



**TIGERING IT**—New York: Dick Tiger, not exactly wearing the traditional garb of his homeland, Nigeria, but certainly a devastatingly ominous tiger suit, doesn't seem to frighten Jose Gonzales (right) one bit. The "Tiger" staged his comeback fight with Gonzales, ten years his junior, after having lost the Middleweight title to Joey Giardello last December. The ex-Middleweight champ wasn't wearing his tiger suit when he met Gonzales July 31st in a 10-round feature at Madison Square Garden here. "Tiger" won on a TKO. (UPI PHOTO).

## SPORTS DIGEST

### ARE WE LETTING DOWN OUR OLYMPIC ATHLETES?

BY CHARLES J. LIVINGSTON  
CHICAGO (NPI) — What the heck is the U. S. Olympic Committee doing—besides providing the fare for the boisterous Tokyo—help our Olympic athletes financially?

This column—with its forthright criticism—was inspired by the recent admission of several of our top Olympians that they were having a rough time making ends meet while trying to condition themselves properly for the Olympics in Tokyo in October. Simply stated, they need financial help, and quickly.

This poses two important questions. What, for instance, is the Olympic Committee doing to help these men over the rough, as they go all out to prepare themselves to win the honors for Uncle Sam at Tokyo? Is any money being earmarked to help finance their training? These are questions that badly need answering, in view of the frustrating situation confronting our amateur athletes.

Listen to John Thomas, America's greatest high jumper, tell about his money predicament:

"I lost my job before the Olympic tryouts because I had taken much time off to compete in various meets." A shocking development in terms of the importance of this tremendous athlete.

In other words, the OC apparently is not even trying to aid athletes like Thomas to obtain the type of employment that would enable athletes, who can afford to train

them to train properly without constantly fretting about money and jobs.

Thomas, who has already qualified for the Olympic team, said the other day that he may not be able to go to the Olympics if he can't find a job which will allow him time off for training. He is dead earnest with himself, and wants to be at his best in Tokyo, and you can't blame him.

But if John cancels out, America might be deprived of at least a silver medal in the high jump. And his case is typical of several others. Like Thomas, ace hurdler Hayes Jones, a potential gold medal winner, Harold Connelly, who holds the record for the hammer throw, and Ralph Boston, the nation's top broad jumper, also are having their financial lumps. And Boston and Connelly are also potential gold medal winners.

The point I am trying to put across is that we ought to stop kidding ourselves about the need to subsidize our amateur athletes. Our track stars, in particular, need financial help badly in getting the type of championship training that will enable them to compete at their best against the Russian Olympic

long and hard because they are being subsidized.

It's all right to make laudatory remarks about the integrity of our athletes and of our desire to divorce them from politics in amateur athletics, but you just can't get around the fact that money is a tremendous factor in any sport today, amateur or professional.

Instead of running around begging handouts and mouthing pious platitudes, the OC ought to go directly to Congress and frankly ask its help in subsidizing the training of our hard pressed Olympic athletes.

America has produced some tremendous athletes. And with our great competitive spirit, we'll continue to produce many more. But we must realize that ability alone does not insure victory. If our amateur athletes are handicapped in developing their natural abilities, because of the lack of finances, then we are in for a whole lot of trouble in our Olympic endeavors. Let's be frank with ourselves and follow the advice of the great track coach Ed Temple, who suggests that we get busy now and start subsidizing our Olympic athletes before it is too late.

## Discoverer Of Elston Howard In St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (ANP) — The man who discovered Elston Howard, the New York Yankee great All-Star catcher, was found here recently.

He is Frank (Teannie) Edwards, himself a former outstanding baseball player as a member of the Homestead Grays of Pittsburgh. That team produced such legendary stars of Negro baseball as Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard and Raymond Brown. Edwards says all three could have easily made the big leagues.

In an interview here last week, Edwards told how he discovered Elsie.

Grand and Market and I saw this kid who was the biggest one on the field, and he was hitting the ball so hard and so far that it made me mad—I thought he was too big for the kids he was playing ball with. "I went down to the field and found out that he was the youngest one of the bunch. That was Elston Howard at the end of the 1945 season."

