowledge?—Percy Woods, Darby, Pa.

A. No. America has not seen the equal of this brilliant colored champion who thrilled two continents with his matchless pedaling.

Q. Would Satchel Paige work nine full innings under big league competition at his age?—Leroy Slaughter, Elkhart, Ind.

A. I doubt it though "Satch" says he could and he is still a master-twirler in my book.

Q. I note that "my man" Ezzard Charles, the post-dugout 175 pound fighter on earth in my opinion, stopped classy Archie Moore in eight rounds at Cleveland the other late. Don't you think Lesnevich should be forced to face Charles and cease his rattings for a Walcott or Louis match?—Teddy Wortham, New Orleans.

A. Yes, definitely Teddy.

Q. What happened to Jimmy Bivins, the man who made \$175,000 in the ring, who was a whizz of a scrapper before trouble with his wife threw him for a loss, & etc? P. H. G. Norfolk, Va.

A. He seems on the way back after a fission. On Jan. 13 at Buffalo, N. Y. (the promoter is a friend of mine incidentally), Bivins gained a unanimous 10 round decision over Johnny Shkor.

Q. On present form, group these boxing favorites: Johnny Bratton, Livio Minello, Gene Burton, Kid Gavilan—Thomas Ford, Philadelphia.

A. Burton, Bratton, Gavilan, Minello with this observation, Burton should fight in the light-weight division and stop talking up for it shows him, and there is but a hair's-breadth between the "B" boys Bratton and Burton. Gavilan is a strong welter, not a Robinson's class, however.

Q. At 600 yards whom would you select to win: Jim Herbert, John Borcain (deceased), Phil Edwards (at his best of course) and the Brooklyn pro-football player Elmore Harris?—S. C. J., Newark.

A. Elmore Harris.

Q. Mell Patton is the apple of the Olympic swimmer's eye coach, Cromwell of California. Do you think Cromwell will outlive the prejudice talk that was directed his way some few years back to my knowledge?—Lester Jamison, Los Angeles.

A. I think so. The part about sprinter Patton, I don't seem to get.

Shaw Bears Tuck Away 2 Gains On The Weekend

RALEIGH—It was a profitable weekend for the Shaw Bears who tuck away two victories in as many contests in C. C. Spaulding Stadium.

Friday night the Bears finished off the Livingstone College eagles 75-26 in a one-sided engagement, the visitors having been held to a scant 7 points in the first half while the locals racked up 34 in that period.

Donald Ford was high scorer for Shaw with 21 points and Mack Todd was runner-up with 17. J. Long with 7 points and W. Shaw with 5 led in scoring for Livingstone.

Alfred Shields, cagey Shaw forward, displayed his usual dash in the attack and Thomas Evans found his stride to net 9 points against the visitors. Horace Burton, Ed Roper, and Lybel Ricketson thrived in fine defensive jobs.

The following night the Bears worked up a 49-28 win over the Rams of Winston-Salem. Teachers, and again Ford, operating beautifully under the oaks, was high scorer, striking the strings for 16 points. Shields followed with 11.

The locals employing a deliberate attack, held a 22-14 advantage at halftime and in the second period stepped up the tempo to outmaneuver the visitors. Johnson was top scorer for the Rams with 9 points and Terry accounted for 7.

Redd, Wair, and Lassiter performed heavy defensive duty for Shaw. In a preliminary game Shaw's B team had its hand full.

Williston's Cards Stop Kinston Sharp Shooters In 42-24 Thriller

WILMINGTON—With Keels, Allen, Martin, and Sampson back into shape the Adkins high girls were forced to score from mid court. This was Williston's first appearance on the home court. Stiff passing of Williston and Murray was the cause for the result as Gibson's high scores. Fans will agree that the Port City girls gave them all that could be expected for an evening of entertainment.

TAKE KINSTON, 33-29 WILLISTON TIGERS

WILMINGTON—The Tigers of the Port City posted their third straight triumph here Friday night as they played their first home game for the season with a 33-29 triumph over Adkins of Kinston on a packed gym.

Captain William Hayes, Williston's little veteran ball hawk from the southside of Wilmington, led Coaches Robinson and Williams' forces to victory by scoring 18 points. Hayes dropped eight field goals and two free throws for a total of 38 points.

