

## Knoxville Defeats Alabama Quint

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Knoxville College students, in the midst of a winter break, whooped it up last Monday night as they cheered the Knoxville College Bulldogs to victory over Alabama A. and M. College.

The Bulldogs recently squeaked past the quintet of A. and M. at Normal, 97 to 95, but on their home court they left no doubt as to which was the better team. At half-time the score was Knoxville 59, A. and M. 46. The final score was Knoxville 99, A. and M. 88.

William Blanding, 6' 4 1/2 forward from Sumter, led the scoring for both teams with 33 points. A junior sociology major, Blanding is among the top ten listed by NAIA for "Individual Field Goal Shooting", and is also named as one of the top rebounders in the Nation's small colleges; averaging 18.1 rebounds per game.

## Gastonia Credit Union Has Assets Over \$700,000

GASTONIA — Excelsior Credit Union has come of age. Several hundred shareholders observed 21st the birthday of this pioneer Negro financial institution and heard a review of the past year's growth this week that exceeded \$85,000 and boosted the assets to \$710,006.77.

From record earnings of \$46,142.10, shareholders voted a three per cent dividend which brought the 13-year total dividends paid to \$131,610.56. The Christmas Club total for 20 years amounted to almost one-half million dollars.

part in this organization and thanked them for their interest and support.

Secretary-Treasurer Nathaniel Barber, also a former city councilman and City treasurer of Gastonia, reviewed the entire year's operation and indicated the improvements made in 1962 and the efforts his office had made to keep this business firm before the public.

After expressing appreciation of the board of directors to the retiring board members, he charged the new ones to accept their responsibilities and to go on to greater endeavors. He introduced the following new members: Henry Adams, Jr., James S. Miller, Jr., Plato Smith, Sr. and Glendell N. Brooks. The latter was elected to the auditing and supervisory Committee.

Music for this annual meeting was rendered by the chorus of the Molock Lodge of Elks, directed by Walter Lee Rhyne, Ex-

alted Ruler Allen Littlejohn presented the chorus. The program was held in the auditorium of Highland Elementary School with R. L. Scholter, principal, as host.

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**NEW HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS** — Newly inducted members and officers of the Hillside high school chapter of the National Honor Society are shown here following a ceremony at the high school last week in which the new members were installed. Seated, left to right, are Miss Flora Snipes, advisor; Harriet

Thorpe, Ruth White, president and Mrs. U. S. Willis, advisor. Standing, left to right are Barbara Morrison, Dorothy Amey, Brenda Thompson, Nathaniel White, Jr., Walter Jackson, treasurer, Gloria Snipes, secretary, Gerald McClain, Mildred McKiever, Joy Beale and Sandra Page.

## William H. Hammond Joins Social Security Staff for Gaston County

By MAUDE M. JEFFERS  
GASTONIA — William Henry Hammond, youthful native of Winterville, near Greenville, has been appointed as an employee of the Social Security Office in Gastonia. A statement from the administration verifies the fact that he is doing satisfactory work and seems fitted for this type of technical, skillful field of endeavor.

science club, crown and scepter club, student newspaper staff, "The Robinson High School Spotlight," and was a member of the choir in both high school and college.

He was assigned to this center after completing 13 weeks of training in the Winston-Salem Office, following college graduation and the successful completion of a Federal Civil Service Examination. He has taken further examinations in the Gastonia office including local and Federal Civil Service and has also met with a panel and quizzed on the program in general.

Hammond is among the first to be placed in offices in North Carolina which makes the Gastonia office another "first" equal opportunities for the race group. He is the only one of his race in the office and says he is quite happy with the position which he plans for his career.

Graduating from North Carolina College at Durham in June 1962, he took the civil service examination and entered the center at Winston in August. After completion of this basic course he will complete his training period the last of February and will be on his own as a staff member of the Gastonia office the first of March.

Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt Hammond, he was an honor student in both high school and college. He participated in athletics, student government,

Before coming to Gastonia he was a member of Sycamore Baptist Church of Greenville, of which his father is pastor. He lives at 1320 North Highland Street in Penhurst Park with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jeter in Gastonia and is a member of St. Paul Baptist Church here. He has won many friends in the city.

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