The next year, Edwards, who is nicknamed Teannie, had Elsie, playing the infield and the outfield for his amateur team, Ed-Tandy League here to 10 championships in 12 seasons until illness forced him to retire re-hopes to get back to coaching Little League teams soon.

In a sense, the break came for Howard when Edwards rebelled against his playing softball. Softball and regular baseball just don't mix, Edwards says, so he sought to keep Elsie away from it. Edwards alternated.

"I called the business manager of the Kansas City Monarchs (of the Negro American League) and told him, 'I've got a boy who's a natural, come down and see him in our doubleheader at Kinloch Sunday.'"

Edwards said the manager came down and was impressed but then another hitch developed. Elsie's mother objected because she wanted him to become a doctor, not a baseball player. Howard, however, wanted to play ball, so his mother finally gave in and Elsie inked his first contract.

From the Monarchs, Howard went to the Yankee's Kansas City Blues farm club.

On the Yankee farm team, Howard was joined by Vic Power, the new fancyfielding first baseman of the Los Angeles Angels. Together they fretted about whether they'd make it with the Yanks, and Ed-

wards had to write and call frequently to cheer them up.

However, Elsie finally became the first Negro member of the Yankees, and Vic was traded to the Kansas City A's. Vic went recently from the Minneapolis Twins to the Angels.

Edwards, now 60, keeps scrapbooks full of baseball stars and teams. One clipping tells how the Chicago American Giants, led by Rube Foster, a legendary manager, won a 1-0, 20-inning game from the New York Bacharach in 1922.

## Hint Wilt's New Salary \$60,000

SAN FRANCISCO (NPI)—There were rumors last week that Wilt Chamberlain, the National Basketball Association's top scorer, has been given an increase over last year's salary of \$60,000.

The San Francisco Warriors, in announcing that Chamberlain had signed his 1964-65 contract, did not disclose the terms.

However, the general feeling in basketball circles here was that The Shift was given the salary boost because he led the Warriors to their first Western Division title in the NBA last season.

The world champions Boston Celtics defeated the Warriors in the title playoffs.

## College All-Stars Choose Mel Renfro

CHICAGO (NPI)—Mel Renfro, Oregon State star halfback, last Friday was added to the roster of the College All-Stars, who are in training for their Aug. 7 showdown with the Chicago Bears, champions of the National Football League, in Soldier Field here.

Also added to the College All-Star roster were Tom Jenkins of Ohio State, quarterback Dennis Clardy of Nebraska, and Bob Smith of North Texas State.

## Name Mix-Up Sees Negro Serving Time For White

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (NPI)—An attorney here is investigating the case of Levy Ivey, 44-year-old Negro who spent four days in jail and paid \$77.20 for a crime about which he knew nothing and for which a white man had been sentenced last September.

The warrant that served on Levy Ivey was for Leo Ivey, white, age given as 54 and address, a location in Brownwood, Texas.

Neither city nor county paid any attention to Levy's contention they had the wrong man.

The Brownwood Ivey had been given a three-day jail sentence and fined \$80.20 for driving while intoxicated on Feb. 7, 1963. He had been given until March 2, 1963, to pay the fine, and start his jail sentence. When he failed to show up, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

The San Antonio Ivey's woes started when the Olmos Park police department received a call July 6, from the Ivey residence concerning

a disturbance and referred the call to San Antonio police. For reasons not quite clear, the San Antonio police department was told by Olmos Park officials to check for a "capias pro fine" warrant. They found a warrant for L. Ivey, and arrested Levy Ivey.

Officers claimed they did some double-checking and were confident they had the right man, despite his protests.

Ivey finally got a letter to an employer, who paid the fine, and secured his release.

## FAMU Plans Memorial To W. Galimore

WASHINGTON (NPI) — Florida A and M University, the school at which Willie Galimore starred before playing professional football with the world champion Chicago Bears, will establish a memorial in his honor, said Dr. George W. Gore, FAMU president while he was attending a meeting here.

Galimore and John Farrington, former Prairie View (Texas) college stars, were killed when the auto in which they were riding skidded out of control and overturned near Rensselaer, Ind. They were returning to training camp following a round of golf and were rushing to beat the Bears' 11:00 p. m. curfew.