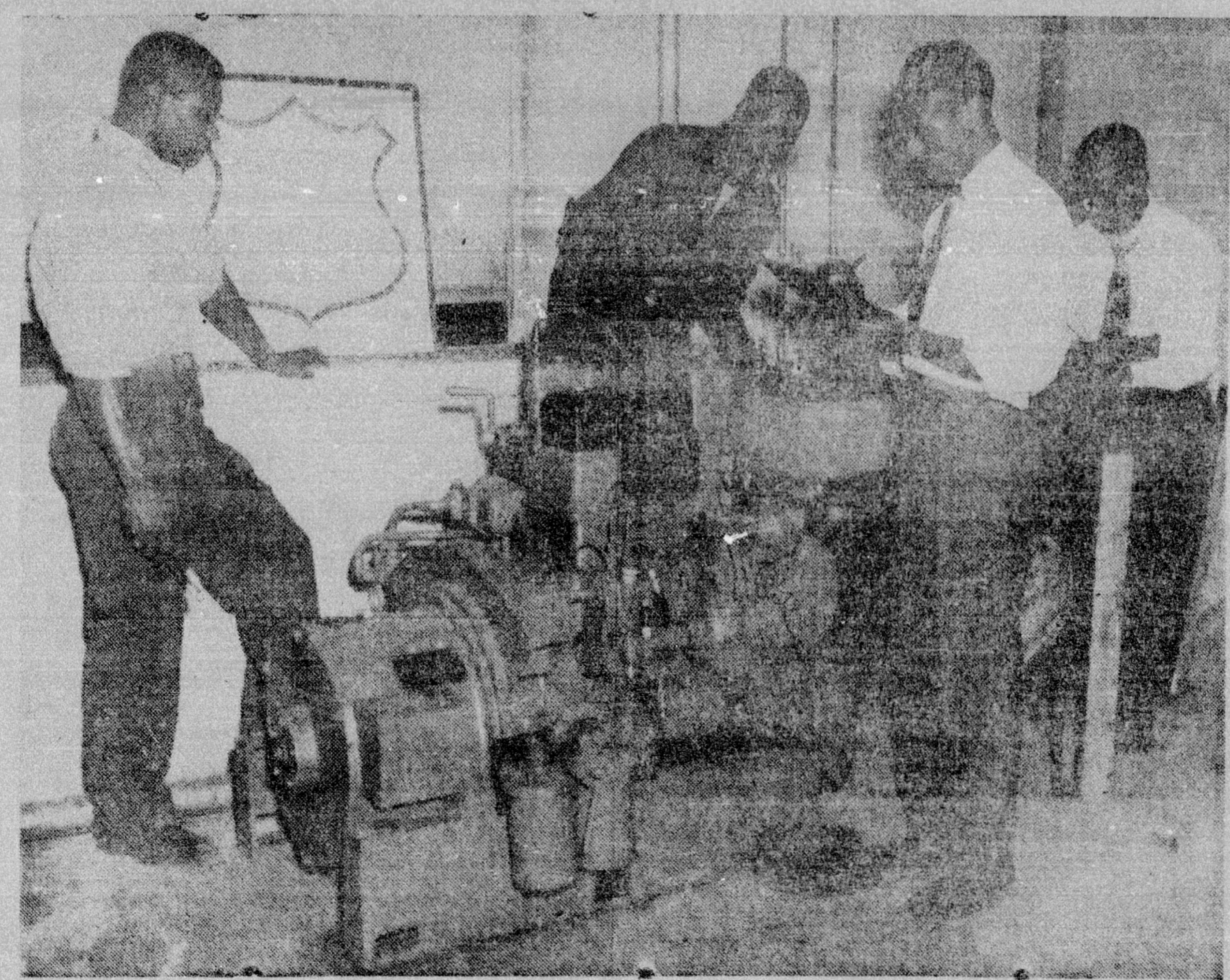
To keep the Tigers in the lead Robert Saunders, Sam Mack and Clyde Beatty bucketed shots from all angles to keep the Tigers to the lead while Willie Johnson helped out in recovering the ball from the backboard and setting up the pivot and formed Robinson's fast break.

The game was close throughout with the lead changing hands several times in the first half. In the second half Kinston managed to get ahead one time and was never ahead.

Frozen Steaks For Louis

NEW YORK (ONS)—Packed in a frozen chest, stamped London, England, will be choice cuts of steak to appease the meat craving appetite of Joe Louis, when he arrives in that frozen country next month. Emulating on a series of exhibition matches for the Britishers, Joe insists on not letting up on his steak diet to keep trim and at his fighting best.

THEORY AND PRACTICE CORRELATED AT A. AND T. COLLEGE



These engineering majors at North Carolina A. and T. College correlate their study of scientific principles underlying mechanical engineering with practical lab work in running a test with the Diesel engine generator used for efficiency testing. Shown in the photo from left to right are: Hubert Ford, Fairmont; Richard Johnson, Greensboro; Willie J. Herring, Lenoir; and Frank Greaves, Greenville.

Pres. Asked For Non-Jim Crow Theatre In Capitol

WASHINGTON (ANP)—The committee for Racial Democracy in the National Capital through its executive secretary, Miss Ida Fox, last week urged President Truman to personally intervene in the matter of release of the government-owned Belasco Theatre for use as a non-discriminatory legitimate playhouse until such time as the government is ready to proceed with its new building program on the site where the Belasco now stands.

This request was actuated by a letter previously sent to W. E. R. H. holds, commissioner of public buildings, by Congressman George H. Bender (R. Ohio). In his letter the Ohio representative called upon the public buildings administrator to explain his failure to achieve the best economic use of the Belasco and his qualified refusal, despite a promise made to the playwrights and buildings subcommittee in July of last year, to consider theatrical bids for the building.

