

A&T TO TAKE NATIONAL RANKING INTO GARDEN DATE WITH LINCOLN

By Richard Moore

New York City — A capacity crowd is expected to fill the spacious Madison Square Garden when unbeaten North Carolina A&T meets strong Lincoln University (Pa.) in the first Three-Ring Basketball Classic on Jan. 3.

In the other half of the sensational doubleheader, sponsored by P. Ballantine & Sons, two nationally known high school teams, Power Memorial Academy and Boys High School of Brooklyn will clash.

A&T, currently 6-0 and ranked No. 14 in the Associated Press Small College poll, is making a strong bid for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship.

Last Tuesday night, the Aggies trounced Fayetteville State, 88-68 for the sixth win. Playing for the first time without rebounding ace Vernon Walker, A&T had a little trouble in downing the Broncos. Walker suffered a broken jaw in an earlier game against St. Augustine's.

Against Fayetteville, the Aggies were led in scoring by freshman June Harris with 20 points.

The Lions are also having a good year, having won five of their first six ball games. Prior to the New York game, the Aggies have a conference game against Fayetteville State. Lincoln will play a pair of games in the annual Norfolk State Tournament Dec. 30-31 in Norfolk, Va.

At the press conference in New York City last week, officials of P. Ballentine and Sons announced that all proceeds from the classic will be donated to the United Negro College Fund.

Although primarily composed of freshmen and sophomores, A&T has been impressive in its initial games. The Aggies, coached by Cal Irvin, sport a balanced attack, with senior guard Tommy Blackman averaging 16 points per game and freshman William Harris and 6-7 Vernon

Walker averaging 10 points each.

Two sophomores, 6-4 Chucky Evans and 6-5 Elmer Austin, are also scoring at just under 10 points per game. The Aggies' other score include fancy dan freshman sharpshooter Al Carter and 6-8 senior Lonnie Klutz.

The Lincoln Lions are coached by youthful W. Floyd Laisure, who starred with Ohio University. Lincoln's returning starters include hot-shooting guard Mile Livisay and Wayne Bell, a 6-3 all-conference forward.

Other standouts are Charles Coleman, 6-8, Robert Barry, 6-7, Cedric Harris, 6-5, Don McMillian, 6-3 and Caryle Corbin, 5-8.

The Lions' only loss was 116-90 to national small-college power Maryland State.

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LOCAL VW SALESMAN EARNS SURPRISE BONUS

Wilbur Berry thought he was selling another Volkswagen a few weeks ago when a "customer" walked into the showroom at Alexander Motors of Greensboro, Inc., and asked about a VW Sedan.

Two weeks later, Berry learned that his "customer" was actually a VW "mystery shopper," and that he had earned a \$100 reward for a sales delivery that measured up to VW's exacting standards. Berry's professional salesmanship also earned a \$50 bonus for dealership sales manager Robert Vaughn.

The program that brought the two local men their surprise cash award was initiated in March by Alexander Motors of Greensboro, Inc., and the 71 other authorized VW dealers in five mid-Atlantic states. An unknown "mystery shopper" — in the guise of a typical, interested customer — will visit each of the 72 VW dealers looking for salesmen to reward with a \$100 bonus for superior sales performance. To win the prize, VW salesmen must score high on a rating list

of more than 50 different items, ranging from promptness and courtesy to a properly completed demonstration drive.

Salesmen like Berry who score high in their sales presentation also become eligible for a grand prize of \$1000 to be awarded to the top-scoring VW salesman at the end of the year.

Berry, who resides in Greensboro, has been a salesman at Alexander Motors of Greensboro, Inc., since June, 1963.

"STAR OF BETHLEHEM"

Christmas through the eyes of Children, the eyes of Astronomers, the eyes of Historians, the eyes of The Faithful, and even those of the weather man highlight the opening of this year's "Star of Bethlehem" program at the University of North Carolina's Morehead Planetarium at Chapel Hill. Moving and colorful pageantry retell the eternal story of events surrounding the birth of the Christ Child.