Funeral services for the pair were held in Rensselaer and in their hometowns. Final rites for Galimore were held in Tallahassee, Fla. and for Farrington, at Houston, Texas.

## 'Ernie Banks Day' Planned For Aug. 15

CHICAGO (ANP)—"We want to make it such a big day in his life. Ernie never will forget it."

That was how Chicago Cubs Vice President John Holland summarized the team's all-out effort to honor its star first baseman, Ernie Banks, at Wrigley Field, Saturday, Aug. 15.

On that date, thousands of fans will throng to the park to participate in "Ernie Banks Day" and honor their favorite hero, and well they might, for Banks has been "Mr. Cub" for the past 11 years. Even during a couple of lean years at the plate due to illness, Banks drew thousands into the ball park.

The Cubs are so determined to give Ernie the day of life, that they will name a five-man civic committee to assist them with drawing up details for Banks' day.

"Mr. (P.K.) Wrigley (Cubs owner) wants to make sure nothing will interfere with Ernie's day," Holland said in explaining why the game was scheduled for a Saturday instead of the customary Sunday date. "Had we scheduled it on a Sunday double header date we wouldn't be able to devote as much time to the program as we can on a single game day."

The Cubs will host the Pittsburgh Pirates on that date. Banks has been a Cub since the day he joined the team in 1953, fresh from the Negro American League. The Cubs bought his contract from the Kansas City Monarchs for a reported \$30,000, which was one of the biggest bargains in the majors.

Banks proceeded to break every important Cub record as to win the National League Most Valuable Player award. He became the first NL player to win the MVP award two years in a row in 1958 and '59.

He also hit 47 home runs in '58, his tops in the majors, after becoming the first shortstop in the NL to hit 40 or more home runs. In '59 he set a fielding record by committing only 12 errors while handling 802 fielding chances. He thus wiped out a 17-year-old record set by Eddie Miller of the old Boston Braves in 1942.

## Benedict To Host SC's 1st Coach Clinic

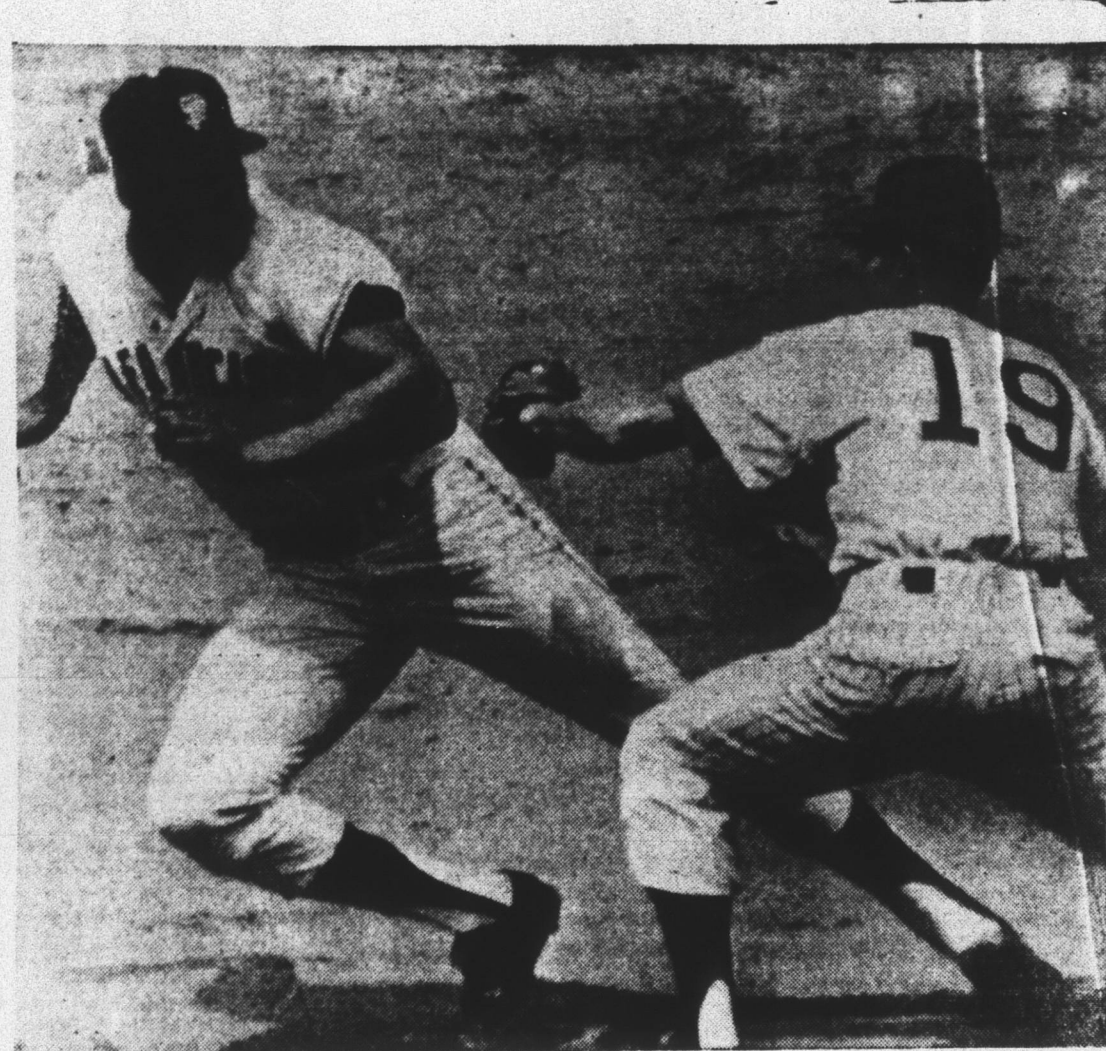
COLUMBIA, S. C.—Approximately 100 high school and college coaches throughout the south are expected to attend South Carolina's first annual football-basketball clinic being co-sponsored by Benedict College and the Coca-Cola Bottling Company August 5-7.