It was pointed out that interested bidders "have been trying for a year and a half to lease the building for a non-discriminatory legitimate theatre." Therefore, the C.D.O. felt it necessary that this matter be brought to the attention of the President, so that he might be made aware of the inconsistency between the policy of an important federal agency and the report and recommendations of its civil rights committee.

Washington badly needs a suitable place where those who are unwilling to be party to Jim Crow can bring plays for "to see," declared Miss Fox. "The National theatre continues to resist all appeals to change its discriminatory policy. As a result, many of the better new plays are by passing the nation's capital and Actors Equity has ruled that no actors may appear there after August 1, unless the admission policy is changed.

Williston Tigers Beat Goldsboro Team 34-24

WILMINGTON—Goldsboro bowed to the fast, smooth, cunning Williston Tigers in a thrilling contest before a packed gym Monday night. Goldsboro placed a second team on the floor for the first time, but the score remained about even, but later the coach of Goldsboro sent his best line on the floor who began to hit the net from the center of the floor.

Williston, with William Hayes and Robert Sanders ripping the cards apart, aided by one-handed shooting Willie Johnson, pulled up, and gained a 10 point lead at the half.

The little Tigers of Williston came back in the second half and proved that they were superior on the backboard by their classy passing and defensive play. Willie Johnson rocked the gym when Hayes passed from under the basket to mid-court to him and he ripped the cards from that point. Clyde Beatty, the flashy guard and ball handler failed to be out done, came down the floor like a flash to mid court and burned the strings.

Sam Mack, fleet Tiger guard and Willie Johnson, husky center, played their best game of the season. William Saunders was the high pointer and Little Eddie Jacobs replaced him at forward during the fourth quarter while Sam Grand held the guard down in the place of Ed.

The Scout Citizen at Work

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BOY SCOUT WEEK FEBRUARY 1-7, 1948

More than 2,000,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America will observe Boy Scout Week, Feb. 6th to 12th, marking the 38th anniversary of the organization. This year Boy Scouts are emphasizing conservation of food and natural resources, planting gardens, safety and fire prevention, home repairs and personal health check-up.

Governor Raps Anti-Bias; Says Miss. May Quit Party

JACKSON, Miss. (ANP)—The Governor today rapped the anti-bias movement in Mississippi, saying it was a "disgrace" and that the state might quit the Democratic Party.

Biscrimination Costly

NEW YORK, N. Y. (CY)—Changing from 400,000 persons in America were victims of discrimination, or hatred, in 1947. Under present conditions of political violence and social and economic conditions, the number of victims is now estimated to be 1,000,000.

Williston Girls Sink Goldsboro's Lassies, 36-9

WILMINGTON—With Murphy, Kestner, and Gibson, Williston's girls basketball team, today defeated Goldsboro's Lassies, 36-9. Murphy, Kestner, and Gibson, Williston's girls basketball team, today defeated Goldsboro's Lassies, 36-9.

Classical Music Business Builder Trio Head Says

CHICAGO (ANP)—In a special interview with Leon Arby, this week, he stated that semi-classical and classical music seemed to be on the better business build as in cocktail lounge operations.

NCC PROFESSOR TO SPEAK AT S. C. TEACHERS MEET

DURHAM—Dr. Helen G. Edmonds, Professor of History at the North Carolina College here, will be a guest speaker at the Fifth Congressional District Teachers' Conference to be held at the Trinity High School in Chester, N. C. Saturday, January 31.

Arkansas Improving Elementary Schools To Keep Negro In State

LITTLE ROCK (ANP)—Arkansas has set up a program to improve elementary schools in order to keep Negro children in the state. The program is to improve educational facilities by starting in at the elementary schools.

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Working Girls Group Gets New Home In Ohio

TOLEDO, O. (ANP)—Acquisition of a three-story brick apartment building and a two-story brick dwelling for \$15,500 by the Colored Working Girls' Home Association was announced last week by Edward T. Harris, chairman of the board of trustees.

The new quarters will enable the association to expand its facilities and enlarge its program. Mr. Harris said the larger unit will be converted into dormitory facilities, assembly room and club rooms, and it will be completed and ready to use in early summer.

Although there has been talk of the association operating a nursery school in the smaller unit, no final decision has been reached, according to Miss Lelia Harris, president of the association.

She said the program of the association is under study and that there has been discussion of bringing trained social and recreational workers to direct activities in those fields.

Flies Home

PROVIDENCE, R. I. (ONS)—Mrs. Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, 38, flew to her home in Oklahoma City after she heard the Supreme Court decision ordering her native state to grant her admittance to the University Law School.

Young Mrs. Fisher was especially pleased that the Court had heeded her lawyers' plea and acting with unusual speed rendered the decision in time for her to enter the new semester Thursday of this week. Though ready, she felt she could make it in time.

"After all," she sighed, "I have waited over two years while the case was in litigation so that the rush now is a happy one."