

Ex-Mentor Of NCC May Be First In Pro Ranks

Gets Feeler From Phila. to Coach Team to Russia

CLEVELAND—Johnny B. McLendon, former basketball coach at North Carolina College in Durham, may be the first Negro coach in the National Basketball Association.

Capping a recent series of successes racked up by the soft spoken, slightly built cage mentor was a "feeler" from the Philadelphia Warriors for the job of coaching the Philadelphia team.

There was no confirmation from the Warriors on the "feeler," but highly placed sources said McLendon had been approached.

The Warriors were coached last year by former player Nell Johnston, who resigned at the end of the season.

In addition to the offer from the Warriors, McLendon has been



McLENDON

High Court To Review Va. Law On Race Cases

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The U. S. Supreme Court this week agreed to hear NAACP arguments against a Virginia state law that could break the back of the school integration struggle and of all legal assaults against general racial discrimination.

If left unchallenged, it would bar the NAACP from aiding any citizen fighting segregation.

It seeks to separate Negro parents seeking integrated schooling for their children, as called for in the Supreme Court's 1954 school integration decision, and their NAACP attorneys.

"This statute not only jeopardizes the Association's interests," said NAACP General Counsel Robert L. Carter, when the case was filed, "but is adverse sponsorship of litigation by any group, white or Negro."

Argument will be heard in the term beginning next October.



HONORS FOR PAST PRESIDENTS—Dr. F. L. Atkins, president of Winston-Salem Teachers College, accepts award from N. C. Teachers Association president W. R. Collins during program honoring past presidents



DIRECT TEACHERS—Dr. W. R. Collins, of Smithfield, president of the North Carolina Teachers Association, comes to the assistance of Mrs. Elizabeth Kooztz of Salisbury who was presiding during one of the sessions of the NCTA convention in Raleigh

last week. Dr. Collins, chairman, and Mrs. Kooztz, secretary, are key members of the NCTA interim committee, which is running the organization in the absence of an executive secretary.

At NCTA Convention

Teachers Support Sanford's Plan to Pay For Education

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Teachers Association went on record in support of Governor Terry Sanford's tax program to pay for "quality" education here last week.

The group endorsed the Governor's program in its 80th convention, held here last week.

It also presented a six part proposal for legislation in education to the General Assembly.

The teachers heard Howard University president Dr. James Nabrit tell them it was their responsibility to teach their students to strive for first class citizenship in every area of life.

Dr. Nabrit was the keynote speaker for the convention.

In a statement prepared for the NCTA by its Legislative Commission, the Teachers said:

"Such a program (Gov. Sanford's) cost dollars and cents; and Governor Sanford, being aware of this, has submitted to the State Legislature a tax program designed to make sufficient money available to underwrite his educational

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Importance of Ushers Mid-year Session Stressed

Final plans were being made this week for the 37th annual Mid-Year session of the Interdenominational Ushers Association's state meeting at the state Ushers headquarters in Franklinton.

L. E. Austin, president of the state organization, announced from Durham this week that final instructions had gone out to all of the units throughout the state in preparation for the convention.

He and other top state officials are scheduled to confer prior to the opening of the convention.

A. D. Clark, of Chapel Hill, chairman of the Board of Directors, said the upcoming session would be one of the most important in recent years because of the organization's drive to re-

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BOYCOTT NARROWS TO FIVE

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S. C. SECEDES AGAIN

Sets Up Its Own Celebration Of Civil War

COLUMBIA, S. C.—South Carolina has done it again.

Nearly 100 years ago, South Carolina pulled out of the Union over the question of slavery. A civil war ensued.

This week as plans were being made to celebrate the 100th anniversary of that war, the South Carolina delegation to the federal commission in charge of the celebration seceded from the commission over the issue of integration and made plans to hold a celebration of its own.

John A. May, of Aiken, chairman of the S. C. Centennial Commission, announced that the S. C. group will follow "original plans" and conduct its own luncheon and banquet at the Fran-

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CIAA CHANGES PRESIDENTS

—President Thomas H. Henderson of Va. Union University, retiring president of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, left, is shown here with Dr. Leroy T. Walker, head track

coach and professor of physical education, North Carolina College, who was named CIAA president for 1961-62 at the end of the 49th annual meeting at the Hotel Raleigh in Washington, D. C. last weekend. CIAA will observe Golden Anniversary at Hampton Institute next March, returning to the scene of the association's founding in 1912. —CIAA Photo by Tashian

Walker Succeeds Henderson as CIAA President

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(By the CIAA News Service)—Continuing its emphasis upon "quality leadership" with a heavy academic leaning, the 16 college CIAA has elected Dr. Leroy T. Walker of North Carolina College to succeed President Thomas H. Henderson of Va. Union University, Richmond, as president for 1961-62.