Highlighting the three-day affair will be an All-Star basketball game August 6 and an All-Star football game August 7 featuring the cream of South Carolina's Negro high school athletes.

The football clinic August 6 and 7 will be directed by Bill Murray, head coach at Duke University, Durham, N. C., and Eddie Robinson, head football coach at Grambling College, Grambling, La.

Fred Hobdy, also of Grambling, will serve as clinician at the basketball session August 5.

The All-Star games are designed to give outstanding seniors a final chance to show their ath-



**WILLIE MCCOVEY LEAPS ASIDE** — Willie McCovey, left, of the San Francisco Giants, leaps aside as he tries to avoid a tag while being trapped between second and third bases during the second inning of the first game played last week in Chicago's Wrigley Field. Cubs' shortstop Jim Stewart (19), finally got McCovey in successful pickoff by Cubs' pitcher Bob Bull. (UPI PHOTO).

## Top Links At Rights Seminar

NEW YORK—An all-day briefing seminar on the legal phase of the civil rights movement was held here Wednesday at NAACP Legal Defense Fund headquarters for 13 key national officers of the Links, Inc.

The sessions, conducted by legal experts on the Fund's staff, were designed to give top leaders of the Links first hand knowledge of the Fund's program.

Links delegates, at the noted civic group's recent Nassau convention, voted a \$75,000.00 contribution over a three-year period to underwrite the work of the Legal Defense Fund.

The Fund, which serves as the legal arm of the entire civil rights movement, last year took 30 cases to the Supreme Court; defended more than 11,000 demonstrators; and argued 168 separate groups of legal actions in 15 states.

These ran the gamut of school, medical services, public facilities, recreation, employment and housing.

Founded by the NAACP in 1939, the Fund now functions independently of any civil rights organization, although it still maintains close association with the NAACP. Its attorneys defend Martin Luther King and his associates, members of CORE, SNCC, the NAACP and others seeking civil rights.

Mrs. Vivian J. Beamon, Cincinnati, Ohio, national president of the Links, announced appointment of Eula Trigg of Washington, D. C. as coordinator of the campaign.

This project has been named the Links, Inc. Fund for Legal Defense and Education.