"Star of Bethlehem" is being offered at the following times during the holiday season: weekdays at 8:30 p.m., with additional programs at 3:00 p.m. on

December 22, 23, 26, 29, 30 and 31; Saturdays at 11, 1, 3, 4 and 8:30 p.m.; Sundays at 2, 3, 4 and 8:30 p.m. The Planetarium and exhibit areas will be closed all day on December 24th and 25th only.

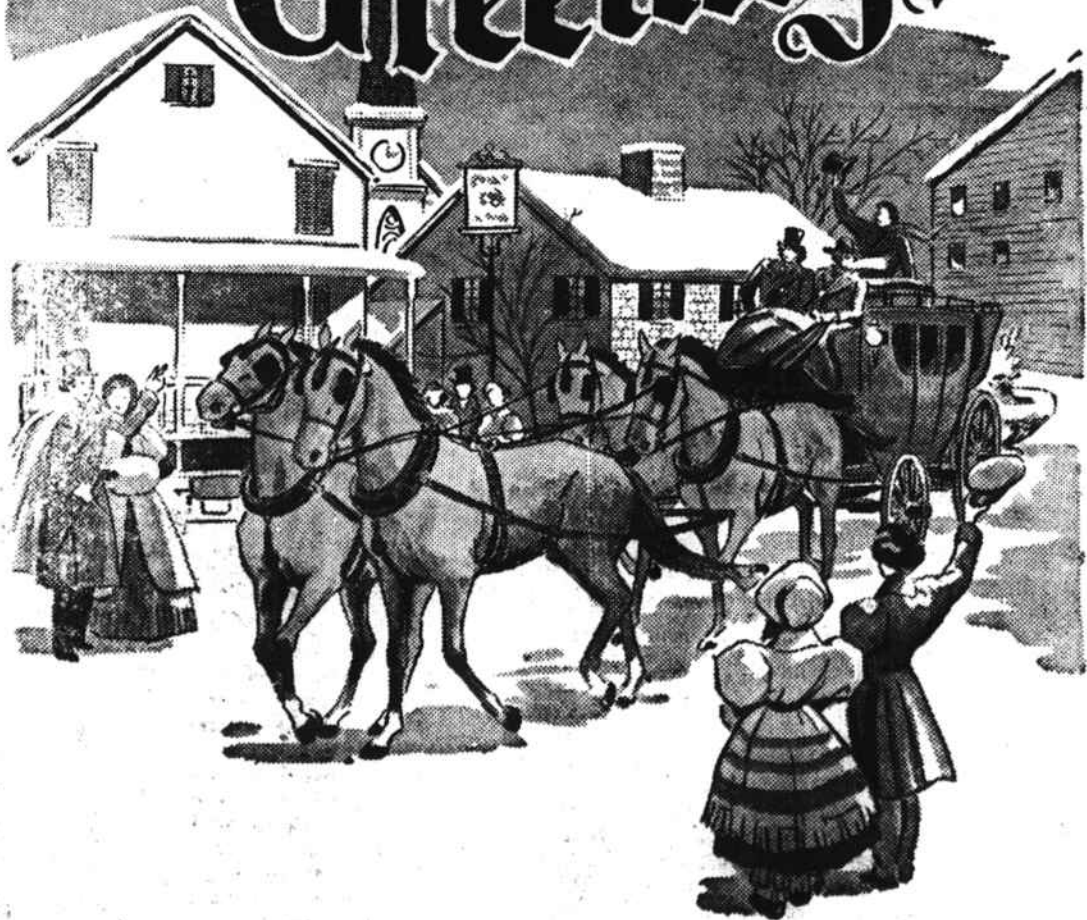
More than 7,728 persons have already seen the "Star of Bethlehem" program this year, according to the planetarium secretary, Shirley Scism. Mrs. Scism also pointed out that reservations are not accepted for public presentations, and that patrons should arrive at least 20 minutes before the program starting times to be assured of good seating.

School groups may see "Star of Bethlehem" at any of three times daily: 10 a.m., 12 and 2:00 p.m. by advance reservation only by letter to the Morehead Planetarium, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514; or telephone (919) 933-1236 weekdays 9 to 5 only.

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