Walker is professor of physical education at North Carolina College where he guided two times Olympic 110 meter hurdles champion Lee Calhoun to gold medal victories.

In addition, he served as Olympic track coach for Israel and Abyssinia, and is a frequent contributor to scholarly journals. In Durham, he is a leader in fraternal and educational activities throughout the community.

As CIAA statistician, Dr. Walker inaugurated the CIAA All Academic teams. These pay special recognition to athletes who also excel academically.

Walker takes office at a time in conference history when Lincoln

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BARNES

Elks To Stress Civil Liberties

ROCKY MOUNT — Rev. K. P. Battle, State President of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, announced here this week that he had appointed Alexander Barnes, Durham, veteran newspaperman and Public Relations Consultant, as director of Civil Liberties.

The newly-appointed director

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Homemakers To Hold Annual Meet April 8

The North Carolina Association of the New Homemakers of America will hold their annual state convention at Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh, N. C., April 8, it was announced here this week by Mrs. Marie C. Moffitt, chairman of the home economics department at N. C. College and NHA State adviser.

Nearly 5,000 delegates from the state's 146 NHA chapters are expected to attend.

Miss Mabel E. Evans, field staff nutritionist in the Consumer Service Department of the American Institute of Baking, will be the chief speaker and consultant.

The topic of her keynote address is "Youth Fitness and Teenage Nutrition."

One of the highlights of the day-long convention will be the awarding of "advanced degrees" in

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State Department Asked To Bar Segregation At Rusk Speech

NEW YORK—The NAACP has requested the Department of State to require the Atlanta Bar Association to "give public assurance" there will be no segregated seating when Secretary of State Dean Rusk addresses the lawyers' group there on April 20.

In a letter to Secretary Rusk, March 21, NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins said he found on an Atlanta visit that the Negro community and a "sur-

prising number of white citizens" were disturbed over the "persistent report that your address . . . before the Atlanta Bar Association will be to a segregated audience."

Wilkins noted that the Atlanta Bar Association gathering is to be held in the Biltmore Hotel which recently was the scene of a medical conference at which several Negro physicians in attendance

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Four More Stores Are Placed On Approved List

A two weeks old boycott of downtown Durham stores in protest of discriminatory hiring policies narrowed to five stores this week, a spokesman for the organization sponsoring the movement revealed this week.

Four downtown stores were removed from the list during the week, bringing the total from nine

- A and P
- ROBBINS
- ROYAL ICE CREAM CO.
- WALGREEN'S
- WINN-DIXIE

These stores were listed by the Durham Youth NAACP Chapter this week to be boycotted.

to five.

Taken off the boycott list and placed on an "acceptable" list were Baldwin's, Darling Shop, Ellis-Stone and Lerner's.

All were cleared during the week by an investigating committee of the NAACP, the organization sponsoring the boycott.

Remaining on boycott list were A. and P. and Winn-Dixie Food stores, Robbins, Walgreen's and Royal Ice Cream Co.

Attorney F. B. McKissick, advisor to the youth branch of the NAACP—the group spearheading the movement—revealed that hiring practices at Baldwin's, Darling Shop, Ellis-Stone and Lerner's had been checked during the week and approved.

He said the four stores have promoted Negroes to sales clerk positions. Lerner's and Ellis-Stone upgraded two Negroes to sales jobs while Baldwin's and Darling Shop promoted one each.

The boycott or "selective buying" campaign was announced two weeks ago. The original list included downtown stores. But since the beginning of the movement, many of them have hired Negro clerks or proved to the NAACP that their employment policies did not discriminate by race.

The movement not only protests discrimination in employment practices but it also is aimed at the maintenance of segregated customer facilities, such as rest rooms and water fountains, by some of the stores.

McKissick again this week stressed the fact that many stores in the downtown area were never involved in the movement. Several of them, he explained had already instituted some time ago employment practices which were

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"MISS BOYS CLUB"

—Equilla Covington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watkins Covington, of 509 Branch Place, is pictured atop her throne shortly after she was crowned "Miss John Avery Boys

club of the Junior Heales group of the club, an organization of teen-age girls in the community. The girls sponsored a fund raising drive which resulted in the purchase of two mats for the gymnasium. Miss Covington, a seventh grader at Whit-ted Junior High, reported the largest amount in the drive.