



**CALHOUN TESTIMONIAL BANQUET**—Photo shows a portion of the nearly 300 representative citizens who attended the testimonial banquet for John C. Calhoun, retiring President of the Atlanta Branch, NAACP, in the Phyllis Wheatley Branch, YWCA last week.

Prince Hall Grand Master John Wesley Dobbs served as chairman of the sponsoring committee and Mrs. Minna A. Calhoun, of Greenville, S. C., was present to see her son honored. (Photo by Kelly).

## Alphas To Give Medal Of Honor To Marian Anderson

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Marian Anderson will be presented the Medal of Honor of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity on December 28 at a public meeting to be held at Irvine Auditorium here.

The singer will be honored for her contributions to human relations as a representative of the United States in the Far East and the Near East and for her international stature as a singer.

Ms. Anderson is at present a member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations. Thurgood Marshall will be principal speaker for the occasion.

## Greater Percentage Of Korean Vets Expected To Buy Homes

A greater percentage of Korean veterans are expected to purchase homes through VA-guaranteed mortgages than did veterans of World War II, VA indicated.

With more than six years remaining in which to apply for home loans before their deadline of February 1, 1963, VA says 10.8 percent of the eligible Korean veterans have already availed themselves of their loan guaranty privileges.

This figure was reached in spite of the fact that the average of the service younger than his age Korean veteran came out of combat of World War II in most cases was single or, at least, had not started a family, and in general was less disposed to take on serious family responsibility.

So far after thirteen years of opportunity for VA-guaranteed home loans, about 31.9 percent of the eligible World War II veterans have availed themselves of their loan guaranty privileges.

VA statisticians forecast in the approximate year-and-a-half remaining before July 25, 1960, in which World War II veterans can make loan guaranty applications, as many as 400,000 may actually take advantage of the privilege if past performance is any indication.

This figure could add a little less than 2 percent of the World War II picture.

On the other hand, VA says that out of the home loans guaranteed currently each month 57 percent are being made to Korean veterans and 43 percent to World War II veterans. And Korean veterans have approximately four-and-a-half years to apply after the World War II deadline is reached.

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## Jazz Fans Elect Basie To The "Hall Of Fame"

CHICAGO (AP)—William Basie, better known throughout jazzdom as Count Basie, has been elected to the Down Beat Hall of Fame by the thousands of readers who voted in the 22nd annual readers poll conducted by the magazine.

The Dec. 25 issue carrying results of Basie's selection, as well as individual poll winners, went on sale early this week.

In the balloting, Basie, whose big band has been a predominant force in jazz for many years, outscored such other outstanding artists as Dizzy Gillespie, Art Tatum, Dave Brubeck, Miles Davis, Woody Herman, Thelonious Monk, Lester Young, and Clifford Brown.

In winning, Basie became the seventh member of the exclusive group. Previous award winners include Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Benny Goodman, Glen Miller, Charlie "Yardbird" Parker, and Stan Kenton.

Basie will receive a plaque, especially designed for Hall of Fame winners, in ceremonies soon.

Basie, 34, has been in the forefront of jazz ever since he took over Benny Moten's band in Kansas City.

Worton, Jimmy Rushing, and Freddie Green, noted for their individual quality, rhythmic strength, and color. Basie bands also featured spirited solo works.

The Basie band has won acclaim throughout the world.

Among the illustrious figures who played with Basie at one time or another are Lester Young, Harry Edison, Don Byas, I. J. Johnson, Jo Jones, Buck Clayton, Bennie Worton, Jimmy Rushing, and Freddie Green.

Meanwhile, a number of other jazzmen captured first place honors in the Downbeat

poll. Miles Davis was the top trumpeter; J. J. Johnson was voted top trombonist; Erroll Garner, the "Poet of the Piano," topped the ivory crew; Ray Brown excelled on bass; and Mill Jackson topped Lionel Hampton and others on vibes.

Also placing high were Thelonious Monk, piano, second; Dizzy Gillespie, trumpet, second; and Max Roach, drums, also second.

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