The seminar was called by Jack Greenberg, director-counsel and Constance Baker Motley, associate counsel of the Fund. It was coordinated by Dr. John W. Davis, director, teacher information and security, who will serve as liaison between the Links and the Legal Defense Fund.

The seminar was greeted by Director-Counsel Greenberg, Dr. Davis, who served as chairman, introduced Gustav Heningsburg, assistant to the president, who lectured on public relations facets of the movement.

The appointment of Mrs. Eula Trigg of Washington, D. C., along with Mrs. Oneida Cockrell of Chicago, Ill. will serve as Coordinators of The Links, Fund for Legal Defense and Education was announced here Wednesday by Mrs. Vivian J. Beamon of the Links, Inc.

The announcement came at a brief seminar in the New York offices of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, the legal arm of the entire civil rights movement, which is slated to receive \$75,000 under the new program in the next three years.

Mrs. Trigg brings to her new post a long record of distinguished service in education and civic affairs. She was educated in Washington, receiving her A.B. from Howard University and subsequently achieved a Master of Arts at New York University. Further study was undertaken at Catholic University.

letic wares in one grand spectacular. The games will also enable college scouts and coaches an additional opportunity to evaluate the athletic ability of the boys.

The squads of 12 players each have been selected from the upper and lower state schools for the All-Star basketball game Thursday, August 6, at 8:00 p. m., in the Benedict gymnasium.

The football contest, slated August 7 at 8:00 p. m. in Benedict's Arti-del Bowl, will bring together two squads of 25 players each from the upper and lower state.

Coaches from the 1963 champion AAA-AA and A schools of the two sections will serve as the respective coaches of the squads.

## GARDEN TIME

BY M. E. GARDNER

Departing again from the usual, I want to share with you some of the beauty and serenity of this quiet and lovely place; a resort in the extreme northwestern section of the mountains where we are spending 10 days of our vacation.

We are sitting on the porch of a comfortable cottage after a bountiful and delicious evening meal, served family style by courteous attentive high school girls.

There is a three-acre lake about 300 yards from the cottage stocked with broom and bass. The broom are breaking and sending out endless ripples as they feast on bugs. A bass just rolled in the head of the lake, perhaps chasing a minnow.

I stepped inside the cottage and turned on the radio to get the news. It was bad. Rioting in Harlem for the second night. I turned it off and returned to the porch.

Two kingfishers were circling and diving for minnows. Four or five swallows were gliding gracefully over the surface of the lake and skimming low for a drink of water.

I looked to the West toward the setting sun. The mountains rolled away in staggered peaks to the horizon.

I turned on the radio again hoping the news would be better. It was still bad. "The crime rate in the U. S. has increased five times faster

than the population increase since 1958." I turned it off and was reminded that approximately 8,000 babies are born every day in America. I looked again to the West. The sun was sinking below the horizon in a blaze of glory and painting fluffy clouds high above and far to the northeast.

Angus cattle grazed peacefully in a lush mountain pasture across the valley and a bullfrog announced his plans for the evening from the rim of the lake shore. A chipmunk scampered, tail high, along a rail fence.

As the shadows lengthened, a whip-o-will broke into his familiar song in the mountain back of the cottage.

## Massies Guests At White House

DURHAM — North Carolina College President and Mrs. Samuel P. Massie were among the dinner guests of President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson Monday evening, July 27, at the White House.

The occasion was in honor of a visit to the United States by President and Mrs. Tsiranana of the Malagasy Republic.

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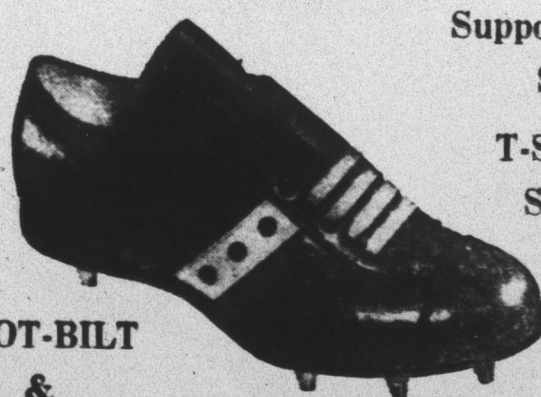
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